The Association of Village Council Presidents

Annual Report 2013

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Enhancing Our Resources Through Creativity, Innovation, and Unification

Proudly Serving 56 Tribes in Southwestern Alaska Since 1964

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Education
Harley Sundown
Scammon Bay

Elder of the Year
Esther Green
Bethel

Health
Paula Ayunerak
Alakanuk

Hunter-Fisher
25 Fishers Cited while Subsistence Fishing in 2012

Youth Leadership
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Parents of the Year
Paul & Martina John
Nunakauyaq

Public Service
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Small Business
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Tuntutuliak

Law Enforcement
Alvin Brown
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AVCP Mission Statement

Association of Village Council Presidents
Yuut aturyukngaitnek paivciluni ikayurluki yuungnaqlerkaitnek cali allat yuut aturyukngait ellmegnek piyugngarillerkaitnek makut yuut atuqekngait. Yuuyarait 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.

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Pitka's Point ▪ Platinum ▪ Quinhagak ▪ Red Devil ▪ Russian Mission ▪ Scammon Bay
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From the President's Desk

Myron P. Naneng, Sr., AVCP President

Welcome to the 49th Annual AVCP Convention! In this report, I will touch on some of the many important issues for the Association of Village Council Presidents tribes. These topics have come to the forefront of the discussions that have been happening over the past several months. I anticipate that they will continue into the next year.

During the spring through fall season, our people and communities on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta are very busy with hunting, fishing and gathering food. This food will be used to sustain our people in the winter months to come. We have seen that the berries were plentiful this year. During the late fall and into the winter months, we also gather to meet and address issues that we need to take care of to sustain our people.

Subsistence is an important issue not only to our region, but to all of Alaska. The 25 fishers who went to trial this spring were all found guilty by the judge, even though he recognized that religious connection of the salmon by our people. Of the 25, at least 15 have signed up to appeal the judge's decision and we have been getting support from other regions in the effort to appeal the case. The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) has provided funding for transcription of the court records. Individuals and others have contributed funding for the appeal, as well. AVCP will continue to provide as much support to the fishers as we can.

Another issue that the State of Alaska is looking at is the *Frank Case*, which allows for moose to be harvested for ceremonial purposes, such as feasts for the deceased. In his opinion, the Judge raised the issue and stated that it needs to be reviewed and updated. We hope that this case, even if appealed, will not change. Lawyers from AFN, ACLU, and others are looking at ways to defend the case. We will follow this case as it proceeds.

Congratulations go out to Gene Peltola, Jr., former USFWS Refuge Manager, who has accepted the position of Director of Office of Subsistence Management. Even if this is a gain from the Alaska Native perspective, it is a loss to our refuge. We are assisting in the interview and selection process of the new Refuge Manager and look forward to working with him/her.

AVCP was invited to meet directly with Secretary of Interior, Sally Jewell, on the Izembeck Road issue, Inter-tribal Fish Commission, impacts of sequestration, and impacts of Native Subsistence uses on our lands in the region. She was open-minded and was thoughtful as she received more information on our region. We invited her to com to our region next summer.

AVCP is working on the Inter-tribal Fish Commission project that we are introducing to Congress as a demonstration project. Our hope is to create a Fish Commission for the Yukon River and Kuskokwim River that is tribally driven to address the low returns of salmon, and to bring the concerns of our people, including local traditional knowledge, to the forefront of policy makers. We are looking for partners to join in this effort to find solutions to the salmon crisis we are facing now on the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Director's position has not been filled yet. After the initial advertisement, and no applicants from Alaska, BIA re-advertised and has now two from Alaska and the rest from the Lower 48. We will continue to follow the progress of filling the Director's position and advocate for the tribes in our Region to have a voice in the selection process.

Another pressing issue is federal sequestration. AVCP has been actively reviewing the status of BIA funding. The sequestration that was imposed is having an impact

not only on AVCP programs, but across the board with American Indian and Alaska Native programs. The 5.25 % cut may be bigger than anticipated, as we have not had a firm figure from the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Office of Tribal Self Governance and other federal contracts on the current funding levels for all programs. An example is the 5.25% cut for Head Start. We have also had to take action to reduce the scholarship for students attending higher education and training. We are looking at each program to see the potential impacts on providing services to the villages that we serve. We are continuing to monitor the situation constantly.

This past summer, both Senators Begich and Murkowski and their staff made several trips to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. We have worked with other regional entities to make sure the Senators, their staff and other guests are well taken care of in our villages. A big "thank you" goes out to the villages that have opened up their communities to the many visitors we have seen over the summer. We will continue to receive the guests and make them feel at home as we share with them the issues we face in our villages.

One of the many dignitaries was the Chairperson of Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Marie Cantwell. Senator Cantwell is from Washington State and came to the Yukon Kuskokwim Region on August 13, 2013 with Senator Murkowski to visit the villages. We know that she has a better picture of village life in Alaska and look forward to working with her and her staff in the future.

As we prepare to attend the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention in Fairbanks, we will also have the opportunity to attend other meetings scheduled including Congressional Subsistence Oversight hearing planned. The Department of Energy, Indian Programs will also hold a workshop in Fairbanks for Tribes during that week. Please remind all travelers to the upcoming AFN meetings to be careful while travelling, and to do their best in representing our communities and our region.

Lastly, I would like to thank the AVCP Executive Team: Mike Hoffman, Executive Vice President, Marc Stemp, Vice President of Business Development, and the newest member to the team Alexandra Werba, Vice President of Finance, and to all of AVCP's staff for doing an outstanding job in the past year to provide the best possible services to our villages and region.

Allanivik Hotel

Don Black, Manager

The focus for 2013 continued with the same vision that was begun in 2012 by General Manager, George Briggs. His vision that the Allanivik could be more, started with the premise that before we could go anywhere, we first had to clean up our property and had to take a professional approach to how we ran the business.

Before retiring on March 1, 2013, George made the decision to shut down gaming operations. Evidence provided by the Office of Finance, and the challenges of maintaining staffing, supported this decision.

When Don Black arrived on March 11, 2013, he brought with him 15 years of hotel management experience. Don picked up where George left off by continuing to clean up the property. He started with the inside of the buildings and moved to the outside, gradually expanding the perimeter around the buildings. In addition to cleaning up the clutter within the buildings and on the grounds, Don also took on a more customer experience focus.

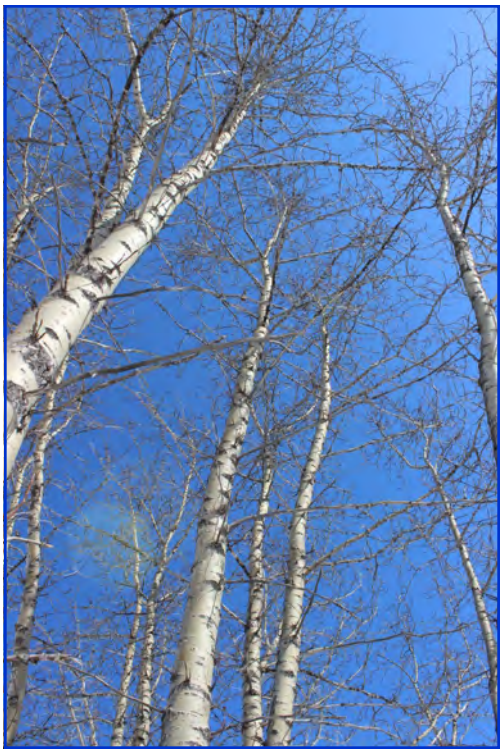
The customer experience begins when the customer walks through the door and is greeted with a friendly smile and warm greeting, and continues into their room. Additional staff was brought on to go through each room and bring them up to the current standard. This has been a large task. We continue to go through rooms to correct deficiencies. Once we complete going through all rooms, we will move into a program in which we go through every room, every quarter to freshen up the little things along the way, to keep the property in premium condition. Preventive maintenance is the key to maintaining the quality of our asset.

As we continue to improve the customer experience of our current customer base, we have also begun the process of upgrading our facility to expand upon that base. This winter will see upgrades to several of our 500 Building rooms, as they become converted to business class units. We have begun conversations with prospective clients for long-term contracts on some of these rooms. In addition, the 500 Building currently consists of 10 units. We will be giving up some of its lobby space to add an additional room, bringing the rentable units available to 11. The former gaming, then accounting office in Building 300 will also be converted into a guest room. These two rooms bring our total room count to 30.

Moving guest laundry to the 300 building lobby, allows two things. Not only does it allow us to add the 11th unit to the 500 building, but it also gives us sufficient laundry space to turn the 300 building lobby into a laundromat. This Laundromat is at the front of the complex and is easy for clients to access, as well as easy to observe.

A lot of preparation has gone on to get our renovation to where we can actually begin the improvements. As these improvements begin in the next month, we also will begin the work for the next improvement phase of becoming more than we were and meeting the growing demand and quality of the ever maturing local hotel market. To meet these demands, we are developing plans for expanding the hotel in 2014.

As we improve the facility and work towards expansion, we are paralleling our efforts with the need to “brand” the facility. Branding is part image, part recognition, and a lot of marketing. We have a new



logo and color scheme that presents a warm image. As we improve areas of the hotel, those improvements become part of our brand that we will begin to market.

The VIP Restaurant's lease expired at the end of June 2013. Some improvements are underway with the building to allow us to re-open it in October. We anticipate capturing not only the in-house Medicaid business, but also much of the local market that is demanding something more than what they can currently get. One of those demands is a coffee house. We will be adding a drive-thru window to the front of the restaurant and take a focus on standard American fares for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The hotel is currently exceeding last year's revenue. However it is behind in occupancy. The goal for the entire team is to not only exceed last year's revenue, but to exceed its occupancy as well. At the moment, we are about 2% behind last year's occupancy. The nice weather dramatically hampered our summer business, as would-be travelers found themselves out enjoying the weather in search of fish, berries and other summer activities. Now that school has begun and we are moving out of summer, we are seeing an increase in occupancy.

It has been an exciting year at the Allanivik. In the coming months, we will be developing a three year strategic plan for the entire Allanivik complex.

Business Development

Marc Stemp, Vice President of Business Development

The goal of this department is to identify, develop and manage social enterprise business opportunities in support of the AVCP mission statement. The enterprise activities of this department include the Allanivik Hotel, Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC (the flight school), the soon to open, AVCP Regional Aviation Maintenance School, the Yupiit Piciryarait Museum, and the role of the Economic Development Coordinator, currently staffed by Brent Latham.

Economic Development: AVCP is a planning partner for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). Under this partnership, AVCP is responsible for the creation, implementation, and updates of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS). The AVCP CEDS document promotes economic development within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region in a collaborative approach to improve the region's per capita income as well as physical infrastructure. In FY 12, AVCP has been involved in various projects such as the Western Alaska Emergency Operations Center (WEAOC), Lower Yukon Economic Development Council (LYEDC), Village presentations regarding the CEDS, and is also in the process of creating a website for Yup'ik artists/craftsmen for marketing crafts.

