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Calista Education culture camp near Umkumiut, the seasonal subsistence camp.

## PRESERVING OUR CULTURE

The most important aspect to culture and our traditional way of life is passing it on to the younger generation. Culture camps in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta have been offered annually to youth since 2000.

"It was a way of life for our ancestors," says Mark John, Calista Education and Culture Cultural Advisor. "They got food, clothing and materials for shelter like sinew for twine and other tools by living off the land."

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## UNDERSTANDING THE SHAREHOLDER ENROLLMENT PROCESS

It's an exciting time to be a Descendant of Calista Corporation. The corporation is continuing to enroll new Shareholders. Being a Shareholder comes with many benefits like dividends, job opportunities and the opportunity to vote. If you have not enrolled as a Shareholder, here's how:

### STEP 1: DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY

To become a Calista Corporation Shareholder, you must be either a Descendant of an original Shareholder or have missed the original 1971 enrollment. If you are a Descendant that means you are a child, grandchild, or direct descendant to an original Calista Shareholder, and you have not

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## DONLIN GOLD'S RICH HISTORY IN THE CALISTA REGION

From the beginning, Calista Corporation prioritized Shareholder involvement and environmentally responsible development.

During the early stages of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Calista's regional leaders identified the Donlin Creek area as one full of potential: Potential for Calista to fulfill an ANCSA mandate to safely and responsibly develop natural resources; and the significant potential to provide opportunities to Calista Shareholders and Descendants.

In 1996, Calista and The Kuskokwim Corporation struck an agreement for mining rights with Placer Dome, which has since been purchased by Barrick Gold. Today, Donlin Gold LLC is equally owned by Barrick Gold and NOVAGOLD.

"Placer Dome had a policy that was devoted to hiring indigenous people," says June McAtee, former VP of Lands & Natural Resources at Calista. "This policy was an enlightened point of view for the time. Companies need to have indigenous peoples and community development policies."

Since early exploration and studies began, Donlin Gold has been training and hiring Calista Shareholders. "Because of the mining lease terms, the company needed to hire Calista Shareholders. That meant training and outreach to Shareholders throughout the Region," June says. "There has been a tremendous amount of community outreach and that effort started early in the process."

Donlin Gold has always aimed to not only make people in the Region aware of potential job opportunities, it has worked to highlight the progress. Donlin Gold

**"I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE THAT DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT DONLIN BECAUSE IT'S PART OF THE REGION. IT REALLY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CALISTA REGION."**

— JUNE MCATEE, FORMER VP OF LANDS & NATURAL RESOURCES AT CALISTA

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Robert Beans, Board Chair

**“PLEASE JOIN US IN VOTING NO ON BALLOT MEASURE 1 IN NOVEMBER. IF PASSED, BALLOT MEASURE 1 WILL NOT PROTECT SALMON AS PROMISED. IT WILL REPLACE SCIENCE-BASED PROTECTIONS WITH NEW UNPROVEN LAWS AND REGULATIONS THAT WILL HINDER OR PREVENT NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN OUR REGION.”**

# BOARD MESSAGE

Robert Beans, Board Chair

I believe in the importance of voting. By voicing our collective opinion as voters, we make decisions impacting our lives and the lives of future generations. We choose leaders and set regulations with our votes. Voting isn't something individuals should approach casually. Such an important responsibility requires due diligence and education. Before selecting a candidate, you should educate yourself about their background and stance on issues. Before voting on a ballot measure, you should learn all the facts about the issue at hand.

On November 6, Alaskans will vote on Ballot Measure 1. Supporters of this initiative claim if passed, it will provide protections for Alaska salmon populations and their habitat. Salmon are essential to our subsistence lifestyle and we must do everything we can to ensure healthy populations and continued returns, however at Calista, we believe Ballot Measure 1 is not the answer and will do more harm than good.

Ballot Measure 1 will replace science-based fish habitat protections with new, unproven laws and regulations that will have wide-reaching, negative impacts on rural Alaska. My decades of experience with rural infrastructure development tells me if passed, Ballot Measure 1 will increase costs or even prevent development of projects like sewer lagoons, airport runway improvements, flush toilet systems, winter fuel storage deliveries, and more.

