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GOLGA QUKAILNGUQ OSCAR, LEADER FROM THE REGION

Golga Qukailnguq Oscar, a Calista Shareholder from Kasigluk, received the **Alaska Federation of Natives Roger Lang Youth Leadership Award** in October. The award was named after the late Roger Lang, former AFN President, who encouraged young people to expand their horizons and challenge themselves to become future leaders.

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CALIVIKA
SHAREHOLDER DIRECTORY

Mike Wassilie,
Calista Shareholder and Business Owner.



NEW WEBSITE FEATURES SHAREHOLDER BUSINESSES

CALIVIKA HIGHLIGHTS ENTREPRENEURS AND ARTISTS

This winter, Calista Corporation is launching the **Calivika Shareholder Directory**, a new website featuring businesses owned by Calista Shareholders, Descendants and their spouses.

The Yup'ik word **Calivika** [*cha-LEE-week-ah*], means "my workplace" in English.

To be featured in the directory, Calista Shareholders, Descendants and their spouses will fill out a simple online form at **CalistaShareholderBiz.com**. If they need to change their listing, they can later submit a revised form.

Anyone can search the directory by company name, category or location to find a business listing. Businesses and artists may be listed no matter where they are located, including outside of Alaska.

"We are excited to offer this brand-new resource to Shareholders and their families," says **Thom Leonard, Vice President of Corporate Affairs**. "Highlighting Shareholder-owned businesses helps fulfill two of Calista's strategic goals: **increasing Shareholder benefits, employment, education and leadership opportunities; and promoting in-Region economic development and partnerships.**"

We will announce on social media and in our e-newsletter when the directory is live. Shareholders, Descendants and their spouses interested in featuring their businesses in the directory are encouraged to submit their information. Sign up at **CalistaShareholderBiz.com**.



BOARD MESSAGE: ELDERS' BENEFIT DISTRIBUTION

Willie Kasayullie, Board Chair

Each year the number of eligible Elders has increased. This year's total **Elders' Benefit Program distribution has increased 4 percent** over last year. The **Elders' Benefit Distribution** will provide **\$350 per eligible Elder**, for a total authorized distribution of about **\$1 million** this year.

We are grateful to our Elders for their invaluable transference of cultural knowledge, and we hope this distribution can help alleviate some of the financial weight.

The distribution date will be on or before December 16 for both direct deposit and paper checks sent via first-class mail. More than **2,850 Elders** are eligible this year, an **increase of nearly 100 Elders** from last year.

The Elders' Benefit Program began from a Shareholder-passed resolution in 2007. It defined Elders as original Shareholders at least 65 years old. The Calista Board has authorized an annual

Elders' Benefit Distribution perpetually since 2008.

The first distribution in 2008 totaled \$375,750. It started as a means to honor and supplement our Elders' income. Our Elders have survived, thrived and passed down our traditions to ensure the continuity of our cultures in the sub-Arctic environment of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region.

The Elders' Benefit Distribution this year marks the **41st distribution in Calista's history**. With the guidance of our Elders, we will continue to provide benefits and impart important cultural wisdom for generations to come.

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Willie Kasayullie



Calista Shareholders commuting in Hooper Bay.



Andrew Guy, President and CEO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: WESTERN STORM RESPONSE

Andrew Guy, President and CEO

Quyana cakneq to Governor Mike Dunleavy, the Alaska National Guard and our Congressional Delegation for immediately responding to the plight of our communities harmed by the **2022 West Coast Storm**.

The storm seriously damaged or destroyed more than 100 homes, and many fish camps, in the Calista Region. Over 160 members of Alaska military services deployed to Western Alaska villages with supplies and equipment for storm recovery. They removed tens of thousands of pounds of debris and helped repair damaged buildings.

State agency personnel also arrived quickly to repair community infrastructure including roadways and seawalls, and to **survey flood levels, wave surge, and erosion** in the most impacted areas.

Thank you to our **Congressional Delegation** and Governor Dunleavy for securing a **federal disaster declaration** from **President Joe Biden** so individuals could obtain financial assistance for repairs before the winter season.

By November 9, FEMA had awarded **over \$5 million** to storm survivors for housing assistance and to repair or replace damaged personal property, including **subsistence equipment** and tools.

We appreciate Governor Dunleavy's early recognition of the loss of subsistence foods. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's approval of a **Unit 18 emergency hunt** was one opportunity to for communities to replace spoiled food before winter.