WEAOC: During 2012, a preliminary design and cost estimate for the renovation of the proposed facility was conducted. The plan is to utilize the vacant Front Street building, adjacent to the Kuskokwim River in Bethel that is owned by AVCP. This location makes it an ideal facility to serve as the headquarters of the AVCP VPSO program as well as the command center for any regional emergency related disaster whether industrial or weather related. At the present time, AVCP is implementing energy efficiency modifications to the Front Street building utilizing ARRA funds from a Department of Energy (DOE) grant. The modifications include replacing doors and windows as well as the acquisition and installation of a biomass wood boiler along with an energy efficient oil boiler as a back-up. A capital improvements funding request will be submitted to the 2014 Alaska Legislature for further financial assistance in renovating this facility.

LYEDC: In accordance with our CEDS, we assisted the LYEDC in completing the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) designation requirements which included developing by-laws, establishing an interim board of directors and in assisting to establish a service boundary. This consisted of monthly meetings throughout the first quarter of 2013. Upon approval from the LYEDC, AVCP submitted the ARDOR designation application on their behalf, to the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce and Economic Development for approval. Unfortunately, the ARDOR program was not funded by the 2013 State Legislature and the ARDOR program ceased on June 30, 2013. AVCP believes that the ARDOR program provides needed economic opportunity to the region and is working with our legislative representatives to have the ARDOR program reinstated in 2014.

Alaska Yup'ik Arts and Crafts: During the month of March 2013, AVCP established an Economic Development Committee comprised of the AVCP Business Development Office, AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation Program, AVCP Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Department, and Orutsararmiut Traditional Council. The group

sought ways to promote economic development that would also benefit TANF and Vocational Rehabilitation clients. The group agreed that selling Yup'ik arts and crafts had great potential. It was agreed that the project should start small as an e-commerce website and grow accordingly.

Yupiit Piciryarait Museum: This past year, AVCP retained Eva Malvich as the full-time Museum Director/Curator. Since that time, Ms. Malvich has energized the museum with numerous exhibits along with fund-raising efforts. A more detailed report is enclosed.

Native American Bancorporation (NAB): AVCP owns approximately 3.7% of the outstanding stock. NAB is currently raising additional capital via the sale of common stock through a Private Placement Memorandum. NAB has undergone considerable financial stress given the global recession and is presenting restructuring operations with a focus on growing the loan portfolio and decreasing operating costs.

The Allanivik Hotel: Don Black joined the Allanivik Hotel Team as general manager in April of this year. Mr. Black is an experienced property manager who is presently planning on significant property improvements including room renovations as well as food preparation. A detailed report from Mr. Black is included in this publication.

Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC: A success in the AVCP region is Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC – the AVCP aviation school**.** The aviation school commenced in 1999 with 25 students, with an appropriation of $1.0 million via the AVCP Tribal College from the Department of Interior. As a result of that funding, along with an additional capital investment of $3.8 million from AVCP, the school was created. Since commencing the aviation school, 51 private pilots along with 21 instrument rated private pilots, and 16 commercial pilots have graduated. Of the commercial pilots, 92% are either flying for Era Aviation, Grant, or Yute Air Alaska. In addition, Era Aviation has committed to hiring 100% of our commercial pilot graduates. A report from John Amik, Executive Director of Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC, is also enclosed for your further review.

AVCP Regional Aviation Maintenance School: The A & P school will complement the flight school. That is, approximately 83% of the travel within the State of Alaska is aviation related. As with the Aviation School, there is a chronic shortage of qualified aircraft mechanics. The A & P school is presently working with the FAA to obtain certification. A report from Jeff Hoffman, Executive Director, is enclosed.

Transportation – Yukon-Kuskokwim Energy/Freight Corridor: AVCP is continuing the economic feasibility of constructing an energy/freight corridor to connect the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. A State of Alaska legislative grant is funding preliminary planning and design as well as implementing the public process of conducting informational meetings. This proposed corridor would lead to redirecting Yukon/Kuskokwim river commerce and transport systems east toward interior/rail belt of Alaska, connecting to the proposed Elliot Highway Extension to Tanana. In summary, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Energy/Freight Corridor and the Elliott Highway Extension, taken together, will significantly improve fuel and freight operations within the AVCP region as well as create improved business and job opportunities throughout the State of Alaska.

Energy: The AVCP Business Development Department is also pursuing funding opportunities via the Department of Energy – Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs. At the present time, a limited number of energy modifications are being implemented in the First Avenue building (the former salmon egg processing facility) in Bethel via funding from the DOE.

Comprehensive Planning & Grant Development

Michelle DeCorso, Grant Writer

Comprehensive Planning develops new projects and programs and then finds the funds to implement the new program. Some projects grow out of existing programs and some are completely new. This year, I have written and submitted more than $22 million in grant proposals. At this time, every grant has been funded or is still pending. Some AVCP projects include:

Western Alaska Emergency Response Center is a facility designed to respond to any disaster that impacts the region. The Center would be a place to store emergency gear, conduct planning meetings to figure out how best to respond, and provide a hub for all agencies, personnel and programs to use. Emergencies can include storms, floods, oil spills, plane crashes, search & rescue operations, or any other disaster / emergency situation.

A corridor to connect the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers At this time, there are two ways to get equipment, materials and supplies into Kuskokwim River villages: a barge from Anchorage, around the Alaska Peninsula, through False Pass (weather permitting), across Bristol Bay to the Kuskokwim River or by air. A road connecting the Yukon River to the Kuskokwim River would make it possible to barge items from Nenana, reducing the shipping distance by approximately 66%. A road between the two rivers would make barging fuel, equipment and supplies faster, cheaper, safer and more reliable.

Permanent Families Program enables AVCP to help make it easier for families to adopt. The project was funded by the State of Alaska.

Suicide Prevention & Healthy Families continues to grow.

Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is a project to have greater and more meaningful involvement in the management of the Yukon River and the North Pacific.

Energy: AVCP is developing a program to provide comprehensive technical assistance to all villages to develop sustainable energy projects. The program will be funded by the US Department of Energy.

Economic Development has included several projects and planning activities.

Tribal Youth continues to build funding to expand and strengthen the program.

Tribal Justice Planning: Developing a region-wide strategic planning process that will include a comprehensive inventory of each village and the state of justice services available. The inventory will be presented to the planning team, then gaps, barriers and needs will be identified. Working with all the villages, AVCP will create a strategy for unified, equal, appropriate and timely services to be made available to all villages. The plan will involve many stakeholders and require substantial planning meetings.

Support for the VPSO Program & VPSO Housing to buy more equipment and gear for villages.

World Heritage Designation by the United Nations for the AVCP region which means that the region will be recognized internationally as a significant part of the world's history and culture. The UN World Heritage program states: “Heritage is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage is both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration.”

Don Wedll (2012-2013) and Ben Balivet (2013-2014), NEPA Coordinator/EPA Peer Assistance; Sharon Slim (2012-2013) and Sophie Chaliak (2013-2014), Environmental Planner; Monica Shelden, ANCSA Oral Historian

Archaeology, Historic Preservation and NEPA Compliance

Our previous NEPA Coordinator, Don Wedll, retired this summer and has been replaced by Ben Balivet. Don had been with us since the summer of 2009 and brought a wealth of experience in tribal governance, Indian law and tribal natural resources management. Ben comes to us with a background in anthropology, fisheries and natural resources management, and will be a strong addition to our program. He brings some much-needed energy to the C&ES department.

The NEPA Coordinator and the Archaeologist continue to provide technical assistance primarily to the Department of Realty to evaluate all transactions on federally-restricted Native allotments and Townsite lots. These evaluations are essential to assure that real estate transactions comply with federal and Alaska state law and to also 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 themselves and they need assistance. During the last year, there have been growing concerns among tribal governments about the long-term management of historic resources that are threatened by erosion and looting. The AVCP archaeologist is again encouraging tribal governments to consider implementing tribal historic preservation ordinances, and is working with communities on a case-by-case basis.

Early in the 2013 field season, the Department of Cultural and Environmental Sciences acquired ground-penetrating radar (GPR) equipment to facilitate archaeological inventories in the villages. GPR allows us to identify cultural remains under the ground in situations where digging and destructive excavation techniques are not appropriate. We used this equipment during July 2013 in an effort to identify unmarked graves in the Andreafsky townsite. Combined with detailed local knowledge from residents in the community, these surveys should help landowners avoid disturbing these grave sites.

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. AVCP manages our 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, tribal elders, scholars and land managers, to consolidate oral historical records, traditional knowledge, and archaeological documentation in order to respond to rapid development in the Y-K Region. Economic development initiatives and large-scale projects such as the proposed Donlin Creek Mine demand region-wide, comprehensive management strategies for natural and cultural resources.

Monica Shelden, ANCSA Oral Historian, has continued to focus on completing the transcription and translation of the ANCSA Historic and Cemetery Sites oral history collection. Because we still do not have a way for researchers to easily use these collections independently, complete written transcriptions (in parallel Yup'ik and English) have become the most popular way to access the information available from the archive. Unfortunately, producing a complete parallel translation/transcription is also the most time-consumptive and expensive way to provide access to this information. At this point, a total of 353 interviews have been completely transcribed and translated and meet acceptable professional standards to be

considered the "final" versions for research. Out of the total of 1,338 cassette-taped recordings, there are still 985 that have not been completely processed. After more than ten years of work at AVCP, this is still a herculean job! The frightening part for us is that this work requires a high level of expertise in Yup'ik orthography, English literacy and cultural knowledge that can only be acquired over a lifetime of experience. We are desperately searching for younger Yup'ik scholars to take this up as their life-long vocation.

Working with the collections in their original form on cassette tapes is also unsustainable. We are continuing to move towards converting the collection to modern digital media, such as MP3 sound recordings, which will ultimately replace the working copies of the tape recordings. Monica has also been working in cooperation with Robert Drozda, of the Alaska and Polar Regions Collections at the Elmer E. Rasmusen Library at UAF, to add summary comments to the transcripts. These comments are basically "executive summaries" that will hopefully make it easier for researchers to quickly find what topics are covered in each transcript. For others who are only interested in listening to an interview, perhaps from their home village, all they need to do is call Robert Drozda at (907) 474-7579 and give him the specifics or email him at rmdrozda@alaska.edu.

Monica attended the Language Summit that was held at the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage this past spring and met Aiggailnguq Ember Thomas, originally from Chevak, who is one of the three Lead Language Coordinators working to revive all of the Alaska Native languages. Ember requested that the participants assist the coordinators in whatever way they could. Monica consulted with the BIA ANCSA Office Director, Ken Pratt, and used the ANCSA oral history transcripts to make vocabulary lists of Yup'ik and Cup'ik words for the project. This is just one more way of using the ANCSA collections for the benefit of Native users and language speakers.

