

Tuesday, February 24					
8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast					
8:30 am – 8:35 am Opening Prayer					
8:35 am – 8:45 am National Anthem – Nome Beltz High School Choir Posting of Colors – JROTC					
8:45 am – 9:00 am Conference Welcome & Overview - Loretta Bullard					
9:00 am – 9:15 am The Unalakleet Day Singers					
9:15 am – 10:00 am Keynote Speaker: Willie Hensley					
10:00 am – 10:15 am Break and “Brain Gym”					
	<i>Main Area</i>	<i>MP Room</i>	<i>Massage Room</i>	<i>Rock Wall Room</i>	<i>Bowling Alley</i>
10:15 am – 11:00 am	Keynote Speaker: Liz Cheney, First Alaskan’s Institute		The High Cost of Fuel and it’s Impact on Subsistence: Interviews with Conference Participants	Tribal Doctor Consultations	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Musk Ox Demonstration				
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm LUNCH (On your own) (Lunch provided to Elders Advisory Council at the Rec Center)					
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	You Too Can Have a Career! Supporting Educational Goals for Employment Success	Kawerak Elders Advisory Council Meeting	Cost of Fuel & Subsistence Interviews	Tribal Doctor Consultations	Vitamin D & Alaskan Health
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm BREAK					
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Explore Your History: Connecting to Culture Through Historic Material and Cultural Interpretation	Kawerak Elders Advisory Council Meeting	Cost of Fuel & Subsistence Interviews	Tribal Doctor Consultations	Global Positioning Systems in the Far North
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Norton Sound Economic Development (NSEDC) Small Business Initiative				
4:00pm - 6:30pm DINNER BREAK (On Your Own)					

6:30pm - 10:00pm NATIVE DANCING at the Nome Recreation Center

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast

8:30 am – 8:35 am Opening Prayer

8:35 am – 8:45 am Brain Gym with Mary Jane Litchard

8:45 am – 8:50 am Overview For the Day – Melanie Edwards (originally from Savoonga)

8:50 am – 9:30 am Keynote Speaker: Earl Polk, III

9:30 am – 9:45 am Break

	<i>Main Area</i>	<i>MP Room</i>	<i>Massage Room</i>	<i>Rock Wall Room</i>	<i>Bowling Alley</i>
9:45 am – 10:45 am	Projected Changes in NW Alaska from the Opening of the Northwest Passage	Mattox Metcalf and Earl Polk: Young Adult Program	The High Cost of Fuel and it's Impact on Subsistence: Interviews with Conference Participants	Tribal Doctor Consultations	

10:45 am – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Alaska Energy – A First Step Toward Energy Independence	Mattox Metcalf and Earl Polk: Young Adult Program	Cost of Fuel & Subsistence Interviews	Tribal Doctor Consultations	
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12:00 pm – 1:30 pm LUNCH (On your own)

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Bering Sea Issues Forum	Mattox Metcalf and Earl Polk: Young Adult Program	Cost of Fuel & Subsistence Interviews	Tribal Doctor Consultations	Outdoor Survival Skills
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3:00 pm – 3:15 pm BREAK

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Alaska Rural Action Subcabinet Panel	Mattox Metcalf and Earl Polk: Young Adult Program	Cost of Fuel & Subsistence Interviews	Tribal Doctor Consultations	Arctic Gardening Fundamentals
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Fish Cutting Demonstration and Contest				

5:00pm - 6:30pm DINNER BREAK (On Your Own)

