



UNANGAN TIDE

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- New Staff Members!
- Job Opportunities!

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Harriet Berikoff is Unalaska's Elder of the Year



Image courtesy of Cheyanne Moore

By Shayla Shaishnikoff

Most of us in Unalaska are familiar with Harriet Berikoff. Whether it be her caring personality, great cooking skills, or her distinct and contagious laugh- there are many charming attributes that made Harriet a brilliant candidate for the 2018-2019 Elder of the Year Award.

Harriet was born in King Cove, Alaska, to parents Agnes and Harry Gould Sr. Harriet's favorite memory growing up in a small village was being able to play outside

without the distraction of today's technology. "We were able to just be kids," she said, "We always had each other and we were never bored."

Harriet attended Mount Edgecombe High School and fondly thinks back on the many friends she made from all over the state. She proudly graduated in the class of 1965, moving to Unalaska at age 19 shortly afterward, and calling the island home ever since. Harriet raised her two children, Charlene and Emil "Bud" Jr. here, and is now proud to call herself a Nana of 10.

Today Harriet serves on many different boards and maintains a very active role in the community of Unalaska and Aleutian Region. Harriet has served as the APICDA Community Liaison Officer for over 20 years, she is part of the Ballyhoo Lions club, APIA Board of Directors, The City Election Board, Museum of Aleutians Board of Trustees, Unalaska Senior Citizen Board, and has additionally been on



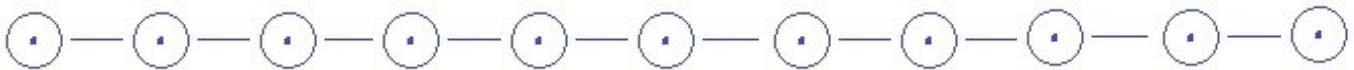
Qawalangin Tribal Council since the point of existence. On top of the many leadership roles Harriet has taken on in our community, she continues to volunteer her free time to the youth by coordinating youth events. "I love doing things for the kids," She said, "They're an important part of this community."

Harriet advises the youth to take their education seriously. "Graduate high school and follow your dreams," she says. "Take advantage of the scholarships available to you. I didn't have that opportunity when I was young."

Harriet's contributions to Unalaska and the Unanga people have been invaluable. Please join us in celebrating Harriet as Elder of the Year! Qagaasakung Harriet!



Photos courtesy of Julieanne Berikoff



Welcome Jennifer Wynn to the Staff!

The Qawalangin Tribal Council and Staff would like to introduce Jennifer Wynn, Deputy Tribal Administrator. Her duties lie in grant administration and compliance, as well as the day to day operational management in the Unalaska tribal office.

Jennifer attended UNLV before she joined the hospitality and gaming industry. Her professional background includes 12 years in Human Resources management as Director of Employee Communications and Services. She also has extensive experience in Marketing and Tourism management.

She previously oversaw her companies record-breaking United Way program campaign two years in a row. She also found time to be a Big Sister to a young teenager in the Big Brothers & Big Sisters of America program.

In her spare time, Jenn enjoys reading and photography. When not spending time at home with partner, Jodi and cat, Cujo, you might find her bicycling around the island.

Please take some time to stop by the office and welcome Jenn to our Administrative Staff!



Meet the Staff: Charlene Shaishnikoff!



Please join us in welcoming Charlene to the staff as our new Receptionist/Administrative Assistant! Charlene's role at the office will include managing the front desk, answering phone calls, file correspondence, and more.

Charlene's favorite thing about living in Unalaska is being surrounded by

the beautiful ocean and mountains. As a lifelong resident, she loves that the community is so supportive of one another. "Everyone looks out for each other here," Charlene said.

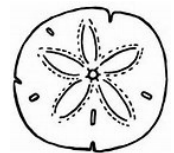
In her free time Charlene enjoys spending time with her family and friends. In the summer months she likes to go fishing and camping at the family cabin. "And I can't wait to pick all of the amazing wild flowers and berries!" She adds.

Charlene is excited about working at the Tribe, and hopes to make a positive impact for our tribal members and the Unangan People.

Please feel free to stop by the office for a cup of coffee, and welcome Charlene to the staff! We are very excited to have her on board!