Amid the massive storm response, the National Guard also provided air support to **Bethel area search and rescue volunteers** during their efforts to find missing hunters. On behalf of our grieving Shareholders, a heartfelt quyana.

These are just a few of the ways the state and federal governments demonstrated they can be a good partner to our Tribes, and also to the donor organizations who gathered a massive amount of money, food, materials and equipment. Quyana.

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Alaska National Guardsmen of Joint Task Force-Bethel arrive in Newtok, Alaska to assist in debris cleanup as part of Operation Merbok Response, Sept. 22, 2022.

YULISTA HIRES VETERANS

30 PERCENT OF YULISTA EMPLOYEES ARE VETERANS

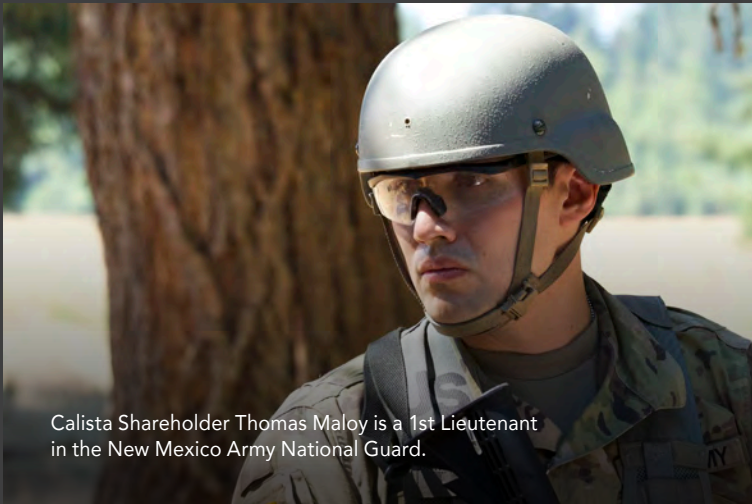
Our Shareholders—especially Elders who served in wartime—deeply support our Alaska Native veterans.

We see this in many ways, including the advocacy of **Calista Elder Nelson Angapak** of Tuntutuliak, a military veteran who helped achieve a new process for Vietnam War-era veterans or their heirs to apply for **Alaska Native allotments**.

As a company, Calista invested in the creation of the **National Native American Veterans Memorial** in Washington, D.C., formally dedicated on Nov. 11.

Another way we collectively support all military veterans—regardless of where they live—is through hiring veterans and supporting employees who want to serve our country.

This is especially apparent at Calista's **Yulista Holding Line**, where 30 percent of all employees are veterans.



Calista Shareholder Thomas Maloy is a 1st Lieutenant in the New Mexico Army National Guard.

ENCOURAGING ME TO GROW

Thomas Maloy is a Calista Shareholder with ties to Bethel who became a National Guardsman after joining our Yulista Holding Line.

Maloy's journey began when he was hired by Yulista subsidiary **Chiulista Services** to work at **Kirtland Airforce Base** in Albuquerque, and later, with its sister company, **Tunista Services**.

Maloy flourished in his positions with Chiulista and Tunista Services. To this day, Yulista colleagues describe him as a fantastic employee. Meanwhile, Maloy also signed up to serve in the National Guard on a part-time basis.

"Yulista is a very veteran-friendly company. If anyone wants to put on the uniform to serve their country, they are very supportive of it," Maloy says.

The **New Mexico National Guard** activated during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Maloy took leave from Tunista Services. He spent the next year-and-a-half supporting the **Navajo Nation** with the distribution of food, water and medical supplies.

After that assignment, fellow Guardsmen encouraged Maloy to pursue a full-time military career. He resigned from Tunista and is now a first lieutenant in the National Guard, based in Farmington, New Mexico, in charge of human resources and logistics.

"I ended up letting Tunista know how much they've really supported me. Whereas a lot of companies just want to keep you where you are at, they were encouraging me to grow."

"So many doors were opened for me. I would not have had this opportunity if not for working at Chiulista and Tunista," Maloy says.



Yulista Subsidiary Group President Andy Gignilliat served 25 years in the U.S. Army.

WORKING FROM THE HEART

Andy Gignilliat is a Yulista subsidiary group president who retired as an Army colonel with prior service as a test pilot and in special operations.