6:30pm - 10:00pm NATIVE DANCING at the Nome Recreation Center

Thursday, February 26					
8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast					
8:30 am – 8:35 am Opening Prayer					
8:35 am – 8:45 am The Unalakleet Day Singers					
8:45 am – 8:50 am Overview for the Day – Melanie Edwards					
8:50 am – 9:30 am Native Dancing					
9:30 am – 10:45 am Keynote Speaker: Ma’o Tosi, Alaska Pride Club					
10:45 am – 11:00 am Break and “Brain Gym”					
	<i>Main Area</i>	<i>MP Room</i>	<i>Massage Room</i>	<i>Rock Wall Room</i>	<i>Bowling Alley</i>
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Community Coalition: Wellness From Within	Helping our Alaska Veterans Cope with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injuries	The High Cost of Fuel and it’s Impact on Subsistence: Interviews with Conference Participants	Tribal Doctor Consultations	
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	How to Make Our Communities Safer				
12:00 am – 1:30 pm LUNCH (On your own)					
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Environmental Health & Justice for Norton Sound, AK: Bringing Together Isolated Communities to Reduce Harmful Environmental Exposure from Formerly Used Defense Sites and Global Transport	Qiviut Opportunities	Cost of Fuel & Subsistence Interviews	Tribal Doctor Consultations	
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm BREAK					
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Keynote: Rick and Mick Vignuelle		Cost of Fuel & Subsistence Interviews	Tribal Doctor Consultations	
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Potluck Setup				
5:00pm - 6:30pm POTLUCK DINNER at Nome Recreation Center					
6:30pm - 10:00pm NATIVE DANCING at the Nome Recreation Center					

Master of Ceremonies: ROY AGLOINGA

Roy Agloinga is a lifelong resident of White Mountain, Alaska. He most recently worked for the Begich Senate campaign as the Rural Director and was hired in 2006 to serve as the Anchorage's first ever Rural Affairs Coordinator in Mayor Mark Begich's Office. Roy was raised in White Mountain, Alaska and graduated from UAF in 1989 with a Bachelors degree in English.

Roy currently serves as the Financial Officer and is a Co-founder/Organizer of Tupagvik, Inc. a nonprofit information to serve language revitalization for the Qawiaraq dialect of Inupiat. Roy is a shareholder of Bering Straits Native, White Mountain Native and Golovin Native Corporations.

Adopted to Inupiat and Yupik parents, Roy was born in Nome to a King Island/Qawiaraq family and raised in White Mountain, and is a former mayor of White Mountain. Roy is a continuing student of English, Inupiat and Spanish.

Keynote Speaker: WILLIAM L. IĠĠIĠGRUK HENSLEY

William L. IĠĠiĠgruk Hensley is author of the recent book *Fifty Miles from Tomorrow: A Memoir of Alaska and the Real People*, which The New York Times described as "a coming-of-age story for a state and a people, both still young and in the making. And while there are familiar notes in the Dickensian telling of this tale, Hensley manages to make fresh an old narrative of people who arise just as their culture is being erased—be they "Braveheart" Scotsmen or outback Aborigines. His book is also bright and detailed, moving along at a clip most sled dogs would have trouble keeping up with."

He was a founder of the Northwest Alaska Native Association and spent twenty years working for its successor, the Iñuit-owned NANA Regional Corporation. He helped establish the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1966, serving as its Director, Executive Director, President and Co-Chair. He spent ten years in the Alaska state legislature as a representative and senator, and recently retired from his position in Washington, D.C., as manager of federal government relations for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

Hensley and his wife, Abigale, live in Anchorage, where—now an Iñupiat elder—he is the chair of the First Alaskans Institute.

Keynote Speaker: LIZ CHENEY

Liz Cheney is the Director of the Alaska Native Policy Center for the First Alaskan's Institute. Cheney received her BA from Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado, and her law degree from Arizona State University College of Law in Tempe, Arizona. She served as Director of the Legal Department at Cheyenne River Housing Authority before moving to Anchorage where she worked as the Policy Analyst & Planner for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, working on behalf of the Alaska Native Health Board.