EPA Indian General Assistance Program

Our previous environmental planner, Sharon Slim resigned from her position with AVCP in April of this year. Sharon had worked with the C&ES department since 2008 and takes her long experience working with the EPA IGAP program with her. Fortunately, our new environmental planner, Sophie Chaliak, comes to us from Nunapitchuk with an equal level of expertise and will pick up where Sharon left off. We are very fortunate to have Sophie with us on staff and she will inspire us with her own environmental mission and priorities.

During 2013, AVCP staff has continued to help move lead acid batteries out of the surrounding communities. "Backhauling" used automotive and marine lead acid batteries out of the villages by air is prohibitively expensive and is often dangerous because many of these batteries are damaged and are leaking. The battery backhauling program is an ongoing Special Projects program funded by the Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) grant awarded to AVCP by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Past AVCP Environmental Planner, Sharon Slim, helped begin the program for the AVCP service area and the response has been outstanding this year. Tribal environmental staff and local residents from communities along the Kuskokwim River have transported thousands of pounds of lead acid batteries by boat to Bethel. Batteries are in turn transported by AVCP staff to NAPA where they are packaged and shipped out of Bethel for disposal in an environmentally sound manner. To those of us involved, this seems like a small service but it has added up to big results. Getting lead acid batteries out of the communities removes arguably the major threat to drinking water from lead contamination. Tribal environmental staff and the Bethel NAPA store deserve recognition for making this happen in a cost-effective way. Otherwise, it is cost-prohibitive and nearly impossible for tribes to get these hazardous wastes out of their communities. Unfortunately, AVCP's contribution to this process has been funded by a one-time Special Projects grant that expired at the end of September 2013. Because of recent changes in EPA policies and upcoming regulations, it may not be

Education, Employment, Training & Child Care

Jennifer 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 Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TEROs) 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: Needing a GED diploma continues to be a key barrier hindering people from becoming self-sufficient. We do not have a formal ABE program at AVCP anymore; the funds just aren't there. Individuals we come across, who need to work on their GED, are referred to the Regional Adult Basic Education Center in Bethel. We continue to explore different ideas, with the hopes of starting up a program again. Until those efforts are solidified though, we are doing what we can.

Higher Education: The 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 who are enrolled in tribes participating in AVCP's compact. Tribes that contract directly with 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 2012, we had 40 HE Compact Tribes for higher education and 200 students were funded with scholarships. Of those, 19 graduated with degrees***.

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 (technical and occupational), our most widespread program, provides 1 to 2 year grants to tribal members who need to gain the technical skills necessary to become qualified for jobs that are offered now and in the future labor market. ***In 2012, 68 adults and youth were provided training assistance.***

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 2012, 5 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 or field. 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 attain unsubsidized full-time employment for our participants once their training period is over, primarily with their supporting business or organization. ***In 201, there were no participants in the WE and OJT programs.***

Summer Youth Program: The AVCP Summer Youth Program (SYP) provides funds directly to participating tribes and communities. The program allows for youth to participate in a work experience program with local businesses and other organizations. Worksite agreements are developed and youth are able to learn what employers expect in various worksites, including basic work skills, attitudes, values and ethics that employers expect. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is required for each tribe, signed on in agreement with AVCP. A SYP coordinator is typically hired (can also be the local Tribal Administrator or staff person) in each community and they are required to follow the process of recruiting employers, verifying that adult participants (supervisors/mentors and those adults having direct and continuous contact with the youth participants) have submitted and passed the State of Alaska Criminal Justice Information requests (criminal background check), 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 2012, 43 Tribes submitted MOA's and there were 508 youth that participated in the program.***

Child Care: Child Care support services are available for those clients who need childcare 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 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 will receive Mandatory CCDF funding from AVCP to assist their enrolled tribal members. For TANF clients that are in need of child care, we can assist all tribes in this program. ***In 2012, childcare was provided to 159 families with 399 children.***

EET&CC staff travels regularly 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.

Financial Services

Alexandra Werba, Vice President of Finance

The purpose of AVCP's accounting department is to provide useable financial data in order to assess current and future operations; allowing for the most efficient use of funds for purposes outlined in our grants and contracts.

AVCP's accounting department is currently going through some needed upgrades in order to accomplish this purpose with confidence in our financial data. First off, we are in the process of converting to a new and improved financial software system. Beginning January 1, 2014, AVCP will be utilizing this new software to improve compliance, internal control and reporting to granting agencies, department managers, tribal administrators and AVCP's Board of Directors. In conjunction with migration to a new financial software system, we will bring our payroll processing back in-house where AVCP's payroll staff will process and distribute paychecks right from our office here in Bethel. Currently, AVCP outsources payroll to ADP, which is causing inefficiencies and untimely reports due to the time lag caused by outsourced payroll. The next few months will be extremely busy for the accounting department, but with team effort, I am confident we will accomplish our conversion while still maintaining superior service to all AVCP departments.

The accounting department has recently implemented a purchasing card program which is designed to streamline our accounts payable, travel and purchasing process. One major change that has occurred as a result of the implementation of the purchasing cards is that employees are no longer given per diem for hotel stays. Hotel reservations are made and paid for by our purchasing department with their new purchasing card. Along the same lines, the travel department is using their purchasing card to reserve and pay for 90% of all airline reservation requests. It is our goal to have all travel paid for on the purchasing card by the end of 2014 and we are working with vendors to ensure this is accomplished in the anticipated timeframe.

I am glad to report that AVCP's 2012 audit showed no findings and we were given a clean opinion from the auditors. In FY 2012, AVCP revenue increased by approximately $4,700,000 over FY 2012. Our expenses increased nearly $4,000,000. Due to federal cuts and sequestration, it is likely that our revenue in FY13 will remain about the same or slightly lower and we should expect more cuts into FY14. In this time of financial uncertainty, it is extremely important for the accounting department and all managers to work together to ensure funds are being expended and that no grant goes over-budget. We will be working diligently with each program in order to stay on track to achieve the best outcome for AVCP and the villages we serve.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the accounting staff for their hard work and dedication to AVCP and to its mission. I have had the pleasure of working with these great individuals over the last 5 months and I am certain that our team will make vast improvements to support the future growth of AVCP and our tribes.

The goals we hope to accomplish over the next year:

- Fully implement and utilize Viewpoint Software
- Train staff in key areas that will eliminate manual work
- Establish written End-of-Month procedures; develop checklist
- Establish written End-of-Year procedures; develop checklist
- Centralize review of all federal and state grants
- Produce monthly managerial reports and distribute to every department
- Develop budget procedures and train all managers on the new process
- Automate outdated procedures to eliminate manual work and inefficiencies

Head Start

Sheila Beaver, Director

AVCP Head Start Mission Statement

AVCP Head Start, partnering with the parents and community, provides a positive and safe learning environment for the children with respect to different cultures and languages, to open the doors to a bright and successful future.

2013 School Readiness Goals	Met	Emerging
Children engage in a variety of physical activities	65%	35%
Children practice basic personal care routines	82%	18%
Children eat a variety of nutritious foods	82%	18%
Children demonstrate awareness & understanding of safety rules	68%	32%
Children adapt to diverse settings	58%	42%
Children will understand and follow rules & routines	68%	32%
Children regulate their feelings & impulses	60%	40%
Children sustain attention to tasks and persists when facing challenges	54%	46%
Children approach daily activities with creativity & inventiveness	65%	35%
Children demonstrate awareness of cause & effect	57%	43%
Children find multiple solutions to questions, tasks, & challenges	60%	40%
Children demonstrate knowledge of numbers & counting	48%	52%
Children demonstrate some knowledge of size, volume, height, weight & length	52%	48%
Children demonstrate awareness & appreciation of their own & other cultures	69%	31%
Children use creative arts to express & represent what they know, think, or believe or feel	57%	43%
Children demonstrate phonological awareness	48%	52%
Children demonstrate appreciation & enjoyment of reading	23%	77%
Children demonstrate knowledge of letters & symbols	38%	62%

Teacher Credentials

Lead Teachers: 1 Head Start Lead teacher with bachelor's degree, 6 Head Start lead teachers with associate's degrees, 2 Head Start lead teachers with CDA's (Child Development Associates)

Teachers: 1 teacher with an associate's degree, 1 teacher with a CDA, 7 teachers working toward their CDA's

Lead teachers and teachers are enrolled in Early Childhood Education classes, working toward either their bachelor's or associate's degree in Early Childhood Education.

Average Daily Attendance for Center Based Programs 2012-2013

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Akiachak	74%	77%	54%	54%	55%	51%	58%	60%	50%
Bethel	85%	79%	65%	61%	66%	72%	75%	77%	90%
Chefornak	82%	72%	71%	29%	79%	69%		73%	76%
Kalskag	79%	83%	77%	82%	59%	71%	78%	78%	85%
Kotlik	71%	61%	60%	55%	52%	58%	52%	59%	70%
Quinhagak	76%	78%	53%	59%	62%	67%	66%	57%	66%
Russian Mission	85%	80%	70%	66%	66%	72%	66%	82%	83%
Scammon Bay	78%	77%	80%	60%	73%	61%	56%	75%	79%
Tuluksak	62%	58%	61%	62%	46%	50%		47%	49%

Akiachak, Kotlik, Nightmute, Quinhagak, Scammon Bay & Tuntutuliak also have home-based programs. AVCP Head Start serves 221 children and families in 11 communities.

AVCP Head Start FY13 Funding Source

Federal Funding: US Department of Health & Human Services: **$ 2,308,675**

State of Alaska: Department of Education and Early Development: **$ 357,948**

Housing Improvement Program

Samuel White, Director

Last year, the Housing Improvement Program (HIP) worked on a pilot project for 3 new public safety buildings in Kalskag, Mekoryuk, and Russian Mission. All 3 buildings were completed. Open ceremonies for the new buildings were held on the 14th and 15th of February 2013. AVCP employees and the Alaska State Troopers attended the open ceremonies in all 3 villages. In each village, a priest or a minister blessed the building after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Through HIP, there were 7 new homes constructed in 5 villages. Homes in Kipnuk, Kotlik, Pilot Station, and Tuluksak have all been completed, and AVCP has handed over the keys to the home owners. Construction on a home in St. Mary's is expected to be done this fall. All funding for the 7 new homes was approved 2 years ago.

HIP will be constructing a new home in each of the following villages: Chevak, Kalskag, Kotlik, and Russian Mission. Funding for these homes was approved in 2012. HIP will also be overseeing projects that have been approved by the state to build a new public safety building in Aniak, Kwigillingok, Mt. Village, and Tununak.