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Qagaasakung NOAA and Coast Guard: Gov't Shutdown

The recent Partial Government Shutdown led to the mandatory service of many government employees without pay. In response to the Circumstances, the Qawalangin Tribe, Ounalashka Corporation and City of Unalaska worked together to providing free lunches to affected individuals in Unalaska employed through NOAA and the Coast Guard. We would also like to acknowledge Fishermen's Finest for their \$10,000 donation to the cause.

The Tribe would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the hardworking men and women who kept things running on the Island without compensation. The community appreciates all that you do! Qagaasakung!



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Unalaska's Slow Red Salmon Run

By Shayla Shaishnikoff

Lead Intern & Newsletter Editor

As many of you know, the red salmon run for the summer of 2018 was not as abundant as some previous years have been. In order to address this, Qawalangin Tribe intern, Shayla Shaishnikoff, reported the concern to the Local Environmental Observation (LEO) Network.

The LEO Network allows local people to document and report environmental changes noted in their immediate surroundings and community. LEO is a network of local observers and topic experts who share knowledge about unusual animal, environment, and weather events. You can also engage with topic experts in many different organizations and become part of a broader observer community.

While no one has all of the answers regarding the environmental behavior of our oceans, refer to the following interaction for further understanding.

Shayla's LEO submission:

While our rich oceans have provided us with plentiful amounts of salmon in the past, this year we are seeing lower numbers. Unfortunately, ADF&G has been unable to monitor fish counts at the Wislow weir in 2018 due to budget cuts. Last years fish count was reportedly low, with 13,195 salmon passing through the weir. This falls short of the streams average of 31,000. While Unalaska is feeling the effects of these lower numbers in 2018, we will not have that data collection to refer to for answers this year.

In his article, "Salmon are Showing up in the Arctic in Record Numbers," Jimmy Thompson with The Narwhal reports that more salmon species are showing up in greater numbers in northern communities. "And it's not just pink and chum salmon anymore: other southern species including coho, sockeye and Atlantic salmon are



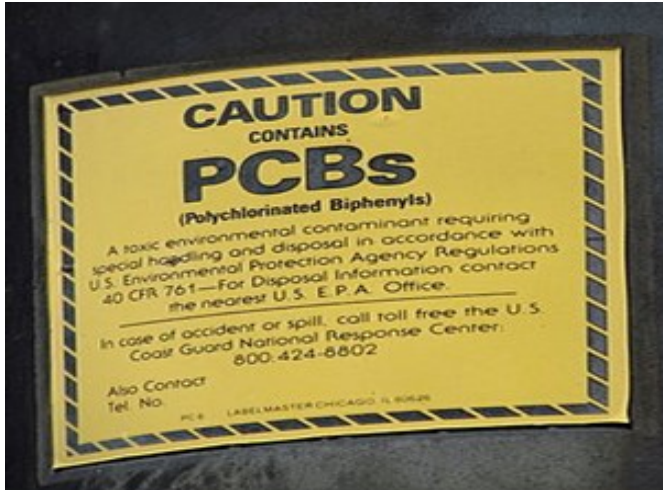
starting to show up as well," Thompson says (7/10/2018).

With this information, I wonder if our usual Aleutian Salmon are moving into the arctic as water temperatures rise- is it possible that "the blob" has something to do with this? Or might there be reduced numbers in fish population? And the big question everybody is asking- should we brace ourselves in expectation that these low numbers will reoccur in the future?

Response by Elizabeth Fox, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Island Area Management Biologist with ADF&G:

The returns from 2018 seem to be lower for the entire Gulf of Alaska, likely due to an ocean event that increased the mortality of juvenile salmon. There have been several articles about "the Blob" and it's impacts on salmon returns this season. As far as salmon returning to more northern streams, that is likely more due to the natural straying each species does at some level than the Aleutian salmon going that far north within a season or two. Pinks and chums stray more so than sockeye, but sockeye also have some fish that do not return to their natal streams. The thought is that these stray salmon are the colonizers of new habitats that are exposed either by glacial retreat, dam removal, temperature changes, etc. The northern salmon are expanding their range as those streams are becoming available as viable spawning habitat.