Cheney is a Tlingit and Haida from Kake. On her Tlingit side she is Raven Kaach.adi, Fresh Water-marked Sockeye Salmon. On her Haida side she is Eagle Tiits Gitee Nei, Hummingbird. Cheney grew up in Kake and Juneau, and is a graduate of Juneau Douglas High School. She is a Kake Tribal Corporation shareholder by gifting and a Sealaska shareholder by both gifting and the new inclusion of after-borns. She was blessed to spend a lot of time with her Naanii (grandmother) Mona Jackson and has been writing her life story in her free time. Cheney also attended the Institute of American Indian Arts. She is a member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Kake Camp #10 and the Keex Kwaan Dancers, and though she lives in Anchorage her heart is always at home with her family and people.

The major theme of her education and work experience has been the continued integration of Native values, life ways, and traditional knowledge into Tribal governments, Tribal organizations, and relationships with other governments and organizations to affect a policy landscape that works with Alaska Natives to improve the lives of Native People.

Tribal Healer Consultations

Maria Dexter, NSHC Tribal Healer, and a team of tribal healers will provide one-on-one consultation with conference participants in the Tribal Healer's room. Appointments will be made the first day of the Regional Conference.

Muskox Demonstration

Learn first-hand the proper way to skin and cut a musk ox, and learn information about the practical use of animal parts with a musk ox that was harvested by youth participants. Everyone will have the opportunity to taste the musk ox at the Regional Conference potluck on Thursday, February 26.

Roy Ashenfelter is a skilled hunter and is the Director of Land Management Services at Kawerak, Inc.

You Too Can Have a Career: Supporting Educational Goals for Employment Success

Our youth are our future! A panel of home-grown success stories will convey their personal experiences about how their education path resulted in gainful employment right here in the Bering Strait Region. The Panelists will also offer advice to the audience about how our parents, families, and communities can help support training and college-bound students.

Barbara Amarok has a Bachelor of Education and Elementary Teacher Certification through the University of New Mexico Albuquerque, and a Master of Educational Leadership and Principal Certification through the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is currently pursuing an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Education through the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Barbara is employed as the Title III Project & Program Development Manager at the University of Alaska Northwest Campus.

Tammy Gologergen has an Associate Degree in Dental Health Aide Therapy from the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. She is a Dental Health Aide Therapist with Norton Sound Health Corporation.

Mary J. David has a Bachelor of Social Work through the University of Alaska Anchorage, and a Master of Public Administration through the University of New Mexico Albuquerque. She is employed as the Director of Human Resources at Norton Sound Health Corporation.

Melanie Edwards has a Bachelor of Education through the University of Alaska Anchorage, and a Master of Rural Development through the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She is employed as the Executive Vice-President of Kawerak, Inc.

Austin Ahmasuk has a Bachelor of Arts in Rural Development, with a Natural Resource Emphasis, from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He is employed as the Subsistence Tribal Resource Specialist for Nome Eskimo Community.

Anna Moore has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Science from the University of Alaska Anchorage and is a Registered Nurse at Norton Sound Health Corporation.

Explore Your History: Connecting to Culture Through Historic Material and Cultural Interpretation

Aaron Leggett, Dawn Biddison and Jonella Larson will discuss their personal and professional journey in the museum and culture center arenas. They will address current changes, challenges, and prospects in their fields and will share educational and professional opportunities available in their communities, institutions, and within museums throughout Alaska and beyond.

Aaron Leggett is a part of the K'enh'tana Dena'ina who are the Indigenous people of the Anchorage area. Throughout his career, he has done extensive research on his people as well as Indigenous representation in museums with his work at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, and his corporation, CIRI, as a History Assistant. Aaron holds a Bachelors of Arts in Anthropology from UAA. He contributed extensively to the book Sakuuktugut, which deals with ANCSA and co-wrote the book Dena'ina: Nat'uh with Alexandra McClanahan and Lydia L. Hays. He currently serves as the Treasurer for the Native Village of Eklutna and is the Dena'ina Cultural Historian at the Alaska Native Heritage Center and works on many projects related to increasing awareness for the Dena'ina Athabascan people of Southcentral Alaska.