After 25 years of service in the Army, he is grateful for the opportunity to continue working in a role where he can still support the defense of our country.

"I get to do something that I can put my heart into, that I can believe in. That's a great transition for a service member," says Gignilliat.

Gignilliat sees a connection between supporting military veterans and the role of an Alaska Native corporation providing benefits to its Shareholders.

"So often when a soldier or a veteran serves their nation, they develop a perspective of service. Being an Alaska Native corporation ties into that well, because our Shareholders are the Alaska Native people. It isn't the typical Shareholder relationship with a company," he says.

"We have veterans from every branch of service—Army, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard," explains **Kristina Hambrick**, Yulista vice president of business operations.

"At some point during their service, they came into contact with a piece of equipment, or a service provided by Yulista or another

government contractor. They understand the impact these products and services have on our country's defense," Hambrick says.

Today, out of 1,955 Yulista employees, 30 percent are veterans. This year, 35 percent of Yulista's new hires were veterans.

YULISTA CAREERS



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HOLDING, LLC



View current positions with Yulista Holding LLC:

https://calist.biz/yulista_jobs



Watch a video about the Yulista workplace:

https://calist.biz/yulista_overview

SHAREHOLDER INSPIRES STRONGER CULTURAL IDENTITY THROUGH ARTISTRY

GOLGA QUKAILNGUQ OSCAR, LEADER FROM THE REGION

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"It feels amazing being surrounded by a lot of Natives from throughout Alaska [at AFN]," says Oscar. "It feels more grounded and more connected."

This trip to Anchorage was Oscar's first time to AFN, and he says it was a great experience. Earlier this year, Oscar was named the **2022 Calista Culture Bearer** in the **Calista Shareholder Awards**.



Golga Oscar received the Roger Lang Youth Leadership Award of the AFN President's Awards, and received a Calista Shareholder Award in May. Photo: Calista Corporation / Russ Slaten.

Oscar preserves culture through creating traditional arts and crafts and imparting that knowledge to others. He creates and teaches workshops on how to sew traditional Yup'ik attire like parkas, traditional dance fans, headdresses, and **uluq** (Yup'ik knife) making.

Oscar began his traditional arts career as a high school freshman. His art projects were inspired by traditional crafts made in **Qaluyaamiut**—the traditional Yup'ik name for Nelson Island.

Oscar was specifically motivated by Nelson Island's winter season ceremony called Kevgiq, or the Messenger Feast in Yup'ik. It is a celebratory mid-winter festival traditionally held after a strong whale harvest.

"The cultural attire they wear for Kevgiq—the headdresses, necklaces and **piluguut** (skin boots)—those are the pieces that really inspired me to make cultural clothing," Oscar says. "I didn't really see that in my community of Kasigluk."

In his 11 years of artistry, he has produced hundreds of headdresses and cultural pieces. Unlike the typical route of learning from others, Oscar says he is self-taught in sewing and weaving techniques.

"Through observation, a human can learn anything. So every time I observe an art piece, I would try to revitalize it using the technique I saw in the piece," Oscar says.

Oscar would request to view and hold Alaska Native art pieces from the back collection of the Anchorage Museum—or any other museum—and then document the item. He would take photos and pay close attention to the stitching, weaving and fur work.

"Every time I sew, I always think about the stories of my ancestors," says Oscar. "I'd like to give a big thank you to Calista for continuing to document interviews with our Elders and publishing them in books. Our Elders' stories push me to go further."

Over the years through modernization and assimilation, Oscar says the younger generations lose their cultural identity. His goal is to always inspire and impact others to pursue who they are and where they come from.

"Sewing makes me think about the stories of our Elders and how things came to be," says Oscar. "Their stories have a theme and meaning behind it, and every time I do that it's like meditating. When I meditate, I feel deeper and closer to my cultural roots."

Oscar says learning about and practicing his culture has made him who he is today. "Cultural art saved my life from depression, from negative substances, and from negative environments."

DONLIN AND BARGING

FOSTERING GOOD, TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

Barging is part of the way of life of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region and has been for a hundred years: it's how all of our villages receive fuel and freight during the ice-free season.

Barging is part of the plan for the Donlin Gold Project, as well.

Community input has significantly reduced the number of barges that Donlin will use to deliver fuel and freight to the proposed mine.