NALEMP Update: Ft. Schwatka Transformer Vaults



By Chris Price

NALEMP Program Manager

The Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska intends to award a contract for the summer of 2019 to conduct PCB verification sampling as a part of the Qawalangin Tribe's cooperative agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Defense. The Qawalangin Tribe will maximize local hire and requires contractors for any portion of the project to do the same. To the greatest extent feasible, preferences, and opportunities for training and employment in connection with this project shall be given to Qawalangin tribal members and preference in the award of a contract shall be given to tribally owned organizations and tribally owned enterprises, pursuant to Section 7(b) of P.L. 93-638. Any questions regarding this project are to be submitted to Chris Price, NALEMP Program Manager through the tribal office at 581-2920.

Fort Schwatka is located on Amaknak Island on top of Mt. Ballyhoo at Ulakta Head. During WWII, a battery was constructed atop Ulakta Head. The mountaintop fort included housing, mess halls, latrines, quartermaster store, and officer's quarters, underground chemical warfare facilities, plotting rooms for battery, war magazines, and antennas for the airport, generator facilities, and electrical distribution system. The facility included electric utility vaults with transformers, switches, and insulators. Nine suspected PCB-containing devices are located in four transformer vaults.

The scope of work for this summer includes sampling the devices, sludge and concrete surfaces within the vaults, and soil outside of vault at drain outfall for PCBs. Regardless of the results, QT will close off access to the vaults with steel plates bolted to concrete to prevent entry by the public. QT documented four potential Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) containing electrical devices on Mount Ballyhoo in 2015 and identified an additional source of suspected PCB contamination documented in the Fort Schwatka Cleanup Report 2016. PCBs were used in dielectric oil for their ability to resist change from heat, to deter corrosion, and for their non-conductive properties. Dielectric oil was used in electrical equipment such as transformers, switches, capacitors, and fluid-filled insulators. PCB's are known toxins and endocrine disruptors that are persistent in the environment unless removed and contained.

Employment Opportunity

Job Title: Camp and Program Coordinator

Salary/Wage: Part-time/\$20hr

Requirements:

Minimum of 4 years of experience working with a non-profit organization

Minimum 2 years of college/university experience

Attendance of at least one week of Camp Qungaayux

Knowledge of Unangan history, language, and culture

Microsoft/Excel and some graphic design skills required

Archival and filing skills

Preference given to a Qawalangin Tribe member living in Unalaska.

Job Summary

The Historical and Cultural Preservation Corporation is looking for a Camp and Program Coordinator to organize and implement Camp Qungaayux and other events as needed. This position will include coordinating camp for 50+ students and adults, compiling data for future events, developing reports, participating in evaluations, and collaboration with Qawalangin Tribe members and other Unangax Tribes from the Aleutian region.

For an application stop by the Qawalangin Tribe office or
please email application and resume to Jennifer Wynn: Jennifer.qtribe@gmail.com



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Archaeological Interns for an Upcoming Project on Unalaska Island

Overview

Cultural Resource Consultants LLC (CRC) is now accepting applications for two Summer Excavation Interns for an upcoming project on Unalaska Island. The work will begin on or around May 23, 2019 and will be completed at the end of June.

The successful candidates will assist CRC archaeologists with data recovery excavations at the Unangan village of Chernofski, at the western end of Unalaska Island, which was occupied during pre-contact, Russian, and early American times. Successful candidates will learn archaeological excavation and recording skills through hands-on work, and will also have the opportunity to assist in documenting World War II era building remains.

We will work seven days and approximately 60 hours per week. Interns can expect to experience the full range of Aleutian conditions, from sunny days to periods of rain and strong winds. Applicants must be comfortable with living in a tent for the duration of the project and will be expected to assist in camp duties with the rest of the crew, including cooking and cleaning. Candidates should be able to lift 40 pounds without difficulty.

Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Be a high school or college student and at least 18 years old.
- Be a member of the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island or Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska.
- Be able to conduct strenuous fieldwork for 10 hours a day.
- Have demonstrable ability to work well with a team in challenging living and weather conditions.
- Be resilient and willing to live and work in a remote area with no cell phone, internet, or outside communication (except for emergencies) for five weeks.

Chernofski Village.

Compensation

The archaeological intern(s) will be paid \$16.00 per hour, plus time-and-a-half (\$24.00 per hour) for overtime. Transportation between Anchorage and Chernofski, and field equipment, housing (tents), and meals will be provided. Interns will be expected to have their own Aleutian weather-appropriate clothing, rain gear, boots, and sleeping bag.

