

Gathering 2003: *Preparing for Our Future*

Welcome!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRC), we welcome you to the 5th Annual Gathering. Since we held the first Gathering in March 1999, 10 years after the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill, Tribes have taken tremendous strides in natural resource stewardship and capacity building in the Chugach Region. This year's Gathering will focus on some of the important issues surrounding the protection of our environment and subsistence resources as we prepare for our future.

To assist us in "Preparing for our Future," the Gathering Planning Committee has formulated an agenda to discuss:

- The relationship between the State of Alaska and the Tribes in regards to Tribal natural resource management
- The Tribal natural resource plans and planning process, including GIS mapping and community based research and monitoring

We believe that these issues are timely and vital to the future of our culture, traditional lifestyle, and integral to the preservation, protection, and healthy existence of the environment and subsistence resources upon which we all depend.

As in the past, the main purpose of this Gathering is to celebrate our culture with friends and family through our Native foods, dancing, making new friends, and renewing old acquaintances.

We thank you for joining us and we hope that your time spent with us is enjoyable and filled with laughter.

Patrick Norman, Chairman
Chugach Regional Resources Commission



Schedule of Events

1:00 Welcome Patrick Norman, Chairman, CRRC

Invocation Father Michael Oleksa, St. Innocent Orthodox
Cathedral (invited)

Recognition of Elders tba

Welcome Dance - Tatitlek Dancers

Keynote Address Father Michael Oleksa (invited)

Kuc ka laq Alutiiq Dancers (Chenega)

Presentation: Relationship between the State of Alaska and
Tribal Gov'ts. as it Relates to Subsistence &
Natural Resource Management

Valdez Dance Group

Panel Discussion: Planning for our Future

Moderator: tba

Speakers: Tribal Natural Resource Plans –*Gary Kompkoff*,
Chief, Native Village of Tatitlek

GIS Mapping - *GeoNorth Representative*

Community Based Research and Monitoring - tba

Tribal Traditional Natural Resource Mgmt.

Curriculum - *Patty Brown-Schwalenberg*,

CRRC Executive Director

Eyak Dancers

6:30 Traditional Foods Potluck

8:00 Nanwalek Seal Dancers and Immersion Group Performance
Candle Light Vigil

8:30 Dance – Music provided by English Bay Band
(breaks provided by the Moccasin Stompers)

11:30 Closing Remarks and Clean-Up (Volunteers are welcome to help)

The Chugach Regional Resources Commission would like to thank the following sponsors of the Gathering 2003 and recognize and commend the following individuals who diligently served on the Planning Committee of this Memorial Gathering, dedicating a tremendous amount of time and talent to ensure a day that we will all remember.

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And any others who took their time to help during the day of the Gathering!

Thank you!!!