However, during mine operations, an average of one to two double-hulled river barges per day serving Donlin will travel between Bethel and a new port at Jungjuk Creek, near Crooked Creek. This port will be owned and operated by The Kuskokwim Corporation. The river barge fleet will include four tug-and-barge sets: two for general cargo and two for diesel transport.

While studies by federal agencies and Donlin have shown that the barge traffic is unlikely to impact migratory fish populations, the uptick in traffic will be noticed by river communities.

"Especially during subsistence gathering periods, good, two-way communication between Donlin and communities will be vitally important," says Tisha Kuhns, Calista Corp. vice president of land and natural resources.

LOCAL INPUT

What does good communication about barging look like?

The plans are still taking shape and currently include:

- Twice-yearly meetings and updates where community members can learn about plans for the upcoming barge season and provide feedback after the barging season ends
- An online portal or smartphone app to view the current location and movement of Donlin barges
- Two-way VHF radio communications and/or cell phone calls (where coverage is available) between barges and other vessels
- A pilot vessel traveling ahead of the Donlin barges on high-traffic areas to observe river conditions and subsistence activities on the river

- Hiring Yup'ik-speaking crew members to operate the pilot vessels
- Regular newsletter, web and social media updates about barging plans

SUBSISTENCE FISHING

Donlin began studying rainbow smelt seven years ago due to community concerns that barging could disturb their spawning habitat. Those studies show that the smelt generally spawn in the Kuskokwim River near Upper Kalskag, and primarily in areas of the channel not likely to be affected by barging. The continuation of smelt studies and the evaluation of potential barging effects is important to find additional ways to minimize effects to the rainbow smelt.

The **Donlin Advisory Technical Review and Oversight Committee (DATROC)**, established in 2014 by Donlin Gold, Calista and **The Kuskokwim Corporation**, has a key role in providing this oversight.

The DATROC will receive input by community advisory committees, including a subsistence committee which is now in the recruitment phase, and a barging committee. These advisory committees will review Donlin's plans, operations and monitoring activities.

"We understand the importance of subsistence fishing along the Kuskokwim River. The members of DATROC expect and encourage discussions and information sharing on barging as a key topic for the subsistence committee," says Dan Graham, General Manager for Donlin Gold.

In other places with high vessel congestion—like Bristol Bay—experienced operators point to the importance of communication for seasonal barge and boater traffic.

Drew McIntyre, Marine Superintendent for **Brice Marine**, advocates for good VHF communications between vessels of all types.

"The individual boater generally doesn't have a radio on them or doesn't have it turned on," he says. "However, it would be very useful, for safety, to know that entities can talk to each other."



Graphic illustration of tug-barge set for the Donlin Gold Project.



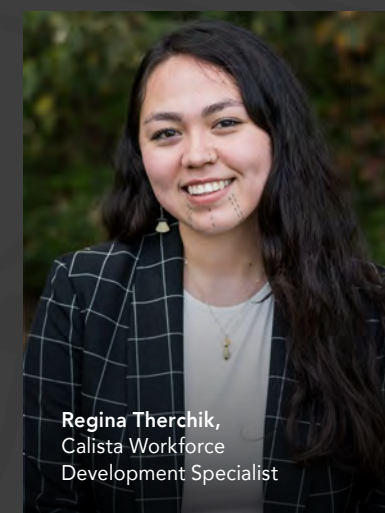
Scan the QR code to learn about/apply for the Subsistence Advisory Committee or visit the link:

<https://bit.ly/subsistencecommittee>

SUMMER 2023 SHAREHOLDER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

INTERN PROGRAM DATES MAY 25 – AUGUST 4

Calista Corporation's Internship Program is a catalyst for Shareholders and Descendants to get into varying career industries that pique their interests. Our interns get into diverse industries, including Engineering, Accounting, Government Contracting, Business and Marketing, Cultural Preservation with **Calista Education and Culture Inc.**, and much more.



Regina Therschik,
Calista Workforce
Development Specialist

The 10-week internship not only offers fair wages to participants to invest in themselves through educational and training advancement opportunities, but also to cultivate new skills and sharpen those that they already have. During the program, the interns learn what their individual role means to Calista and to our Shareholders and Descendants as a whole.

"The internship program ensures the students may become the leaders we encourage them to be for the coming generations of Calista Shareholders and Descendants," says **Regina Therschik, Calista Workforce Development Specialist** and former Calista intern.