Ballot Measure 1 adds more complicated government regulations to infrastructure projects. It threatens our communities, economy and culture. We believe in striking a balance between supporting infrastructure development and protecting the environment. For generations the people of the Calista Region have engaged in subsistence activities while also growing our communities. This measure is written without our input, funded by outside money, and does not support salmon or Alaska Native people.

There is a right way to ensure that our communities can grow, while also supporting our fish and wildlife populations. Calista Corporation supports smart, science-based regulations. Yet that is not Ballot Measure 1. Please join us in voting **NO on Ballot Measure 1** on November 6.

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Andrew Guy, President and CEO

**“BECOMING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN ADDRESSING AND PROTECTING THE CONCERNS OF CALISTA, ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND PARTNERS, WHICH IS IN THE BEST LONG-TERM INTEREST FOR CALISTA SHAREHOLDERS.”**

— ANDY COLE, YK PAC BOARD MEMBER AND GENERAL MANAGER OF DONLIN GOLD, LLC

# PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: NEW POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Andrew Guy, President and CEO

In today’s political climate some voters cast their ballot based on party lines instead of by the individual candidate. Party affiliation seems to monopolize the vote. Too many voters don’t do their due diligence in researching a candidate’s background. However, a new non-partisan political action committee will help voters in the Calista Region select candidates based on their support for ANCSA corporations and what they will do for rural Alaska, regardless of their party affiliation.

The Yukon Kusko Political Action Committee (YK PAC) will support federal candidates who will support Alaska Native Corporation business activities and lead economic and infrastructure development efforts in the YK Region. YK PAC will support federal lawmakers and candidates who understand the unique needs of our ANCSA regional and village corporations and the people in one of the most undeserved regions in the country.

Through voter education and awareness, the YK PAC will mobilize Alaskans. Based in Anchorage and Bethel, we will support federal candidates who will make pro-Calista Region decisions. The PAC will financially support candidates in federal general elections in Alaska and other states.

Creating viable businesses, jobs and providing adequate infrastructure to our Region is vitally important for the health and well-being of our Shareholders and other YK region constituents.

**“I AM HONORED TO SERVE ON THE YK PAC. I HAVE SPENT A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF MY CAREER WORKING ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE CALISTA REGION AND RECOGNIZE THE MANY NEEDS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE.”**

— SAM BRICE, YK PAC BOARD MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF BILISTA HOLDING, LLC

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holds routine community visits and mails an updated project timeline in newsletters. "Donlin Gold has been around for decades," says June. "For younger people in the Region, Donlin has always been in their world."

Lately activity at the Donlin site has slowed as the project waits to receive necessary permits before moving forward. The project's environmental review process began in 2012. This process ensures the mine's plans are safe for the environment and wildlife. In August, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management issued their Record of Decision. The Project received a combined permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Additionally, BLM issued the Offer to Lease for the right-of-way to cover portions of the natural gas pipeline that would cross federal lands. The project anticipates receiving most of the required state permits by early 2019.

As the mining project works its way closer to a reality, Donlin Gold continues its community outreach, involvement and workforce development. The mine's life is expected to be almost 30 years, meaning generations of Shareholders could be a part of this project. "There has been a generational turnover since the project started," June says. "It's the next generation of employees now."

*June McAtee, former VP of Lands and Natural Resources at Calista, worked as vice president for 20 years, under five Calista Presidents and CEOs. Before becoming vice president, June worked 10 years as a geologist for Calista Corporation and was integral to the grassroots exploration process of the Donlin project.*

## WE VALUE YOUR OPINION

DONLIN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

400

Donlin & Army Corps of Engineers community opportunities during last 8 years

168

Calista community updates since 2004

For information regarding upcoming community events, please visit our website or Facebook page.

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registered for descendant shares in another regional corporation, you may be eligible for Class C stock. If you were born before the 1971 issuance date and missed original enrollment, you are eligible to apply for Class D stock.

## STEP 2: GATHER YOUR PROOF

If you're eligible, it's easy to collect the right documentation. Types of documents required could include a birth certificate, Tribal ID, social security card or more. A more detailed list of the paperwork requirements for Class C and Class D stock is available at [Enroll.MyCalista.com](http://Enroll.MyCalista.com).