All work in the villages is done by local hire for both the HIP homes and public safety buildings. I would like to thank the local tribes for their assistance and cooperation for their help in hiring knowledgeable and skilled carpenters and laborers. I would also like to thank the village corporations and the local city governments who cooperated with AVCP in helping them obtain the building sites for the new structures.

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

Cheryl Oftt, Director

Staff: Office Manager/Paralegal Asst., Dolly Lamont; **ICWA Manager**, Sarah Jenkins; **ICWA Advocate,** Melanie Fredericks; **ICWA Advocate (Anchorage-based),** Linda Ayagarak-Daney; **Adoption/Foster Care Spec.**, Ann Koester; **Healthy Families Coordinator,** Winifred Kelly-Green; **Healthy Families Facilitator,** Lucy Mochin; **Healthy Families Facilitator,** Joseph Green; **Family Support ,** Laura Jung; **Alaska Legal Services Attorneys:** Joy Anderson, Sydney Tarzwell, James J. Davis Jr.

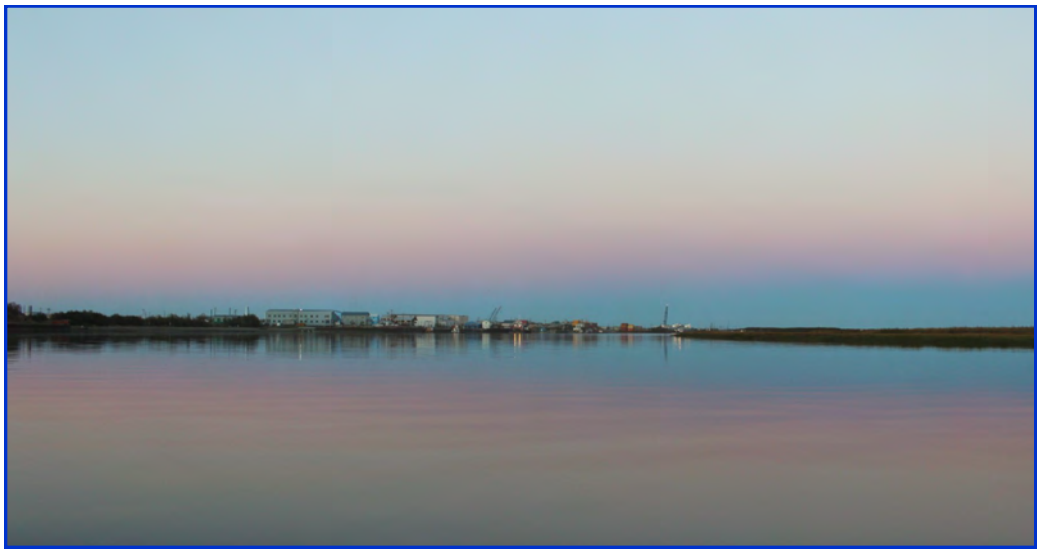
Department Purpose

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 of finding permanency for children. It is also our goal to provide prevention awareness and prevention/early intervention services for all AVCP tribes and to assist tribes in the development of their own services to prevent child abuse and neglect. ICWA currently compacts for ICWA services with 30 AVCP tribes. We offer ICWA advocacy, ICWA legal assistance and ICWA training for the ICWA compacted tribes. When a tribe compacts their ICWA funds with AVCP, the tribe, the families and the children receive assistance from a team of people at AVCP ICWA.

Currently the ICWA department has nine regular staff, and a contract with Alaska Legal Services for three attorneys to provide legal services for our ICWA cases. ICWA cases are managed by Sarah Jenkins, who works closely with compact tribes. Sarah supervises the advocates, the 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. Through this team effort, we expect OCS to follow ICWA and we hope more native children find permanency in native homes. We also have a new position, Adoptions and Foster Care Specialist, to help in finding permanent native homes for our native children.

The *Healthy Families-The Yup'ik Way* program and staff provides services that we believe will lead to increased reunification, fewer children in state custody and overall healthier children, families and communities within the AVCP region. AVCP Healthy Families provides 3.5 days of *Healthy Families-The Yup'ik Way* workshops on a monthly basis. Healthy Families' staff will also travel to villages upon invitation by the tribe for village-based events. Healthy Families is open to ALL tribes and has travel scholarships. Contact Winnie Kelly-Green for more information.

ICWA also works to coordinate the Rural Human Services program, and assists with family supports for children and families involved with OCS through family contact services. The 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.

Information Technology

John P. Charlie, Network Manager

Greetings! As another year comes to an end, information technology continues to move forward. IT keeps busy providing support to all AVCP staff and its members.

I would like to extend my appreciation for all the work the IT Staff has accomplished this past year. IT staff includes:

- Robert Lincoln manages the help desk calls and forwards them to appropriate IT staff for immediate resolution. All calls are documented;
- Aaron Mute is responsible for network resources including file servers, routers and switches, firewalls, and applications used to keep track of client information;
- Wilson Naneng provides technology support services to compact tribes.

They provide services so that our day-to-day operations run smoothly and efficiently. Some of the responsibilities they are tasked with include:

- maintaining software required to keep track of client and business transactions, and the Exchange e-mail system;
- Extending our e-mail services to the tribes;
- Upgrading the telephone system and expanding IT support Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP);
- Keeping the computers up to date to meet the hardware requirements;
- Keeping software functional and regularly updated on each computer;
- Replace aging computers.

It is working on the development of application software which will be used corporate-wide to track AVCP program services of users and clients. This will ensure that clients receive all services they are eligible for. We have completed the Social Services, Head Start, Housing Improvement, EET & CC, and TANF portions of the software. This software will allow all client services departments to use one software program, where as in the past, they were using many. There are still a few more department sections that need to be completed. Due to the complexity of the federal and state requirement, the software is constantly being modified to meet those needs.

A new e-mail service system is being implemented which will work with other applications used by our programs such as the financial system and client services. In an effort to improve communication between AVCP and tribal members, we continue to provide e-mail service to the tribes, in compliance to a resolution 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.). All will share common addresses internal to the email system. Several tribes utilizing this service include: Napaskiak, Tuntutuliak, Pilot Station, Toksook Bay, and Lower Kalskag.

The telephone system underwent some maintenance and upgrades to fix some of the issues we experienced this year. We are still looking into upgrading the telephone system to meet the new technology standards. We plan to transfer over to a full Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) that supports our network infrastructure.

Natural Resources

Timothy Andrew, Director

Staff: Casie Stockdale, Fisheries Biologist; Michael Burley, Community Wildland Fire Protection Specialist

Summary

By the time our report has gone to final print, all of our salmon runs would have migrated to their spawning streams. Once again, low Chinook salmon returns to the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers continue to plague us. The Yukon River, in its entirety, started the season with restrictions as soon as the ice cleared out, leaving our communities without an opportunity to harvest essential sheefish which are important to provide additional food resources for the approaching winter. For the Kuskokwim River, despite all other river systems anticipating low returns of Chinook salmon, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service allowed unrestricted subsistence fishing to occur on one of the lowest Chinook salmon returns on record. As of August 22, 2013, none of the enumeration projects have yet to meet their escapement goals. Additionally, many of our communities in the middle and upper reaches of the Kuskokwim River did not have the opportunity to harvest Chinook salmon due to extremely low returns. An alternative management structure must be implemented to rebuild our Chinook salmon stocks to their historical population levels. We continue to witness increased populations of several migratory bird species and moose in various areas of our region. We have seen a decline in emerging diseases in our marine mammals compared to the year before. We continue to encounter the low production of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd which resulted in hunting by registration permit to allow for accurate and timely reports. We discontinued the sale of wood in our department. We are continuing to provide 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 departments 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 years 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, are continuously traveling to Washington DC to meet with our congressional delegation in hopes of resolving this issue with a permanent solution to exempt Alaska Native subsistence migratory bird hunters from this requirement. Last year, there was compromise language in the bill

to make this requirement under Secretarial discretion on the exemption. If this legislation had passed, the Secretary of Interior would have the authority to waive or require the possession of a duck stamp for our subsistence hunters. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass. This year, Senator Lisa Murkowski inserted language in the Sportsman's Bill to exempt subsistence hunters from the requirement to possess duck stamps in our hunt for migratory birds. We thank the Alaska Congressional delegation, 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 population levels. The most abundant, at the time of the printing of this report, are the Pacific White-fronted Goose. The next most abundant species are the Cackling Canadian goose. Just as reported last year, the Cacklers are continuously creating crop depredation issues on the Oregon farmlands. There has not been any measurable progress in our negotiations with the Oregon Farm Bureau.

Other Migratory Bird Issues

In response to an estimated ten swans being thrown into dumpsters in Bethel with only the breast meat salvaged, AVCP submitted a proposal to require all parts of migratory birds, with the exception of the viscera, be salvaged to meet local and regional salvage standards. Additionally, we are working with other regional management bodies in addressing the utilization of migratory bird parts in making cultural and traditionally made handicraft. Several of our Alaska Native members in the populated areas of Alaska have fallen victim to prosecution by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for selling handicrafts that contain migratory bird parts and feathers. Representative Don Young has drafted federal legislation that authorizes the use of feathers and other non-edible parts of migratory birds taken for subsistence uses to be used in the making of traditional Native handicrafts. We are working with his staff on this legislation.

Marine Mammals

AVCP Natural Resources continues to be involved in marine mammals through our membership in the Indigenous People's Commission of Marine Mammals, the Alaska Beluga Whale Committee, the Alaska Ice Seals Committee, and the Alaska Eskimo Walrus Commission. We still have yet to find the additional money to fund the meeting of the *Imarpigmiut Ungungsiit Murillkestiit.* Arctic shipping continues to be an issue. 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 can likely result in various kinds of disturbance to include subsistence hunter/commercial shipping vessel interaction, migration deviation of marine mammals, etc. All these issues are very complex and requires time to adequately protect the interests of our villages and our hunters.

On the issue of seals related to the Unusual Mortality Event last year, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the federal agency with jurisdiction of seals, indicated that the reported incidences of sick seals has decreased tremendously over last year. This is good news for a very important food resource for our villages.

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 9,000-10,000 moose in an area that extends from Paimiut Slough to Mountain Village. In the Lower Yukon Moose Management Area, there's 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 from August 1 to 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 are still building and a census has not occurred for several years. As of the printing of this report, 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. In response to the increase in moose population in the Unit 18 Remainder and the Lower Yukon moose management areas, AVCP submitted a proposal to allow hunters to harvest 2 moose, (bulls only) in September, and during the hunting season from August 1 until April 30 to the Alaska Board of Game.

