

The Ninilchik Natives Association, Inc.

Winter 2014/2015 Shareholder Newsletter



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Missing Shareholders

Ann Marie Bleakley
 Jeremy Leon Butrick
 Brandon Le Cooper
 Laura Jane Daly
 Eugene C Steik II

Allen R Kelly
 Echo Vatina Lehrkind
 Lyla Marey
 Marlene Sahlin

When we have received returned mail marked "Unable to Forward" or "Forward Time Expired" due to a change of addresses, or name, that has not been recorded with us, that shareholder is considered missing.

Correspondence and distributions for missing shareholders are held in our office until written verification of current contact information is received. See page 16 for our Change of Name/Address Form.

If you have any information on how we can contact them, please contact our office at (907) 567-3866.

Cover Photo:

We have had a mild winter and our last snow fall gave us a fresh white coating of snow which enhanced the brilliant sunset looking down on the Ninilchik Village.


Address Change Form

Printed on page 16 is a Change of Name/Address form.

If you are moving please fill it out and send it to our office. We cannot update our records without your signature.

This will allow us to keep you up to date in our records so you wont miss out on anything!

Please contact us at shareholders@nnai.net or visit our website NNAI.net for other forms such as Gifting, Stock Wills and Name Changes as well as current information.

Our office is here to help. If you  would like us to provide you with Corporate Information not available on our website, please submit your written requests via post, fax or e-mail, and we will be happy to respond.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all! We begin the year 2015 with hope and optimism.

Board Elections: NNAI is always looking towards the future. Our educated and motivated young adults are the future of all Native Corporations. Over the years our elders have given much time and effort to run the corporation. We recognize that younger people often have new and innovative ideas that, when teamed up with the experience of older board members, can take our corporation to new levels of success. The NNAI Board has already made in-roads in this direction and we would like to continue to move forward toward the future. It's not too soon to start thinking of board elections. We invite all shareholders who are interested in, and qualified for, directing the future of our corporation to consider running for the board.

Investments: Reflecting on the past year, NNAI has made many changes and accomplished much. We continue working on sound investments which will build revenue in 2015.

We have had an ongoing relationship with HilCorp, an oil and gas entity that is active throughout Alaska. Our Corporation provides surface use to HilCorp on an annual basis. This agreement will exist for some years to come. Business with HilCorp has led to other partnerships in the oil and gas industry including land use on NNAI surface estate on the west side of Cook Inlet and development of new gas and or oil wells in Ninilchik and surrounding areas. We look forward to other new business opportunities with our largest oil and gas partner.

Ninilchik General Store: We are proud to bring new changes to the store, which will benefit both Ninilchik and NNAI. With our purchase of the NGS building in 2014 we partnered with fellow Native Corporation, UCI/SeaLion and formed the new Ninilchik General Store, LLC. The plan is to expand the existing structure which will add space to diversify offered goods. The current store operation, Ninilchik Trading Company, (owned and operated by Jim and Sharon Clark of Echo Lake Foods), has already supplied our town with dry goods, hardware, fresh produce and a full meat counter. Our expansion will allow them to consolidate their entire inventory under one roof and add more services.

White Mountain: Another subsidiary of NNAI is the entity White Mountain Construction under Summit Holdings. White Mountain is a construction company that bids 8a, government and general construction contracts. Last year this was a significant source of revenue for NNAI. In 2015 we are looking to further pursue other contract sources as the 8a will no longer be a preferential status.

Christmas: We were pleased with our turnout this holiday season for our Christmas Parties! The feeling of comradery and togetherness was a wonderful gift the shareholders gave to the corporation. I am confident all who attended enjoyed both food and prizes.

