



Chugach Regional Resources Commission presents

April 8,9,10, 2024 – Afognak Center, 300 Alimaq Drive, Kodiak, Alaska

Elders

Sally Carlo

Suzy Malutin

Pete Kompkoff

Mary Kiever

Sally Ash

Guest Speakers

Naomi Palosaari - Attorney

Orville Lind – Tribal Liaison Office of Subsistence Management

Molly Odell – Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository

Sperry Ash - Traditional Knowledge bearer/educator

Teaching Mentors

Michael Opheim – Tribal Fish and Wildlife Liaison -Chugach Regional Resources Commission – Native Village of Ouzinkie Tribal member

Jen Kiokun – Environment Coordinator - Chugach Regional Resources Commission – Native Village of Mekoryuk Tribal member

Dehrich Schmidt-Chya – Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository – Sun’aq Tribal member

Dustin Carl – Tribal Wildlife Biologist CRRC – Native Village of Kipnuk Tribal member



MONDAY (8:30am – noon) Afognak Center

9:00 WELCOME

- Opening prayer – Sperry Ash – Sally Ash prayer
- Lighting of the seal oil lamp (provide by AMAR) – Pete Kompkoff
- Welcome of Elders, Mentors and Speakers– Carol Conant
- Welcome to Koniag Lands –Tribal Representative, recognize Sunaq Tribe, Afognak Corp., KANA, KALI
- Introduce each Elder and their personal bios (PowerPoint – CANP Kodiak 2024 Welcome)
- Moment of Silence for Alaska Native Leaders – Father Michael Oleska & Elders of the Region
- Introduction and Purpose of the Collective Alaska Native Perspectives – Carol Conant
- Class Introduction –Housekeeping/Logistics, Introduce Instructor Mentors, Overview of the week, and learning materials –Carol Conant

10:00 **ALASKA NATIVE INTRODUCTIONS** – co-lead by mentors: Mentors will model the Alaska Native way of introducing yourself/parents/grandparents and the community you are from. Please include your partner/children(nieces/nephews), pets and something you enjoy. Once mentors have introduced themselves the participants will practice introducing themselves. Whole class activity. Find a partner and introduce yourself in the Alaska Native way

11:00 **KODIAK PREHISTORY** – Dehrich Schmidt-Chya – Living Culture Manager Alutiiq Museum & Archaeology Repository
Kodiak Alutiiq/Sugpiaq Cultural Orientation – The Alutiiq/Sugpiaq people have lived on Kodiak Island for 7,500 years. Our culture has adapted over time due to environmental and political changes. Learn about the history of the Alutiiq people on Kodiak Island in a one-hour presentation by Dehrich Isuwiq Chya, Alutiiq Language and Living Culture Manager at the Alutiiq Museum.

LUNCH (noon – 1:00pm) (On Your Own for participants)

Lunch provided for Elders, mentors & speakers: this is optional – use of Afognak Center kitchen



MONDAY (1:00pm-5:00pm) Afognak Center

1:00 **PREHISTORY & INDIGENOUS ARCHEOLOGY IN THE KODIAK ARCHEPELGO** –Molly Odell – Archaeologist Alutiiq Museum & Archaeology Repository

This presentation will discuss the origins of the Kodiak people in relation to other Alaska Native groups, especially other Alutiiq people, and the settlement of the Kodiak region.

2:00 **(Break)**

2:15 **ELDERS' MOMENT & OPEN DISCUSSION**

2:30 **SUBSISTENCE AND ALASKA NATIVE WAYS OF LIFE** – Dustin Carl – CRRC – Tribal Wildlife Biologist

Subsistence is more respectfully known by Indigenous peoples as the customary and traditional way of life. It is a living to provide food for family and community and follows the seasonal animal cycles under strict rules learned by ancestors and passed orally through the generations. Living this way is a necessity both for sustenance and for spiritual and cultural reasons. This presentation will discuss the way of life for generations of Alaskans and protecting and perpetuating this way of life for all people.

ELDERS' MOMENT & OPEN DISCUSSION

4:00 **OPTIONAL: Meet with an Elder or work on an Alaska Native Craft**

1. *Beading Salmon Leather* led by Carol Conant who will share the Alaska Native art of beadwork and salmon leather sewing
2. *Kakangaq Alutiiq Disc Game* led by Dehrich Schmidt-Chyg who will teach students how to play Kakangaq, an Alutiiq disc-tossing game. Players take turns throwing discs at a target placed on a seal skin. Players kneel on the floor, as if sitting in a kayak.
3. *One on one time with any one of the Elders*

Family members are welcome to participate in this portion of the training!