Caribou

The Mulchatna caribou herd still remains a concern for managers and users alike. The last count estimate of the herd was less than 30,000 animals. This is a precipitous drop from over 220,000 animals in 1996 to less than 30,000 animals today. This drop has led to more restrictions in order to conserve the current population and to rebuild the herd. After the initial drop in the population, the Alaska Board of Game lowered the population objective from 100,000 - 130,000 to 80,000-100,000, then finally to 30,000-80,000 animals. With concern that the MCH population will continue to decline with the non-federally qualified hunting season remaining open, AVCP submitted a special action request to the Federal Subsistence Board to provide further protection for the large breeder bulls, which are necessary for the recovery of the population. Unfortunately, neither the staff committee nor the Federal Subsistence Board saw any merit in the proposal despite the accompanying publication. Instead, the staff committee made references to the current bull harvest of 60% by federally qualified users and ignoring the blaring 93% harvested by non-federally qualified hunters at the onset of the decline in the caribou herd. Unfortunately, with lower population objectives and the unwillingness of the Office of Subsistence Management and the Federal Subsistence boards to recognize the large contribution of breeder bulls to healthy caribou populations, the federally qualified subsistence hunter will have to endure low bag limits and short seasons.

Fisheries Program

***State of Our Salmon* Special Convention Final Report**

AVCP received a grant from the Alaska Conservation Foundation, Alaska Native Fund Grant to review and finalize the transcripts from the State of Our Salmon Convention in March of 2012 and to develop a final report and summary. A Yup'ik interpreter/translator was hired to review the transcript and Convention film for accuracy. The transcripts are now complete and will be available online or by request from AVCP. A final report has been developed and will be available on the AVCP website and in print in October 2013.

Lower Yukon Subsistence Chinook ASL and Genetic Sampling

For the third 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 is done by local community members who are trained and supervised by the AVCP biologists, and receive payment for the information they collect. The project was supported for the second year through a grant with the Yukon River Panel's Restoration and Enhancement Fund as part of their annual support of Yukon River salmon management and research. 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.

Seven villages were included in 2013 including Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk, Mountain Village, St. Mary's, Pitka's Point, and Marshall. Six community coordinators were hired in 2013 (up from five in 2012) 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 where biologists from Alaska Department of Fish and Game analyzed the information. In 2013, 61 people were trained (43 in 2012; 20 in 2011) how to sample: 12 in Kotlik, 9 in Alakanuk, 12 in Emmonak, 7 in Mt Village, 7 in St. Mary's, 4 in Pitka's Point, and 10 in Marshall.

This was a challenging year for collecting subsistence Chinook samples. With a poor to below average Chinook salmon run projection, additional management strategies were implemented to conserve Chinook. From the start of the summer season, subsistence fishing with gillnets was restricted to 6'' mesh or smaller; closures were implemented to protect both the first and second pulses, and commercial fishing was restricted to dip nets with mandatory live release of kings until late in the season. Despite the challenges, participants sampled 198 subsistence caught Chinook salmon in 2013. This is well below the sample goal of 900 but this was expected with the management actions necessary to conserve Chinook.

Quyana to all of the participants who sampled their fish, to the community coordinators, and to Alakanuk Traditional Council, Village of Bill Moore's Slough, Chuloonawick Native Village, Emmonak Tribal Council, Hamilton Tribal Council, Kotlik Traditional Council, Asa'carcarmiut Tribal Council, Algaaciq Tribal Government, Yupiit of Andreafski , Native Village of Marshall, and Ohogamiut Traditional Council. Also, a thank you to all of the AVCP departments who donated items for our participants training: Human Resources, TANF, and EET. Quyana!

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 15th 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 estimates 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 for maintaining the productivity of Yukon River chum salmon.

Funding from the Office of Subsistence Management

AVCP just received notification of funding from the Office of Subsistence Management Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program (FRMP) for a project entitled *Local and Traditional Knowledge of Whitefish and other Non-salmon Fishes in the Lower Kuskokwim and Tundra Villages*. $397,327 has been approved. The project will document local knowledge related to historic and contemporary subsistence seasonal rounds of whitefish (and other non-salmon species) and related activities and observations in Nunapitchuk, Atmautluak, Kasigluk, Napakiak, Napaskiak, and Oscarville. A series of four topic specific gatherings, according to methods described by Fienup-Riordan and Rearden, will be conducted including an initial gathering in Bethel, two sub-regional gatherings, and a final product review gathering in Bethel. Topic specific gatherings will be conducted in Yup'ik (or English if preferred) facilitated by Yup'ik interpreter/translator Marie Meade to allow for more in-depth description of local traditional knowledge (LTK) and to enable the creation of more locally meaningful LTK descriptions. The final product will result in a bilingual ethnographic book describing local knowledge related to historic and contemporary subsistence use of whitefish (and other non-salmon species) and related activities and observations in Nunapitchuk, Atmautluak, Kasigluk, Napakiak, Napaskiak, and Oscarville. This project will be a partnership between AVCP, Marie Meade, Ann Fienup-Riordan and the tundra communities and Tribal Councils. This is a four year project beginning in 2014.

A second proposal, which AVCP is a local co-operator for, has been partially funded by the FRMP for Developing a baseline measure and prescribing monitoring protocol to estimate previously unreported Chinook Salmon harvested by non-local harvesters in the Kuskokwim Delta. This project will help address concerns about salmon, Chinook salmon in particular that is exported out of the Kuskokwim Area. Funding for a one year pilot study was approved to develop a sound method of estimating the subsistence harvest of salmon (including all species, but priority is Chinook) from the Bethel and Aniak areas of the Kuskokwim River Drainage by non-local people to contribute to a complete understanding of the overall harvesting and supply system. The result will not be an estimate of salmon leaving the area but will be a method which we can use to then apply for further funding to obtain and estimate and monitor salmon leaving the Kuskokwim Area. This project is a cooperative project between Alan E. Watson (PI), Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station; Brooke McBride, The University of Montana; Casie Stockdale, Association of Village Council Presidents; and Dan Gillikin, Kuskokwim Native Association. This project will begin in April 2014.

Forestry and Wild Fire Protection

The 2012 field season had Hazardous Fuels Reduction (HFR) projects in two villages: Pilot Station and Sleetmute. In the summer of 2012, we returned to Pilot Station to complete the final phase of a three-year project that ended up fully protecting the entire community from wildfires. The finished product of all of these phases put a 100 foot wide defensible space around the community. During this final phase of the project AVCP employed 6-8 people for a period of 4-5 weeks. While this was the final phase, AVCP will return to Pilot Station in the Fall of 2013 when weather conditions allow for safe burning. At that time, all of the piles from the prior project will be burned and the project will be officially closed. The project is a hallmark because it makes Pilot Station the only community in the Y-K Delta, and probably the State, surrounded by a complete fire protection zone. At its maximum, this project will protect 180 acres.

As for our time in Sleetmute, we returned there in late August, early September of 2012, in order to concentrate on maintaining a previously completed HFR Project. As with all closed HFR projects, AVCP builds in ongoing maintenance and Sleetmute was slated for that this year. While in the village, AVCP expanded on the 2009 project (a protection zone around the dump site) and extended a fire protection line in order to provide greater overall protection to the village. During our time there, AVCP employed 6-8 people and kept them employed for 4-5 weeks. AVCP intends to return to Sleetmute later this year when weather conditions permit for safe burning of piles. The end result of the project has been a 90% protection zone around the village with a total of 60 acres of protection. Both return projects for Sleetmute and Pilot Station will bring more temporary employment. Each return project will necessitate hiring 6-8 people for approximately 2 weeks.

Another project accomplished during the year was continued work on the Forest Management Plan. To date the, 1st draft has been received and will soon be sent to the BIA for approval.

The 2013 field season focused on Kalskag. In June of 2013, AVCP traveled to Kalskag to write a prescription for the HFR project. The project has 2 phases. The first phase will encompass ten acres of a shaded fuel break that is behind the multi-cultural building, as well as houses in the community in Upper Kalskag. The second phase will be an eight acre maintenance of an HFR project that was completed in 2010. This part of the project will involve maintenance utilizing brush mowers and other equipment to keep the shaded fuel break open and clear of new growth. The upcoming project will employ a 6-8 person crew and is expected to last at least 4 weeks. When completed the project is expected to protect a 50 acre area.

Currently, the budget for HFR projects continues to be reduced. While AVCP requested $340,000 for this year's budget, the total budget for the State of Alaska HFR program was only $216,000. Of that, AVCP was able to secure 1/3 of the total funds available for these types of project in the State of Alaska. This large share of the budget came about solely because of AVCP's proven track record in consistently completing more HFR acreage than that which we are given funds

Department of Realty

Gina R. Douville, 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. As always, we remain committed to excellence in providing trust services.

In accordance with the 25 Code of Federal Regulations §1000.350, a trust evaluation of the Department of Realty was conducted by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Office of Trust Review and Audit, during the week of August 19, 2012. The purpose of this evaluation was to ensure that trust assets and resources are managed in accordance with the legal principles and standards governing the performance of trust functions.

The AVCP Indian Trust Evaluation Report No. 12-072T explains that, "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….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…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….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 report did not identify any finding related specifically to trust management by AVCP under the Annual Funding Agreement for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. It concluded that AVCP's overall performance is satisfactory in the administration of trust services.

There was one finding, however, that AVCP does not have a Forest Management Plan (FMP) as required by CFR § 163.11(a). The FMP is necessary to develop, maintain, and enhance the Indian forest land in a perpetual productive state of sustained yield. The AVCP Department of Natural Resources is developing both a FMP and an inventory of forest resources, which will be completed soon.

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 our last report, the following transactions have been completed by AVCP and/or submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for approval: eight (8) gift deeds, three (3) revocable use permits, three (3) negotiated sales, two (2) advertised sales, five (5) subdivisions, and one (1) trespass memorandum of agreement. Presently, there are one hundred eight (108) active transactions.

Probate and Estate Services

The Probate and Estate Services staff are 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). After a formal or informal hearing, a decision is made identifying the new owners of the land.

Since the last report, fifty-three (53) probate packages have been completed and submitted to the BIA, and thirty-eight (38) decisions have been issued by the OHA. Presently, there are sixty-five (65) 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 twenty-six (26) 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

In maintaining working relationships, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) assisted AVCP with the preparation of exhibits for twenty-five (25) lots located in the villages of Tununak, Akiak, and Pilot Station. The exhibits formulated 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.

AVCP Regional Aircraft Maintenance School

Jeff Hoffman, Program Manager

A mandate from the 56 Tribes of the AVCP Region is to provide an opportunity for the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim region and around the State of Alaska to work in the field of aviation.

At AVCP, our organization prides itself on building projects that are models, like our Yuut-Yaqungviat Flight School, the Allanivik Hotel and the Yupiit Piciryarait Museum. These projects meet identified needs of the region.

At the present time, the proposed Airframe & Power Plant Technical School is working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 147 Certification. This is a lengthy process and our management team is diligently working with the FAA Alaska Regional Office. There have been delays, however, we are committed to opening this school with the proper certification that will provide meaningful training and employment opportunities to the economically poorest area of the United States.