"Each intern receives full support to grow personally and professionally from every aspect," Therschik says. "In my experience, support from your department, holding line, subsidiary, manager, supervisor, and colleagues, makes for a rich and enjoyable experience."

The **Summer 2023 Internship Program** dates are **May 25 through August 4**.

To qualify, participants must:

- Be a Calista Shareholder or Descendant
- Attend an accredited school full-time
 - Either at a university or a technical training center
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Be at least 18 years old on May 25, 2023

For participants interested in our out-of-state positions in Alabama, Texas, Florida, and Washington, they must possess a valid driver's license.

Applications will open December 1 with a deadline of March 15, 2023. Early submissions are encouraged as the recruitment and hiring process will take place over the application period.



Calista 2022 Interns volunteered at the CECI Golf Tournament.

Applicants may submit their applications via our Shareholder Talent Bank or directly on www.CalistaCorp.com.

"We look forward to seeing and working with our new and returning interns next Summer!" says Therschik.

Contact **Calista Workforce & Shareholder Development** with inquiries at **907-275-2812** or shareholderdevelopment@calistacorp.com.

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- **Regina Therschik**,
Calista Workforce Development Specialist
and former Calista intern



Apply at the QR code or by visiting:
<https://calist.biz/internships>

CALISTA SHAREHOLDERS RECEIVED 15 PERCENT HIGHER AKILISTA DISTRIBUTION

SHAREHOLDER ENROLLMENT GROWS TO OVER 35,800

Calista Corporation Board of Directors and the Trustees of the Calista Settlement Trust approved the largest **Akilista [AW-kee-lis-tah]** total distribution to Shareholders in October. This year's Akilista distribution is **over 2.3 times higher than the first** in 2014. More than 35,800 Shareholders qualify to receive this distribution from the Settlement Trust.

- The **2022 Akilista distribution** is one of two annual distributions routinely authorized by the board to all Shareholders, regardless of age
- This year's Akilista distribution is **\$3.85 million, a 15 percent increase from last year**
- Calista **enrolled 1,200 more Calista Descendants** over the past year
- About \$2.3 million went into the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region (6 in 10 Shareholders live in Y-K)
- Distribution occurred **on or before November 18, 2022**

Distributions are per share. The 2022 Akilista distribution is approximately \$1.00 per issued share. The **average Shareholder owning 100 shares received about \$100.**

"Families from the Region experienced extra burden from the storm this year," says Calista Corp. Board Chair Willie Kasayulie. "Calista's Akilista distribution is one way to alleviate the

financial stress caused by many outside factors and provide our Shareholders with the benefits possible through the company's growth."

The Akilista distribution is based on the monthly market value of the Akilista investment portfolio for the prior three years. Akilista distributions are from the Calista Settlement Trust, which are not taxable. Calista Shareholders will not receive a 1099 IRS form.

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS

Calista, through its Settlement Trust, distributed a **record \$14.6 million to its Shareholders in 2022**, over **\$2 million more than last year**. This amount includes the spring distribution, the Akilista distribution and the **Elders' Benefit Program distribution**.

The **Akilista distribution has provided Shareholders a total of over \$24.1 million since its inception** in 2014.

Calista's largest and longest-standing **Spring distribution** has dispersed over **\$78 million to Shareholders since a continuous, annual distribution** began in 2008. This year's Spring distribution was the single largest-ever Shareholder distribution of **\$9.8 million**.

Since inception, Calista has declared over **\$113.2 million in distributions to Shareholders**, including **\$10.2 million in Elders' Benefit Program distributions**.

CALISTA LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT PRESENTS LANDS IN FOCUS MERBOK STORM IMPACTS

We know Typhoon Merbok was a historic storm but how does it rank compared to past storms? What was done to gather information for threatened communities in our Region?

Lands in Focus posed these questions to Jaci Overbeck, regional geospatial coordinator for NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, and Leslie Jones, geospatial information officer for the Alaska Geospatial Office. Their responses are summarized below.

HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE THE SEVERITY OF THIS STORM?

In Golovin, where we have historical documentation on floods going back to the early 1900s, we can say this event was on par with a 100-year storm, since the last storm of a similar magnitude occurred in 1913.

The severity of flooding from the storm has been identified for each community in an online mapping tool available here: <https://bit.ly/merbokflooding>.