Our **Christmas Dividend** was welcomed and timely. A percentage of our income for the year was issued in the form of \$5.00 per share. (If you have questions regarding your check please contact our office.) The remaining income generated in 2014 has been set aside as an investment for future business endeavors and as an interest income generator for the corporation. Secure, long term investments are the most prominent goal that we have for 2015.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cook Inlet Region Working Group: A 2014 historic event was the formation and participation of the Cook Inlet Region Working Group (CIRWG) in response to the Alaska Energy Authority's (AEA) request for access to Native Land to study and begin the permitting process for the **Susitna Wantana Dam**. As of the end of the year the project had brought in revenue to NNAI and was poised to continue in a very positive way. Unfortunately, due to budget short-falls, Governor Walker has put this project (as well as five others) on hold. The process of obtaining permits to license construction was stopped just one year short of its fruition. Millions have already been spent to study the potential impact of the project on wildlife and land. This is unfortunate as the clean energy that could be provided by the dam would benefit much of the state of Alaska. I did write Governor Walker and explain our position, encouraging him to at least consider continuing the project to the point of licensing.

Land: As I mentioned before we are working towards building a better relationship with the Ninilchik Traditional Council, which will benefit both parties. The idea is to partner in areas of non-commercial resource and land development where the tribe is federally recognized and has the ability to pursue agricultural and other potential development or resource monies. We will provide the use of the land for these projects. The intent is also to consolidate overlapping resource management.

The BLM is required to survey the corners of all native land. Ninilchik has approximately two sections left to survey which will be completed this summer. Our intent is to partner with the selected contractor to finish the administrative side of the project.

Website: You may have noticed over the last year the update to our website. It is our hope that you as shareholders utilize this as a tool to easily connect you to the corporation. As always if you would like to contact us we are available in the NNAI Office Monday – Friday.

Best regards,



Richard "Greg" Encelewski

President/CEO

The Ninilchik Natives Association, Inc.

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NNAI LAND AND RESOURCES OFFICE REPORT—WINTER 2015

NNAI/NRCS -CSP GRANT CONCLUDED

December 31st 2014 marked the final close-out date of the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) grant that had been received and managed by NNAI since its inception back in 2010. The program was developed and approved out of an offer from the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to provide up to five years of incentive funding in exchange for enhanced conservation management practices over forest lands owned by NNAI.



Support for NNAI Descendant Youth Employment Programs

Through CSP NNAI was given the opportunity to incorporate projects and upgrades which were already scheduled as necessary under the US Forest Practices Act and stream-flow upgrades (culverts & bridges) required under the statutory Habitat Protection Guidelines.



Fish Stream Enhancement; Tall Tree Rd, Anchor Point, AK

Accomplishments under the program included many upgrades to management and access infrastructure throughout the lands owned by Ninilchik Natives Association, Inc. Numerous enhancements and improvements were made to fish stream flow in critical areas on NNAI land where anadromous waters crossed or impacted previously established and newly created roadways.



Fish Stream Bank/Habitat Restorations



Culverts for Stream Flow Enhancements

These inclusions provided a mechanism to utilize non-corporate funding sources to accomplish some of the already existing field upgrades that would, potentially, have required NNAI corporate resources.

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New Bridges That Protect Anadromous Streams

These accomplishments were not only beneficial to the land and habitat resources of the corporation, they were also recognized by the USDA and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alaska, as very vital components in the overall efforts to improve forest land recovery and increase fish stream production and accessibility in Alaska.

These were also very highly ranked priorities to our corporation as both the Ninilchik and Deep Creek watersheds contain many miles of anadromous salmon waterways and critical wildlife habitat. Additionally, the enhancement efforts and treatments provided for under the conservation legislation of the CSP program allowed NNAI to make very significant strides in recovery and long-term enhancements to our existing forest-land holdings here on the Kenai Peninsula.



Much Needed Upgrades of Old Infrastructure

Within the overall efforts and goals achieved by NNAI throughout the five-year implementation pe-

riod, many of our annual goals and accomplishments were given state and national recognition by NRCS and other USDA counterparts. We were recognized as some of the highest ranked accomplishments under the Congressionally modified CSP program that allowed the inclusion of Alaska ANCSA Corporations in the 2008 US Farm Bill.

Throughout this article are photos showing a few of the many enhancements to NNAI natural resource conservation and management that have been made possible with the CSP incentive program. Projects tied to land enhancement and resource conservation are not the only benefit our corporation has gained from the CSP program. Many internal corporate improvements have been seen including the realization of the capacity of the corporation to manage these land holdings and their associated resources.