The FAA has required that additional teaching apparatuses for the proposed Airframe & Powerplant Technical School be obtained as well as further review of the curriculum by the FAA. That process is underway and we are hopeful for a positive result. Thank you for your patience.

Social Services

Nicholas Hoover, Director

This has been a year of change and challenges in the Social Services department. Late in 2012, the department went into review status of the previous program year. I began working in the department in January 2013 and accepted the Social Services Director position in March 2013. We quickly got to work after a late start in this year's Energy Assistance Program. Two more energy assistance representatives were hired to expedite EAP application processing. We continued implementing the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program while supplementing benefits with funds from the Alaska Affordable Heating Program. This drastically increased the amount of assistance awarded to qualified households.

Energy Assistance: From FY 2013 LIHEAP we received $1,511,254 plus a carryover of $184,166. From AKAHP we received $2,227,580, for a total EAP budget of $3,923,000. With these funds we served 1,818 households with an average of $2,157 per household.

General Assistance: We awarded $1,278 for food, shelter, clothing, and utility needs.

Burial Assistance: We awarded $23,531 for burials.

Burial Donations: We awarded $574 in donations.

Burial and transport costs of our departed remain high. We provide burial assistance to tribal members of compacted villages. Questions have been raised about the State Medical Examiner's Office not paying for full transport of remains back home if families opt for funeral home services and the remains are being transported back to their final resting places in coffins. We confirmed with a State Medical Examiner's office representative that their policy is to only pay for transporting the weight of the deceased's remains from the village to Anchorage, and then back home. Any added weight from an Anchorage area funeral home service and/or a coffin is at the expense of the family. Our Burial Assistance program can help to pay some of these costs.

Donation funds have suffered a big cut this past year with the February closure of the AVCP Treasure Chest gaming operation. Donation funds are now dependent on the 4th of July and Annual Convention raffles, and a percentage of concession sales profit. Because of this cut, we no longer provide food, travel, and fuel donations. We do plan to resume burial donations of $750 to tribal members in the AVCP region.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

John McIntyre, Director

Staff: TANF staff consists of: director, case manager supervisor, 2 eligibility specialist II's, 2 case manager specialists, floating village case manager, data file clerk, Child Support Services Division (CSSD) data entry clerk, administration assistant, 6 eligibility technicians and a case manager/student services coordinator.

The current villages that have TANF case managers and village-based services are: Akiachak, Alakanuk, Bethel, Chevak, Eek, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Kasigluk, Kalskag, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kotlik, Kwethluk, Mtn. Village, Napakiak, Nunapitchuk, Pilot Station, Russian Mission, St. Mary's, Scammon Bay, Tuluksak and Tuntutuliak.

TANF is also working at expanding its services and hiring case managers in the following villages: Akiak, Chefornak, Kwigillingok, Marshall, Napaskiak, Newtok, Quinhagak and Tununak. We are also expanding services to hire a float case manager in Aniak, to serve the villages of Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Napaimute, Crooked Creek, Red Devil, Sleetmute, Stony River, and Lime Village.

Program Description

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

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

TANF is designed to help families with dependent children under the age of 18 or with a child under the age of 19, if they are still enrolled in school as a full time student. TANF also assists pregnant women during their last trimester of pregnancy who have no other children. We provide services to all clients who qualify under the four purposes and primary goals of the program.

Accomplishments

TANF staff worked hard in providing services to clients, and accomplished the following activities in FY 2013:

- Twenty-two tribes were each provided $8,500 to provide elder and youth activities within their community.
- Ten tribes were provided Camp Fire USA water safety & recreational activities for youth.
- Provided incentives to 16 tribes for clean-up, green-up projects for youth throughout the region.
- Provided funding for the 2013 Alaska Youth Academy and brought in 27 students from the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta to Bethel to learn about public safety activities, healthy living and making positive choices.
- Provided funding for the 2013 Alaska Youth Academy and brought 21 students from the coastal areas to Hooper Bay to learn about public safety activities, healthy living and making positive choices.

We are working closely with the ICWA Healthy Families department to help keep children home and to intervene in child protective cases at the tribal level.

Assistance Provided to TANF eligible clients

The TANF program averaged 521 active cases each month from July 2012 thru June 2013 and paid $3,981,837 in cash benefits & $548,944 in supportive services. The following is a breakdown of the total number of families assisted per month and total cash assistance for the fiscal year:

Assistance Provided to TANF Eligible Clients				
	Total Clients	**Total Children**	**Total**	**Number of Families**
2012				
July	1893	1245	$278,267	500
August	1900	1259	$289,711	498
September	1832	1209	$288,982	481
Total	**5625**	**3713**	**$856,960**	**1479**
October	1911	1258	$306,275	503
November	2023	1330	$320,490	529
December	2044	1334	$325,917	540
Total	5978	3922	$952,681	1572
2013				
January	1983	1293	$331,890	528
February	2098	1359	$355,186	566
March	2130	1381	$366,539	578
Total	**6211**	**4033**	**$1,053,615**	**1672**
April	2244	1453	$369,303	603
May	2197	1420	$379,303	590
June	2284	1473	$369,975	611
Total	6725	4346	$1,118,581	1804
FY Total	**24,539**	**16,014**	**$3,981,837**	**6527**

Tribal Justice

April January, Director

The Tribal Justice department had a successful and active year. We held our 5th Annual Regional Tribal Court Conference March 28-29, 2013. This conference focused on healing and diversionary measures, improving tribal/state relationships, and an update on the reauthorized Violence Against Women Act. Tribal representatives who participated in this year's conference included Kasigluk, Kongiganak, Akiachak, Asa'carsarmiut, Kipnuk, Napaskiak, Akiak, Hooper Bay, Quinhagak, and Kwigillingok. The program also brought together, for the first time, the State Department of Law, Judiciary Council, Department of Public Safety, Alaska Legal Services and tribal judges to seek ways to enhance state-tribal relations in the judicial and public safety area.

The Tribal Justice department also conducted formal, on-site rural justice forums through a Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation: Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program grant and Legal Assistance for Victims grant. This is a collaboration between AVCP and Alaska Legal Services. The villages that have participated include Andreafsky, Ohogamiut, Marshall, Russian Mission, Algaaciq, Pitka's Point, Asa'carsarmiut, Chevak, Hooper Bay, and Scammon Bay. The program evaluations have been extremely positive. This initiative is operated under a three-year grant, and so far, forums are already being scheduled for Toksook Bay and Aniak.

A two-day *Bridging the Gap* seminar was held in Mountain Village. This was accomplished through a collaborative effort between AVCP, Alaska Legal Services, and the Alaska Native Justice Center. The focus was to provide methods to diversify tribal judicial systems through diversionary courts and to address specific problems by developing tribal domestic violence codes. Follow-up trainings will occur throughout the next year.

The Tribal Justice department also presented a variety of topics at local and state-wide conferences. Accomplishments and challenges surrounding the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program were presented in Fairbanks at its 33rd Annual Rural Providers Conferences. A programmatic presentation on the services provided by the Tribal Justice department was presented at the 5th Annual Tribal Gathering in Kalskag. We were also honored to be present at Hooper Bay's grand opening of their tribal court building. This event also included training on tribal court basics, Indian Child Welfare Act, and constitutional law.

A Tribal Court Support Group teleconference was held to discuss the findings of a survey designed to gather suggestions on how to best serve our tribes' judicial system needs and to assist tribal judges and tribal court clerks. Suggestions included round-table discussion and trainings through a created listserv (e-mails) to promote dialogue between tribes. Tribal participation included Akiachak, Akiak, Atmautluak, Chevak, Chuathbaluk, Hooper Bay, Kongiganak, Mekoryuk, and Newtok. Tribes interested in joining the listserv may contact April January, at ajanuary@avcp.org

In summary, in spite of sequestration and the impact it has had on our budgets, the Tribal Justice department is seeking ways to best serve our tribes through a variety of innovative and diverse methods and invite suggestions to better assist our tribes.

We also continue to update the regional tribal court directory. As changes occur, please provide that information to Carol Brown, at 800.478.3521 ext: 7305 or cbrown@avcp.org or April January, ext: 7326 or ajanuary@avcp.org

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

- 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 (ATG) programs, and other non-compacting programs on their behalf.
- Provides financial management and reporting support for ATG funds and offers tools to strengthen tribes' self -determination and help build local capacity to guide and manage their own destiny.
- Coordinates training and technical assistance needs as requested for tribal operations areas such as reviewing and amending constitutions and by-laws, preparing and adopting ordinances, holding tribal elections, tribal enrollment, conducting meetings and tribal authority.

Other areas of focus include training and capacity building to help tribal councils and staff to successfully perform their respective roles & responsibilities, such as budget preparation, effective accounting records, procurement practices, and property management.

Tribal Operations

The tribal government assessment is an on-going procedure, and is required for all compacting villages. It is the basis for the recommendation letters and work plans that addresses identified discrepancies on the assessment.

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 Annual Funding Agreement. For FY12/13, those tribes include:

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

Staff: Division Secretary, Virginia Charlie; **Tribal Operations Specialists**, Martha Whitman, Angeline Whitman; **Tribal Accountant**, Hilda Oscar; **Program Support Specialist**, Vacant; **Traveling IT Technician**, Wilson Naneng

The TSD engages in regular interaction with member and compacting villages via phone, fax, email and in person. Communications are assisted by staff familiarity and rapport with tribal council staff and hampered by unreliable phone and fax lines and equipment, slow or no email access, poor weather, high travel costs and harsh traveling weather. Financial management and support functions are seriously hampered by lack of regular, timely, accurate and complete financial reports for both internal operations and compacting villages. Training and technical assistance are handled on an ad-hoc basis and will be strengthened by written procedures, compilation of ready-access resources, training plans and etc.

Staff training and development is still needed in basic AVCP policies and procedures, business communications, training and assessment, organic documents, enrollment, recordkeeping, advanced QuickBooks, FundWare, Federal Regulations, proposal development, and etc.

TSD and AVCP, as a whole, will benefit from more effective organizational development such as: strategic planning, management and leadership development, team building, supervisory development, organizational and employee performance management. We will become more effective and responsive to member villages when program heads, directors and staff achieve a good common understanding of the overall systems in AVCP, including our major functions, departments, processes, teams and individual employees.

