



Traditional Tribal Council
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Calendars & Events

November 10, 2018

-PLTTC Regular Meeting

November 12, 2018

-Office Closed in observance of
Veteran's Day

November 22-23, 2018

-Thanksgiving Holiday—
Office Closed

December 25, 2018

-Christmas Day—Office Closed

January 1, 2019

-New Year's Day—Office Closed

January 7, 2019

-Russian Christmas—Office Closed

January 12, 2019

-PLTTC Regular Meeting

January 21, 2019

-Martin Luther King Jr. Day—
Office Closed

TRIBAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

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NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement
To foster cultural pride, self-determination, cultural traditions and socioeconomic
wellbeing for our tribal members and community.

President's Report

Cama'i Fellow Tribal Members,

How fast time is going, and soon winter will be upon us. We hope you are all doing well and beating the cold/flu season.

As you all know, our annual meeting was September 15th. We welcome newly elected, LaToya Hartley and Susan Boskofsky to the Council. The officers elected were as follows: Nancy Nelson, President; Lester Lukin, Vice President, and LaToya Hartley, Secretary. The Finance committee members are Raymond May, Margie Bezona, and Susan Boskofsky. Lester Lukin and I remain on the Economic Development Committee. The Economic Development Committee works with the Native Village of Afognak and the Afognak Native Corporation.

We would like to give Denise May a heartfelt "Quyanaa" for her years of service and dedication to our Tribe and Community. Denise brought years of Tribal experience to the Council and fought many battles for the betterment of our community. Thank you, Denise! We deeply appreciate you.

During the Annual meeting, we received comment cards from members. In response to these comments; NVPL has become a member of the Tribal Administrators Association and our Tribal Administrator will be attending trainings to further enhance her skills. Also, Congratulations to Yvonne! She was elected to the Kodiak Area Native Association Board on October 13th. As your representative to KANA, she is easily accessible at the Tribal Office and willing to listen to any community health and wellbeing concerns you may have. Regarding the comment about Council Members that do not currently live in Port Lions; prior to this year no members currently residing in the community were interested in serving. Let me assure you that each Council Member, who you have elected, has Port Lions in their best interest and serve because they truly care. We represent you at our council meetings, but also work hard outside of those meeting for Port Lions.

Your Council members represent you at fisheries meetings, attend government to government consultations, and represent you at Regional, State, and National levels. We continue to work in areas of improving educational opportunities for our youth, and are involved with Suna'q Tribe for Tribal Courts. We continue to work on broadband service and improved cell and internet service, and we are always looking for economic opportunities for our community. The Council brings an array of valuable skills which will help move the Tribe forward—from years of experience with non-profit organizations to profit organizations, web design, social services, supervisory, fisheries, and financial and investment experience. We are aware of challenges in our community through reports at our regular meetings and from Tribal Members participation.

Regarding comments received on employee turnover, according to our policies we do not discuss personnel matters. As for tribal job openings, we plan to begin advertising outside of the Community should we be unable to fill the positions locally. Perhaps there is another family with children that would to move to Port Lions and that would increase our school student enrollment. We are in the process of contracting our finance duties to an outside finance consultant agency. We will still need a part time person to work with the agency. This contractual agreement will be temporary until we can employ a trained person for the position.

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Tribal Family Services

Title VI Meals Program

The program offers meal delivery and pickups three times a week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) to seniors 55 years of age and older. Pick up time is 2:30PM and deliveries begin at the same time. If you do not qualify for the program, you may call before 10AM to order meals for \$12.00 per meal, dependent on food availability and with the understanding that qualifying seniors take priority. We currently serve an average of 20 meals daily during the winter months and participation increases during the summer months.

Lunch Bucket

We are in the process of revamping the Lunch Bucket services. We will keep you posted on the updated schedule and menu with newly added healthy choices!

Committees, Employees & Grants

Annual Meeting Committee

Denise May, Council Member
Margie Bezona, Council Member
Donald Kewan Jr., Council Member

Finance Committee

Raymond May, Council Member
Margie Bezona, Council Member
Nancy Nelson, Council Member

Personnel Committee

Katrina Gundersen, Council Member
Margie Bezona, Council Member
Lester Lukin, Council Member

Indian Child Welfare Board

Marilyn Wagner, Chairman
Julie Kaiser, Vice-Chair
Susan Boskofsky, Tribal Member
Elizabeth Pennington, Tribal Member

Scholarship Emissary

Katrina Gundersen, Council Member

Economic Development Emissary

Lester Lukin Jr., Council Member
Nancy Nelson, Council Member
Yvonne Mullan, Administrator

