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2012 Annual Report

Proudly Serving 56 Tribes in Southwestern Alaska Since 1964

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Cultural Bearer
Nick & Nastasia Andrew
Marshall

Education
Levi Hoover
Kasigluk

Elder of the Year
Bertha Kristovich
Bethel

Health
Sam Alexie
Eek

Youth Leadership
Kelsey Ciugun Wallace
Bethel

Parents of the Year
Elsie & George B. Hooper Sr.
Tununak

Public Service
Nick Carter
Eek

Small Business
Paul Andrew Trading Post
Tuntutuliak

Healing Hands
Elizabeth Andrew (*Tam'aq*)
Tuntutuliak

Cover Art by John Oscar

John Oscar *originally of Tununak produces three dimensional mixed media fine art with feathers, drift-wood, ivory, baleen, traditional motifs and contemporary design. Oscar's work can be seen at the YKHC cafeteria, businesses and private collections. For more viewing, Oscar's work can be seen at www.OscarsOriginals.com*

Association of Village Council Presidents Full Board of Directors

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Chuloonawick	245	99581	**949-1345**	949-1346	LaVern Manumik	Bambi Akers
Crooked Creek	69	99575	**432-2200**	432-2201	Evelyn Thomas	Evelyn Thomas
Eek	89	99578	**536-5128**	536-5711	Nick A. Carter	William Brown
Emmonak	126	99581	**949-1720**	949-1384	Dora C. Moore	vacant
Georgetown	5313 Arctic Blvd. Suite 104	99518	**274-2195**	274-2196	Will Hartman	David Kutch
Goodnews Bay	138	99589	**967-8929**	967-8330	Peter Julius	George Bright, Sr.
Hamilton	20248	99620	**899-4252**	899-4202	Irene Williams	George Williams
Hooper Bay	69	99604	**758-4915**	758-4066	Franklin Napoleon	Peter Gump
Kalskag (Lower)	27	99626	**471-2379**	471-2378	Nastasia Levi	Nastasia Levi
Kalskag (Upper)	50	99607	**471-2207**	471-2399	Bonnie Persson	Julia Dorris
Kasigluk	19	99609	**477-6405**	477-6212	Karen Martin	Moses White, Sr.
Kipnuk	57	99614	**896-5515**	896-5240	John E. Paul	Howard Paul
Kongiganak	5069	99545	**557-5225**	557-5224	Wayne K. Phillip	Peter Daniel, Sr.
Kotlik	20210	99620	**899-4326**	899-4790	Della M. Hunt	Joseph P. Mike
Kwethluk	130	99621	**757-6714**	757-6328	Herman Evan	Martin Andrew
Kwigillingok	90	99622	**588-8114**	588-8429	Andrew Kiunya	Johnny Friend
Lime Village	LVD	99627	**526-5236**	526-5235	Ursula Graham	Jennifer John
Marshall	110	99585	**679-6302**	679-6187	Nick Andrew, Jr.	Nicholai Duny
Mekoryuk	66	99630	**827-8828**	827-8133	Howard T. Amos	Howard Amos
Mountain Village	32249	99632	**591-2814**	591-2811	Catherine Moses	James C. Landlord
Napaimute---(Bethel)	1301	99559	**543-2887**		Mark Leary	Marcie Sherer
Napakiak	34069	99634	**589-2135**	589-2136	Joseph Slats	Jacob Black
Napaskiak	6009	99559	**737-7364**	737-7039	Stephen Maxie	Chris G. Larson
Newtok	5545	99559	**237-2314**	237-2428	Stanley Tom	Moses Carl
Nightmute	90021	99690	**647-6215**	647-6112	Nick Tom	Paul Tulik
Nunapitchuk	130	99641	**527-5705**	527-5711	Eli Wassillie	Jimmy P. Stevens, Sr.
Ohogamiut	49	99585	**679-6517**	679-6516	Gabriel Evan	Maurice Turet
Oscarville	6129	99559	**737-7099**	737-7428	Michael Stevens	Nicholai Steven
Paimiut	209	99604	**758-4002**	758-4024	Harold Napoleon	Franklin Napoleon
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Pitka's Point	127	99658	**438-2833**	438-2569	Ivy Lamont	William Riley, Jr.
Platinum	8	99651	**979-8177**	979-8178	Lou Adams	Norman Small
Quinhagak	149	99655	**556-8165**	556-8166	Henry Mark	John O. Mark
Red Devil	27	99656			Unavailable	unavailable
Russian Mission	9	99657	**584-5511**	584-5593	Anita Wigley	John Changsak
Scammon Bay	110	99662	**558-5425**	558-5134	Brandon Aguchak	Sebastian Kasayuli
Nunam Iqua	27	99666	**498-4184**	498-4185	Olivia Horn-Moses	Edward Adams, Sr.
Sleetmute	109	99668	**449-4263**	449-4265	Lucy Goode	Sophie B. Gregory
St. Mary's-Algaaciq	48	99658	**438-2932**	438-2227	vacant	Norbert Beans
Stony River	SRV	99557	**537-3258**	537-3254	vacant	Mary L. Willis
Nunakauyak-Toksook	37048	99637	**427-7114**	427-7714	David Nicholai	Thomas Carl
Tuluksak	95	99679	**695-6420**	695-6932	Lucy Evan	Wascca Fly, Sr.
Tuntutuliak	8086	99680	**256-2128**	256-2080	Patrick Pavila	Nick Frank
Tununak	77	99681	**652-6527**	652-6011	James James	Theodore T. Angaiak
Umkumiut	90062	99690	**647-6145**	647-6146	John George	Joseph Tony

AVCP Mission Statement

Association of
Village Council Presidents
Yuut aturyukngaitnek
Paivciluni
Ikayurluki Yuungnaqlerkaitnek
Cali allat Yuut
Aturyukngait ellmegnek
piyugngarillerkaitnek
makut Yuut atuqekngait.
Yuyarait Piciryarait-llu
Pingiinallerkaakun Ellmegnek,
ukut nunat ilakluki.

The Association of
Village Council Presidents
Provides
Human development, social services,
and other culturally relevant programs
For the people, to promote
self-determination,
Protection and enhancement of our
Culture and traditions through a
working
Partnership with member villages of the
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

Akiachak . Akiak . Alakanuk . Andreafsky . Aniak . Atmautluak . Bethel . Bill Moore's Slough . Chefornak . Chevak . Chuathbaluk . Chuloonawick . Crooked Creek . Eek . Emmonak . Georgetown . Goodnews Bay . Hamilton . Hooper Bay . Lower Kalskag . Upper Kalskag . Kasigluk . Kipnuk . Kongiganak . Kotlik . Kwethluk . Kwigillingok . Lime Village . Marshall . Mekoryuk . Mountain Village . Napaimiut . Napakiak. Napaskiak . Newtok . Nightmute . Nunakauyak . Nunam Iqua . Nunapitchuk . Ohogamiut . Oscarville . Paimiut . Pilot Station . Pitka's Point . Platinum . Quinhagak . Red Devil . Russian Mission . Scammon Bay . Sleetmute . St. Mary's . Stony River . Tuluksak . Tuntutuliak . Tununak . Umkumiut

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From the President's Desk

Myron P. Naneng Sr., AVCP President

Welcome to the 48th Annual Convention of the Association of Village Council Presidents. Today, let us remember those who helped establish AVCP and for their participation in pursuing land claims, protecting our hunting and fishing rights, protecting our environment and for providing a guiding light for our youth and for providing a path to the future. We remember this year the passing of two people who actively participated in the Association of Village Council Presidents. Paul Dixon, who lived in Anchorage and passed away this past spring, and Traditional Chief Joseph Lomack of Akiachak. Both were instrumental in shaping what AVCP is today. We have dedicated a page of our annual report for their remembrance and their positive impact to the region and villages.

This past year has been a challenging one for our people. First, we went through a long cold spell which impacted our ability to provide heat in their homes and food on the table. Fuel prices have increased, which impacts the prices of food and heating in our villages. Our regional organizations, AVCPRHA, YKHC and Calista Corporation, have worked together to try to push for lower energy costs by working with many other State and Federal agencies to help our people in the villages. We are still looking at options that can lower costs in the villages. The "old" technology of wind generation is being revived in many of the villages.

As for the future, we have been working with the State of Alaska Legislature to obtain funding for a freight corridor between the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. To date, thanks to Senator Lyman Hoffman and Representative Bob Herron, we have received over $ 4 million dollars to start planning this corridor. This project is in anticipation of propane, being shipped down the Yukon River to a terminal near Piamiut Slough which in turn connects to a freight corridor whereby product is delivered directly to the Kuskokwim River villages via a bullet line. We are looking at this project to provide less expensive fuel to the l villages in the region. Thereby avoiding the ocean shipment from Seattle which adds a transportation cost of t 41 plus percent of the fuel cost. We will continue to work with the oil companies and the State of Alaska to make this lower cost energy available to our villages.

This summer, our village members on the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers faced restrictions regarding the harvesting of Chinook salmon. These restrictions on the Yukon River have been ongoing for several years, with subsistence windows to allow for passage of Yukon River Chinook salmon under a treaty with Canada. With this Chinook salmon restriction, over 2 million chum salmon passed the Pilot Station Sonar. This was an economic loss to the villages of approximately $2 to 3 million dollars to the commercial fishery industry.

The Kuskokwim River Subsistence Chinook salmon fishery was closed for 12 days and restrictions in mesh sizes were imposed on our subsistence fishermen. Some of the fishermen fished for Chinook salmon during the closure and were cited by State of Alaska Fish and Wildlife officers. It is not fair to criminalize our food providers. AVCP has been providing legal assistance to the cited fishermen while some cases await trial later this month.

Since the State of Our Salmon Convention, we have received resolutions from villages supporting the establishment of Intertribal fish commission for the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers, respectively. We are currently working on a grant to establish this commission. We worked diligently with both the State of

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Alaska and Federal agencies in having the food security of our salmon recognized. To date, both the State of Alaska and Federal agencies have catered to the large commercial industries at the expense of subsistence and smaller commercial fishing operations. As the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game has stated, "it is easier to control the end users in managing the fisheries." However, it appears difficult for both the State of Alaska and Federal agencies to control the trawl fleets that "accidentally" bycatch the Chinook and chum salmon in the Bering Sea. It is unfortunate that even one of our organizations whose members rely on Chinook salmon as food stated that by catch in the Bering Sea is not a concern. Where are the Board members of CVRF when it comes to the food security of their member villages and who have constituents sign statements for project in villages that by catch does not affect them in the restrictions that have been placed on them in the Kuskokwim River?

The State of Our Children project is getting a boost in the very near future, as we discuss with State of Alaska Office of Children Services to provide the services thru AVCP for our children in villages. The AVCP ICWA department will soon provide services that the State has been unable to do so. We welcome this opportunity as it will provide a stronger voice for the tribal governments who are having members removed from their homes. We will keep the villages informed as we move forward with this project.

AVCP has received a special grant in following up with the Suicide Prevention Roundtable that was prior to the October, 2009 convention. We are now working on the logistics of establishing the program and will be involving the villages as partners as we move forward with this grant.

Accomplishments by working with our villages are many. AVCP has the largest VPSO program in the State of Alaska. If we can operate such a program, why can't we have a regional tribal police department? I believe the villages can have a say as to what can be enforced in their villages by the VPSO, however, we can have another layer of village protection by having a Regional Tribal Police Department that can enforce local tribal ordinances for the betterment of our villages and members. We will probably hear, you can't do that or this, but what prevents us from doing what our villages want and need for better public safety in our villages that can assist the VPSO's with enforcement of local ordinances? (continued on next page)

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This past year AVCP operated on a budget of $44 million dollars in programs. Most are in coordination with the villages, such as IRR. We have been fortunate the last few years in getting more money for the region with transportation funds. However, with recent enactment of Map 21 by US Congress, many of our villages are bound to see a decrease in the future.

Funding from State of Alaska Legislature received by AVCP this past session was over $ 7 million. This was for the freight corridor project between Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers, the student dormitory for the flight and maintenance school, in coordination with AVCP Regional Housing Authority, and VPSO office buildings in three villages which totaled over $1 million dollars.

Our aircraft maintenance school will soon be certified and we are working on obtaining certification whereby Veterans may use the GI bill benefits for financial assistance in obtaining flight certification. Our airframe and power plant school continues to develop its curriculum with FAA certification expected in January 2013.

We have been working with our congressional delegation on Duck Stamp exemption for our subsistence migratory bird hunters in our region. Senator Begich introduced legislation that would allow the Secretary of Interior to give an exemption. We continue to work on other legislation for the benefit of our villages. Due to lack of earmarks, our villages can foresee a decrease in funding like we are anticipating under MAP 21, which affect IRR and road infrastructure building in villages.

We have completed other projects, the 13 homes under HIP, ARRA funded, the installation of electric meters in homes in villages and energy audits of tribal buildings in villages. We worked with both the ANTHC and AVEC to get these projects done.

Our villages need to work together to bring economic opportunity to the region. We are working with Lower Yukon River villages to re-establish the ARDOR program. Once it becomes established, we will be able to work directly with them in pursuing grants and infrastructure for the betterment of each community.