## STEP 3: FILL OUT AN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

You must submit your required documentation along with a completed enrollment application. You can submit your application online at [Enroll.MyCalista.com](http://Enroll.MyCalista.com). This is the easiest way.

You can also download a paper application or visit the Anchorage or Bethel office to request a paper application. Mail paper applications to the address on the forms.

## STEP 4: WAIT FOR APPROVAL

Once your fully completed enrollment application is submitted it takes the enrollment team up to 60 days to review and verify the application. If you provided an email address with your application, you will receive notification of your approval/denial via email.

## STEP 5: GET YOUR SHARES!

Two or three times a year Calista Corporation issues new shares. You will receive a confirmation letter or email with information about the number of shares, your certificate number, and more.

## STEP 6: REGISTER FOR A FREE MYCALISTA ACCOUNT

Once you're a Shareholder, it's important to create an account on [MyCalista.com](http://MyCalista.com), a free resource for all Shareholders. With an account you can update your contact information, sign up for direct deposit, receive dividends, newsletters and other information, view financial history and shares information, and much more.

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Village elders participate with youth from surrounding villages in a setting outside the village, similar to a traditional fish camp. 7th and 8th graders learn Yup'ik and Cup'ik cultural skills, values and history.

"We spoke with elders in the villages, and they really wanted a chance like this to pass on traditions to the youth, as they learned from their fathers and mothers, and elders in their villages," says Mark.

Subsistence hunting, fishing and harvesting activities are the focus of the camp, and our values as Yup'ik and Cup'ik people are passed down to the next generation. This type of curriculum is known as "Yuuyaraq," or our Yup'ik way of being. Morning sessions would be set up like a classroom, working on Yup'ik pronunciation and understanding of subsistence activities from hunting to net mending.

"Traditionally, the communities were like family. They took care of each other. They had to, in order to survive." Mark says.

Additionally, culture camp is an opportunity for first-year teachers in the school district area to get to know the culture and meet elders and youth from that area.

"The Alaska Humanities Forum has attributed teacher participation to higher retention rates in the villages. First-year teachers gain a better understanding of village life when they participate as a teacher in the culture camps," says Dale Smith, Calista Education and Culture Project Director.

Elders in our villages serve in their traditional role as the teachers and mentors of our Native values and life skills. The students and teachers are their students in this culture-based learning experience.



Calista Education culture camp near Umkumiut, the seasonal subsistence camp.

"I've always been amazed how quickly the kids calm down with the direction of the elders," Mark says.

By participating in culture camp, youth become stewards to their communities and the environment by learning to respect it. Culture camp is typically 10 days in length and depending on its location, is offered to about 15 youth from that particular area. Calista Education and Culture held culture camp outside of Toksook Bay, St. Mary's and Akiak this year.

"Our grandparents were our teachers," Mark says. "When you give elders the opportunity to step into their traditional role as teachers, they will take on the role as they did centuries ago."





# OUR HOME IS HERE.

That's why we support the Donlin Gold Project. Strict environmental regulations, good-paying jobs and cheaper energy brought by the project will allow us to grow healthy communities.

***Let's live, work and thrive in our region.***

**#LiveThriveYK**



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# PROTECTING HISTORICAL LAND SITES IN THE CALISTA REGION

## THE ANCSA 14(H)(1) LAND SURVEYS IN THE 1970S

Under the Alaska Native Claim Settlement Act (ANCSA) 14(h)(1), all Regional Corporations were able to select lands for historic and cemetery sites. Land selections were not a part of the ANCSA village land entitlements. They were made on unappropriated federal land outside of the boundaries of Village Corporation lands. The sites had to be on land not privately owned, not selected under any other section of ANCSA, and not set aside for federal systems under ANCSA 17(d)(2). The deadline for filing for the historical and cemetery site applications was December 18, 1975, but extended until December 31, 1976.

Many historical sites are scattered throughout the Calista Region, some of which are hundreds or thousands of years old. The U.S. Department of Interior established the criteria for site selection. The Bureau of Indian Affairs created an ANCSA Office to carry out its statutory duties to investigate and certify the sites. National Park Service had an early consultative role, contracting with the University of Alaska to hire professional anthropologists, archaeologists and historians to assist in the evaluations. This obligation transferred to the BIA in 1983. The sites were identified from oral and written accounts and through personal interviews with residents and Elders in the villages. The BIA began field investigations in the YK Delta in 1978. To date, the BIA ANCSA Office has generated roughly 1,300 taped recordings with Native Elders in the Calista Region, mostly in Yup'ik or Cup'ik.