Dawn Biddison is Assistant Curator at the Alaska office of the Arctic Studies Center, National Museum of Natural History, and Smithsonian Institution. She is actively involved in collaborative cultural heritage work with Native peoples throughout Alaska. Her current project is a new Smithsonian web site Sharing Knowledge (<http://alaska.si.edu>), exhibition Living Our Cultures, Sharing Our Heritage:

The First Peoples of Alaska opening in May 2010, and forthcoming publication.

Jonella Larson is St. Lawrence Island Yupik originally from Nome. She currently resides in Anchorage where she is an intern with the Arctic Studies Center, National Museum of Natural History, and Smithsonian Institution. Jonella's internship and work experience includes working with historic and contemporary Alaska Native, Native American, and First Nation material at the University of Alaska Museum, the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American Indian, the University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology, and the Harvard Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnology. Jonella is a 2009 ALM (Masters of Liberal Arts) Museum Studies candidate from Harvard University's Extension School. Her thesis is entitled: Reinventing Museums: the Indigenization of a Conventional Western Institution.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) Small Business Initiative

Paul Ivanoff, III, Community Coordinator for NSEDC will publicly announce the winners of the 2008 Small Business Initiative and announce the process for the upcoming 2009 Small Business Initiative.

Vitamin D & Alaskan Health

New research is showing a link between vitamin D deficiency and many diseases including diabetes, cancer, heart disease and osteoporosis. It is estimated that 80-90% of Alaskans are not getting enough D. Come learn what you can do to protect your health and your family's health.

Kari van Delden is an assistant professor with the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service. Her district is composed of Nome, Kotzebue, and the 26 surrounding communities. She originally moved to Nome 16 years ago and her husband, Andre, followed one year later. During her time in Nome she has made over 300 trips to communities around the region working for NSCH Infant Learning Program, Kawerak Head Start and contracting with Bering Straits School District.

Global Positioning Systems In The Far North

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a technology that has revolutionized travel in the Alaskan Bush. Unfortunately, there is a lot about GPS the owner's manual. And, it's stuff that can get you in big trouble in the far north. Do you know how to recognize different coordinate system formats? How does the UTM system work? How do you know if your receiver is set to the right map datum? This workshop will answer these questions and much, much more.

Dr. Stephen Brown is the University of Alaska Fairbanks District Agriculture/Horticulture Agent for the Mat-Su and Copper River Districts.

Kawerak Elders Advisory Council

The Kawerak Elders Advisory Council would like to hear concerns from elders throughout the Bering Strait Region at this workshop. In addition, the Kawerak Eskimo Heritage Program (EHP) has a large collection of photos, resources, slides and interviews that have been on file with EHP since the early 1980's. Conference participants will be asked to identify unknown subjects of photographs and slides which are on disk. Elders may donate photographs, tapes, or other historical information to the EHP program archives at this time.

Keynote Speaker: EARL POLK, III

Earl Polk, III is a Yupiaq motivational speaker as well as a pilot, inventor, explorer, storyteller, consultant, and - most important of all - a father.

Learn Traditional Dancing Techniques

This workshop is geared for youth participants to share, learn and understand traditional dance moves from all over Alaska. It's a fun time to meet other youth from all over the Bering Strait Region as well as learning about other cultures that share our heritage as Alaska Natives.

Mattox Ayavilek Metcalf was born in the village of Savoonga to Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf and Bob Metcalf. He spent much of his childhood in Savoonga and Nome and attended K-12 in Nome. Upon graduating high school from Nome-Beltz he attended college in British Columbia and moved back to Alaska in 2003. He has been employed at the Alaska Native Heritage Center since 2003 as a Cultural Programs Coordinator and Education Specialist in Dance. He and his Wife, Rebecca, have one son,

Gunnar and a baby girl due in the end of May.

Alaska Energy: A First Step Toward Energy Independence

Presentation of Alaska Energy: A First Step Toward Energy Independence, A Guide for Alaskan Communities to Utilize Local Energy Resources.