In anticipation for the future, we need to involve the villages in the legislative elections for both State and Federal positions. Redistricting is changing the boundaries of those who will represent us in the State Legislature. This may change who is in the Finance Committee and who serves as leadership in both Houses in Juneau. Our villages need to be involved in order to address their needs. Federal funding is not going to be increasing in the foreseeable future; however we can be innovative in pursuing what is available and leverage to make a difference in our region.

May we all strive to make AVCP an organization that makes a difference in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region, as well as the State, and may we continue to work toward strengthening the Tribal governments in whatever programs that is available today.
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Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

Cheryl Oftt, Director

Staff

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Vacant	ICWA Advocate (Anchorage-based)
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Lucy Mochin	Healthy Families Facilitator
Andrew Jasper	Healthy Families Facilitator
Joseph Green	Healthy Families Facilitator
Laura Jung	Family Support
Daniel Bill	Family Support
Virginia Gomez	Alaska Legal Services Attorney
Sydney Tarzwell	Alaska Legal Services Attorney (Anchorage cases)

Department Purpose

The ICWA Department's purpose is to provide for the best interests of Alaska Native Children in child protection cases by meeting the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act, with a focus on finding permanency for children. It is also our aim to provide prevention awareness and services for all AVCP Tribes and to assist tribes in the development of their own services to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Currently AVCP ICWA Department has 11 regular staff, and a contract with Alaska Legal Services to provide legal services for our ICWA cases. ICWA cases are managed by Sarah Jenkins, who works closely with ICWA compact tribes. Sarah supervises the ICWA Advocates, the ICWA office manager, and directs the work of the ALSC attorneys. This team works alongside Tribal ICWA workers to represent tribes and their positions on ICWA cases in all ICWA case proceedings. This team strives to work in partnership with Tribes, families, and OCS towards permanent, safe, and culturally appropriate homes for children involved in the state's child welfare system.

Healthy Families program and staff provides services that we hope will lead to more reunification, fewer children in state custody and overall healthier children, families and communities within the AVCP region. AVCP Healthy Families provides week long Healthy Families the Yup'ik Way events on a monthly basis, and will also travel to villages upon invitation by the tribe for village-based events.

AVCP ICWA also works to coordinate with the Rural Human Services program, and assist with family supports for children and families involved with OCS through family contact services. AVCP's ICWA department also is a member of the Tribal State Collaboration Group, a group of tribes, tribal agencies and OCS, that meets three times a year to work towards improving tribal state relations, work and services for ICWA families across the state.

ICWA is available by your tribe's invitation for ICWA trainings for tribal councils, Healthy Families events and other ICWA or tribal child-welfare related information and assistance.

Business Enterprises

Marc Stemp, Vice-President of Business Enterprises

It is my pleasure to have been selected for this position and to have the opportunity to return to the AVCP Region. The Business Enterprises Department is unique for AVCP in that the focus is one of for-profit ventures that in turn can supplement the social services aspect of AVCP. It is challenging and very enjoyable.

Economic Development

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) is designed to bring the public and private sectors together to focus on regional economics. AVCP works closely with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as well as other federal and state funding agencies to improve the region's per capita income as well as physical infrastructure. At the present time, AVCP has submitted an EDA grant application for $2 million to renovate the former salmon roe processing building into the Western Alaska Emergency Response Center. This facility would serve as the headquarters for the VPSO program as well as the command center for any regional emergency related disaster, whether industrial or weather related. The grant application is currently under consideration by Region X of the EDA. AVCP did receive a Designated Legislative Grant for a Phase I Preliminary Feasibility and Design award of $30,000 regarding the renovation.

An integral part of the CEDS is the development of the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) for the Lower Yukon Region. The ARDOR can assist in developing regional sustainable communities. A key component is the development of local community comprehensive plans. AVCP is working in concert with the State of Alaska so that AVCP can be designated the Lower Yukon Region ARDOR.

AVCP was recently awarded a $75,000 Partnership Planning Grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). This award will allow our Regional Economic Development coordinator to provide village assistance regarding community development plans.

The Allanivik Hotel

As George Briggs, the Allanivik Hotel manager reported, the property has incurred significant positive improvements and that the long-term results are for even better results. Our occupancy has increased from the prior year as well as our gross revenue. Mr. Briggs has made considerable improvements to the property by creating "extended-stay" suites for those customers in need of additional lodging accommodations. Other improvements in staffing have allowed the property to take on additional accounting and administrative duties that were previously performed by the AVCP Finance Department. This in turn has increased the cash flow of the property and in turn will lead to eventual financial independence from AVCP.

Gaming

The Treasure Chest (Gaming Department) provides additional relief for services not covered by the Social Services Department. This past year, through the sale of rippies and raffles, approximately $20,000 was collected net of expenses. Due to the success of last year's convention raffle, we will continue with that process for this convention. In addition, the Treasure Chest will now be open longer hours on Friday as well as on Saturday.

Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC

The Flight School is a resounding success with over 50 pilots graduating since its inception in 2000. AVCP has received commitments from the local air taxis that all of the graduates will have a job upon completion of their commercial pilot program.

In 2012, the flight school was certified by the State of Alaska Post-secondary Program, making the students eligible for State of Alaska education assistance. The flight school has applied for its FAA accreditation which will allow our Veteran's to access the GI Bill for funding assistance.

In addition, Yuut Yagungviat, LLC participates in the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend donation program. Pick,

Click, and Give. This is an opportunity for everyone to give part of or their entire Alaska Permanent Fund dividend to the school. Donations will have a direct impact on helping local people obtain successful aviation careers.

AVCP Regional Airframe and Powerplant School

The airplane maintenance school will complement the flight school. Approximately 83% of the travel within the State of Alaska is aviation related. As with the pilots, there is a chronic shortage of qualified aircraft mechanics. The airplane maintenance school is working with Aero Train Corporation to implement a curriculum that will be FAA certified in January 2013. AVCP wishes to thank those individuals and businesses who have contributed financially as well as with equipment donations to these aviation schools.

AVCP/AVCP Regional Housing Authority Dormitory

AVCP, in partnership with the AVCPRHA, received a designated legislative grant in the amount of $2,470,100 for the renovation of the former AVCPRHA offices into a thirty bed dormitory for the AVCP aviation schools. This renovation will commence this fall, with completion estimated in 12 months. By creating this additional housing, the AVCP aviation schools can then offer not only a premier learning curriculum, but also safe, affordable housing that will further aid in the student's success.

Transportation – Yukon-Kuskokwim Road/Corridor

AVCP recently received a designated legislative grant in the amount of $3.0 million to continue the economic feasibility of constructing a road/corridor to connect the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. This grant will fund preliminary planning and design as well as implement the public process of conducting informational meetings.

This proposed corridor could lead to redirecting Kuskokwim River commerce and transport systems east toward interior/railbelt Alaska, connecting to the proposed Elliot Highway Extension to Tanana.

In summary, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Corridor and the Elliott Highway Extension, together will significantly improve fuel supplies and freight operations within the AVCP Region as well as create improved business and job opportunities throughout the State of Alaska.

Energy

AVCP has obtained a Department of Energy grant to conduct community facility energy audits within the AVCP Region. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is the subcontract on this project and has essentially completed its audits. ANTHC will be compiling this very important energy usage data along with proposed recommendations to be ultimately presented to the Executive Board in 2013.

In turn, Alaska Village Electric Corporation is contracted under this grant to install advanced metering systems within residential homes for those participating in this program. To date, AVEC is approximately 30% complete and is expecting completion by December 31, 2012.

Information Technology

John P. Charlie, Network Manager

Another year is coming to an end but in the information technology (IT) arena it is a never ending competition against the rate of advancing technology. Every year is a little different and it keeps IT busy providing support to all AVCP Staff and its members.

First, I would like to extend my appreciation for all the work the IT staff has done and has accomplished. Robert Lincoln is the key staff in handling the Help Desk calls. He forwards requests on to appropriate IT staff for immediate resolution and uses software to keep track of all calls. Aaron Mute is the responsible for primarily network resources on the networking including file servers, routers and switches, firewalls, and applications, including FrontRange which is use to keep track of client information. Wilson Naneng was added to the IT team to provide service to Tribes and their IT staff. This group is instrumental in providing services so that our day to day operations run smoothly and efficiently.

Many projects mentioned in the FY10 Annual Report are still a work in progress. They include the FrontRanage application, Exchange Email System, extending our email services to the tribes, and upgrading the telephone system and expanding it support Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

AVCP IT works to keep computers up to date and meet the hardware requirements so that business continues regularly on day to day services. Software on each computer is also regularly updated. IT works to replace aging computers every five years to keep up with new technology. We are continually working to improving our support to the AVCP staff and Tribal members. We make an effort to keep a log of all support calls and assign them to appropriate technicians for prompt resolution of IT issues. Wilson provides supports to tribal members and travels to the villages to train, install, and troubleshoot computer related issues. The traveling IT technician is made possible through Tribal Services.

Deployment of FrontRange is still under deployment. It may be used corporate wide to track AVCP services to users and clients. We have completed the Social Services, Head Start, Housing Improvement, EET & CC, and TANF portion of this software. FrontRange will allow all client service departments to use one software, where as in the past, we were using many. We have several other departments that we are working with so they will also be able to use FrontRange. The deployment of the software is anticipated to be the end of FY 2012.

The Exchange email service is still in progress. The IT staff has gone through training in supporting and configuring the new email server. We will continue to use our existing email system until we are ready to transfer to the new email system which we anticipate happening by the start of FY 2012.
In an effort to improving communication within AVCP and Tribal Members, we are offering email services to them in compliance of the resolution that passed in FY2009. Each participating tribal member will have unique email addresses (e.g. – john_doe@napaskiak.org, jane_doe@tuntutulaiaktc.org, cangyuli@nunakauyaq.org, etc.) but all will share common addresses internal to the email system. Napaskiak, Tuntutuliak, Pilot Station, Toksook Bay and Lower Kalskag recently started using AVCP's email system.

The telephone system underwent some maintenance and upgrades as of November 2011. The telephone management servers at the Lomack building were moved to the new server room and the IT staff was trained in maintaining the system. This will help in providing faster service for adding numbers, making changes, and the moving of phones. We are still looking into upgrading the telephone system to meet the new technology standards and will soon be changing to a full Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) that supports the network infrastructure that our computer system uses. We are looking into adding a new IT staff whose primary responsibility will be working with the VOIP telephone system.

In closing, and as always, we are constantly doing what we can to keep the day to day operations running as smoothly. We are working to keep our servers up to date, keep the desktop system updated for security purposes, train the IT staff in new technology, and making sure our telephone system is working properly so we can serve the Tribes to the best of our ability.

Social Services

Pat Samson, Director

For the past year AVCP Social Services has been providing General Assistance, Burial Assistance, Donations, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Elder Nutrition, Home Weatherization and Fuel Crisis Assistance.

For FY 11, we received for FY 11 $3,217,476 and had a carryover of $34,640 for a total of $3,286,759 for Energy Assistance. 2,195 household applications were submitted. The average award per household was $1,165.53.

The process of distributing energy assistance this year was hampered by the state's demand that everyone applying for crisis assistance have their social security number, date of birth, and income for every household member, coupled with the seven continuous weeks of -30 degree weather. Because of the additional demands of the State, we will no longer use state funds when dealing with a crisis; instead we will seek federal money which only requires information on the head of the household, their place of residence, and income. That will definitely help keep us from being backlogged.

General Assistance We awarded $3,139 for food, shelter, clothing and utility needs.

Food Donations $ 1,614.78

Travel Donations $9,776.64

Other Donation $1,489.23

Burial Assistance We awarded $ 48,859.86 for burials.

Burial Donations We awarded $ 80,027.97 in burial donations.

The need for a medical examiner in this area continues to be extremely high. In each unattended death, or other forms deaths that need to be examined by the medical examiner, the deceased is sent from the village to Anchorage. The family of the deceased is then burdened with the cost of bringing them back home. If a medical examiner was located in Bethel, the costs associated with a burial would be greatly reduced. Costs associated with transporting the deceased; coffins, transportation, burial preparations and the like would be eliminated.

Department of Cultural and Environmental Sciences

Steven R. Street, Director/Archaeologist

Staff:Don Wedll, NEPA Coordinator/EPA Peer Assistance; Monica Shelden, ANCSA Oral Historian; Sharon Slim, Environmental Planner

Archaeology, Historic Preservation and NEPA Compliance

Our reliance on computerized Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and mapping-grade GPS field data has increased tremendously during this decade. Because of this, the technical demands on Tribal staff have also increased. In cooperation with the UAF Kuskokwim Campus and the UAF Interior-Aleutians Campus Tribal Management program, the AVCP Archaeologist conducted a week-long, 3 credit hour GIS class during April. Fifteen students, including Tribal environmental staff, transportation and real estate specialists, gained hands-on experience using the newest versions of GIS software and GPS equipment and produced final projects using data from their own communities. It was a challenging class, but those who participated also received college credits for their efforts. Several students were motivated to continue their course work in the Tribal Management program at UAF.