Fisheries Emissary

Denise May, Community Member
Ray May, Community Member
Kathryn Adkins, Community Member
Kevin Adkins, Community Member
Marvin Nelson, At Large

Kizhuyak Oil Sales Inc., Interim Board

Wayne Lukin, Chairman
Daryl Griggs, Tribal Member
Eileen Griggs, Tribal Member
(VACANT - two seats)

Grants

Cama'i Members,

The Native Village of Port Lions continues to seek and apply for additional grants/contracts to aid our current programs, add new, and renovate our Tribal Building. In 2018 we have been awarded over \$300,000 additional funds that include: One-time funding for Tribal Courts, Roles and Responsibilities training for Council and Staff, Recyclable Shed electrical hook-up, Tribal Library support, Port Lions Farm personnel wages, Tribal Building renovations and Tribal Operations.

As we were waiting to hear if we had been awarded unmet needs funding from the BIA for continuation of the Port Lions Farm and coming off of the Administration of Native Americans grant, Afognak Native Corporation graciously made a \$5,000 donation to bridge the funding gap. Quyanaa, Afognak Native Corporation we greatly appreciate your continued support!

Lastly, as we worked to prepare for the future of education for students with our school enrollment continually declining, the Tribe took a risk and applied for federal funds to deploy fiber optics to the community. Though we were unsuccessful in receiving bids for that project, we were successful in receiving the E-Rate Discount for Schools and Libraries by getting our Tribal Library State certified. The Port Lions Tribal Library now offers increased bandwidth that allows for live streaming with limited interruption to support those who home school and take on-line classes. The Tribal Library is open to the public during regular business hours and from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM is staffed with a Tribal Librarian to provide assistance.

Yvonne Mullan, Tribal Administrator

Employees

Yvonne, Mullan, Tribal Administrator
Amanda Holden, Administrative Assistant
(Vacant), Bookkeeper
Charlea Kewan-Bartleson, Family Services Coordinator
Kareasa McElwain, Family Services Assistant
Michael Holden, Environmental Specialist
Brianna Wise, Environmental Assistant
Marvin Bartleson Jr., Agriculture Technician 1
Alvin Mullan, Transportation Coordinator/Operator
(Vacant), State Road Maintenance Operator
Lester Lukin Sr., Transportation Assistant
Lisa Squartsoff, Senior Meals Cook
Lorean Bircher, Food Services Assistant
Jay Kaiser, Custodian/Maintenance

Agriculture Department

Hello All!

As winter approaches, many things need to be done at the farm. In addition to the huge amount of work from our business plan, we also have to winterize for the coming months. One of the tents donated by NVA is currently being erected next to the garage, and will provide dry winter storage. This tent will also be used as a poultry production area, and in the summer as a produce cleaning and production site. We are also looking into an egg cleaning station as well. We can produce hot water with the large crab cooker and stock pot we use for scalding birds. This would eliminate transporting the eggs for cleaning and save time.

Our poultry are doing well. Egg sales are brisk as usual. Our business plan calls for ending turkey production and converting all our efforts to expanding chicken egg production. We have been converting turkey coops and runs to prepare them for winter and for chickens to live in. The last of our turkeys will be gone at Thanksgiving time. There are 10 turkeys available this year, and we are setting up a lottery system to sell them locally. Instead of buying chicks, we are currently incubating chicken eggs at the farm. 2 separate batches will be incubated, one after the other, with 40 eggs per batch. A third batch will be done at the school with the kids this winter. 120 more chickens might seem like a lot, but not all the eggs will hatch out, and many of those that do will be roosters and will need to be culled from the flock. At the end of our ANA grant, there was money left to provide for a year supply of feed and chick starter feed, and cover the shipping to get it here. We also ordered 10 bales of hay, 4 flock blocks, and Diatomaceous earth for the coop floors. From Hen Gear we received 2 new laying boxes and another 20-gallon anti-freeze up water circulation system for the second chicken coop.

