CO-MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM
November 18-19, 2015

A forum to build understanding, relationships, and knowledge for advancing the co-management of Alaskan fish and wildlife resources.

PRODUCING KNOWLEDGE TOGETHER
November 20, 2015

Institute of Tribal Governance
Education based on Alaska Native principles and values.

Governance and Natural Resources
One-credit classes with topics that may include: Tribal Lands, Self-Governance Agreements, Federal Indian Law, Advocacy

For more information about The Institute for Tribal Governance
Call Angela at (907) 474-5826 or visit tribalmgmt.uaf.edu

Thank you for participating in the Co-Management Symposium

“Drying Salmon” Creative Commons image © Travis Shinabarger
Planning Committee

Kevin M. Illingworth, JD
Associate Professor of Tribal Management
College of Rural and Community Development

Jessica C. Black, Gwich’in Athabascan, PhD Candidate
Assistant Professor/Special Projects Liaison
Office of the Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education

Carrie Stevens
Assistant Professor of Tribal Management
College of Rural and Community Development

Krista Heeringa
Coordinator, Community Partnerships for Self-Reliance
Scenarios Network for Alaska & Arctic Planning

Angela Rutman, Koyukon Athabascan
Nenana Center Coordinator/Tribal Management
College of Rural and Community Development

Caroline White, Yup’ik
Rural Development Student Intern
Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development

Emmie Van Whye
Rural Development Student Intern
Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development

Graphic Design and Publicity

Leona Long
Public Information Officer
College of Rural and Community Development

We appreciate the generosity of our sponsors:
On behalf of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the College of Rural and Community Development, I welcome you to the Co-Management Symposium and Producing Knowledge Together.

We are pleased to have Alaska tribal governments, Alaska state and federal government fish and wildlife managers, Alaska Native leaders, faculty and students together for the first time in an academic forum to discuss cooperative models of fish and wildlife resource management.

Alaska Natives have a unique relationship and reliance with the natural world to provide for the community and people. The Co-Management Symposium builds understanding and relationships between Alaska Natives and state and federal fish and wildlife managers for the benefit of all Alaskans.

By hosting the Symposium at the university, it creates an academic arena for all stakeholders to have meaningful conversations about cooperative models of fish and wildlife resource management. It also offers a unique opportunity for our students, our future leaders and managers to learn from elders and experts alike.

The unprecedented Co-Management Symposium features panels of UAF professors, tribal leaders, tribal elders, state and federal fish and wildlife managers, Alaska Native corporation and nonprofit leaders.

The Symposium is followed by, Producing Knowledge Together, which addresses true community-based research projects. These panels offer perspectives on developing collaborative research partnerships, including finding common research questions, collaborative solutions on data management, and reporting results.

Mahsi' Choo to the Planning Committee and support staff for their hard work organizing these events.

Evon Peter
Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education
Purpose: A forum to build understanding, relationships, and knowledge for advancing the co-management of Alaskan fish and wildlife resources.

Our Shared Dialogue Agreements

In Every Chair, An Expert
Every person here has a unique and valuable experience that is their truth.

Honor Those Not in the Room
There are rooms full of others not with us today who are also experts.

Speak with Care for Others
We each hold the responsibility to choose our words carefully with the intent to learn.

Value Each Other’s Time
We all share the responsibility to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak and engage.

Speak to be Understood, Listen to Understand, Hold Judgement
This is a valuable opportunity to connect with others through the sharing of life experience.

Safe Space for Meaningful Conversation
All notes taken are non-attribution to ensure anonymity of all dialogue participants.

Our Value of Humor
Laughing is also an important way to relate with one another.

Be Present and Engaged
Cell phone ringers off, be mindful of being fully present and listening.

Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other
Note restrooms, exits, other amenities. Help one another when possible.