The AVCP NEPA Coordinator and the AVCP Archaeologist continue to provide technical assistance primarily to the AVCP Department of Realty to evaluate all transactions on federally-restricted Native allotments and Townsite lots. C&ES staff members are currently conducting field reconnaissance on remote properties throughout the AVCP region, ranging from allotments near Platinum to parcels on Nelson Island and historic locations between Kotlik and St. Michaels. These evaluations are essential for real estate transactions to comply with federal law and to protect the legal rights of the landowners. In addition, C&ES staff continues to assist other AVCP programs, such as the Housing Improvement Program (HIP), Transportation (IRR) and Forestry/Fire Management. All of these programs must follow the same federal environmental statutes whether they are implemented by AVCP or by the Tribes directly. Tribally-directed programs often have neither the staff nor the resources to conduct these evaluations and need assistance.

ANCSA 14(h)(1) Historic and Cemetery Sites Program

Calista Corporation is the ultimate beneficiary of the ANCSA 14(h)(1) program and will own and manage hundreds of significant historic sites throughout the Y-K Delta that are currently on public land. New developments throughout the AVCP region, such as proposed mining expansion and power and transportation infrastructure projects, will affect these properties and will require a considerable amount of research to assure that these places are protected. AVCP operates the ANCSA 14(h)(1) Historic and Cemetery Sites program in close cooperation with the Calista Corporation Lands and Natural Resources Department, as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs ANCSA Office. Over the next few years, it will take a cooperative effort among these organizations working with Tribal elders to consolidate oral historical records, traditional knowledge, and archaeological documentation in order to respond to rapid development in the Y-K Region.

Monica Shelden, ANCSA Oral Historian, has also expanded her duties beyond just working with the ANCSA oral history collection. She has been called upon this year to work more closely with the AVCP Natural Resources Department to transcribe and translate fisheries disaster testimony, community meetings discussing the finalization of ANCSA land transfers to municipalities, and has also been producing a Yup'ik spell checking dictionary that she

has shared with the Alaska Native Language Center (ANLC) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Our department has been working to train and retain student interns from Yup'ik language programs at the UAF Kuskokwim Campus. Mandy Alexie, who has been working towards her bachelor's degree in Yup'ik Language and Culture at the UAF Kuskokwim Campus, worked as the ANCSA Oral History Assistant this spring. Our program is one of the few opportunities for students to gain some real-world working experience in Yup'ik oral history processing. We are planning to continue this over the next several seasons.

EPA Indian General Assistance Program

During 2012, we continued our efforts to provide more outreach to the Tribal environmental staff in our communities. Staff turnover in the villages continues to be the stumbling block for Tribes trying to develop their own successful environmental programs. Bookkeeping, reporting and managing grants in general are the hardest jobs for most Tribal staff. This last spring, the AVCP Peer Assistant was able to help three Tribes avoid foreclosure of their EPA IGAP programs and avoid potentially very serious financial problems for those Tribal governments. EPA grant requirements are burdensome for Tribes and, as more reporting and grant compliance is conducted on-line, better computer skills among Tribal staff are essential.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, the AVCP environmental program has been focused on developing a coordinated effort to "backhaul" targeted solid wastes, such as old lead acid batteries and obsolete electronics, out of the surrounding villages. We have been making more of an effort to work collaboratively with other organizations in Bethel, including ONC and the Kuskokwim River Watershed Council (KRWC). Throughout 2011 and 2012, Tribes have identified the types of materials they need to remove from their communities and have estimated the quantity of lead acid batteries and "e-waste" (old electronics and computers) that must be backhauled. The AVCP Environmental Planner as been coordinating with each Tribe to organize the backhauling for these selected materials and AVCP has then been able to reimburse the Tribes for the cost of moving those materials out of the village, through Bethel, and to the businesses that ultimately dispose of those materials. Our special project funded through the EPA is ending during the fall of 2012 but we hope to continue some of this assistance into the future in collaboration with other organizations in Bethel.

If you have any questions or comments about any of our ongoing projects in the AVCP Department of Cultural and Environmental Sciences (C&ES), please call the Director, Steven R. Street, at 907-543-7355, or send an email to sstreet@avcp.org. Quyana cakneq!

Comprehensive Planning & Grant Development

Michelle DeCorso, Grant Writer

Comprehensive Planning develops new projects and programs and then finds the funds to them. Some projects grow out of existing programs and some are completely new. This year more than $18 million dollars in grant proposals have been written and submitted. At this time, every grant has been funded.

Suicide Prevention Grant -- $1,428,237

Develop a tribal seat on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council -- $74,941

Tribal Wildlife Grant for salmon management -- $200,000

Rural Human Services System Program to have a trained, culturally competent and stable behavioral health workforce in the villages we serve. -- $604,000

Recruiting Foster Parents -- $96,000

Comprehensive Economic Development Planning Grant -- $70,000

Equipment for Air Frame & Power Plant School -- $697,991

Comprehensive Disaster Response and Recovery Plan -- $219,986

Western Alaska Emergency Operation Center -- $4,380,000

AVCP Energy Project -- retrofitting and remodeling homes and tribal buildings -- $3,000,000

COPS funding for VPSO equipment -- $988,808

Tribal Justice Comprehensive Planning Grant to plan for a way to assist State of Alaska Office of Children's Services (OCS) with providing these necessary services to children in the AVCP region. The planning will require coordination of justice, safety, prevention and victim services between state, federal and tribal service providers. -- $71,311

Tribal Sexual Assault Services Grant will provide direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. -- $160,088

Tribal Youth Program Grant will fund two regional trainings to provide face-to-face training, technical assistance, bring in all kids of youth agency and organizational people, highlight successful tribal youth programs and form a strong network of village tribal youth program people. -- $334,403

Comprehensive Tribal Victims Assistance Program -- AVCP and Tundra Women's Coalition are working together on this project which includes support for crime victims, supplies for the Irniamta Ikayurviat. **Children's Advocacy Center**, a Bilingual Legal Advocate, three Village Tribal Victim Assistance Advocates, a Shelter Advocate, and access to a Clinician -- $448,903

Children's Justice Act Partnership -- improve the emergency response to child sexual abuse victims throughout the region. The grant will fund Irniamta Ikayurviat to hire a bilingual Child Forensic Interview Specialist so that children who are referred to the program will be interviewed in Yup'ik, provide training opportunities for program staff, elders, tribal leaders, village public safety officers and village child protection team members and assist with costs to ensure that all victims of child sexual abuse crimes have access to safety and support. -- $450,000

Tribal Governments Program -- for ONC to provide a batterer's intervention program and develop a cohort model so that batterers residing in the regions 56 villages can receive services, and offer cultural and trauma in-

Comprehensive Planning continued...

formed care -- $449,960

ONC Tribal Youth Program -- expand the ONC Tribal Youth Program and develop a model for the region -- $315,044 pending

Nunapitchuk Tribal Youth Program -- $272,395 -- pending

Nunapitchuk COPS grant -- $187,817 in equipment

Napaskiak COPS grant -- $242,404 in equipment

Napaskiak Tribal Youth Program -- $271,661

Other grants srengthened Healthy Families, Tribal Justice, Natural Resources, Economic Development, and Education; supported Tribal Youth Programs; helped with salmon management and research; and included more village projects and capital projects from the State of Alaska.

Department of Realty

Gina R. Douville, Realty Director

The mission of the Department of Realty is to discharge, without limitation, the fiduciary trust responsibility with a high degree of skill, care, and loyalty and to ensure that trust assets and resources are managed in accordance with the legal principles and standards governing the performance of trust functions. We provide trust services to an average of 35 communities each year. We remain committed to excellence in providing trust services.

In accordance with the 25 Code of Federal Regulations §1000.350, an Indian Trust Evaluation was conducted during the week of August 20, 2012, by the Office of the Special Trustee, Office of Trust Review and Audit (OST/OTRA). The purpose of the evaluation was to ensure that trust assets and resources were managed in accordance with the legal principles and standards governing the performance of trust functions.

The evaluation included interviews with key program personnel, review of program practices and procedures, and testing of program-specific transactions. The evaluation was based on four (4) key component areas as follows:

1. Management. "Management encompasses planning, executive direction, and oversight of Indian fiduciary trust activities. Management manifests itself in the quality of guidance, support, and supervision that it provides to personnel engaged in carrying out trust functions."
2. Asset Management. "Asset management involves both meeting the needs and objectives of the beneficial landowners as well as the safeguarding of trust assets and resources in order to protect and preserve Indian trust assets from loss, damage, unlawful alienation, waste, and depletion."
3. Compliance. "Compliance reflects the overall adherence to applicable laws, regulations, court decisions, terms of governing legal instruments, and sound fiduciary principles associated with Indian trust administration."
4. Operations. "Operations include not only the organization's programmatic operations, but the fiduciary operating systems, including information security and the internal controls that impact the conduct and outcome of trust activities."

The exit interview concluded that no findings were identified which need to be addressed by management, and the overall performance of the administration of trust functions is satisfactory. The AVCP Indian Trust Evaluation Report is forthcoming.

Land Transactions Services

The Land Transactions staff provides counseling to landowners to enable them to make informed decisions regarding their land. Often land transactions benefit individual owners of federally restricted land and communities as a whole, because rights-of-way and exchanges are necessary to accomplish community projects such as an airport expansion or installation of water and sewer lines. Other examples of land transactions are gift deeds, sales, private and commercial leases, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) leases, rights-of-way, revocable use permits, mortgages, removal of restrictions, partitions, subdivisions, gravel/sand leases, and land exchanges. Federal requirements for most land transactions include federally reviewed and approved appraisals, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. The Department of Realty coordinates with the Cultural and Environmental Sciences staff to ensure compliance with NHPA and NEPA. The staff also provides rights protection services for owners of federally restricted land, which includes performing field examinations, resolving restricted land boundary line disputes, investigating reports of trespass, negotiating settlement agreements, and other similar services.

Since the last report, the following transactions have been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA): three (3) gift deeds, four (4) revocable use permits, one (1) advertised sale, and one (1) negotiated sale. Presently, there are ninety-five (95) active transactions.

Probate and Estate Services

The Probate and Estate Services staff is responsible for administering and managing the estates of deceased owners of federally restricted land in our region. The staff's primary responsibility is to gather information and to obtain various legal documents in order to complete probate packages. The probate packages are forwarded to the

United States Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) for decision. After a formal or informal hearing, a decision is made identifying the new owners of the land.
Since the last report, forty-four (44) probate packages have been completed and submitted to the BIA, and forty (40) decisions have been issued by the OHA. Presently, there are fifty-four (54) active probate cases.

The most significant change is that Service Providers are now required to report deaths daily to the BIA; we are no longer utilizing the monthly death reporting system. The purpose of reporting deaths daily is for the timely updating of the Individual Indian Monies (IIM) Accounts to estate status, which stops any automatic money distributions. The new reporting system has proven to be more time consuming for the staff, but we agree that the change was necessary in order to preserve the deceased clients' trust assets.

Native Allotment Acquisition

The Native Allotment staff performs many essential functions, which include assisting Native applicants to meet the stringent eligibility requirements of use and occupancy, verifying accurate legal land descriptions, resolving land conflicts, reviewing legal documents for accuracy and completeness, counseling the Native applicants, and acting as a liaison between the Native applicants and outside agencies. The staff also maintains working relationships with such entities as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporations, and various state agencies.

Since the last report, there are fifty-four (54) Native Allotment parcels pending adjudication. The parcels fall under the categories of State Title Recovery, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Title Recovery, Non-Title Recovery, Title Corrections, and Veteran Allotments.

Archaeology

The Archaeology staff manages archaeological resources through a combination of public education, conservation, law enforcement, and information recovery. Archaeological assessments and consultation undertaken by the staff are required by law under Section 106 of the NHPA and the NEPA. The 1992 amendments to NHPA require that Federal agencies closely consult with tribes, both for projects on and off tribal lands. The staff can assist with this process, as well as, assist with cultural heritage projects undertaken at the local level. Federal authority extends only to federally restricted land. However, federal and state agencies and federally funded or licensed private organizations must comply with federal law regardless of whether the land is federally restricted land or fee land.

Other

This season the BLM is assisting AVCP in the preparation of exhibits for twenty-five (25) lots located in the villages of Tununak, Akiak, and Pilot Station. The exhibits will be used to formulate accurate legal descriptions in order for the BIA to retroactively approve easements for the installation and/or the continued presence of utility facilities across a number of restricted Native townsite lots in these communities.

Housing Improvement Program

Samuel White, Director

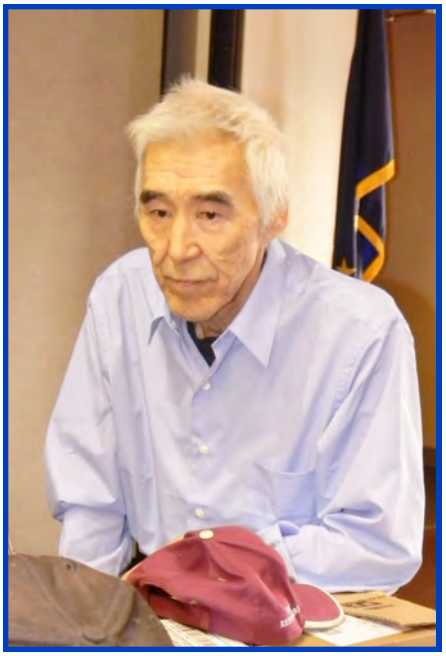
Last year Housing Improvement Program (HIP) received American Recovery Reinvestment Act money, also known as ARRA money, to build 13 new homes in 11 villages. In the 11 villages, there were eight 2 bedroom and five 3 bedroom homes built. We successfully completed the construction of the new homes and also worked on any insufficiencies caused by the long winter months this year.