The end of the ANA grant funds also provided many other items for the farm! For the seed shack we ordered insulation, sub-floor, and interior plywood for the walls and ceiling. For the garage we ordered insulation, interior plywood for the walls and ceiling, all needed electrical items to finish the garage, and a brand new Toyostove to heat these two buildings with! 3 full rolls of spare greenhouse plastic covering and 3 rolls of perforated row cover were received. 4 boxes of Grace water shield and 6 rolls of tar paper along with a case of t-50 staples, 2 cases of nails, and several boxes of various length construction screws are on hand. 20 bags of high-quality soil, 6 large bags of vermiculite, several bags of perlite, 4 new box fans, 5 portable water hoses with 2 nozzles, 3 sprinklers, a 30-inch bed rake, and all the drip irrigation supplies and fittings for the entire farm are on hand. All the seeds for next year, as well as our seed potatoes and garlic cloves for planting are on site. A large amount of marketing equipment was purchased, and has proven to be very helpful and efficient at our farmers markets! A real nice produce scale that is digital and will interface with a computer, a produce bag dispenser with extra bags, a bag sealing device, labels, tags, and sharpies have made our markets more organized and enjoyable for our customers. 1000 extra egg cartons and a lettuce and microgreens harvesting machine were also ordered and are stored at the farm. Many smaller items were included, and the shipping charges were all paid for! Many Thanks' go to ANA for the great help!!

Most of our crops are done for the season, and the high tunnels are being cleaned and prepared for next season. We do have potatoes available still. Garlic cloves are planted and we have a large group of onions going in the seed shack. As soon as the onion bed is ready, they will go in and get mulched for the winter. Our fruit trees are winterized in high tunnel #1. High tunnel #2 is ready for plastic cover on the end walls. All the soil from the mound was delivered to the farm, and is ready for sifting.

The work will continue all winter. As the weather gets colder, we will shift gears and work on things that can be done inside, like insulating, flooring, installing interior plywood, wiring the garage, and working inside the hoop houses. Thank-you!

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin L. Bartleson Jr., Agriculture Technician for Port Lions Farm

Environmental Department

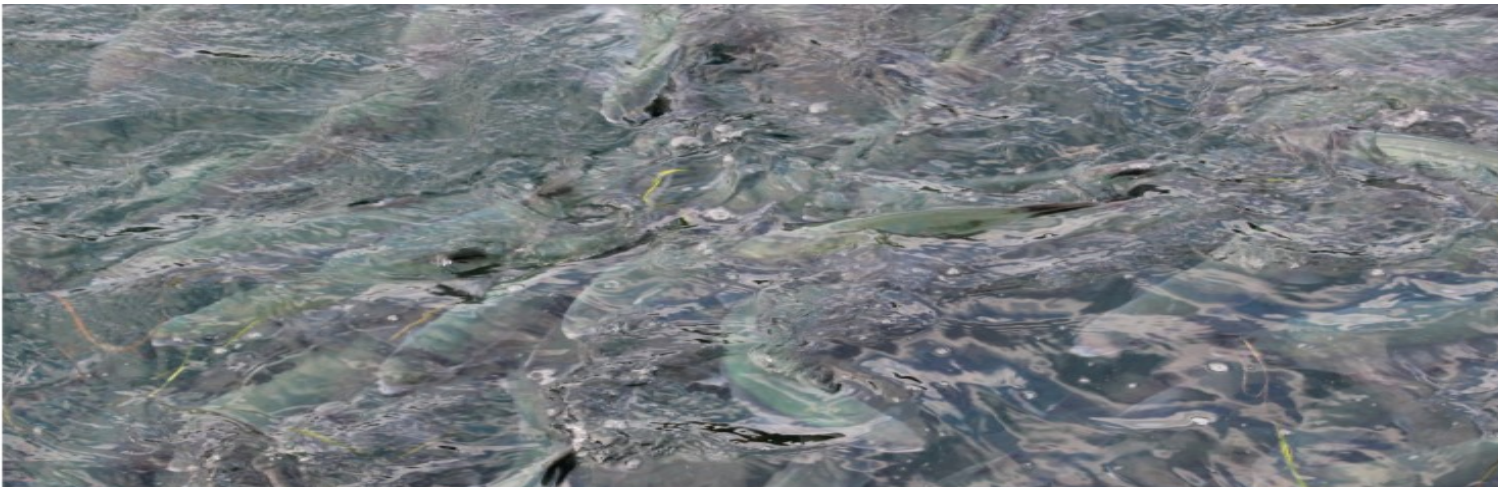


Photo from the 2017 KRAA Annual Report

Greeting to all,

This is the beginning of the new fiscal year I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The environmental department will soon be testing the ocean water to see what changes are happening in terms of Ocean Acidification. I will be participating in an ocean acidification training in Kodiak with Stephanie Mason sometime soon, the environmental coordinator for KANA, who is putting it together. I think it's important to know what is changing in ocean for subsistence fishing.