Steven Haagenson was appointed by Governor Palin in March 2008 to serve as Energy Coordinator and Executive Director of the Alaska Energy Authority, to lead the State's efforts in developing a strategic energy plan. He retired as president and chief executive officer of Golden Valley Electric Association in 2007. As chair of the Fairbanks Cost of Energy Taskforce, he was instrumental in the development of a strategic business plan addressing electric generation, heating and transportation. Haagenson received a Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in engineering management, both from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Bering Sea Issues Forum

This forum will include presentations by the Bering Sea Elder's Advisory Group, the Best Use Cooperative, Oceana, and other groups. The discussion will focus on current topics relating to the Bering Sea that are of interest to participants. After the formal presentations there will be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions of the panel members.

Julie Raymond-Yakoubian is the Kawerak, Inc. Natural Resource Division's Social Scientist.

Alaska Rural Action Subcabinet Panel

The Rural Subcabinet has been recently appointed by Governor Palin for the purpose of studying the state of the economy, education, law enforcement and infrastructure in outlying regions, and then will make proposals aimed at creating well-paying jobs, stronger schools, safer communities and better public works facilities. They will also focus on energy issues and rural migration patterns.

Participants may prepare testimonials for the Rural Subcabinet which can be provided to the Rural Subcabinet during the Regional Conference.

Members of the Rural Subcabinet include Commerce Commissioner Emil Notti, Health and Social Services Commissioner Bill Hogan, Labor Commissioner Click Bishop, Military and Veterans Affairs Commissioner Gen. Craig Campbell, Environmental Conservation Commissioner Larry Hartig, Education Commissioner Larry LeDoux, Public Safety Commissioner Joe Masters, and John Katz, Director of the Office of the Governor in Washington, D.C.

Helping our Alaska Veterans Cope with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injuries

This presentation will increase awareness, understanding and recognition of the signs and symptoms of PTSD and TBI as well as discussing treatment approaches and common sense ways to reduce symptoms and improve functioning. It will also cover will cover suicide prevention among veterans, including myths and misinformation, signs and symptoms of suicidal thinking, and basic safety procedures.

Dr. Bilberry received his Bachelor and Master Degrees from Texas A&M University, and completed his Doctorate in Counseling Psychology from University of Miami in 1989 with his internship training at the Texas Women's University Counseling Center. He has experience in a wide range of settings including in-patient psychiatric settings of Texas State Hospital; Dade County Psychiatric Hospital in Miami, Florida; State Department of Corrections with Florida Prison System; Rural Mental Health with Indian Health Service on the Blackfeet Reservation; and thirteen years with the Department of Veterans Affairs. His main area of interest has been Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, both combat related as well as non-combat trauma. He is currently overseeing PTSD treatment programming with the Alaska Veteran's Administration.

Karen Doss, ACSW/LCSW has worked in the specialty field of domestic violence for 18 years: Six years in the private sector, 6 years with the Army's Family Advocacy Program in Germany, and 6 years with

the Air Force's Family Advocacy program divided between Lajes AFB in the Portuguese Azores and Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, TX. Ms. Doss joined the VA team in August, 2007 as the coordinator for a new Suicide Prevention Program.

Story Corps

Record your story! This workshop will provide opportunities for participants to share their lives, the past, present, and hopes for the future. Participants of all ages are welcome to bring a friend into the recording booth to ask them about their lives. Participants decide what they want to talk about (what they care about, what they're proud of, whose has influenced them) and share a conversation which will be preserved at the Library of Congress for future generations to hear.

Story Corps is an independent nonprofit project whose mission is to honor and celebrate one another's lives through listening. By recording the stories of our lives with the people we care about, we experience our history, hopes, and humanity. Since 2003, tens of thousands of everyday people have interviewed family and friends through Story Corps. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to take home and share, and is archived for generations to come at the Library of Congress. Millions listen to our award-winning broadcasts on public radio and the Internet. Story Corps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind, creating a growing portrait of who we really are as Americans. So far 300 hundred Alaskans have recorded conversations with StoryCorps. There are facilitators in Barrow, Dillingham, and Unalaska, New York City, San Francisco, as well as traveling across the lower 48 in a Airstream trailer.