This year HIP is building 7 new homes in 5 villages. 2 bedroom homes will be built in Kotlik, Kipnuk, and Pilot Station and 3 bedroom homes will be built in Pilot Station, St. Mary's, and Tuluksak.

HIP will also be working on the construction of three new public safety buildings for the VPSO Program. AVCP received money from the State of Alaska to start these projects. Construction is expected to start the beginning of September and be completed by December.

Construction of the HIP homes utilized local workers as well the construction of the public safety buildings.

I would like to thank the local tribes for their assistance in hiring knowledgeable carpenters and laborers. I would also like to thank the village corporations and the local city governments who worked with AVCP in obtaining the building sites.



Yupiit Piciryarait Museum

Vivian Korthuis, Project Development Director

Museum Exhibits

The Yupiit Piciryarait Museum opened a *Temporary Photo* exhibit from November, 2011 to April 2012 showcasing photos in the permanent collections. The *Summer Qaspeq* exhibit opened from April to August, 2012.

Donations

In 2012 the museum received 832 slides as a donation from 1 donor and purchased 1 object to add to the permanent collection.

Updates

Museum Staffing
Eva Malvich started as the Museum Director/Curator on August 13, 2012 and joins Mary Woods, Museum Coordinator, as staff at the museum.

Alaska Humanities Grant
AVCP was awarded $7,000 from the Alaska Humanities Forum for planning and development of a permanent exhibit for the Yupiit Piciryarait Museum. The workgroup plans to meet during the Fall of 2012.

Donlin Gold Grant
AVCP was awarded $8,500 from Donlin Gold to plan and develop a temporary exhibit titled, *Ludvig E. Ost Collection*, to show at the Yupiit Piciryarait Museum. The partnership with the City of Marshall, who owns the collection, will work on cataloging the objects and selecting objects to be shown in a temporary exhibit scheduled for the Fall/Winter of 2013 in Bethel.

New Repository
The long term goal of the museum is to build a new regional repository for the YK Delta. The planning is ongoing.

Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC

John G. Amik, Director

Yuut Yaqungviat has graduated four students this year with commercial pilot certificates. Derek Beans, of Pilot Station, and Jared Fitka, of Tuntutuliak, are already working as first officers in the caravan with Era. Daniel Abalama, of Quinhagak, and Darren Charles, of Nunapitchuk, are attending the Era ground school in Anchorage and will be joining the Era pilot workforce shortly after they are done.

Yuut Yaqungviat was certified as an FAR Part 141 school on May 4, 2012. Mike Lucas passed his check ride with the FAA to be the Chief Flight Instructor under the part 141 program. Mike did most of the leg work to put together all the required applications for the part 141 school program.

We have five new students who started with their private pilot course training in January. Bad weather limited actual aircraft flight training until the middle of March. Since then, all of the new students have soloed. All of them have already taken and passed their written tests. We are hopeful that these new students will all have their commercial pilot certificates by the spring or summer of 2013. Travis Gloko, from Manokotak, took his check ride and is certified as a private pilot. Katherine Hadley, from Buckland, and Alexie Nick, from Pilot Station, took their private pilot check rides on July 30 and 31, 2012. Steven Alick, from Pilot Station, should be prepared and ready for his private pilot check ride by the end of September.

We now have seven students working on their instrument ratings: Byron Paul, of Kipnuk; Johnny Andrew, Jr., of Kwigillingok; and Kyle Andrew, of Kongiganak, have already taken their written tests. Michael White, of Kipnuk, took the flight portion of his check ride on July 30 and passed. We hope to add two or three more commercial pilots to the workforce by the end of October 2012, and the rest of the students earning their commercial certificates by December 2012. Daniel Abalama, of Quinhagak, has obtained his instrument rating was done with his commercial training at the end of July and will be joining work force after he is done with the Era ground school.

Yuut Yaqungviat is working with the AVCP Regional Housing Authority to have a 26 bed dormitory built which will be shared housing for the flight school and the airframe and powerplant school students. It is slated to open by the middle of 2013. This will help to resolve the chronic housing shortage that both of the schools' students have encountered.

The primary goal of the flight school is to work towards financial and program sustainability. One step toward that goal that we have met was to obtain part 141 status. The next few steps are to have the flight school recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a vocational school, recognized by the VA for the GI Bill eligibility, and apply for the TVEP program with the State of Alaska, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a percentage share of funding that will help subsidize the operating costs of the flight school. This will require two years, at a minimum, to accomplish.

Sbin Laurente-Hassan, AVCP Grant Writer/Economic Development Coordinator was very helpful in putting together the VA application which will allow veterans to be able to use the GI Bill to help fund their training needs at Yuut Yaqungviat. Sbin also helped with the State of Alaska ACPE Application for Exemption from Authorization to Operate a Postsecondary institution which will allow applicants to be able to access and use the State of Alaska student loan program and other state funding sources to help them in financing their flight training.

Mike Lucas attended the initial workshop with the Accrediting

Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) to get the process underway for the flight school to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a vocational school. Mike is committed to assist the school in obtaining the recognition as a vocational school by the U.S. Department of Education. This recognition will allow the school to be eligible for funding from the U.S. Department of Education to help subsidize the operation and maintenance funding needs of the school.
We are working with AVCP to get the flight school included in the next authorization of the TVEP program which will be July 1, 2014.

The VA application, U.S. Department of Education vocational school recognition, and the TVEP program application will take 2 years to accomplish. Until then we are looking for other funding that will subsidize the flight school's operation and maintenance costs.

AVCP has been a tremendous support for the flight school and is working with the FAA and the U.S. Department of Transportation to have both the flight school and the airframe & powerplant school to be included in their bills for funding consideration. We have also been working with AVCP's TANF department to assist students with unmet financial needs to help fund their training.

Natural Resources

Timothy Andrew, Director

Casie Stockdale, Fisheries Biologist; Dawn Samuelson, Wood Project Coordinator; Michael Burley, Community Wildland Fire Protection Specialist

It has been an extremely contentious year especially with the continued low returns of Chinook (King) salmon on both the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. AVCP, along with the Tanana Chiefs Conference and Kawerak, are extremely active in all state and federal fronts in addressing this issue. The Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Sustainable Salmon Initiative, of which AVCP is a member organization, convened a Chinook Expert Panel which consists of an esteemed array of state, federal, and private scientists to determine the primary cause(s) of the declines. The panel is also charged with the responsibility of developing a research plan that would guide managers and users alike in accurately addressing the issue. We have encountered increased populations of several migratory bird species and moose in several areas of our region. We have seen emerging diseases in our marine mammals with a minimal impact on the larger population. We have seen the low production of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd which inevitably resulted in more restrictive hunting seasons and bag limits. We have bought and sold wood primarily to villages along the Lower Kuskokwim to provide an alternative heating source to many of our homes. We have provided safety from wild land fire in the villages that have wood resource encompassing their communities. We continue to advocate for the conservation and subsistence utilization of all the food resources we depend on for food security through the Alaska Board of Game, Alaska Board of Fisheries, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the Federal Subsistence Board, the Alaska State Legislature, the United States Congress, various department in both federal and state arenas. We have developed effective partnerships with international organizations like the Inuit Circumpolar Conference to let our food security issues be known and addressed. We look forward to continue serving our villages with dedication and hard work by our limited staff to protect and conserve our wild food resources. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to the year ahead.

Migratory Birds

Duck Stamps

Duck stamps have always been a major concern for our people in the villages. AVCP, in cooperation with the Alaska Federation of Natives, traveled on many occasions to Washington DC to meet with the congressional delegation in hopes of resolving this issue with a permanent solution to exempt Alaska Native subsistence migratory bird hunters from this requirement. To date, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski introduced legislation for the exemption, but was faced with opposition from a national special interest lobby. The compromise language to make this requirement currently includes Secretarial discretion on the exemption. If this legislation passes, the Secretary of Interior would have the authority to waive or require the possession of a duck stamp for our subsistence hunters. We thank the Alaska Federation of Natives, along with our other Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council-Alaska Native contingent for their support and advocacy.

Oregon Farm Bureau

Since the inception of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Goose Management Plan, some of our goose populations have soared to historical highs. The most abundant to date is the Pacific White-fronted Goose. The next most abundant species is the Cackling Canadian goose. Unfortunately, due to the on-going drought in California, the extreme water resource shortage and other factors, the Cacklers have moved their wintering grounds to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. The end result, with an increasing population, and the availability of food in the Willamette Valley have led to depredation issues with the Oregon Farmers. In many cases, the Cacklers eat the fresh sprouts off the farm fields prior to their migration to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. This creates a decreased yield in the production of food crops which results in decreased profits for the farmers. The Oregon Farm Bureau, which their membership consists of the farmers in Oregon, is currently advocating for a decreased population objective of 150,000 birds. We continue

to advocate for a higher population objective of 250,000 to provide for maximum subsistence utilization by our people in our villages. We are currently working with the Oregon Farm Bureau to try to arrive at a solution that would both benefit the farmers and our subsistence hunters.

Marine Mammals

AVCP Natural Resources continue to be involved in marine mammals through our membership with the Indigenous People's Commission of Marine Mammals, the Alaska Beluga Whale Committee, the Alaska Ice Seals Committee, and Alaska Eskimo Walrus Commission. We still have yet to find the additional money to fund the meeting of the *Imarpigmiut Ungungsiit Murillkestiit*. Through our involvement in the above listed organizations, we have learned and participated in various meetings addressing Arctic shipping. With the decreased presence of ice in the Arctic means more commercial vessel traffic through Arctic waters including the eastern coast of the Bering Sea. This could possibly result in various kinds of disturbances, including subsistence hunter/commercial shipping vessel interaction, migration deviation of marine mammals, and etc. All these issues are very complex and it requires time to adequately protect the interests of our villages and our hunters.

Many of you have likely heard about the encounters with diseased seals along our coastal areas. The National Marine Fisheries Service, which has jurisdiction over our seals, has yet to make a determination as to the cause of this unusual mortality event. We have heard of several instances of encounters with sick seals from our villages, but most seals are healthy and very few are stricken with this unknown disease.

Moose

Moose in the AVCP region are faring exceptionally well with the exception of Unit 19A which still remains in restrictive hunting opportunities status. Within the Unit 18 Remainder portion, there is an estimated 10,000-15,000 moose in an area that extends from Paimiut Slough to Mountain Village. In the Lower Yukon Moose Management Area, there is an estimated 5,000 -7,000 moose. This has led to more liberal hunting seasons and bag limits during the fall and winter hunts. In the Lower Yukon Moose Management Area, below Mountain Village, hunters are allowed to harvest two moose between August 1 and February 28. In the Unit 18 Remainder, hunters are currently allowed to hunt either a bull during the fall season or any moose during the winter season. The Lower Kuskokwim moose population is still building and a census has not occurred for several years. At this time, a harvest objective of 100 moose is currently in regulation within a harvest window of September 1-10. An RM615 permit is required within the Lower Kuskokwim Moose Management Area.

Caribou

The Mulchatna Caribou Herd still remains a concern for managers and users alike. The last count estimate of the herd was less than 40,000 animals. This is a precipitous drop from over 220,000 animals in 1996 to less than 40,000 animals. This drop has led to more restrictions in order to conserve the current population and to rebuild the herd.

Fisheries Program

Coastal Kuskokwim Salmon Harvest and Use Survey: The AVCP Natural Resources Department received a grant for $82,577 from the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Sustainable Salmon Initiative (AKY SSI) to collect basic information on salmon harvest and use in communities in the Kuskokwim Area that have been previously unsurveyed or under-surveyed by subsistence monitoring programs. One local researcher was hired to train local surveyors in the following villages: Chefornak, Kipnuk, Mekoryuk, Newtok, Nightmute, Nunakauyak (Toksook Bay), and Tununak to survey their community about salmon harvested or used in the fall of 2011. In depth interviews with at least three local fishing experts in each community were conducted to describe salmon harvest and use patterns for their community. This project filled an important data gap in the Kuskokwim Management Area. Salmon is known to be an important subsistence food in these coastal Kuskokwim communities but the harvest and use patterns have not been fully documented. AVCP pursued this work to help protect the subsistence priority in Alaska and to determine (continued on following page)

if the *Amount Necessary for Subsistence* defined by the State of Alaska is adequate in this area. Documenting subsistence practices is critical to protect them in regulation. Summaries of salmon harvested in 2011 in the seven communities, and other findings were mailed to Tribal Councils and to survey participants who requested copies. A final report has been completed and will be available on the AYK SSI website at http://www.aykssi.org/.

State of Our Salmon Special Convention

Acting on a directive from the 56 tribes in the region AVCP hosted a special convention, *State of Our Salmon,* in March 2012. More than 150 people participated including tribal delegates and 32 speakers. The convention was the largest event that the region has ever seen, with unprecedented public outreach and media coverage. The convention was held to identify ways to conserve Chinook salmon and to develop ideas how to better incorporate Tribes in the management of salmon throughout their migratory route. The convention was broadcast live and recorded on film by KYUK, the regional public radio and television station.

