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AVCP Natural Resources Strategic Planning Session

Protecting the natural resources Yup'ik people depend on is one of AVCP's primary priorities. Many of those efforts are led by the AVCP natural resources team led by Jennifer Hooper.

In late April, members of the AVCP leadership team spend two full days examining how our organization manages natural resources for the betterment of us all. The sessions allowed staff time to evaluate workflows, examine new opportunities for AVCP to increase our natural resources and subsistence advocacy efforts. Time was well spent listening and learning, prioritizing the region's natural resources needs for both now and into the future.

Vivian Korthuis: "The natural resource strategic planning session was extremely informative and useful on many levels. I am proud of the team's commitment to doing everything in our power to serve as good stewards of the environment which provides for our people. Our subsistence way of life is who we are—protecting our natural resources is fundamentally important to AVCP."



The meeting identified all the federal, state, and regional organizations AVCP partnership within the Y-K Delta and throughout Alaska.

The group spent a good deal of time discussing the pending salmon crisis and subsistence issues. 98-percent of households in our region fish for salmon and 70 percent harvest game each year.

Jennifer Hooper: “I came away from this strategic session with a renewed sense of excitement for the work AVCP does. I know the initiatives we are working on and those new initiatives we are considering will benefit our region. As the leader of AVCP’s natural resources team, I am committed to open communication with the people in our region-from village to village the AVCP natural resources efforts will be known.”

The strategic planning session was a part of AVCP’s commitment to excellence both in the short and long term.



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AVCP is a regional nonprofit tribal consortium comprised of the 56 federally recognized tribes of the YK Delta. The geographic boundaries of AVCP extend from the Yukon River Village of Russian Mission downstream to the Bering Sea coast, north up through Kotlik and south along the coastline to Platinum and then extending up the Kuskokwim River to Stony River, including Lime Village on the Stony River tributary. The area encompasses approximately 6.5 million acres, or 55,000 square miles, in Western Alaska.