Elise Pepple and Anahma Saito facilitate StoryCorps in Nome. Elise moved to Nome from Southeast Alaska where she coordinated StoryCorps in Gustavus and Juneau.

How to Take Energy from the Sun

New technologies are available and obtainable for reaping the free energy of the sun! This display will demonstrate how an investment in solar panels can lower your heating and utility costs.

Mitch Erickson is the Director of the Nome Chamber of Commerce and is an alternative energy enthusiast.

The High Cost of Fuel and Its Impact on Subsistence: Interviews with Conference Participants

Tell us how the high cost of fuel is affecting you! Kawerak's Social Scientist, Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, will be conducting informal interviews with conference participants regarding the high cost of fuel in the region and the impact of those costs on subsistence activities (for example, not being able to afford gas to go hunting). Kawerak is conducting these interviews as background research for potential grant proposals and projects on the topic. Everyone is encouraged to participate and share their experiences and thoughts on this important issue. A sign-up sheet for interviews will be posted on the door of the Massage Room, where the interviews will take place.

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Arctic Gardening Fundamentals

This workshop will present the basics of gardening in the far north. This class is ideal for the new gardener or an experienced gardener growing in the north for the first time. Topics include how to build gardens out of local materials, creating topsoil, local fertilizer sources, starting plants, protecting plants and basic botany.

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Keynote Speaker: MA'O TOSI

Ma'o Tosi is the Director of PRIDE, a non-profit Alaskan organization that emphasizes the importance of education and success after high school. PRIDE works to keep kids safe and engaged, fostering optimism and a sense of opportunity through providing caring adult relationships in safe and fun environments and through facilitating educational enhancement and developmental activities, referral to youth services, support services and resources to youth in need. Ma'o is a youth leader who has achieved the status of "Alaska's Top 40 Under 40," The Mayor's Diversity Award 2008, the Mayor's Community Service Award and is active as an Anti-Gang Policy Team Member. He attended the FBI

Citizen's Academy 2007 and was drafted 5th Round by the NFL in 2000.

Community Coalitions: Wellness From Within

Merlin Koonooka, Bridie Trainor, and Jason Hymer introduce the role of Community Coalitions to encourage involvement, communication, and education regarding Regional Wellness and the goals of the Suicide Prevention Program.

Merlin Koonooka of Gambell was born in 1938 to Harold and Ina Koonooka on the Coastguard Cutter, Northland. He and his wife, Evelyn, of 43 years raised four children and have 9 grandchildren. He has lived his whole life subsisting as a whaling captain, hunting, fishing, carving, and camping. Merlin continues to serve his family and community as a member of the Gambell IRA, City, and Corporation. He is also Chairman of Kawerak's Natural Resource Committee and has been a member of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission since 1982. Merlin retired in 1999, after 40 years of working as school maintenance. For nearly a decade, Merlin has been a Kawerak Board Member and is currently Chairman of the Kawerak Elder's Advisory Committee. Merlin has never missed work or a meeting except to attend work or a meeting! (Happy 70th Birthday, Merlin! Thank you!)

Bridie Trainor (Hoogendorn) returned to Nome four years ago and has since married and begun raising a family of her own. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and spent three years working with Norton Sound Behavioral Health as a counselor and case manager for the Healthy Paths / Kusqi House program. Bridie began as Kawerak's Wellness Program Director to implement the Regional Suicide Prevention Program. She is looking forward to traveling throughout the Region learning how to sustain healthy communities.

Jason Hymer is the Injury Prevention Coordinator for Norton Sound Health Corporation. Jason has been employed by NSHC since December 2006, and manages an Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Grant. He works with communities on a variety of injury prevention topics including suicide prevention, drowning prevention, cold water safety, elder fall prevention, ATV and snow machine safety, and manages the NSHC safety shop.