Results include five resolutions passed by the AVCP Executive Board which address Chinook declines in Western Alaska. The first resolution called for the establishment of Inter-Tribal Fish Commissions for the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. Another resolution called for the support of HB 332-Establishment of *The Alaska Chinook Salmon Research and Restoration Endowment Fund*. This bill will allow for sustained multi-year funding to address Chinook salmon research and restoration needs. The third resolution supports a joint and unified application by AVCP, TCC, and Kawerak for a tribal grant under the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund for salmon research and restoration projects in the AYK region. The fourth resolution calls for the establishment of at least one Tribal seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. The final resolution calls for the reduction of Chinook and chum salmon by-catch in the Bering Sea Pollock fishery and in the Russian Economic Zone.

Lower Yukon Subsistence Chinook ASL and Genetic Sampling: For the second year, AVCP Natural Resources received funding for a project to help determine the age, sex, length (ASL), and stock composition of the lower Yukon River subsistence Chinook salmon harvest. Sampling was done by local community members who were trained and supervised by the AVCP biologists, and receive payment for the information they collect. This year the project was supported through a grant from the Yukon River Panel's Restoration and Enhancement Fund as part of their annual support of Yukon River salmon management and research. A similar project is conducted in the middle Yukon River by Tanana Chiefs Conference. The primary value of this project is in its contribution to the collective set of information needed to understand the overall Yukon River king salmon run.

Efforts increased from 3 villages in 2011 to 7 villages in 2012 including Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk, Mountain Village, St. Mary's, Pitka's Point, and Marshall. Five community coordinators were hired in 2012, up from 3 in 2011, to work with the biologist to recruit fisherman to participate in the program, ensure sample quality, and to gather samples from participants for transport to Emmonak were biologists from Alaska Department of Fish and Game analyzed the information. In 2012, 43 fisherman were trained (20 in 2011) how to sample: 5 in Kotlik, 9 in Alakanuk, 8 in Emmonak, 6 in Mt Village, 6 in St. Mary's, 2 in Pitka's Point, and 7 in Marshall. Participants sampled about 780 subsistence-caught Chinook salmon in 2012, up from the 329 in 2011.

Pilot Station Mixed Stock Analysis

AVCP received $17,761 from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to hire a rural resident as a research assistant to conduct genetic sample collection on the Yukon River Pilot Station Sonar Project. AVCP hired Donald Kelly of Pilot Station for his 14th season as a Fisheries Technician. Donald's position is part of a mixed-stock analysis project for Yukon chum salmon. Regional genetic stock contributions and run timing for Yukon chum have been estimated using samples collected in the Pilot Station test fishery since 2004. The information collected at the Pilot Station test fishery combined with collections from other projects assists fishery managers in meeting escapement goals and ensuring sustainable harvest rates. This information is critical information for salmon managers in maintaining the productivity of Yukon River chum salmon.

Mr. Kelly has been a long time, critical crew member at the Pilot Station Sonar Project. As a fisheries technician, he assists with the Pilot Station test fishery, which uses drift gillnets to apportion sonar counts to species. He assists in the capture and sampling of Chinook, chum, and coho salmon, as well as other fresh water species on the Yukon. Donald is responsible for collecting test fish, sonar and environmental data, and entering it into database files used by sonar and regional biologists. He is involved in the setup, takedown and maintenance of the field camp, as well as helping direct and train new crew members with test-fish and sonar methodologies. In addition to his contributions as a technician, Donald is a valued crew member and known for being an incredible cook. According to crew leader, Ryan Morrill, Donald's fry bread is the camp favorite but staff also loves Donald's wild rhubarb pie, fried burbot, breakfast skillets, moose with gravy and more!

Plans for future projects October 2012-October 2013

Yukon and Kuskokwim Inter-Tribal Fish Commissions: The Natural Resourced Department will be working with Tribes in 2012 and 2013 on the potential development of Inter-Tribal Fish Commissions on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. A follow-up from the State of Our Salmon Convention and the AVCP Executive Board Resolution calling for their development, supporting resolutions have been set to AVCP tribes and are currently being sent to all TCC Tribes.

Availability and Utilization of Different Gillnet Mesh Sizes in Kuskokwim and Yukon Subsistence Fisheries

We will be contacting Tribal Councils this fall to determine the gillnet mesh sizes fisherman currently utilize and have access to. In recent years both on the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers, management actions to conserve Chinook salmon have included gear restrictions of gillnet mesh sizes to either six inch mesh or less, or four inch mesh or less. Both AVCP and TCC have heard from numerous villages that not all residents have small mesh gear. We will be working with Tribal Councils on both rivers to collect information on how many residents in each village do not have access to small mesh gillnets. This project is intended to help understand the impacts of management decisions as well as to identify community needs.

Bering Sea Elders Group Youth Intern

The Natural Resource Department will be hosting a student intern to help develop a Youth Outreach Program with the Bering Sea Elders Group in the fall of 2012. The Bering Sea Elders Group received of a grant from Alaska Conservation Foundation's Alaska Native Fund to support hiring the intern. AVCP will partner with the Bering Sea Elders Group on the project, supporting the program by housing the intern. The internship will feature communication between elders and youth on the Elders Group objectives to secure lasting protection for the northern Bering Sea and to help develop youth engagement in other priority issues established in the Elders Group strategic plan. These priorities are: protecting our food security and way of life through conservation of traditional use areas and the ecosystem; sustaining our salmon culture, and climate change. The intern will have the opportunity to: research and evaluate existing youth/elder programs to determine if there are models or potential partnerships, survey youth on ideas for successful engagement with the Elders Group, be part of a team to organize a gathering of elders and youth and develop leadership skills through playing a central role in organizing youth participation, and become educated on the Elders Group priority marine policy issues, and develop communication materials for the Elders Group (mailings, web postings, Facebook communications, etc.). Results from the internship will be tools for the Elders Group to use to sustain youth participation, and an assessment of organizational capacity needed to continue youth engagement.

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Salmon Studies

A number of calls for proposals from grant agencies will be available in the fall 2012. The Natural Resources Department will be applying for funding from a number of these organizations including the Office of Subsistence Management, the Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Sustainable Salmon Initiative, and the River Panel's Restoration and Enhancement Fund to begin new salmon studies as well as to continue the Lower Yukon Subsistence Chinook Salmon ASL and Genetics Sampling project.

Forestry

In December, an aerial fire risk survey was completed, using the information gathered during an aerial survey done July 2011. This survey included the 17 villages which at the highest risk for wildfire in our area. The information from this survey will help determine HFR project choices in the future. Information from this survey was shared with the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources to help with wildland fire protection in the AVCP area.

In October, we returned to both Pilot Station and Kalskag to burn the piles of brush that were cut and piled in 2010. The weather, blowing wet snow, was a challenge. Other challenges included the hilly terrain, which made it slow going for the 4x4 wheeler transporting the equipment and supplies. Pilot Station had an 8 man crew that worked for 2 weeks burning 430 piles. Kalskag had a 6 man crew that worked for 1 week burning 215 piles.

AVCP Natural Resources started working on a Forest Management Plan this year. The first attempt was unsuccessful due to lack of bidders. Another attempt was started in July 2012. The Management Plan will include all allotments in our region with a defined focus/guideline to be able to manage the resources. We have an aggressive schedule using both 2012 and 2013 field seasons to gather the field data and write the report, and then finishing it by mid 2013.

This year AVCP received $128,000 for HFR fuel reduction projects which will fund projects in Sleetmute and Pilot Station. While funding was received for 18 acres of brush clearing, it is expected that 20-22 acres will actually be cleared when the project is completed. The end result of this project will be significant fire protection for both villages. In addition, this region will have the only village, Pilot Station, with a complete fire protection zone surrounding it.

In June 2012, AVCP hosted Dean Brown, Deputy Director of the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Alaska. In 3 days we visited the middle Yukon villages of Pilot Station, Marshall and Russian Mission. We then visited the Upper Kuskokwim villages of Crooked Creek, Red Devil, and Sleetmute. The visits included time on the ground at Pilot Station and Sleetmute looking at our HFR fuels projects. This show and tell demonstrated the value of our fuel projects. Dean was very impressed, and stated the projects looked better than the Forest Service projects.

In July we traveled to our HFR projects in Pilot Station and Sleetmute to write the prescriptions for the 2012 HFR projects. The Pilot Station project will focus on 6 acres of brush clearing, creating a 100' wide fuel break. This will complete the fire protection zone around the

village. The project also will include 5 acres of maintenance of the original 1st phase of the project. The HFR project in Sleetmute will include 10 acres of both brush clearing and maintenance around the landfill site, and the fire break that connects to the runway. When completed, this will protect the entire community. The projects are scheduled to start in August and will employ crews of 6 individuals in each village, and they expected to last three weeks. Both the Pilot Station and Sleetmute projects will need to be revisited next year to burn the brush piles after they have seasoned for a year. This will employ the crews for 1-2 weeks.

AVCP is working towards scheduling the last round of training that will complement our fire connex project. This has been ongoing for 3 years. It is a joint project with the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, who has been providing the trainers. It is hoped that the training can be scheduled and completed by September. The extended time and logistics, as well as rising cost and change in personnel have made it difficult to complete.
Future Plans for 2013: There has been a request for $340,000 in funding for each of the next four years. It is hoped that we will receive $150,000 a year for our future projects.

We are planning a HFR fuel project in Kalskag in 2013. This project will clear Black Spruce on the north side of the airport creating a safety zone that will protect housing as well as the multi-purpose building.
Maintenance is needed and is planned with all of our HFR projects. As funding is reduced, maintaining our current HFR fuel projects will become a higher priority.

Wood Demonstration Project

AVCP initially received an Alaska state legislative grant award in the amount of $462,523.45 in July, 2010 but it was not until August of 2011 that we hired the Wood Project Coordinator. To date, the wood project performed exceptionally well with a purchase of 65 cords of wood from a supplier in McGrath and 45 cords purchased locally. We have paid $60,000 to our suppliers throughout the region. Over the course of the winter, we utilized local groups to chop the wood to fulfill their need to provide community service hours. This allowed us to sell stove-ready wood to heat homes and the *maqiiviks* of our region. In the month of May, we had hired a temporary laborer to cut wood and maintain all the supplies. This allowed us to prepare previous processed wood for sale during the summer, fall, and then the upcoming winter.

During one of the coldest winters on record we sold approximately 43 cords of wood, providing the most efficient alternative heating energy to people in Bethel and the surrounding villages. In September, we anticipate the final delivery of our wood from McGrath, and possibly additional wood to be purchased locally in preparation for the coming winter.

People were extremely happy that AVCP had this service available to them.

Village Public Safety Officer Program (VPSO)

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Program

The Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program was designed to train and employ individuals to be first responders to public safety emergencies such as basic law enforcement, search and rescue coordination, fire protection and prevention, emergency medical services, water safety, community policing, public safety education, disaster coordination, and probation and parole monitoring. The presence of these officers has a significant impact on improving the quality of life in participating villages. As a result, the VPSOs are generally the first to respond to many calls for help from community members; hence their motto: *First Responders – Last Frontier*

Mission

The Village Public Safety Officer Program began in the late 1970's as a means of providing rural Alaskan communities with needed public safety services at the local level. The program was created to reduce the loss of life and property due to crimes, fires, lost person(s), and the lack of immediate emergency medical and criminal assistances in villages.

Funding

Funding for the VPSO Program is provided by the legislature through the Department of Public Safety. The funds are awarded to participating regional native nonprofit corporations through grant requests. The primary purpose of regional contracting is to place the local administration of the program into the hands of an organization more aware of the specific needs of the areas to be served, and to deal with a workable number of contracts while retaining a certain amount of regional flexibility. Each contractor, with the concurrence of Department of Public Safety, selects which communities will participate.

AVCP VPSO Program Update

FY 12 (July 2011 to June 2012). We were originally allocated 29 VPSO positions for AVCP Region but we were able to hire six additional VPSOs through funding from the Governor.

Through the assistance with AVCP Housing Authority, a three bedroom unit was built in Akiak. With the housing availability, we now have a VPSO who is working in that community. We greatly appreciate the assistance of AVCP Housing Authority staff, especially Allen Joseph, for his commitment in completing the task.

Fiscal Year 2012 was a year in which history was made within AVCP VPSO Program. On March 9, 2011, fifteen new VPSOs graduated from the VPSO Academy in Sitka, Alaska.

AVCP VPSO Program has been growing for the past six years. With the increased numbers in VPSOs, we needed more assistance in administration. We now have a coordinator, and administrative assistant. Our goal is to improve relationships and communication with VPSOs and local governing entities.

There are three roving VPSOs working at the Bethel AST Post. One works mainly with the monitoring of VPSO criminal case reports and dispatch card activity. The other two VPSOs are prisoner transporting officers, misdemeanor crime investigators, and temporary duty officers.