Tribal Transportation

Clarence Daniels, Director

Program Purpose

AVCP entered into an agreement with the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) for the assumption of the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP). The success of AVCP Transportation Program is dependent upon pooling and leveraging funds from the TTP with the much larger sources of funding opportunities. 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):

1. Developing and updating long range transportation plans for member villages
2. Developing an AVCP Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
3. Submitting and updating the BIA inventory for the participating tribes
4. All activities associated with planning and designing projects to address transportation and roads needs
5. Construction of projects to standard, either through force accounting or contracting with construction contractors
6. Managing the funds and reporting associated with all of the above

Program Accomplishments

1. Construction projects ongoing and completed in Pilot Station
2. Construction project started in Eek and Scammon Bay
3. Construction ready in Chevak, Alakanuk, Napakiak, and Kongiganak
4. Ongoing design projects in: Oscarville, Hooper Bay, Hamilton, Pitka's Point, and the Ilkivik port and road.
5. Project planning in Platinum and Kipnuk
6. First AVCP transportation consortium meeting planned and held
7. Awarded Federal Lands Access grant for trail marking project between consortium villages
8. Delivered maintenance gravel to Napakiak, Chevak, and Alakanuk

Goals

1. Continue to update LRTP's and 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. Implement the maintenance program
4. Implement the program policies and procedures.
5. Proceed 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. Kuskokwim to Yukon Road – pursue additional funding to complete design
7. Continue to seek, investigate and develop other funding opportunities

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 elimi-

nated by MAP – 21. As a result, it is important to maintain a certain level of funds to supplement the absence of those funding sources in our projects.

We are envisioning a regional board road construction crew. Along with the TANF program and Yuut Elitnaurviat, we arranged a structural construction certification program with a focus in welding, which includes the state welding certification. Nine students completed the training; they were required to pass routine drug screenings during the training. We arranged an additional welder fabrication course where 7 of the 9 students came back to hone their skills building four trailers. They built three enclosed trailers and one heavy-duty flatbed that our program now owns.

Under MAP – 21, we are losing approximately 20% of shares from FY13 to FY14. As long as there is no new highway bill and the amount funded by congress does not decrease, we are going to lose approximately 20% each additional year. This adds up to nearly 80% of our shares. At this rate, it is going to be very challenging to construct projects seeing as all our other construction funding sources have also been eliminated (Denali Commission, HPP, and PLHD).

With the ACCESS grant, we are partnering with the Fish and Wildlife Service to mark the trails between our consortium tribes and construct halfway shelters. We are attempting to combine this with some of the safety program funds that will open their call for projects early in 2014. We submitted three applications to Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) for: Chevak, Alakanuk, and Napakiak.

The draft CFR consultation's presentation of information was disappointing; the federal agencies made it sound like nothing big was going to happen. The tribes were not told that their proposed roads were in jeopardy from being able to generate funds towards their allocation. Everything that had potential impact was buried in the proposed draft and you only knew if you read through page by page. There were tribal representatives present who probably did not know the impact. I feel a better job can be done when conducting consultation.
Again, thanks for your continued support while we continue to investigate ways to develop this department to its maximum potential.

Village Public Safety Officer Program (VPSO)

Alvin B. Jimmie Sr., Director

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 VPSO 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 our 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 crime prevention 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 13 (July 2012 to June 2013). We were allocated 31 VPSO positions for AVCP Region. We had 30 VPSOs for that fiscal year.

Through the assistance of AVCP Housing Authority, 2 - 3 bedroom units will be built in Napaskiak and Napakiak. The funding came from AHFC. We greatly appreciate the assistance of AVCP Housing Authority staff. All governing bodies are entitled to apply for the grant.

The statewide VPSO program lost one of its VPSOs in Manokotak. Thomas O. Madole was shot and killed in the line of duty. From the time of incident, to the time he was laid to rest in peace, honor guards were present with him. We sent our condolence to his immediate family and continue to remember them in our prayers.
Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

AVCP received a State of Alaska FY 2014 Designated Legislative Grant for village public safety buildings which were built in three villages, Russian Mission, Mekoryuk, and Upper Kalskag. Because of the success of the projects, AVCP received funding for two more village public safety buildings. With the left over funding from the State, HIP (Housing Improvement Program) was again authorized to build two additional village public safety buildings. We are planning on building them in Kwigillingok, Tununak, Mt. Village, and Aniak. We would like to extend our appreciation to Sam White and Shayla Brannon for their continued efforts.

Through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant award, we received 17 snow machines, 15 four wheelers, and laptops for all of the VPSOs. We have disbursed them out to villages with VPSOs. They have been very beneficial and useful to the VPSOs. One example is a VPSO received information that someone was heading to one of the villages with alcohol on their person.

The VPSO investigated and seized more than 10 each 750ml bottles of R&R whiskey. Another example of success is a VPSO seized more the 30 each 750ml bottles of alcohol over the winter. One final example of success is VPSO received information of an overdue person on a snow machine. He used his issued snow machine to do a follow up and found the person before he became seriously hypothermic.

This year we prepared for the Kuskokwim River break-up. What used to be called "Yukon-Kuskokwim Disaster Preparation Team" (YKDPT) was officially changed to Regional Readiness Coordination Committee (RRCC). The RRCC plan is to provide a structure in which organizations within the YK Delta can collaborate on planning, communication, information sharing and coordination of activities before, during and after emergencies occurring in the area. The RRCC consists of volunteers from the following organizations in Bethel: AVCP, LKSD, YKHC, AVCP RHA, AK National Guard, City of Bethel, and AST. If you need to utilize this organization or if you need assistance, please call 545-0469.

Goals

For Fiscal Year 2014, our goals are as follows:

1. Assist communities/villages by providing more roving VPSOs within AVCP region to work in villages. (This is dependent on our FY14 TDY budget.)
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 and help support our current VPSOs.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Irma Goodwine, Director

Department Purpose

Vocational Rehabilitation Program's purpose is to provide assistance to individuals with physical or mental disabilities to 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 4th year (of the 5 year grant cycle) and in its14th year of existence. Due to the recent sequestration, the program was initially going to experience a 5% budget cut, but due to the cost of living adjustment, the budget cut was 1.78%. (It will go into effect FY 2013-2014).

On a continual basis, the director and the counselor do outreach through distribution of brochures, presentations, and travel to villages. They 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. The Vocational Rehabilitation Program has been assisting many individuals with disabilities 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, many individuals have found employment, have maintained employment or have been able to provide their families with food. This fiscal year, the program had at least 66 open cases, of which 25 closed; 24 being successful and 1 being unsuccessful. Because Vocational Rehabilitation has well established partnerships in the region, referrals are steadily coming in.

Due to the unfortunate 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. Fortunately, AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation Program continuously works to develop employment opportunities by exploring small business or self-employment opportunities. We have been working with other programs such as AVCP Business Development, TANF, ONC, and YKHC Behavioral Health. Our goal is to propose Economic Development opportunities for the future.

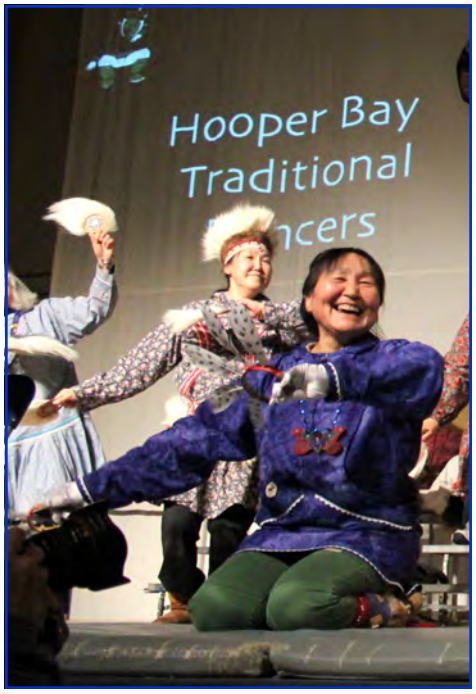
At a statewide level, the AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation Program is a member of the Governor's Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) which focuses on addressing the underserved rural areas so our people with disabilities receive more independent living services from existing Centers for Independent Living. As a result of this membership, a partnership has developed between AVCP and AVCP Regional Housing Authority to address the underserved individuals with housing needs. The director is also a member on the State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee (SVRC) as a liaison between the SILC and SVRC. The director is also a Tribal Veteran's representative, with a goal to recruit as many native/tribal members to enroll in the Veteran's Administration and all the services associated with veterans.

The State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program continue to work together to achieve the best possible assistance for people with disabilities.

On a nationwide level, the director is a member of the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation, Inc. (CANAR). This group deals with issues on a legislative level; changes in House Bill(s) that may affect American Indian/Alaskan Native Vocational Rehabilitation Program regulations.

Presently, AVCP Vocational Rehabilitation Program is working on starting a Lending Closet with the partnership of Assistive Technology of Alaska in Anchorage (ATLA). Having this Lending Closet will allow people to borrow different assistive technology devices, such as pocket talkers, amplifiers, ipads, laptops, itouch, alarm clocks, telephones, and etc. Many different assistive technologies make a huge difference in people's lives in many different ways, as each disability is unique in its own way. If this Lending Closet proves to be successful, the program will look at expanding it so larger equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, etc can be loaned out.

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



Youth Services

Daniel Bill, Director

Youth Services is a new division within AVCP. It is a three year pilot project funded by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to address the suicide problem in the Wade Hampton Census villages of Hooper Bay, Chevak, Scammon Bay and Alakanuk. Funding for the first year is $477,755, and both second and third year each total $475,241. The grand total for the three year project totals $1,428,237. The program director, Daniel Bill, was hired on November 1, 2012. In January 2013, the following Healthy Family Navigators were hired to work in their villages: Shawna Noratak, Chevak; Benjamin Nukusuk, Hooper Bay; and Louisa Walker, Scammon Bay. Agnes Phillip was hired in May 2013 as the Alakanuk Healthy Family Navigator.

Mr. Nukusuk has an agreement to work with local organizations consisting of Elders and Youth Council and AmeriCorps. That staff person meets with adolescents in the evening on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. During this time, the activities include arts and crafts and learning to make working and hunting tools. The youth also listen to presentations from various agencies in the village such as the school and clinic. Mr. Nukusuk has also given presentations to the young people of this group. His primary duties include doing surveys of the youth to help determine whether or not they are depressed or suicidal. If a youth is thought to be depressed or suicidal, they will be encouraged to see a counselor of their choice, this would include the elders. They will also be helped to set up and make it to the appointment. Mr. Nukusuk has also been giving presentations at the school to all the high school students. He has advocated for and obtained support for helping young boys experience their first catch and for the girls to prepare food from the first catch. The village of Hooper Bay prides itself for giving away the season's first catch to community elders and families who do not have a provider.

Louisa Walker has developed a working agreement with the school and the behavioral health aide in Scammon Bay. She has started a youth group for ages 15 to 25 which meets on a weekly basis. The agreement with the school is that the Healthy Family Navigator will be contacted if they encounter a student who does not respond to directives of school staff or who is creating problems for staff and students. Ms. Walker will also be giving questionnaires to young people to determine if they are experiencing depression and/or are suicidal. As does Hooper Bay and Chevak, she takes people on excursions, appropriate for the season, for food gathering. During these outings, she encourages youth to seek counseling by an elder or counselors, if they are having problems. Louisa has also attended ASIST training which is geared toward suicide prevention. She has also attended grantees meeting in Washington, DC and trainings by SAMHSA staff.

