



Tuyuryaq Tribal Conservation District

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Overview

- ▶ Information on Togiak
- ▶ History of Tuyuryaq TCD
- ▶ Projects Completed, Started, and Planned
- ▶ Programs
- ▶ Partners
- ▶ Future of Tuyuryaq TCD



Togiak, AK

- ▶ Located in SW Alaska
- ▶ Population: 876 (2017 Census)
- ▶ Yupik-Eskimo Community
 - ▶ Subsistence Lifestyle
 - ▶ Moose
 - ▶ Caribou
 - ▶ Seal
 - ▶ Walrus
 - ▶ Birds (ducks, geese)
 - ▶ Herring Eggs
 - ▶ Berries
 - ▶ Native Plants
 - ▶ Clams



Tuyuryaq TCD

- ▶ Formed in 2014, signed our bylaws February 2019
- ▶ Peter Lockuk Sr. and Helen Gregorio worked together to create our TCD
- ▶ Our TCD Board has representation from the city council, the tribal council, and our native corporation (TNL)
- ▶ Tuyuryaq TCD Board:
 - ▶ Jimmy Coopchiak Chairman
 - ▶ Teo Pauk Co-Chair
 - ▶ Helen Gregorio Secretary
 - ▶ Peter Lockuk Sr. Treasurer
 - ▶ Darryl Thompson At-Large
- ▶ TTCD Staff: Aubrey Gosuk



Completed/Planned Projects

Completed:

- ▶ Tuyuryaq Subsistence Project (youth culture camps)

Planned Projects:

- ▶ Trails Project
 - ▶ Create safe trails to access subsistence areas and protect land
- ▶ Community Garden!
 - ▶ Work with school to create future garden
- ▶ Preservation of Ancestral Lands
- ▶ Conservation Planner in Togiak



Tuyuryaq Subsistence Project

- ▶ **Funded by**
 - ▶ BBNCEF Cultural Heritage Grant
 - ▶ RurAL CAP Foundation Grant
 - ▶ BBNA Voc. Rehab Program
- ▶ **Over 40 youth participants ages 9-24**
- ▶ **Activities:**
 - ▶ Boating trips on the Togiak River (12 trips altogether)
 - ▶ Clam Digging trips
 - ▶ Fish Camp Activities
 - ▶ Dry-fish making, jam making, fish canning, & filleting fish
 - ▶ Berry picking



Trails Project

- ▶ Started mapping and prioritizing subsistence trails
- ▶ The trails we chose lead to the Goodnews Trails and pass through Kurtluk Creek
- ▶ Short-term goals:
 - ▶ Community meeting before summer 2019
 - ▶ Develop plan with project partners (City of Togiak, TNL)
- ▶ Long-term goals:
 - ▶ Complete Trails Project
 - ▶ Start project for the Goodnews trails





Community Garden

- ▶ Goal: start planting seeds in summer 2019 and get youth involved
- ▶ Why Community Garden?
 - ▶ Benefit our community/school
 - ▶ Increase youth involvement
 - ▶ Boost agricultural activities and food security
- ▶ Work with school to ensure garden is a success



Future of Tuyuryaq TCD

- ▶ More conservation projects
- ▶ Increase capacity of TTCD Staff
- ▶ Create more partnerships
- ▶ Document and teach our ancestral subsistence areas
- ▶ Conservation planner in Togiak



TTCD Partners

- ▶ Alaska Tribal Conservation Alliance (ATCA)
- ▶ Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD)
- ▶ Togiak Natives Limited (TNL)
- ▶ National Park Service RTCA Program
- ▶ Bristol Bay Native Association Voc. Rehab Program
- ▶ City of Togiak
- ▶ BBNCEF
- ▶ SAMSHA
- ▶ USDA-NRCS



Questions/Comments?

Thank you!

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