The Public Safety Building in Alakanuk is being renovated and it is expected to have it complete by this fall. The old clinic in Mt. Village is also being renovated and converted into VPSO Housing. It is also expected to be completed by this fall. This renovation is a project of AVCP Housing Authority. We would like to extend our appreciation to the AVCP Housing Authority for their time and effort in completing the project.

The Association of Village Council Presidents received a State of Alaska FY 2013 designated legislative grant for village public safety buildings for three villages, total $1,067,600. Russian Mission, Mekoryuk, and Upper Kalskag are slated to receive the buildings. This project is being completed by the AVCP Housing Improvement Program. We would like to extend our appreciation to Sam White and Shayla Brannon for their continued efforts.

This year we were more prepared for the Kuskokwim River break-up. AVCP, through the VPSO program, took a lead in organizing a team which was later named the Yukon-Kuskokwim Disaster Preparation Team (YKDPT). The team met bi-weekly, and then as the flooding progressed, they began meeting on daily basis. YKDPT played a key role in Bethel, providing transportation and for the evacuees from Kwethluk and Napaskiak. The Red Cross then came in and coordinated the rest of the facilitation. We would like to thank all of the organizations, especially Red Cross for educating our team in disaster preparedness.

The AVCP VPSO program would like to take this opportunity to thank two young men of Pilot Station who assisted in saving a person's life. In July of this year, these two minors assisted in prevention of a suicide attempt. One of the young men took a rifle away from a suicidal individual who was attempting to load a rifle. The individual then ran into a swamp and the 2 minors assisted the law enforcement officer in detaining him. AVCP travelled to Pilot Station to extend their appreciation for assistance beyond expectation from civilians, and awarded them for their bravery.

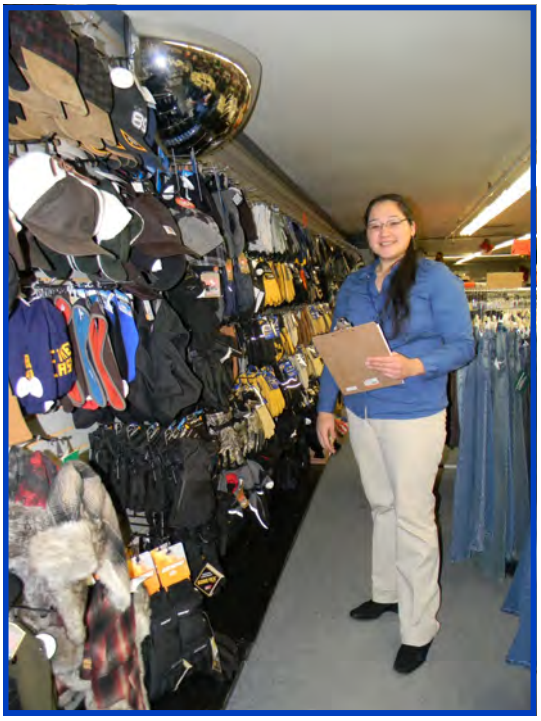
Goals

For Fiscal Year 2013, our goals are as follows:

1. Assist communities/villages by providing more roaming VPSOs within AVCP Region to work in villages that are in need of law enforcement presence
2. Post one or two VPSO in every community within AVCP Region
3. Continue to apply for grants to build new public safety buildings and VPSO Housing in communities
4. Fill all allocated VPSO vacancies continue to support our current VPSOs

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Jolene Geerhart, Director



Staff:

Staff includes the following personnel: director, deputy director, case manager supervisor, 2 eligibility specialist II's, 2 case manager specialists, floating village case manager, data file clerk, administrative assistant, and 6 eligibility technicians all Bethel based. We also have 18 village based case managers and 18 on-call village based case managers.

Program Description/goals:

The TANF Program is a temporary cash assistance program for needy families with dependent children under the age of 18 or with a child under the age of 19 who is enrolled in school as a full-time student, and for pregnant women in their last trimester of pregnancy with no other children. Our current service area covers the AVCP region. Our approach to providing welfare related services is to provide comprehensive services that meet the basic needs of low income families in our region, and improve our communities by helping families to become self-sufficient by strengthening individuals.

The four purposes and primary goals of TANF as described in section 401 of the Social Security Act are:

1. Assisting needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes;
2. Reducing the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage;
3. Preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
4. Encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Accomplishments:

We revaluated how we help our clients meet their work activity requirements to work towards self- sufficiency. TANF clients are required to do 25 hours a week in work activities and outline them in their self-sufficiency plan. Our case managers meet with our clients on a weekly basis to identify work activities the client can do, review/verify clients work activities, review the clients self- sufficiency plan, identify client accomplishments towards self-sufficiency, and updating the clients self-sufficiency plan. We also coordinated some activities for our clients to participate in.

Client activities:

- 60 clients came from the villages into Bethel for client training to learn what are work activities, how to complete their work activity timesheet, what are supportive services/how to apply for supportive services, updating their Family Self Sufficiency Plan, learn how to write/up-date a resume, and apply for jobs at the Department of Labor. TANF paid for their airfare, hotel, food, transportation, and provided a child care incentive so that our clients could attend the client training.
- 20 clients came to Bethel for the Career Fair (airfare/lodging/transportation/meals paid by TANF).
- AVCP TANF also traveled out to the communities to inform the public of services TANF provides and to meet with our clients for case management.

Types of supportive service requests submitted by clients, and authorized, were for transportation (gas, bus passes), vehicle repair, driver's license, interview clothing/grooming, tuition payments, clothing for job, child care, emergency shelter, and non- recurring short term emergency assistance .

Youth Activities:

- Thirty-four tribes submitted MOA's (memorandum of agreements) for our Youth Cultural Activities. Each of those tribes was awarded $8500.
- Camp Fire USA held water safety & recreation activities for our youth in nine tribes & the Bethel 4H Program.

(totaling $107,790)

- Clean-up/Green up incentives for our youth was provided for 16 tribes.
- Bethel Clean-up/Green up focused on the area between the city shop and the dump. 250 bags of garbage were collected. A picnic was held for those who participated.
- Youth games at Pinky's Park: We had over 40 children participate (games/picnic).
- 18 case managers coordinate youth activities in their community. The activities included qaspeq making, outdoor games, planting and many other activities.

By having client training, clients traveling to Bethel to attend the career fair, staff traveling to the tribes to inform the public of services the TANF program provides, meeting with our clients for case management, and providing youth activities, we have seen an increase in client work activity participation. Our clients' *All Families Work* participation rate for FY 2012 is 54% up from last year at 49%.

The AVCP TANF program averaged 413 active TANF cases each month from July 2011 thru June 2012 and paid $2,954,803.00 in cash benefits & $609,427.00 in supportive services/activities. The following table is a break-down of total people/children/ TANF cash assistance paid per month/number families /closed cases per month and total cash assistance for our fiscal year.

TANF Assistance					
	Total Clients Served	Total Children Served	Total Assistance	Number of Families	Closed Cases
2011					
July	1724	1123	$267,600	425	78
August	1715	1119	$260,652	426	117
September	1627	1064	$257,105	409	85
		Total	$785,357		
October	1525	993	$244,292	388	77
November	1424	921	$219,293	369	92
December	1518	971	$216,376	393	56
		Total	$679,376		
2012					
January	1616	1036	$241,691	419	88
February	1575	1014	$233,170	402	85
March	1627	1050	$249,324	420	103
		Total	$724,185		
April	1626	1044	$250,214	420	90
May	1633	1041	$244,815	424	64
June	1690	1078	$270,271	473	84
		Total	$765,300		
		Grand Total	$2,954,803 in cash benefits issued for FY 2012		

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-478-3157 and ask for TANF

Tribal Transportation

Clarence Daniels, Director

Program Purpose

AVCP has entered into an agreement with the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) for the assumption of the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP). The principal reason for AVCP's action is to assure that funds generated by the TTP through the application of MAP 21 funding formula be used to build projects in the AVCP Region. The success of AVCP Transportation Program is dependent upon leveraging funds from the TTP with the much larger pot of funds available to the state. The Transportation Department's purpose is to promote the economic development of villages through planning, designing, constructing and maintaining priority projects in the AVCP region.

Program Description

The department is responsible for assisting Tribes that are compacted with AVCP in Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) with the following:

Developing and updating long range transportation plans for member villages
Developing an AVCP Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
Developing and managing control schedules
Developing and updating the BIA inventory for the participating tribes
Addressing right of way, survey, environmental, permitting and other issues
Planning and designing projects to address roads and transportation needs
Providing for construction of projects to standard, either through force accounting or contracting with for profit construction contractors
Managing the funds and reporting associated with all of the above

Program Accomplishments

2012 IRR High Priority projects (HPP): Eek, Alakanuk, Scammon Bay
PLHD Grants: Eek, Pilot Station, and Toksook Bay
Construction projects completed in Tuntutuliak and Nunam Iqua
Construction project started in Pilot Station
Construction ready in Toksook Bay, Scammon Bay, Eek, Chevak, Alakanuk, and Napakiak
Ongoing design projects in: Kongiganak, Oscarville, Hooper Bay, Hamilton, Pitka's Point, and Ohagamiut
Policies and procedures manual which include a maintenance program was written.
Assuming responsibility of maintaining and updating routes in our inventory from our consultant.
Awarded $460,000 State funding for Pre-EIS for the Kuskokwim to Yukon Corridor, we hired CH2MHILL
Awarded $3,000,000 State funding for partial design of the Kuskokwim to Yukon connection road

Goals

1. Continue to update priorities with Tribes as necessary
2. Consistently have at least 2 construction projects per year and enough projects in design to sustain this goal
3. Update Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP)
4. Implement the program policies and procedures
5. Continue to deal with transportation issues at the national level to ensure that any new regulations introduced or proposed will not adversely affect AVCP Transportation and rural Alaska in general.
6. Pursue additional funding to complete design of the Kuskokwim to Yukon Road
7. Submit HPP nominations for upcoming construction projects
8. Investigate and develop other funding opportunities (i.e. transit, safe routes to school, tiger grants/ discretionary funds, FAA, etc.)

We would like to thank all the AVCP Tribes that either joined or decided to remain in our transportation consortium. We believe with the rising cost of living that is affecting our region, this consortium will have the ability to leverage our funds with other organizations to get our transportation projects completed in the most efficient manner. Many funding sources we have utilized to make our construction projects affordable have been cut, as a result it is important to maintain a certain level of funds to supplement the absence of those funding sources in our projects.

MAP 21(Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century), the new highway bill, was approved in July. In it the IRR program's name was changed to Tribal Transportation Program (TTP). While MAP 21 may benefit some Tribes, it generally does not benefit those Tribes that either have a small population and/or have not developed their program to the maximum potential under SAFETEA-LU.

MAP 21 is a two year reauthorization so we must immediately identify and propose the changes that would help meet our needs in Alaska. With that, we must be aware of the proposed road and access road issue, and its impact to our Tribes. These issues have been heavily debated over the last two years and can potentially restrict our ability to maximize our transportation programs.

Again, thanks for your continued support while we continue to investigate ways to develop this department to its maximum potential.

Head Start

Sheila Beaver, Director

Program Purpose

It is the purpose of Head Start is to promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children and their families, and provide health, educational, nutritional, social, emotional and other services that are determined necessary, based on a family needs assessment.

Program Description

AVCP Head Starts operates both center base and home base programs. At the center base programs, children attend the Head Start program for 4 hours a day, 4 days a week with a total of 128 seat days. Children who are enrolled in the home base program are visited 32 times a year (once a week) and attend two group socials a month with a total of 16 group socials a year. AVCP has eleven central office managers to oversee delivery of Head Start services. At our Head Start sites we have a lead teacher, teacher, cook and office managers in the center based sites. The home based sites usually have a lead home visitor and home visitor. This brings staff to a combined number of 50 at our village sites. AVCP Head Start programs are located at the following sites: Akiachak, Bethel, Chefornak, Kalskag, Kotlik, Nightmute, Quinhagak, Russian Mission, Scammon Bay, Tuluksak, and Tuntutuliak.

Federal Review

The week of April 16, 2012, a ten member team for Danya International came to review the Head Start program. Two teams went out daily to our sites to conduct the review of the programs. The feedback from their on-site visits was positive. Four members of the team stayed in Bethel to meet with the finance department and interview the component area specialist. We know that we have possible findings in the program although we have not officially received the final review.

Three Year Goals

Goal I

To improve the identification of service delivery for children with disabilities

We did not meet the federal mandate of having 10%, of the children enrolled, with a disability request for a waiver on this requirement was submitted and approved.