Tunista Construction, a Calista subsidiary, contracted with McClintock Land Associates, Inc. (MLA) in 2011 to perform the Cadastral Survey

of some of the Historical Sites under P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self Determination and Education Act. Local hire is the main advantage of a "638" Contract. An ANCSA Corporation or Tribal organization controls the contract and can ensure local hire and use of local services. More of the costs for the project are pumped directly into the local economy rather than going elsewhere.

The project was conducted in two phases. The first took place in the summer of 2011 based out of Saint Mary's; 46 historical sites were surveyed, and 228 corner markers were set. These surveys covered an area from Nunam Iqua to Kalskag and from Saint Mary's to Bethel.

The second phase, in the summer of 2012, was completed by moving base camp from Sleetmute to Chevak and on to Bethel. The project was huge. The sites were spread out over an area from Lime Village to Scammon Bay and Nunam Iqua to Kipnuk. Transportation of the three, two-person crews required two helicopters. Local workers, Ryan Bukowski and Gabe Nanok joined the MLA staff. They not only helped with the survey but helped determine the location of sites difficult to find. Along with a BLM employee, MLA consulted the village Elders who provided further input on site locations. In this second 2012 phase, 88 historical sites were surveyed, and 516 corner markers were set.

Accomplishing the survey of ANCSA lands is an essential step for corporations to receive final patent to lands, and local contracting for the survey of these lands using local resources is an added incentive for ANCSA Corporations to participate in the 638 surveys.

VOTE IN-PERSON AFTER OCTOBER 22



WHO YOU **VOTE** FOR IN THE  
UPCOMING ELECTION AFFECTS:

- HOW WE ARE TREATED AS ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE
- WHAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE FUNDED FOR THE YK DELTA AND RURAL ALASKA
- HOW OUR RESOURCES ARE DEVELOPED



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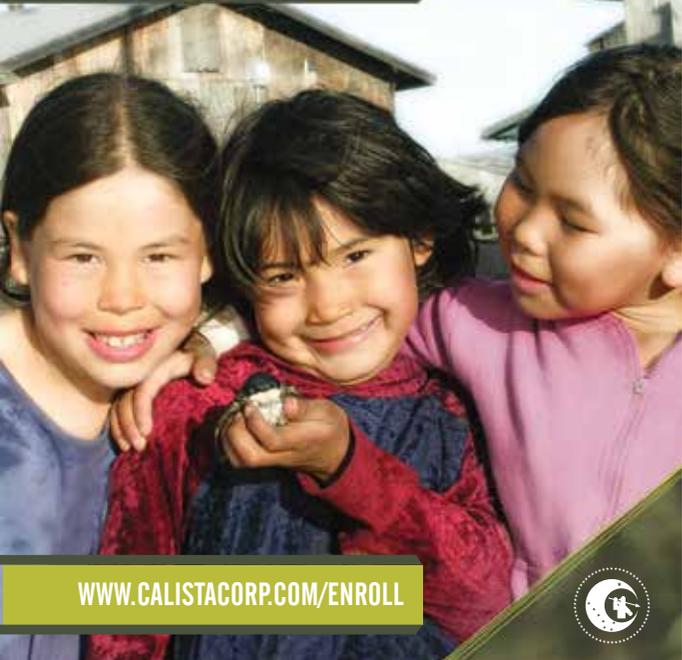
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## PERSONAL DATA FORM - OCT./NOV. 2018

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like Calista to send you new Will forms?  Yes  No

Calista Shares \_\_\_\_\_

Village Corporation Shares \_\_\_\_\_

Please change my address as I have indicated above. I understand that you cannot make address changes without my permission and signature, which I hereby give of my own free will and without constraint. I further authorize Calista and its subsidiaries to share this information internally and in accordance with law.

Shareholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Two witnesses are required if Shareholder signs with an "X.")

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Signature of Witness 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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