We express our appreciation to the local Kenai and Homer offices of the NRCS and the National USDA Headquarters for all of their guidance, support and funding appropriations that allowed us to reach our goals under this and other complimentary associated programs over these past five years.



CSP Added Many Upgrades to NNAI Roadways





Ninilchik
Natives Association, Inc

Tribal Member or Native Shareholder?

With the intent to promote shareholder understanding and facilitate shareholder involvement NNAI will now include a newsletter segment corresponding to an aspect of the corporation and its many facets in each newsletter. We would welcome shareholder discussion topics and ideas. You may contact us using the information on page 14 of this newsletter.

It is our hope that this information will help shareholders who desire to explain what they are part of to someone who does not understand where Alaska Native Corporations come from or what being a Native Shareholder means.

Many of our shareholders are Alaska Native. As an Alaska Native you are always an Alaska Native. However, you may or may not be a shareholder of a regional and/or village corporation, and you also may not be a member of a tribe. Some Alaska Natives are just members of a tribe, some are both tribal members and shareholders of a regional corporation, some might not be tribal members but be shareholder, and further yet some might not be members or shareholders, etc. There are many combinations, but you will always be Alaska Native.

If you or your parents or even grand parents were/are Alaska Native and were alive in December of 1971, you were given an opportunity. The Federal Government passed what is called ANCSA or The Act. This was an act by congress that created what we are today. In Alaska not all Native people were enrolled as shareholders of corporations. Being a shareholder was a choice and there were some people who were eligible that did not enroll. This enrollment and inception of the Native Corporation was both the start and finish of the shares. Native corporate shares are private stock. They have no clear monetary value and they can not be traded, bought or sold; these shares are a birthright.

How do they continue then? Well, as with any birthright or inheritance they are passed down lineally. When NNAI started, for example, there were 206 original enrollees on the roster- all with 100 shares and all Alaska Natives. Now the NNAI roster holds 354 shareholders with holdings ranging from 1 to over 200 shares, with a combination of both Alaska Native and non-Alaska Native heritage.

Some shareholders of NNAI stock are also members of a First Nation or Alaska Native Tribe. Within the United States there are many separate governments that oversee a group of people with specific heritage. Many of these governments decide for themselves who is eligible to become a member or be part of that nationality per se. These tribes are federally funded and offer their members support and assistance through US Government programs. If you are a shareholder of a Native Corporation you have probably received a check at some time and are possibly asking yourself isn't that money assistance? The difference is this: a native Corporation will pay you a dividend based on the amount of income they have generated over a set period of time, if they make more money, you make more money; whereas, a tribe will provide assistance from a government fund based on need and eligibility.

As a Native Corporation, NNAI encourages shareholder involvement and participation. As our elders start to retire we look for youth to mentor and receive the heritage of knowledge. If you would like more information on NNAI please contact our office using the contact information on page 14.

The next page is a flow chart that illustrates the difference between Tribes and Corporations. The chart along with much of the tribal information is provided courtesy of Ivan Encelewski, CEO of the Ninilchik Traditional Council, the federally recognized tribe of Ninilchik Alaska.


Adapted from Ivan Encelewski
CEO, Ninilchik Traditional Council

Born **BEFORE** December 18, 1971

Born **AFTER** December 18, 1971


Regional Corporation

- Born before December 18, 1971
- 1/4 or more Alaska Native
- You must have enrolled; some eligible people did not enroll under ANCSA. Enrollment to native corporations was based upon residency not ethnicity.
- Original Shareholders were given 100 shares.
- 13 Regional Corporations were created under ANCSA. The last being "The 13th Region for shareholders not living in Alaska.
- Regional Corporations received surface estate, subsurface rights to all Village Land in their region and startup money.
- NNAI is part of the Cook Inlet Region.