How to Make Our Communities Safer

Do you have ideas on how to make our communities safer? This workshop is an opportunity to share them while discussing safety issues that are prevalent in all our communities.

Dan Harrelson is a longtime resident and Village Public Safety Officer for the community of White Mountain. He is active in city government, the White Mountain AEC and is the President of Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation.

Environmental Health & Justice for Norton Sound, AK: Bringing Together Isolated Communities to Reduce Harmful Environmental Exposures from Formerly Used Defense Sites and Global Transport

This project builds upon the success of the previous project on St. Lawrence Island by focusing on known and previously unexamined contaminants that may be important factors affecting the environmental health of Alaska Native communities in the Norton Sound region. The project is a partnership with eleven communities (to date) of Norton Sound and two tribal councils based in Nome, which are examining effective means to limit the release and ways to address the human health effects of environmental contaminants. Norton Sound Health Corp is a partner along with State University of New York.

Vi Waghiyi is a St. Lawrence Island Yupik who was born and raised in Savoonga and later her family moved to Nome when she was 8 years old. She is the daughter of the late Reverend John Waghiyi, Sr. and Della Waghiyi. Vi was hired by ACAT in October 2002 to work as Assistant Coordinator for the Environmental Health & Justice for St. Lawrence Island Project, the first grant from the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences. She became the project coordinator in 2004. Vi and her husband have four boys and live in Anchorage.

Keynote Speakers: Rick and Mick Vigneulle

Rick & Mick Vigneulle (Vin-yell) are internationally known comedy and contemporary music artists who

have performed in all 50 states and in 14 countries. These identical "twin towers", (combined height totaling 10ft. 8in.), have been featured on America's Funniest People, performed at the White House, spoken motivationally to professional baseball clubs such as Atlanta Braves, Houston Astros and LA Dodgers. They have also been seen on 60 Minutes and in LIFE Magazines' 20th Century Highlight Book.

Rick and Mick are two men deeply concerned about today's youth. They know the critical decisions young people are faced with virtually every day - decisions that will determine the direction and eventual outcome of their lives. Because of their concern, Rick and Mick travel thousands of miles every year to present their positive and powerful Attitude Check assembly to tens of thousands of young people. Their attitude program is endorsed by the nationally recognized motivational speaker, Zig Ziglar.

Projected Changes in Northwest Alaska from The Opening of the Northwest Passage

Captain Michael Inman, Chief Response Division, Seventeenth Coast Guard District, Juneau, Alaska, will provide information about the U.S. Coast Guard's role in the oversight Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, Maritime Environmental Response and Intelligence operations in the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Northern Pacific Ocean. He will also discuss the Coast Guard's oversight responsibilities for both of its air stations and the majority of its cutters and small boats in Alaska. With the Coast Guard's evolving role in the Arctic, Captain Inman was directed to take a leading role within the District staff regarding Coast Guard Arctic planning, concept development and the ensuring of effective execution of Coast Guard operations in the region.

Captain Michael Inman has served on aboard five Coast Guard cutters and one U.S. Navy ship, including commanding USCGC JARVIS and USCGC ACUSHNET (WMEC-167). Additionally, he has served as Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida with responsibilities for all Coast Guard law enforcement and security operations in the Southeast U.S. and the Caribbean, and as Chief of Operations, Coast Guard Greater Antilles Section (now Coast Guard Sector San Juan), San Juan, Puerto Rico with responsibilities for all Coast Guard law enforcement, search and rescue, aids to navigation and international engagement operations in the Eastern Caribbean. Captain Inman has also served in various communications and command and control assignments.

Outdoor Survival

Learn basic safety and survival techniques that every snow machinist and hunter should know! This is essential for anyone who enjoys the outdoors. Topics include snow machine safety, traveling safely across ice, ice rescue, floatation, and survival kits.

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