Goal II

To meet the requirement that all teaching staff hold a degree or be certified

- One lead teacher received her A.A. in May
- Five lead teachers received their CDA's in October
- All teaching staff is enrolled in ECE Classes working toward their A.A. in Early Childhood Development.
- One teacher assistant received her A.A. in May
- Three teachers are working toward their B.A. in Early Childhood Education

Goal III

To improve the average daily attendance of children in our Head Start programs to 70%

- Educate the parents of the program's standards on meeting the goal
- Educate teachers on the importance of tracking the attendance of children
- Family Service Coordinator and Health Coordinator work together

Daily Attendance	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Akiachak	70%	68%	66%	55%	51%	54%	45%	61%	64%
Bethel A.M	70%	74%	73%	63%	53%	75%	75%	67%	68%
Chefornak	85%	81%	79%	74%	64%	72%	72%	80%	78%
Kalskag	76%	74%		84%	85%	71%	77%	73%	75%
Kotlik	64%	56%	51%	47%	40%	64%	51%	56%	58%
Quinhagak A.M.	69%	62%	65%	50%	71%	76%	71%	69%	86%
Quinhagak P.M.	78%	62%	64%	62%	67%	70%	63%	70%	76%
Russian Mission	82%	56%	68%	53%	56%	56%	51%	57%	54%
Scammon Bay	86%	80%	76%	74%	65%	75%	67%	74%	74%
Tuluksak	67%	55%	45%	49%	46%	50%	51%	55%	66%

Average Daily Attendance for the 11/12 school year is 65%

Enrollment

With the opening of the Tuntutuliak Home base program, AVCP is proud to say that we met our federally funded enrollment of 221 this year.

Child Outcomes

Our Head Start programs are mandated to measure how well we are doing in preparing children for school. All children who are enrolled in the Head Start program are assessed three times a year in 5 domains and 11 domain element: language development, literacy knowledge & skills, logic & reasoning, mathematic knowledge and skills, science knowledge, social studies, physical development and health, social & emotional development, creative art expression, and approaches to learning. We are using the Creative Curriculum Gold assessment tool with 8 goals and objectives to measure these domains. The data is collected and is put into a computer program, which gives us an outcomes report. Each site receives a report three times a year. This report is not for individual children but instead, for each site and the program as a whole. The outcomes report helps us in making plans to improve our program and it will also give us a chance to show off how well we are doing. It also helps us identify our training needs.

End of the year Outcome report

Social/Emotional - 11.8% growth
Physical/Fine Motor-1.6% growth
Cognitive-12.2% growth
Mathematics-7.7% growth
Physical/Gross Motor-2.4% growth
Language-8.1% growth
Literacy-14.1% growth

Funding Source

Head Start receives funding from two different grants to operate our program. We also are required to match 20% of the federal grant with in-kind donations.

Federal funding: $2,418,525 State funding: 357,948

AVCP Regional Aircraft Maintenance School

Jeff Hoffman, Director

The buildup of the aviation maintenance school is in its final stages of development. The student instructor was hired in January and began the purchase of the classroom and shop equipment. We started looking what equipment was available in our region and found some great aircraft. A Piper PA-20 from McGrath donated to the school and was 100% intact and still running. Other airplanes were purchased in Bethel and Anchorage. They include a Cessna 172, Cessna 206, and a Piper Cherokee 140. These aircraft will be used in many training aspects, from ground run up and taxing, and engine rebuilding to electrical troubleshooting. Other shop and classroom equipment is being assembles and work stations are being set up. We are also expecting some of the larger equipment on the later barges. The required student hand tools were purchased locally Thanks to Napa for selling the hand tools and shop equipment to us at a very low cost. The development of the classroom curriculum was awarded to AEROTRAIN CORP. of Flint, Michigan. Their job is to build the school's operation manual and the school curriculum. The curriculum will consist of 18 month, 1900 hours, of classroom instruction, the amount that is required by the Federal Aviation Administration for students to obtain their aircraft maintenance license. AEROTRAIN CORP. sent a team to Bethel in April to meet with the school's staff to go over the training equipment that we will be using. We will use the equipment that is common to our region. During their visit, the FAA also sent out two representatives that meet with both AEROTRAIN CORP. and our staff. This meeting went well and we were informed that that we are on the right track to meet all FAA certification guidelines. Once the delivery of the curriculum is completed, the AEROTRAIN team will be back to train the staff on curriculum presentation. That should happen in September. Once all the staff is trained and equipment is set up, the final review by the FAA administration will be conducted for completion and certification of the school. We hope that will happen in late September. Once we are certified we can start advertising the school and start recruiting students. We will be looking for 15 motivated student from the AVCP region as well as from around the state. This program will be providing the region with a much needed workforce for the aviation industry as well as having an economic impact. People will have the opportunity to have a career, enjoy the subsistence lifestyle they are accustomed to, and stay in their region. This school has great potential to succeed due to the resourceful people and their hard working lifestyles, in which it seems that people of the region are always fixing their own personal. Everyone with a commitment can have a career that will enable for them to prosper and raise their family in their home region. Currently we are working hard to have everything assembled and in its place for the review from the Federal Aviation Administration and expect an opening date of JANUARY 2013.

Tribal Justice

April January, Director

The Tribal Justice Department continues to gather ideas and resources to support existing Tribal courts in the AVCP region, and help new courts in the development process. Formal on-site tribal court training is available through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation: Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Grant. This formal, on-site training is a cooperative effort between AVCP and Alaska Legal Services. The villages that have participated to date include: Kongiganak, Kwigillingok, Quinhagak, Platinum, Goodnews Bay, Eek, Tuntutuliak, Kipnuk, and Hooper Bay. Training is scheduled for Emmonak, Numan Iqua, Kotlik, Bill Moore Slough, Hamilton, Alakanuk, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, and Chevak. Other trainings are scheduled in the coming year so look for a Tribal Court Outreach Workshop near you.

The Tribal Justice Department is regularly invited to present information on rural Alaska tribal law enforcement and tribal courts to Tribes outside the region. Those conferences include: *Wellness: Our Circle of Life,* Rural Providers Conference in Dillingham; The American Indian Justice Conference in Grand Traverse, Michigan; and Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks. Not only hve we provided information on the varying ways Tribes have tackled local issues and provided information on the success and challenges in the Y-K Delta, we have heard information on the varying ways other Tribes have tackled local issues.

The dates for next year's Tribal Justice Conference have been set for March 28th & 29th, 2012. The focus of this conference will revolve around reviving traditional dispute methods. Peace and order were maintained for generations through traditional methods of resolving local disputes, incorporating both family and spiritual values. This conference will provide the forum for discussions on how these methods can be re-incorporated into modern tribal justice systems.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Irma Goodwine, Director

Staff: Dana Kopanuk, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Department Purpose

Vocational Rehabilitation Program's purpose is to provide assistance to individuals with physical or mental disabilities enter into the workforce or to maintain employment. This may include becoming productive in their subsistence lifestyle by providing appropriate accommodations.

Accomplishments

AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program is in its 2nd year of operation under the current five year grant cycle. Due to budget cuts nationwide, we were unable to keep an additional vocational rehabilitation counselor position. On a continuing basis, the director and the counselor do as much outreach through brochures and presentations, and by travelling to the villages. We also continue to work with the consumers, offering various services to help them find employment or maintain employment, or to be productive in their subsistence lifestyle. AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation program has been assisting many individuals with various services such as hearing aids, supported employment, vocational training, psychological evaluations, tuition and fees, on-the-job training, post employment, counseling, housing, equipment for subsistence, transportation, and supplies. As a result, those individuals have found employment, have maintained employment or have been able to provide for their families with food for the winter (fish, moose, etc.). This fiscal year, the program had at least 60 open cases of which 20 cases closed; 16 being successful and 4 being unsuccessful. The number of referrals and applicants has been steadily increasing.

Due to the reality of the unemployment rate, and the number of employment opportunities available in the villages, it makes it challenging, not only for this program, but others as well to find employment for people with disabilities. AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation continuously works to develop employment opportunities by exploring small business or self-employment opportunities. It has been an on-going progress, working with other programs such as AVCP Business Development, TANF, ONC, and YKHC Behavioral Health to find employment opportunities. Our goal is to propose economic development opportunities for the future.

At the statewide level, AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation Program director plays serves as a member on the Governor's Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) where it is the utmost importance to address the underserved rural areas for our people with disabilities to help them receive more independent living services from existing Centers for Independent Living. The director is also a member on the Governor's State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee (SVRC) and serves as a liaison between the SILC and SVRC, reporting important information that needs to be passed on.

Due to the high rate of underserved rural areas, the state agencies and all the regional tribal vocational rehabilitation programs have come together and are collaborating in forming mutual agreements to serve our people. Partnering agencies include the Veteran's Administration and the State Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

At the nationwide level, the director is a member of the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation, Inc. (CANAR). This group deals with issues at a legislative level focusing on changes that may affect American Indian/Alaskan Native vocational rehabilitation program regulations.

Presently, the AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation Program is working on starting a Lending Closet, with the partnership of Assistive Technology of Alaska in Anchorage (ATLA). Having a Lending Closet will allow people to loan out different assistive technology devices, such as pocket talkers, amplifiers, ipads, lap tops, itouch, alarm clocks, and telephones. Many different assistive technologies (up to 20,000) make a huge difference for many peoples' life, as each disability is unique. The Lending Closet would be very beneficial and if this Lending Closet proves to be successful, the program will look at expanding to include larger equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers.

For the upcoming fiscal year, AVCP VR anticipates an increase in the number of people served. Collaborative partnerships are in working progress.

Tribal Services

Johnny Evan, Director

Mission

To promote self-sufficiency in all aspects of local government management and administration of Village Tribal Operations respectively through the AVCP Compact.

Program Scope

Tribal Operations provides support to member Tribes with Compacting Resolutions authorizing AVCP to negotiate and enter into an Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) for Aid to Tribal Government programs, and other non-compacting programs on their behalf.

Tribal Operations

Tribal Operations traveled to 19 Compacting Tribes to complete the Tribal Government Assessment, develop recommendation letters and work plans, and have reassessed them to see what more needs to be done for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Tribal Operations set-up several trainings since the last report: Newly Elected Officials, Year End Reporting, Financial Management Record Keeping System, QuickBooks Pro, and Payroll Tax Workshops respectively. We do not set-up any kind of trainings between June and September due to subsistence activities.

Compacting Member Villages

Federally recognized AVCP member tribes who provide an authorizing compact resolution to AVCP for ATG (Aid to Tribal Governments) Programs are included in the current AFA. For FY11/12, those Tribes include:

Alakanuk	Algaaciq	Bill Moore's Sl.	Chevak	Hamilton	Hooper Bay	Kalskag, Lower
Kalskag, Upper	Kipnuk	Kotlik	Napaimute	Napakiak	Napaskiak	Nunam Iqua
Ohagamiut	Oscarville	Pilot Station	Red Devil	Scammon Bay	Stony River	Tuntutuliak

Staff

Division Secretary, Virginia Charlie; Tribal Operations Specialist, Martha Whitman; Tribal Operations Specialist, Angeline Whitman; Tribal Accountant, Hilda Oscar; Program Support Specialist, Krystine Tinker; Traveling IT Technician. Wilson Naneng

Education, Employment, Training & Child Care

Jennifer C. Hooper, Director

The AVCP Education, Employment, Training and Child Care Department (EET&CC) provides services to compact and non-compact Tribal members through a consolidation of funds under P.L. 102-477. Funding comes from three federal agencies - the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Programs we offer are Higher Education, Adult Education, Job Placement & Training, Section 166 Comprehensive and Supplemental Youth Services for Native Americans, the Child Care Development Fund and Native Employment Works. We also provide assistance to Tribes who want to develop TERO's for their communities and to assist individuals who need to overcome particular barriers for employment (rent, child care, transportation, etc.). These programs include Work Experience, On-The-Job Training and Employment Assistance.

Adult Education

Not having graduating from high school and not having a GED diploma continues to be the major barrier hindering people from becoming self-sufficient. Potential clients find out that they need that high school or GED diploma for a job, training program or for furthering their career. The ABE program at AVCP has had to scale back from being a large and very active program in many communities to having just a few part-time facilitators in a few communities. We continue to work with the Regional Adult Basic Education Center in Bethel where we can in assisting in reaching out to all the tribes in the region. We are currently looking at several ideas that will enable us to have the larger program we had in the past but, until those efforts are solidified we are doing what we can.

Higher Education

The AVCP Higher Education (HE) program provides scholarship awards to clients as they further their education at a post-secondary education institute of their choice. Scholarships are provided only to those tribal members that are enrolled in tribes participating in AVCP's compact. Tribes that contract directly with the BIA Higher Education for their program funds are excluded from our program; they receive funds under their own P.L. 93-638 contract and provide services to their enrolled tribal members. *In 2011 we had 38 HE Compact Tribes for higher education and 202 students were funded with scholarships. Of those, 13 graduated with degrees.*

Employment

Employment Assistance (EA) provides one-time grants to clients who are recently hired to a new, full-time, permanent job and need financial support (rent, transportation, special work clothes or tools, eyeglasses, etc.) while they wait for their first full pay check. Most of the clients we serve are relocating to major hubs, such as Bethel or larger communities, where jobs are more readily available year round. *In 2011, 13 clients were provided Employment Assistance.*

The Work Experience (WE) and On-The-Job Training (OJT) programs provide individuals the opportunity to be trained in a local business. Businesses contact the EET&CC Department requesting participation in either program and, as long as they are deemed a qualified business and, they hire eligible participants, they are provided funds to hire. The main goal of both programs is to find participants unsubsidized full-time employment once their training period is over, primarily with their supporting business or organization. *In 2011, 8 individuals participated in the*

WE and OJT programs.

Summer Youth Program

The AVCP Summer Youth Program provides funds directly to participating Tribes and/or communities. The program allows for youth to participate in a work experience program directly with local businesses or other organizations. Worksite agreements are developed and youth are able to learn what employers expect at various worksites, including basic work skills, attitudes, values and ethics that employers expect.