Also I having been working with Trent Dodson that works for Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association. I have been in coordination for the middle and high schoolers to go with me to Kodiak and visit the Pillar Creek Hatchery where we will have the opportunity to fertilize silver salmon eggs to bring back and incubate them at the school. I am excited that we will be releasing the salmon fry into the lake so that they can return for harvesting.

In September, I attended a solid waste management and the business of trash training and have been working with the City to give them the information I learn for the betterment of the landfill. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer for the Oil Spill Response Team let me know we would love to have more participation. If anybody has any questions about what we accept for recycling or would like to be added to the recycle pick up list please call me at the Native Village of Port Lions @ 907-454-2234.

Environmental Specialist,

Michael Holden



President’s Report cont.

As for the comment on trying to get water for the farm directly from the river when the water donation from the City expires, our Administrator and Farm Technician will research using water from the river. We agree that it most likely is better for the plants.

A special thank you to the Afognak Native Corporation for sponsoring the Annual Golf Tournament that benefits our youth programs. The contribution from this tournament continues to grow each year and helps fund our youth tribal members to join sports activities, summer camp programs, educational opportunities, and participate in cultural activities. Our youth scholarship program is open to all our young membership up to age 24. Soon we will be working with KONIAG Education Foundation to offer another scholarship opportunity for high school graduates to further their education—may it be college or a trade school. We encourage all our membership to apply. We also designate some of our housing funds (NAHASDA) for youth activities for those living in Port Lions.

We received some temporary funding from Afognak Native Corporation to keep the Port Lions Farm Program in operation after the grant ended in September. Thank you, Afognak Native Corporation. In October, we secured another form of funding for another year. A business plan was developed for the farm and our hope is to generate enough income from sales to sustain it year to year. How great it is to have local grown fresh vegetables and fresh chicken eggs!

During our recent Economic Development meeting on October 17th, we were informed we did not receive the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant that we applied for; however, this will not hinder the committee from continuing to look for economic development opportunities for our communities. This was the second time the committee applied for the grant and it appeared we were in the running with the grant application, so it was a bit disappointing. Federal grants are getting more competitive, and harder to get, but we continue to watch for opportunities.

Afognak Native Corporation is renting two newly renovated offices in our Tribal Building. The offices look great and the shareholders now have easier access to Shareholder and Lands Security information. Thank you, Afognak, for providing employment in Port Lions.

The Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association (KRAA) will be holding a Community gathering in Port Lions hopefully in early November. Planting of salmon fry in Cresent Lake will be a topic of discussion. We hope you will all participate in the discussion as it does make a difference for subsistence in our community.

We want to thank you for your comments and encourage you to attend our Council Meetings, write to us, drop by the office, or call any of us with suggestions you may have to benefit our beautiful community.

We may not have another opportunity before the holidays, so we wish you all a wonderful winter, a delightful holiday season, and blessed New Year.

Best Regards,
Nancy Nelson

Membership Corner

To update your contact information please call our office (907) 454-2234 or email familyservices@portlionstribes.org.

Members, if you would like to feature your new bundle of joy in our newsletter please email a picture and message to familyservices@portlionstribes.org. Thank you!

Community Values

- Humor and Faith
- Strong infrastructure and resources
- Good strong working relationships
- Improved local education, jobs, training programs and economic opportunities
- Maintain good health
- Community caring, trust, and respect
- Maintain rural status and accessibility
- Beautiful, healthy, clean environment
- Traditional way of life while encouraging progress
- Pride in our culture, heritage, history and language
- Protect subsistence

Transportation Department

Hello Members,

I’d like to introduce myself, Alvin Mullan, as the Transportation Coordinator for the Native Village of Port Lions. I recently transferred from Transportation Assistant/Equipment Operator to the Coordinator position. Lester Lukin Sr. is now full time with the Tribe as the Equipment Operator/Maintenance personnel and we both look forward to serving the community in our new roles.

The Transportation Department has been keeping busy from attending trainings to remediating potholes on our IRR inventory. The maintenance personnel of this department attended a training in Kodiak with D.O.T. and the City of Kodiak to enhance our skills of all motor grader operations. Brush removal has been completed on Harbor Way to increase visibility around corners and improve drainage for the rain/snow in the upcoming months. The transportation department has successfully applied a dust palliative to our gravel roads. Not only does this material help with the dust but also helps keep the shape of the road surface as it acts as a binder. We have ordered a liquid form of calcium chloride for next years application. We also held a public meeting to update the Long-Range Transportation Plan and identify transportation priorities, discuss adding possible routes to our inventory, and update the strip maps required by B.I.A. We look forward to continuing to serve the community.

Thank you,
Alvin Mullan