Village Corporation

- Each Village Corp. is within a Regional Corp.
- Born before December 18, 1971
- 1/4 or more Alaska Native
- You must have enrolled; All who enrolled were from that village.
- Some eligible people did not enroll under ANCSA. Those who did not enroll in a Village Corp. were "At Large" and unaffiliated with a village.
- 203 Original Village Corps. Were created under ANCSA.
- Original Shareholders were given 100 shares.
- Village Corps. Were given surface estate land and startup money under ANCSA.



Federal Recognized Tribe

- There are 229 Recognized Tribes in Alaska. They are Domestic Dependent Nations - Sovereign with Tribal members.
- You must enroll/apply and be approved for membership according to constitution/tribal provisions. You should receive a Tribal enrollment card. You are then considered a citizen of that sovereign nation.
- Alaskan Tribes do not have a land base.
- Tribes generally receive governmental monies in order to provide governmental function and services such as health, education, social services, housing, environmental, resource, etc.



Village Corporation

Regional Corporation

There are only two ways to become a shareholder in any Native Corporation if you were not enrolled prior to December 18, 1971:

1. You may be gifted shares of stock from an eligible relative.
2. You may be bequeathed in a shareholder's general will, native will, stock will or through intestate succession. Non-natives may be given stock through an estate.

SHAREHOLDER UPDATES

In Memory



NNAI Board of Directors and staff would like to extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Bud Deitz, 85, who passed away on October 16, 2014 in Sequim, WA. Mr. Deitz was born on November 1, 1929 in Seldovia, Alaska to Jack Deitz and Gladys Cooper. He enjoyed playing darts and was an avid gardener. He was known for his jokes and story telling and his favorite activity was spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his three children and three grandchildren.



In the event of a shareholder passing we ask family members to please notify our office. In order to begin an Estate Process, we need several documents-including a Death Certificate and a Relatives of Deceased form. After all the required paperwork is turned in and approved, we will update files and issue new certificates.

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The NNAI Scholarship and Grant Program facilitated through the CIRI Foundation offers post-secondary education scholarships and vocational training grants to direct lineal decedents of NNAI Original Shareholders in an effort order to encourage professional preparation for careers after high school and to enhance employment skills of eligible and qualified NNAI beneficiaries. For more information visit: thecirifoundation.org or contact our NNAI office at (907) 567-3866 or: shareholdes@nnai.net.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council Employment Training and Services is the preferred job placement program of NNAI. For more info you can contact them at: citci.org/employment-training/

ALASKA Job Corps Center

If you are between 16-24 years old and income-eligible, this may be an option for you to get an education and a career. You can stop in for a brochure at the NNAI office, call the program direct at (800) 733-5627 or visit them online: recruiting.jobcorps.gov

EARN your GED

Want to improve on your English and math and earn your GED? Call the Kenai Peninsula College at 262-0327 or email:

jhoseth@kpc.alaska.edu
orbell5@kpc.alaska.edu

The Rural Alaska Honors Institute

(RAHI) has a program that offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to learn what college is like while they are still in high school. Selected students earn eight to ten UAF credits at no cost and transportation is provided.

If you would like more information on this program visit uaf.edu/rahi/

NNAI 2014 CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS

This year many NNAI shareholders, along with their family and friends, attended our annual Christmas Gatherings. The turn outs were tremendous with attendees including original shareholders, new shareholders, members of the NNAI Board of Directors, family and friends.

The children in attendance enjoyed their gifts of books, color crayons, stuffed animals and candy. Several door prizes were given away as well as individual gifts for adults.

It was wonderful to see so many shareholders, family and friends coming together in celebration. Thank you all who shared in the festivities and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



Board Member Michelle Partridge brought along her future shareholders and her father, original Shareholder John Steik.



The Ninilchik Gathering was even fortunate enough to sing Christmas Carols!

On January 3, 2015 the Anchorage Christmas Dinner was hosted at the Sourdough Mining Co. Restaurant.



Board Member Amanda Matson with fellow shareholders and friends.



Shareholder Susan Mossman gets excited over gifts while shareholder Matthew Encelewski strikes a pose as he helps with dispersing gifts .