An MOA is required for each tribe, signed in agreement with AVCP. An appointed SYP Coordinator is typically hired (can also be the local Tribal Administrator) in each community and they are required to follow the process of recruiting employers, distributing employment applications to youth, collecting timesheets, and distributing salary payments. This process includes employers signing the worksite agreement with the tribe, which outlines how they will work with the youth. In the end, the youth gain experience in all aspects of the working world and it helps to begin the training process for what they can expect when they start working full time for a living. *In 2011, 38 Tribes submitted MOA's and there were 397 youth that participated in the program.*

Training

The focus of our training program is to assess, counsel and assist clients to prepare for self- sufficiency by providing a variety of training opportunities. These opportunities are offered to clients through a number of differing methods and services. Vocational training assistance, our most widespread program, provides 1 to 2 year grants to tribal members who need technical skills necessary to obtain a self-sufficient job needed in the current and future labor markets. *In 2011, 87 adults and youth were provided training assistance.*

Child Care

Child Care support services are available for those clients that need child care for children under 13 years of age (19 if disabled). Parents are required to either be working or attending some sort of education program; training, college or going to school to get their GED. Funds are provided to directly to parents on a sliding fee scale, who in turn use the funds to pay providers caring for their children. Tribes can also contract directly with the Office of Child Care for their discretionary CCDF funds and then they will receive mandatory CCDF funding from AVCP to assist their enrolled tribal members. We can also assist all TANF clients that are in need of child care in this program. *In 2011, child care was provided to 149 families with 396 children.*

EET&CC staff regularly travels to the villages to provide information and inform tribes and tribal members of these programs. We want to recruit as many participants possible. *Our Department goal is to promote the economic and social development of AVCP Tribal members in order to reduce joblessness in accordance with the goals and values of the Tribes we serve. We are here to support education, employment, training and economic development activities to allow our members to be more competitive in the workforce and to succeed in the world of work.*

Contact us for more information!

The Allanivik Hotel

George Briggs, Hotel Manager

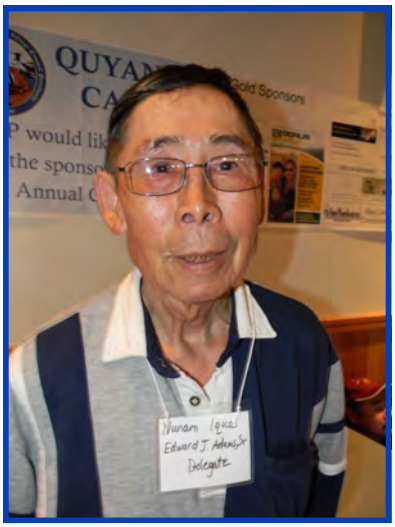
Welcome to the Allanivik Hotel, The Delta's First Choice in Lodging. This is the sentiment and direction we are bringing to your property since assuming management responsibilities March 1, 2012.

As a property under new management, it has been necessary make renovations and change and tweak operations to take the Allanivik in the right direction. We are taking the right steps to reach a profitable margin for our operation. The following paragraphs will give you highlights of the changes we have made and those we plan to make in the future.

Our first change was to clean up the property and making it more presentable. The TV in the lobby was removed and the furniture was re-arranged to make a warm and inviting atmosphere without creating an area that was too congested. The biggest project was changing how our clients saw us. Although much of our revenue comes from Medicaid clients, we are first and foremost, a hotel for everyone. Our goal is to increase our non-Medicaid client revenue to about 1.5 dollars to every 1 dollar from Medicaid clients. So far we are on target to accomplish this.

Not only have we updated the décor of the rooms, we have changed our philosophy of renting them. The 500 Building has nine large rooms with full amenities: full bathroom, two beds, a large sitting area, 9.6 cu ft. refrigerators, microwaves. The four rooms on the ground level have, in addition, hotplates, coffee pots, and cookware. These four rooms are meant for extended stay by guests of a week or more. These rooms will not be rented to Medicaid clients because it does not generate enough revenue. To date, we have increased occupancy by 9% and revenues by over $100,000. Unfortunately, due to renovations and major repairs, our expenses have also increased. Steps are being taken to make sure the hotel can pay for these projects. Repair costs of the VIP building are between $40,000 and $75,000. A major cost was in replacing the roof. Ways for the VIP Building to produce more revenue are being explored at this time. We are also addressing many issues that have remained untouched since acquiring the property. One example is removal the old mobile home and buildings in the back of the property. This has been accomplished with just labor costs by doing it ourselves. Many fixtures need replacing because the age of the buildings or improper use of materials. Most of the drain pipes in the bathrooms are deteriorating because of the high levels iron in the water. They are being replaced and with the improved water system and proper use of chemicals, that will change the need for constant repair.

The future of the Allanivik Hotel can be a profitable. We need to remain diligent and stay on top of all opportunities that present them self to our operation. We are adding new internal components to our operation that includes accounting functions and gaming management. Several rooms will be converted into lease programs which will bring constant revenues into the property. The future could see our own restaurant operation, new room expansion and even lease back space to our parent company.



All these are ideas on continued growth and use are open for discussion by the people visiting and living in the region, after all, we are the Delta's First Choice in Lodging.

In Memoriam

Paul Dixon

04/09/1921 to 03/07/2012

Alaskan pioneer Paul Theodore Dixon, 90, died Tuesday March 7, 2012, at the Elmendorf VA hospital in Anchorage, Alaska, of complications due to diabetes.

Paul was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 9, 1921. He was the son of Geneva and Ernest Dixon, and brother to Natalie, Mark and Bud. Five years later, they moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he eventually met his future wife, Hallie.

At the outbreak of World War II, Paul joined the U.S. Army Air Corp, assigned to the 8th Army Air Force, 388th Bomb Group, based at Knettishaw, England. He served as a ground mechanic and flight engineer from 1943 to 1945.

Paul and Hallie were married July 14, 1945 at Sanford Naval Air Station. He arrived in Anchorage on December 1, 1950, with Hallie and children following in January 1951. He worked initially as an aircraft mechanic, and later as manager of the parts division.

After statehood, he was appointed manager of all public airports, except the two international airports at Anchorage and Fairbanks. In this position, he frequently traveled to villages throughout Alaska to develop and negotiate service contracts. This led him to appreciate the variety of distinctive Alaska Native cultures and many aspects of rural Alaskan life.

After leaving his job with the state in 1965, he assisted the church in the divestment of their of land ownership at St. Mary's, Nulato, and Holy Cross.

He assisted in the establishment of local governments at numerous villages, and formation of the Alaska Village Council Presidents (AVCP) organization. AVCP represented 56 villages, which preceded and established the Calista Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). When the Calista board met with the Department of Interior, Paul acted as executive spokesman for the group during negotiations.

In 1975, he became St. Mary's Village Corporation Manager, serving for 14 years. He received teaching credentials from UAA, taught classes in Alaska Native affairs at the village, and helped to establish its own school district.

"Paul Dixon worked with villages and village leadership in the establishment of our regional organization to voice issues and concerns at a time when our villages needed help the most. He worked with many village leaders in the formation of AVCP which stands today as a voice for those who live in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta. He made a commitment to work with the villages and we will see the results of his work with our leaders for many years to come."

-Myron P. Naneng, Sr., President

In Memoriam

Joseph Uyaquq Lomack

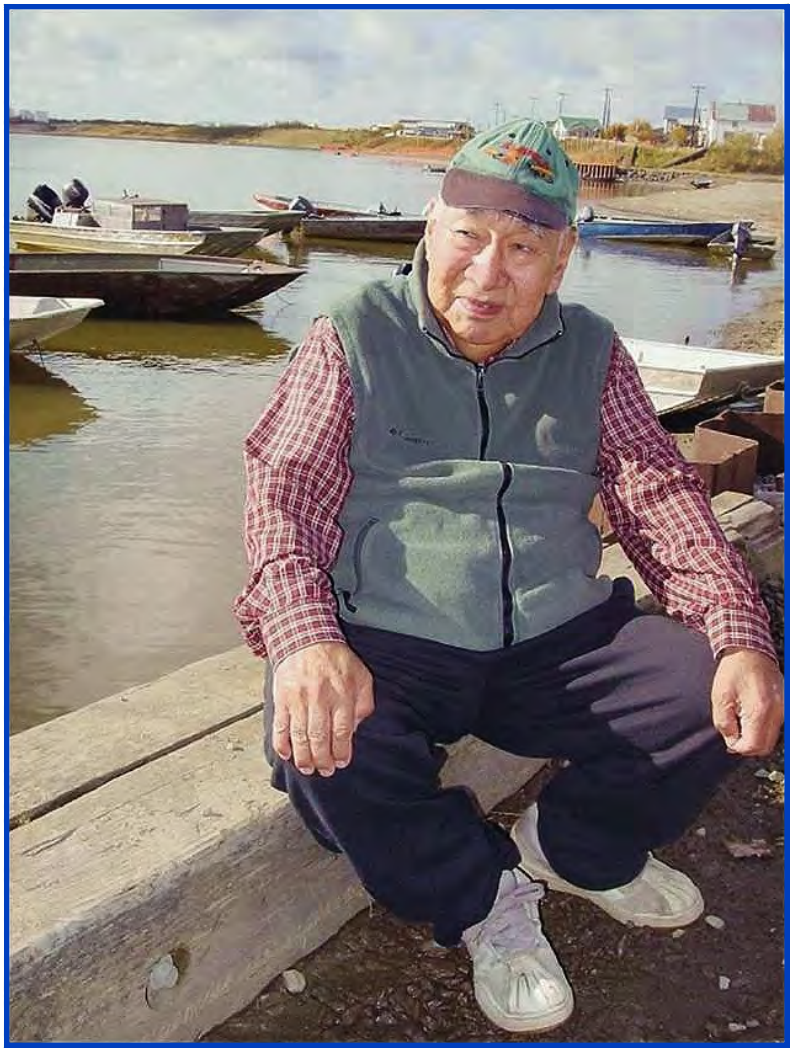
12/27/1924 to 01/28/1912

Association of Village Council Presidents Traditional Chief
1988-2012

Joseph Uyaquq Lomack was born December 27, 1924. He was the third child out of his siblings. Joseph was born to the late Louie Lomack and Lizzie Andrew of Akiachak. He was married to the late Freda (George) Lomack, together they had five children. Joseph married his 2nd wife Nastasia J. Lomack and was married for 33 years.

Most of his friends called him "Joe" and grandchildren called him "Uppa Joe". His education was limited up to 3rd grade. With limited education, he supported his siblings when his father passed on. He supported his family by going to canneries, working as a school maintenance man for $0.25/hr, and a variety of other jobs.

After he got married, he was in the Alaska Territory Guard as an EMT. He retired and became a community health aide at the village of Akiachak and the maintenance man at the BIA school, as well as a welfare agent during the sixties. In 1968, he was elected President of the Board of Directors of a new nonprofit health corporation- the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC). Joe continued his service to his community as the second traditional tribal chief of the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), a Sunday school teacher, elder, and a board member for the pre-maternal home. Joe would help those who were stranded in a far-away place like Anchorage. No matter who they were he would help them... He made a good example of himself to younger generations by helping others in need.



Joe was also a member of the Public Health/ Indian Health Service Advisory Committee. He worked tirelessly for the benefit of the region's people without compensation. He would travel as far as Washington, D.C. as part of the health entity funding negotiating team for YKHC and PHS Regional Hospital.

Joe Lomack was also a very good example of living a Christian life. He never ceased to pray and always prayed before meals and before meetings when asked. He prayed for others and would ask for others' prayers. Undoubtedly, Joe had many other accomplishments words cannot describe. As the Lord says in the Bible, Joe Lomack now has something to look forward to: God's reward in His heavenly kingdom. Joe was a good counselor for anyone, followed the Lord with his heart, knew how to survive, and was a peacemaker to all.

"Joe Lomack was instrumental in keeping the Association together by sharing his wisdom and knowledge and providing guidance on issues that affect the villages and region. We thank him for his willingness to share his knowledge to help guide all of us."

-Myron P. Naneng Sr., AVCP President

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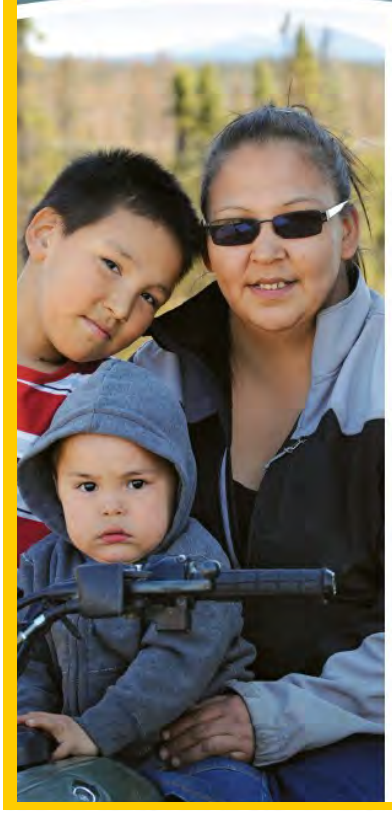

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