Additional Information

Interested candidates should e-mail a resume and references to Michael Yarborough, Project Director, at mry@crcalaska.com. Please include details on any relevant experience you may have, such as camping, participating in team projects, and living in challenging weather situations.

For more information on Cultural Resource Consultants LLC, please visit our website at www.crcalaska.com.



How well do you know the Environmental Department?

Tribal Member Quiz by Leticia Holloway

1. What is IGAP?
 - A) A contaminant.
 - B) A tribe job position.
 - C) A tribal grant/program.
 - D) None of the above.
 - E) B and C
2. What is a Brownfield?
 - A) A contaminated site.
 - B) A tribe job position.
 - C) A tribe grant/program.
 - D) A and C
 - E) None of the above
3. What is NALEMP?
 - A) A contaminated site.
 - B) A tribe job position.
 - C) A tribal grant/program.
 - D) A and C
 - E) None of the above
4. What tribal programs accept public input?
 - A) Recycling
 - B) Youth program
 - C) Tribal Response Program
 - D) NALEMP
 - E) All of the above
5. Match the current tribal environmental employees to their respective job titles:

A) Chris Price	___ Tribal Response Program (TRP) Assistant
B) P.J. Sherebernikoff	___ Env. Education Outreach Coordinator
C) Leticia Holloway	___ NALEMP Project Manager
6. Using the corresponding letters above for the environmental department employees, choose who to contact:

___ About recycling and youth programs

___ To report or inquire about contaminated sites

___ Upcoming environmental clean-up projects
7. Associate the corresponding letters above for the environmental department employees with their respective email contact information below:

___ environmental.qtribe@gmail.com	___ PJ.qtribe@gmail.com
___ Leticia.qtribe@gmail.com	___ 907 581 2920

For more details, turn the page!

Answers: 1. c), 2. a) or d), 3. c), 4. e), 5. B, C, A, 6. C, B, A/B 7. A, B, C, A and B and C



Commentated Environmental Quiz Answers:

1. IGAP stands for Indian General Assistant Program. It is an EPA funded grant that allows tribes in the United States to work on environmental topics related to water, air, education and outreach, solid waste and recycling. Currently through this grant, the tribe works with environmental education and outreach, focused on youth engagement and recycling.
 2. Brownfields is a contaminated site that is currently unable to be further developed for this reason. However, while the Tribal Response Program (TRP) is the EPA funded grant that funds work related to brownfields sites, the TRP grant is commonly referred to as the Brownfields grant.
 3. NALEMP stands for Native American Lands and Environmental Mitigation Program. It is a grant funded by the Department of Defense (DoD). Its purpose is to address environmental impacts on Indian lands from former DoD activities.
 4. Tribal member are always welcome to provide input to any ongoing tribal programs. They are also encouraged to inquire about or even suggest the creation of future environmental programs.
 6. Leticia Holloway is the point of contact for recycling and environmental youth activities at the tribe. Her preferred method of contact is email. However, she is only a part-time employee and she is at the office on Fridays only. In her absence, feel free to reach out to other environmental employees or to the Tribal Deputy Administrator, Jennifer Wynn by calling to the tribe's office number.
- P.J. Sherebernikoff is the point of contact to inquire about local contaminated sites or to report them. P.J. is a recent hire and he is learning about all the aspects of his job. In the rare occasion where he may not be able to answer your questions, feel free to redirect them to Chris Price.
- Chris Price is the point of contact for NALEMP. Currently this grant is the major source of large local environmental clean-up projects. Once the TRP program grows, it will also be a source of local environmental clean-up projects.





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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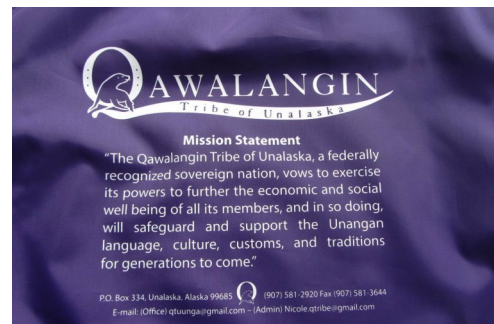


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TRIBAL MEMBERS– Please stop by the office to review/ update your tribal membership contact information. By doing so you will also receive a free reusable grocery bag at the color of your choice. This offer will be available for as long as supplies last! We look forward to seeing you soon!
Qagaasakung.