Shawna Noratak, of Chevak, has started a Girl Scout program in the village. She also developed Chevak Suicide Prevention on Facebook. This facebook page is being supported by young adults in the village. In its first month, the page had over 300 views by community members. In July, there were another 194 views. The young adult volunteers are contributing to its contents and plan on making it a more positive page. There was other suicide prevention activities held around the Easter and Fourth of July holidays. Shawna has also been talking to community members about the need to have suicide prevention programs. The Chevak school district has expressed interest to be a part of the development of future programs. Other activi-

ties include taking teens and young adults to the tundra to gather seasonal food and during these activities she encourages those in need of someone to talk to, to seek counseling. Miss Noratak also does follow-up on these individuals. She has a working agreement with the behavioral health aide to support each other with activities for young adults and those at-risk.

Agnes Phillip of Alakanuk is continuing the activities once done by Native Aspiration staff. Weekly activities are held for youth between the ages of 5 to 16. Approximately 28 youth and some of their parents have been participating. Village elders participate by teaching traditional Yupik dances. The number of young adults participating in these activities is increasing. Agnes does suicide prevention presentation prior to the activities. Tribal staff members have stated that they are pleased with the continuation and inclusion of these presentations.

Chevak also held a cultural heritage week in which all the junior high school and high school students were taught what to do if they or someone they knew was suicidal. The main point of the training was not to keep it a secret, instead to get help from a trusted adult, counselor, elder or friend. The following week, a similar presentation was given at Hooper Bay High School.

Youth service staff has participated in Rural Cap committee meetings to discuss how young Alaskan adults can be supported to prevent suicide. Representatives and ten young adults from all over Alaska were present. Some of the recommended suggestions included having a gathering place for young adults, elders and other community members so presentations about culture and arts and craft activities could be held. All youth service staff had ASIST training which focuses on how to recognize and intervene when a person is suicidal. Staff members also attended a required meeting of all agencies funded by SAMHSA. During that meeting, additional training on suicide prevention was provided.

Yupiit Piciryarait Museum

Eva Malvich, Director/Curator

Museum Exhibits

Mingqaaqs & Qantaqs: Fall Time is for Collecting Rye Grass and Drift Wood exhibit opened from October, 2012 to December 2013.

Goldmines & Glory: Ludvig Evald Ost, an Exhibit ran from February to April, 2013. It was part of a grant award condition, for a $7500 Donlin Gold LLC award. Included was an inventory of Ludvig Ost collection based in Marshall, and a recommendation for preservation.

Early Bush Pilots of the YK Delta exhibit opened from May to July, 2013. It opened during Bethel's Centennial Flight Celebration in conjunction with the Alaska Air Show Association's state-wide tour of Alaska. The Yuut Yaqungviat Flight School and (soon to be) Regional Aircraft Maintenance School partnered with the Museum in putting this community event together. Free hot dogs were served at the Aircraft Maintenance hanger, courtesy of Northern Air Cargo, a major sponsor for this event. Other sponsors included Swanson's Store, Alaska Air Show Association, Yute Air, Lynden Air Cargo, Ryan Air, Alaska Airlines, Bethel Chamber of Commerce, UAF Kuskokwim Campus, Grant Aviation, Medallion Foundation, Delta Western, US Fish and Wildlife, Native Village of Napaimute, Storyknife. Individual sponsors included Corbin Ford & Crew, Milanna Shear & Crew, Sally Russell & Crew, Bill Ferguson, Cynthia Andrecheck, Susan Taylor, David Charles, Jeff Hoffman, Grant Fairbanks, David Lefner, Mike Hoffman, Minnie Sallison-Fritts, John Angaiak, Harry Faulkner, Sr. family, Gwen Emel family, Paul Dixon family, Dan Winkelman, and Vicki Malone. An evening reception at the cultural center followed, and included guest speakers, a song, movies and free food.

August 2013 – October 2013, the museum exhibit will feature Joseph Shawler's photography. The museum's private collection will be exhibited as well, to compliment Mr. Shawler's work.

During the 2013 AVCP annual convention, the museum will host an evening reception following the Economic Development Summit on Monday, October 7th, 2013.

From November 2013 – January 2014, the Kuskokwim 300's, 35th anniversary will be celebrated at the museum by exhibiting the history of this world-class dog race event.

March 2014 – May 2014 Drew Michael's Aggravated Organisms exhibit will be in Bethel to coincide with the Camai dance festival.

June 2014 – August 2014, Katie Baldwin Basile will exhibit her collection of pictures, documents, and other objects relating to the Moravian Church Children's Home near Kwethluk, Alaska.

October 2014 the organization will celebrate AVCP's 50th year anniversary, along with an exhibit on the organization's history (October – December 2014).

Donations

The museum received $8500 in cash, food donations, discounts and door prizes for the *Early Bush Pilots* exhibit.

An anonymous donor gave the museum walrus ivory carvings which included belt buckles, figurines, necklaces and scrimshaw.

Vicki Malone donated 4 cubic feet of pictures of the YK Delta circa 1970's to 1990's, as well as a mannequin made in the likeness of Maggie Lind, a well known Yup'ik Eskimo from the Bethel area.

The family of the late Paul Dixon donated a kayak, freight sled, ivory-tipped harpoon, paper records and cassette tapes to the museum. Also included were original documents relating to the incorporation of AVCP, board meeting minutes,

and resolutions going back to the early 1960s.

Susan Taylor, Mike Stevens, and Grant Fairbanks donated objects relating to the *Bush Pilot* exhibit. Objects included posters, a model airplane and a CB receiver used by Tillie Christiansen to communicate between Bethel and the pilots flying the area prior to the establishment of the FAA tower.

The First National Bank of Alaska donated $10,000 to the museum on August 23, 2013.

The David Lodge family is donating a bird skin parka (Ca. 1867) and a model kayak to the museum.

The John Datu Samuelson family is donating paper documents relating to Datu's businesses in the area to the museum.

The State of Alaska is donating a Bering Sea kayak (Circulated 1938) that was given to the State by the late John Heath. It will be a welcome addition to our collection.

Updates

Jeff Schultz, a well-known professional photographer, was in Bethel, August 9 and 10, 2013 to take pictures of the museum, staff, and objects for an upcoming report on the 150th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia project. His pictures will accommodate Kathleen McCoy's report on the YK region. She was in Bethel in May, 2013, to speak to individuals on the region's vision of the museum in the next few decades. The report should be out in 2014 with recommendations to the State on how to allocate funds for this milestone in Alaska's history.

Jayson Smart, with the Rasmuson Foundation, coordinated a trip to Bethel with four individuals from the east coast who are program officers with several large philanthropic organizations. On Tuesday, July 16, 2013, the museum hosted a face-to-face meeting between several area artists, Maurine Knighton, Sr. Vice President, Nathan Cummings Foundation; Regina Smith, Sr. Program Officer, Kresge Foundation; Roberta Uno, Sr. Program Officer, Ford Foundation; and San San Wong, Sr, Program Officer, Barr Foundation. The purpose of this meeting was a learning session on the needs and challenges that artists in the area face, including access to supplies, adequate working space, and marketing challenges.

Museum Staffing

Miranda Trantham joined the museum as Museum Coordinator in March 2013.

Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC

John G. Amik, Program Manager

Mission Statement

Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC is dedicated to training skilled and competent professional pilots utilizing the highest safety and ethical standards. Yuut Yaqungviat will provide local training opportunities designed to meet industry specific employment needs.

Yuut Yaqungviat, LLC was established by AVCP in April 2003 and went into full operation as a flight school in January 2004. AVCP's flight training program has graduated 25 commercial pilots since the AVCP flight training program started, 19 since Yuut Yaqungviat took over the training program in 2004, and 53 private pilot certificates.

Yuut Yaqungviat applied for and received an FAA Air Agency Certificate to operate as an FAR part 141 provisional school. This means that a student can obtain a private pilot certificate with a minimum of 35 hours, an instrument rating with 35 hours of simulated instrument training, and a total of 190 hours to be eligible for a commercial pilot certificate.

In February 2012, Yuut Yaqungviat applied for and received an approval from the Veteran's Administration to be able to service veterans under the GI Bill for the instrument rating and commercial pilot training. We have 1 veteran who has applied for training and will start soon to work towards a commercial pilot certificate.

In August 2013, Yuut Yaqungviat applied for and received approval from the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) to be able to provide training to students who apply for the Alaska Supplemental Education Loan to help them pay for the instrument rating and commercial pilot courses.

Yuut Yaqungviat applied for a 501 c 3 non-profit status from the IRS and we are very confident that the flight school will receive this status within the next year.

Yuut Yaqungviat is presently working with the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) to apply for accreditation as a vocational school with the U.S. Department of Education. ACCSC approved part 1 of the Initial Accreditation Application on July 18, 2013. Part 2 of the Initial Accreditation Application is due on January 21, 2014 and will be submitted before the deadline.

Yuut Yaqungviat will apply to be included as a recipient in the Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) with the State of Alaska Legislature which will help to fund the operating cost needs of the flight school if it is approved. The upcoming legislative session will consider the authorization for the program for July 1, 2014.

In 2012, Yuut Yaqungviat graduated 5 local residents with commercial pilot certificates and all of them are now flying as first officers in the caravan for Era Aviation. This year we have graduated 2 commercial pilots. One of them is already flying as a first officer with Era. Travis Gloko, Manokotak who just graduated on August 29, 2013 is waiting for the next Era ground school. We hope to graduate 2 more commercial pilots before the end of the year for a total of 4 for the year.

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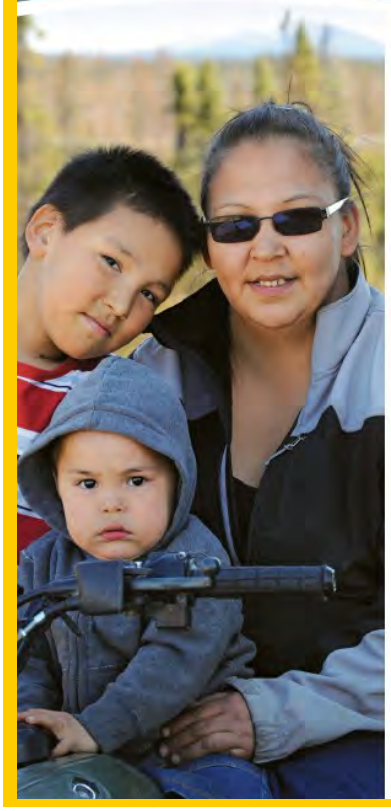

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