Our Ninilchik Christmas Dinner was held on December 13, 2014 at the Ninilchik Fairgrounds in the Den; the evening was catered by the Inlet View Restaurant.

In Anchorage every seat was filled with merry NNAI Shareholders, Family and Friends.



Bouwens descendants shared in the festivities at the Sourdough Mining Co.



Shareholders Nick Cooper, Mae Demidoff, Selman Leman along with Joe Leman enjoyed their Turkey and Ham with all the fixings in Ninilchik.

President "Greg" Encelewski, his son, Ivan, his grandchild Talya and other shareholders enjoying fellowship, food and gifts Anchorage.



Original and Future Shareholders dined and visited at the Ninilchik Dinner where every seat was full.





Shareholders Jamie Leman, Tiffany Stonecipher, Sheri Leibenthal, Board Member Amanda Matson and her mother, Cheryl, enjoyed the company throughout the evening.



Once again, the food at the Sourdough Mining Co. was wonderful. Shareholders dined on beef brisket, cod and roast turkey with sides of potatoes, hushpuppies, salad and an ice cream bar for desert!

Because NNAI knows that not all shareholders have the opportunity to travel to Alaska to attend one of the Annual Christmas Parties we put on a **Christmas Eve Cash Prize Drawing**.

This year on December 24th, NNAI drew 35 winning shareholder names from a pool of all current, up to date shareholders both near and far. This means that if your address was current your name was automatically entered for a chance at one of: **5 First Place Prizes of \$200.00; 10 Second Place Prizes of \$100.00; or 20 Third Place Prizes of \$50.00!**




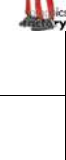
Congratulations to these lucky winners and Merry Christmas to all!



- * Art Kelly, Jr. * Barbra Cargill * David Deitz * Jerri Wionowski
- * Margaret Elkins * Stanley Johansen * Ryan Bouwens * Sheri Liebenthal * Wayne Kvasnikoff * Allen Oskolkoff * Kathleen Graves
- * Tiffany Stanley * Larry Oskolkoff, II * Dennis Redmond
- * Christine Redmond * Brandon Gundersen * Patricia Leman
- * Jon Jackinsky * Theodore Odman * Michael Pinnow
- * Constance Berg * Larry Matson * Paul Oskolkoff
- * Nick Cooper * Kira Bouwens * Ella Cooper * Donna Hoffman * Jolene Foree * Kenneth Deitz * Jonnie Matson
- * Dustin Reynolds * Kerri Deitz * William Bouwens, Jr.
- * Jeanne Goodrich * Lars Odman *



FEBRUARY

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15	16 Closed 	17	18	19	20	21 
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NNAI OFFICE CLOSURES



Monday, February 16
for President's Day



BOD Meeting February 21st

MARCH



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BOD Meeting April 11th

Contact Us

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

BOD Meeting: Saturday, February 13th - 10:00 am at NNAI Office

Meetings are subject to change. Please check the website or call our office to check times.

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resource links and
downloadable share-
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ADVERTISING



Win's first book, *Jeremiah's Journey, Gaining Our Autistic Son by Losing Him to the System* is now available. It's the story of her son and the family's roller coaster ride which is autism. Her book or eBook can be purchased at www.winquier.tateauthor.com. If you'd like an autographed copy, please contact Win at either win.quier@yahoo.com or Win Quier, Author on Facebook.

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Change of Address/Name Form

Shareholder's Name _____

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

NNAI Custodian's Name (if any) _____

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Contact Information: Update your address with the U.S. Postal Service or your NNAI mail may be returned.

Address: _____

Social Security No.: _____

(Last four digits only)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of Birth: _____

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Name Change: If your name has changed, please attach a copy of the legal document authorizing the change (i.e., marriage license, divorce decree, etc.) and list your previous and new name

Previous Name: _____ **New name:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please include verifying documentation of your Name Change and a copy of a Driver's License or other form of Government ID for Signature Verification on your Address Changes .

Your personal information is used for verification and shareholder records only and is kept confidential.

Return this form to NNAI

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Questions?

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