



UNANGAN TIDE

Winter Issue 2017

Special points of interest:

- Please stay clear of the Unangan midden site at Summer Bay
- 20th Annual Camp Qungaayux to be in 2017
- APIA hires additional Oonalska Wellness Center Provider
- Introduction of new employees inside

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Is Climate Change Impacting Summer Bay?



By Chris Price
Environmental Director

On November 23rd I drove out to Summer Bay with employees Leticia Pureza and Carter Price in the Tribe's new Silverado. We had heard earlier in the day that a human skull had been found near the mouth of the Summer Bay River. We were met by Dave Gregory from the Oonashka Corporation who

was carefully taking measurements and pictures of the erosion taking place near the mouth of the river.

This area is an environmentally and culturally sensitive location where climate change may be directly impacting the erosion of a historic Unangan midden site. The question is how can we determine the causes of the erosion and can the historic artifacts at the site be saved before they are washed out into Summer Bay?

We are now looking at partnering with the Museum of the Aleutians and the National Science Foundation to answer these questions.

The Museum and the Tribe are collaborating on a proposal to apply for funding to excavate the site to save these artifacts before they are swept out to sea. We here at the Qawalangin Tribe would also be interested to see if there are any links to climate change and other environmental conditions related to the site. We will keep tribal members updated on the progress of the work and we hope the excavation work will be completed this summer. The best thing we can do at this time is to stay away from the site and alert OC or the Unalaska Department of Public Safety if you notice people trespassing in the area. Any questions? Call 581-2920.

Unangan Tide: What's in our Name?



By Shayla Shaishnikoff
Newsletter Coordinator

Aang and Welcome to the Qawalangin Tribe's new newsletter, the *Unangan Tide*! I chose this name for the newsletter after much brainstorming and consideration. This title not only names the people that the Qawalangin Tribe works for and represents, but it also ties in the ocean, a crucial part of our way

of life; as our ancestors lived, and as we continue to live today. The tide brings us treasures- It brings us beach glass, sand dollars, sea shells, drift wood, intricate jellyfish, and glass balls. The tide comes with a wave of stimulating properties, as will the Qawalangin Tribe newsletter.



NALEMP –Native American Land Environmental Mitigation Program

BEFORE



AFTER



By Robin Waldron

Tribal Administrator

History for the Aleuts, the Aleutian Islands provided access to vast marine resources and were therefore the Department of War created its first military outpost on Amaknak Island in 1911. In 1940 the US Army established a military defense station on Amaknak Island and in 1942 the Japanese attacked this area. In 1947, following the wartime events a complete military withdrawal was concluded leaving most of the facilities intact.

The impact from WWII has left the land with many areas of dilapidated buildings, and some areas contaminated with friable asbestos and PCB's. With the Dept of Defense's FUDS program restricted to what they clean up, they developed the NALEMP Program in 1993 to

provide additional funding assistance to Indian Lands, for Alaska lands that were conveyed through the "Alaska Native Settlement Claim Act." This program is to investigate and develop clean up plans lands that have been left impacted from the military.

Through our sixth cooperative agreement with the DoD the Tribe contracted Chilkat Environmental to develop a work plan and cleanup plan for Fort Schwatka to remove loose debris that posed as a danger to the area. For the month of June 2016 lead Elijah Donat and his crew spent hauling and disposing of this debris at Fort Schwatka. Understanding the importance of the vegetation of the land the crew took all precautions to not damage any area but to also leave a foot print that show's its history of WWII impact.

2017: 20th Annual Camp Qungaayux!

By Robin Waldron

Tribal Administrator

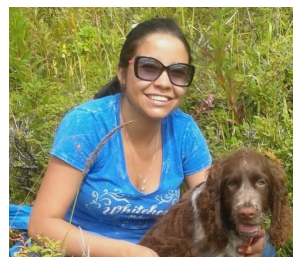
Coming July 30th to August 5th, 2017 the Qawalangin Tribe will be hosting their 20th Annual Camp Qungaayux! To celebrate the 20th Anniversary the Tribe is starting to plan events that will happen during this week. The

plan is to invite Atka, Akutan and Nikolski to participate by inviting mentors who have once mentored at Camp Qungaayux and youth participation.

Regular classes will be Bentwood Hat Making, Weaving, Seal Throat sewing, Traditional Food preparation, Unangan

Language and Unangan Dance. Also included will be US Fish and Wildlife Ranger and the Kids Don't Float Program. Please watch for updates and if you want to volunteer contact the office and request that your name be added to the list.

Meet Leticia Pureza!



By Leticia Pureza

Environmental Coordinator

I am originally from a small village in northern Brazil, called

Igarape – Miri, located on the state of Para. I went to undergraduate school at the Federal University of Para, where I majored in Geophysics. During my undergraduate program, I was awarded a scholarship to come to the United States for one year in a college exchange program. This provided me with the opportunity to be in contact with great professors and to initiate an application for a Master's degree. Now I have a nearly concluded my Master's from the University of Wyoming in

Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management.

I started working for the Qawalangin Tribe in late October of 2016 and I really enjoy working as the Environmental Coordinator under the guidance of Chris Price, who is now the Environmental Director. This is my first job and I am very excited to have this opportunity. I will provide this community with my best work and I hope I can make a positive impact on our environment.



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Council members Jennie Lekanoff, Harriet Berikoff, Blaine Shaishnikoff, Marie Schliebe, Nick Lekanoff and Julia Dushkin at the Qawalangin Tribe Christmas party.