According to the mapping tool, Y-K communities that experienced major flooding during the storm were Hooper Bay, Chevak, Newtok and Napakiak. Communities with moderate flooding were Kotlik, Scammon Bay, Nightmute and Tununak.

WHERE WERE YOU ABLE TO VISIT IN THE Y-K REGION?

Field crews deployed to western Alaska after the storm faced a myriad of weather challenges, reducing the number of communities that could be reached.

In the Y-K Region, field crews were able to reach and collect data in eight communities: Hooper Bay, Newtok, Bethel, Chevak, Tununak, Tuntutuliak, Kongiganak and Goodnews Bay. They were also able to travel and speak to residents in Napakiak and Napaskiak.

We want to thank all the communities we traveled to for allowing our teams to be on site during a very difficult time. Also, the local Fish and Wildlife Service staff in Bethel for providing boat transport on a bad weather day.

ARE THERE OTHER COMMUNITIES WHERE YOU ARE ABLE TO USE SATELLITE IMAGERY TO HELP DETERMINE IMPACTS?

Yes. Post-storm satellite imagery is currently available for 35 communities impacted by the storm, and will help determine impacts to communities where high-water marks and flood data were not collected.

Aerial and satellite imagery may allow us to quantify erosion impacts from this event. The Alaska Geospatial Office is working to gain access to pre-storm imagery for all communities. This kind of data and information is important for future mitigation projects or community planning.

WHAT SUGGESTIONS TO YOU HAVE FOR COMMUNITIES FOR RECORD KEEPING?

High water mark data is used to create post-storm community flood maps to identify areas that flooded and at what depth. This field data is the most valuable data, but requires personnel, travel and funding for trained surveyors. Also, evidence of high water marks is easily lost with time and cleanup after events.

"WE WANT TO THANK ALL THE COMMUNITIES WE TRAVELED TO FOR ALLOWING OUR TEAMS TO BE ON SITE DURING A VERY DIFFICULT TIME."

- Jaci Overbeck, NOAA Regional Geospatial Coordinator

Please contact jacquelyn.overbeck@noaa.gov to report high water markers in need of surveying. Communities which flooded but did not have a post-storm survey are encouraged to set markers that can be surveyed at a later date.

Information on how to preserve high water marks is available from the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Corps of Engineers-Alaska District. Really it comes down to pounding a stake in the ground at the extent of a debris line or a nail with flagging in the side of telephone poles, or other structures, and writing the date or other event information.



Alaska DGGS staff conducting post-storm surveys in Hooper Bay. Photo courtesy Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources

2022 Calista Akilista Distribution

\$3.85 Million
sent to Shareholders
this year

\$13.2 Million
since 2014





Oct. 20 Alaska FiberOptic Project open house. Pictured (L to R): Walter Tutiq Featherly, Calista General Counsel; Joshua Standing Horse, NTIA; Keja Whiteman, NTIA; State Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Mike Williams, Sr., Akiak Native Community Chief; Jean Kidoo, FCC; Eduard Bartholme, FCC; Thom Leonard, Calista VP of Corporate Affairs; Jamie O'Connor, Office of Sen. Lisa Murkowski.

CALISTA CORPORATION AND ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS WILL BRING AFFORDABLE, HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND TO SEVEN KUSKOKWIM COMMUNITIES

NTIA AWARDS TRIBAL BROADBAND GRANT TO ALASKA FIBEROPTIC PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

More than **2,300 rural Alaskans in seven Kuskokwim River communities** will receive affordable, high-speed internet for the first time thanks to a tribal broadband grant funded by the **National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)** in October.

The collaboration between **Calista Corporation** and **Alaska Communications** will connect Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Tuluksak, Akiak, Akiachak, Kwethluk and Napakiak to with a fiber-optic cable, offering up to Gigabit speed service at affordable rates—comparable to rates in Anchorage.

This project sets the foundation for expanding broadband to additional communities in the region, providing access to virtual meetings, online classes, telehealth, and online jobs without requiring people to leave their village or way of life.

Through the Affordable Connectivity Program, households on Tribal lands will receive a \$75/month discount. Rates for healthcare clinics, schools and Tribal offices will also be lower than current rates.

The project is part of the **Alaska FiberOptic Project**, a larger collaboration between Calista Corporation, **Doyon, Limited**, **Gana-A 'Yoo Limited**, **Tanana Chiefs Conference** and Alaska Communications to connect **up to 20 communities along the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers** with fiber-optic cable.