TUESDAY (8:30am - noon) Afognak Center

9:00 MORNING PRAYER & SEAL OIL LAMP LIGHTING

9:15 AMERICAN LAWS AND ALASKA NATIVES – Naomi Palosaari

What are the laws that impact Alaska Native Peoples; and how do we implement them while ensuring respect is given to Alaska Native Peoples?

Working with Tribes in Alaska can only be effective if you know and understand the impact federal and state laws have had on every aspect of the lives of Alaska Native peoples. Naomi will walk you through the history of western contact with Alaska Native Tribes, the laws that have impacted them, and will introduce the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). This course will explore these acts and provide critical perspectives on how to improve working relations with Alaska Native partners and neighbors.

11:00 (Break) ELDER INTERACTION - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT AMERICAN LAWS AND ALASKA NATIVES

11:15 ALASKA'S NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS – Pannel Discussion: Michael Opheim, Carol Conant
Federally Recognized Tribes, ANCSA Corporations, Regional Native Non-Profits, Commissions and Co-Management Councils, and other Alaska Native Organizations

What is the difference between a Village, a Tribal Government, a City Government, an Alaska Native Corporation, and a Regional Native Non-Profit? What are the statewide Alaska Native Organizations that I should be aware of? Which government or organization should be informed about or involved in my project? This class will give the learner an introduction to Alaska's organizational and political entities and provide guidance for interaction with them.

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TUESDAY (1:00pm – 5:00pm) Afognak Center

1:30 CO-STEWARDSHIP & COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT – Orville Lind

Learn about the terms “co-stewardship” and “collaborative management” in policy and in practice. Learn the ways in which Tribes and Alaska Native Organizations, and Alaska Native Corporations desire to partner with the federal agencies, and the tools with which we have opportunities to do so. Hear from Alaska Native leaders’ experiences of partnering on management efforts in Alaska and the do’s and don’ts for a successful relationship. This presentation will focus on land and wildlife management.

2:30 (Break)

2:45 WORKING WITH TRIBES – Effective Tools for Collaboration – Round Table Discussion – Pete Kompkoff, Michael Opheim & Orville Lind

Guide for all participants to strengthen relationships with Alaska Native peoples and our rural partners with an outcome of respect, trust, and friendship. Village Protocol is a village setting of what to expect in everyday rural life in small communities of Alaska. When I visit a village for the first time, what should I do? Where should I stay? Where do I get food? What if someone offers me Native food or asks me to take a steam with them? What else should I know? When you are preparing for a village visit, showing respect, early contacts and first impression is a key to successful relationships and partnerships.

3:45 ELDER INTERACTION – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT WORKING WITH TRIBES (small groups) – *Discuss with Elders Indigenous Knowledge and collaborative relationships.*

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9:00 **MORNING PRAYER & SEAL OIL LAMP LIGHTING** – Nanwalek Elder Sally Ash & Sperry Ash

9:15 **APPLIED TEK AND INDIGENOUS LED SCIENCE** – Sperry Ash

Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and is used to describe the knowledge held by Indigenous cultures about their immediate environment and the cultural practices that build on that knowledge. TEK includes an intimate and detailed knowledge of plants, animals, and natural phenomena; the development and use of appropriate technologies for hunting, fishing, trapping, agriculture, and forestry; and a holistic knowledge, or “world view” that parallels the scientific discipline of ecology.

10:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION TEK & CO-STEWARDSHIP** – Sperry Ash, Sally Ash, Dehrich Schmidt-Chya & Orville Lind

11:00 **ELDER INTERACTION – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE (small groups)** – *Discuss with Elders Indigenous Knowledge and collaborative relationships.*

12:00 **(BREAK for participants) PREPARATION FOR TRADITIONAL MEAL AND CELEBRATION**

WEDNESDAY (1:00pm – 5:00pm) Afognak Center

1:00 **AFTERNOON GREETING AND BLESSING FROM ELDER** –

1:15 **TRADITIONAL FOODS SAMPLING/ POTLUCK AND CELEBRATION** – Lunch

Everyone is welcome to bring family food or dish that is culturally significant. This is an invitation, if you bring a dish to sample, please label with name and ingredients. This lunch will be catered in addition to the traditional food samples.

2:00 **KODIAK ALUTIIQ DANCERS** – Stevi Fretts, dance lead

INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT/Evaluations - Write down something you will be responsible for focusing on in regard to healing and relationship building



4:00 **CLOSING PRAYER & CLOSING CIRCLE –**

Importance of the Talking Circle -

Participants reflect on their biggest learning moment or something they'll do differently in their daily work/life – Share what you wrote down, plus ONE WORD that describes your experience with the training this week

SUBMIT EVALUATIONS AND ADJOURN

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