27th Annual Tribal Membership Election and Annual Meeting

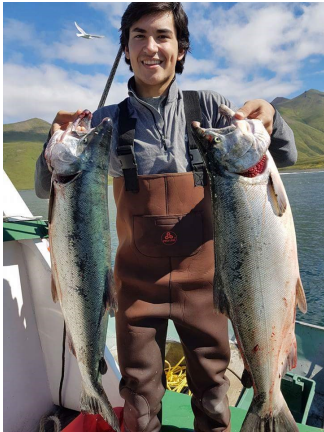
This year's Annual Tribal Election was for one seat to hold a term of three years. Julia Dushkin Incumbent member, Eugenie Lekanoff submitted their candidacy to run for office.

<u>Official Results:</u>	Eugenie Lekanoff	25
	Julia Dushkin	23
	Write Ins	5
	Question	1
	Total Votes Casted	55
	Total Votes Valid	54
	Total Votes Spoiled	1

Due to circumstances Brenda Tellman submitted her resignation from office. At the November 27th, 2016 Regular Meeting Tribal Council appointed Julia Dushkin to fulfill the unexpired term which will end November 2017.

<u>Current Tribal Council:</u>	Tom Robinson, President
	Harriet Berikoff, Vice President
	E. Marie Schliebe, Secretary/Treasurer
	Blaine Shaishnikoff, Council Member
	Nick Lekanoff, Council Member
	Eugenie Lekanoff, Council Member
	Julia Dushkin, Council Member

A Word From our Youth



By Carter Price
*Youth Representative &
Student Intern*

Aang Aang! My name is Carter Price. I am a senior at UCSD and the Youth Representative for the Qawalangin Tribe. This is my second term as the youth representative alongside fellow representative Trever Schliebe. I have attended Tribal meetings, worked on data entry, and helped out the environmental department. I was also appointed as an Arctic Youth Ambassador; my term ends in 2017. Working with the Tribe has giv-

en me many new interests, such as government and the environment. Because I am able to work for the tribe to earn a high school credit, I have also worked with the tribe during the 6th period of class. Being the youth representative is an honor, and I would love to work more with the tribe in the future. I plan on going to a university after high school and returning to Unalaska to give back to the wonderful community that has shaped who I am.



Coordination with the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association

By Shayla Shaishnikoff
Newsletter Coordinator

Decided at the Qawalangin Tribe regular meeting on December 15, 2016, Vice President council Member Harriet Berikoff will join the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) as a Board of Director, representing the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska. Her alternates for meetings held in

Anchorage will be President council member Tom Robinson and council member Nick Lekanoff.

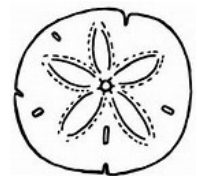
Additionally, APIA employees Lillian Ford and Teresa Unger attended the December 15th regular meeting to discuss information regarding the Oonalaska Wellness Center (OWC).

Teresa Unger explained that APIA has hired an additional

OWC Provider who will be based out of Unalaska 50% of the time, while the other 50% will be spent in Nikolski, Atka and St. George. Teresa says that this additional employee should allow Unalaska to have an OWC provider in town at all times. Providers will continue doing home visits for Elders which can be coordinated through the upstairs tribal clinic.

Qagaasakung APIA!

"I plan on going to a university and returning to Unalaska to give back to the wonderful community that has shaped who I am."



Meet Mabel Simmonds!



By Mabel Simmonds
Administrative Assistant

I have been working for the Qawalangin Tribe since September of 2016. My job consists of updating tribal enrollment, answering phone calls, faxing forms, emailing, making copies for staff and many other everyday tasks. I also Log in minutes from tribal council meetings and prepare the meeting packets for council members with Tribal Administrator Robin Waldron.

I am very proud to be working here. I have awesome co-workers at the Qawalangin Tribe, and I am learning new things with every working day. I love working for the Tribe with the rest of the staff and Council Members.

I pray that everyone is having a safe and blessed holiday season!

Thank you!



The Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, a federally recognized sovereign nation of the United States since 1989, vows to exercise its powers to further the economic and social well-being of all its members, and in doing so, will safeguard and support the Unangan language, culture, customs and traditions for those generations to come.

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Closing

The Qawalangin Tribe staff and council members are very excited about our new *Unangan Tide* newsletter! In the future we will be publishing newsletters quarterly, and we hope that this will be an effective way for tribal members to stay updated on the work that we are doing. With any questions or suggestions about our newsletter, please contact us at the tribe!

As you now know, we have a couple relatively new hires that we are very pleased to have on our team! If you have not yet met them and would like to, stop by our

office for a cup of coffee! We enjoy catching up with friends from the community and would love to hear from you!

Additionally, we would like to thank Shayla Shaishnikoff for working with the Qawalangin Tribe over the holiday season! She created and coordinated this first *Unangan Tide* issue and we greatly appreciate it!

Ruuzdistvachxizaḡ ama
Slum Tagadagan Iniḡsinaa
imchix anuxtakus! Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year!

Announcements

- Keep an eye out for our Spring Issue newsletter in April of 2017!
- 2016 Elder Dividends have been distributed! Thank you Docket 369 Committee!
- Russian Orthodox Starving will be held January 7th –10th of 2017!
- Tribal members are welcome to attend regular council meetings at 6:00pm on the last Thursday of every month!
- Next Tribal meeting to be held January 26, 2017!