"Reliable, affordable, high-speed internet is a key to connecting our people to the world, preserving and advancing our culture, and offering opportunities for young people in our communities," said **Andrew Guy, Calista President/CEO**. "In combination with other broadband projects in our Region, the Alaska FiberOptic

Project will create the foundation for many socio-economic improvements and opportunities in the region now and for decades to come."

"RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IS A KEY TO CONNECTING OUR PEOPLE TO THE WORLD, PRESERVING AND ADVANCING OUR CULTURE, AND OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES."

- Andrew Guy, Calista President/CEO

"This is an exciting milestone for Alaska," said **Bill Bishop, president and CEO of Alaska Communications**. "We're honored to work with our partners on a project that will be life-changing for many Alaskans, providing the technical expertise and experience building, operating and maintaining critical broadband infrastructure. We thank the NTIA along with President Biden, Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, Representative Peltola, and Governor Dunleavy for their support bringing this important infrastructure to our country and state."



CALISTA EDUCATION & CULTURE, INC. PRESENTS

YUP'IK TEACHING MOMENT

CALIVIKA [CHA-LEE-WEEK-AH] "MY WORKPLACE"

*Calista Education & Culture, Inc. (CECI) presents the **Yup'ik Teaching Moment** in our Storyknife newsletter. CECI highlights **Yuuyaraq**, the traditional/cultural way of being in our Region. This Yup'ik Teaching Moment is provided by CECI Cultural Advisor Mark John of Toksook Bay.*

Our ancestors were very independent. Everything they had was caught, gathered and made into food, clothing, shelter and equipment for everything they do. Nature provided them with all they needed. They had no stores to go to or businesses to have things done for them, so everyone had to be a "Jack of All Trades."

From the time children were able to use their arms and legs, their parents or grandparents asked them to do things they can handle—to develop the use of their body. This prepared them early on to learn and grow as they became older and stronger. The parents and grandparents taught both the boys and the girls what they know so they can start taking on the production of hunting and fishing equipment, household needs, and clothing and food. The idea was to teach the children so they can take over the work from their parents. If a young person saw an Elder about to do the dishes, the youth would say **aqumluten [ah-GOOM-loo-den]** "sit down" so that they can take over, or **pinauqa [bin-OW-guh]** which translates to "let me do it."

Many in the villages still enjoy the opportunity to have nature provide for them, and at the same time, make use of what the western world brings. We have stores and businesses to buy

the goods and services we need and like. It helps us go about our daily lives. Today we are fortunate to have some of our own relatives and corporations that have their own businesses. They have their own "workplace" or **calivik**. We are proud of all of them. Quyana.

Calivika ellametuq nerengnaqaqama cali neqliuraqama is "My workplace is outside when I am trying to get food and when I am working on food to eat" in Yup'ik.

Calivika [cha-LEE-week-ah] is Yup'ik for "My Workplace."



The late Nancy Edwards (left) and Bertha Andrew (right) of Mekoryuk at fish camp on Nunivak Island. Photo: Calista Corporation / Sue Gamache.

CECI PROVIDES BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TIMES OF NEED

The **Calista Education and Culture, Inc. (CECI) Burial Assistance Program** helps aid immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter) or a spouse making arrangements for the final resting place of a deceased Calista Corporation voting Shareholder or Descendant of an original Shareholder.

Burial Assistance may provide a one-time amount not to exceed \$500 to be used towards funeral home, transportation, or other related funeral expenses.

Applicant must complete and submit the following within 60 days after the date of death:

- Burial Assistance Application
- Death certificate or letter from a medical facility/funeral home with the name of the deceased and date of death
- Invoice from the funeral home if requesting funds be sent directly to the funeral home

SOMETIMES WE NEED A LITTLE HELP WHEN WE LOSE THOSE WE LOVE.



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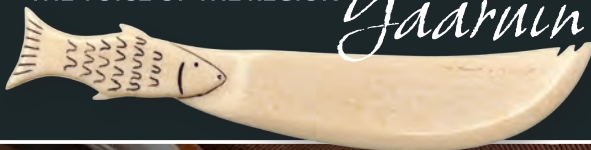
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Shareholder Name _____

New Mailing Address _____

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

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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 _____
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Date _____

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