Concerns? Speak with a Host
adapted from
First Alaskans Institute

Co-Management in Alaska Today: Marine Mammal and Migratory Bird Panel
Moderator: Patty Schwalenberg, Director, Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Panel moderator will provide a positive and productive tone for an informative panel with meaningful dialogue. An overview of the historical political and legal framework of Marine Mammal and Migratory Bird management in Alaska will be provided. Perspectives on Marine Mammal and Migratory Bird co-management structures and projects will be shared, highlighting best practices, challenges, and solutions.

Collaborative Management in Alaska Today: Current Projects Panel
Moderator: Crystal Leonetti, Alaska Native Affairs Specialist, USFWS
Panel moderator will provide a positive and productive tone for an informative panel with meaningful dialogue. An overview of existing collaborative management projects in Alaska will be provided. Perspectives on non-BIA Self-governance Agreements, and pertinent projects will be shared, highlighting best practices, challenges, and solutions.

Building Bridges, Building Capacity
Speakers will review “Building Capacity to promote Sustainable Use and Conservation: Final Academic Assessment Report,” a UAF College of Rural and Community Development study examining opportunities to build relationships and capacity on both sides of the co-management equation.

Moving Forward: Co-Management on the Horizon Panel
Moderator: Natasha Singh, General Counsel, Tanana Chiefs Conference
Panel moderator will provide a positive and productive tone for an informative panel with meaningful dialogue. An overview of co-management projects under development in Alaska will be provided. Perspectives on developing Alaska Native management on ANCSA lands and Inter-Tribal Fish Commissions will be shared, highlighting best practices, challenges, and solutions.

Building Community-University Research Partnerships
Moderator: Patty Schwalenberg, Director, Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Panel moderator will provide a positive and productive tone for an informative panel with meaningful dialogue. An overview of collaborative research partnerships will be provided, highlighting best practices.

Co-Production of Knowledge and Research Process
Moderator: Gary Kofinas, UAF Professor of Resource Policy and Management
Panel Moderator will provide a positive tone for an informative panel with meaningful dialogue. Perspectives on developing collaborative research partnerships will be shared including finding common research questions, collaborative solutions on data management, and reporting results.

Together 4

Shared goals and values of all fish and wildlife resource managers: healthy ecosystems, healthy populations, resource abundance.
Producing Knowledge Together – Friday, November 20 - The Future

7:30-8 a.m. Shared Breakfast

8-8:30 a.m.

Opening Song, Blessing, and Welcome
Paul Williams Sr., Traditional Chief of Beaver
Evon Peter, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education
Charlene Stern, UAF Assistant Professor, DANSRD Facilitator

8:30–9 a.m.

Co-Production of Knowledge
Larry Merculieff, St. Paul Tribal Elder

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Building Community-University Research Partnerships
Moderator: Patty Schwalenberg, Director, Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Paul William Sr. Traditional Chief of Beaver
Mike Koskey, UAF Assistant Professor Cross-Cultural Studies
Terry Chapin, UAF Professor Emeritus of Ecology
Judy Ramos, UAF Assistant Professor, DANSRD

10:30—10:45 a.m. Visiting Break

10:45 a.m. -12 p.m.

Developing Research Together: Small Group Work-Session

12-1 p.m.

Shared Lunch with Elder Blessing & Reflection, Marie Yaska, Koyukon Elder

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Co-Production of Knowledge and Research Process
Moderator: Gary Kofinas, UAF Professor of Resource Policy and Management
Stephanie Rainie, Associate Director and Senior Researcher, Native Nations Institute
Courtney Carothers, UAF Associate Professor Fisheries and Ocean Sciences
Melissa Berns, Vice President Old Harbor Tribal Council
Todd Brinkman, UAF Assistant Professor Institute of Arctic Biology
Kelda Britton, Natural Resources Director, Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Visiting Break

3 - 4:30 p.m.

Developing Research Together: Small Group Work-Session

4-4:30 p.m.

Closing Song, Blessing, Reflection
Elder Wilson Justin, Nabesna, Cheesh’na
Evon Peter, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education

---

Sharing Wisdom and Perspectives on Co-management

Jaime A. Pinkham
Vice President, Native Nations
Bush Foundation

Jaime A. Pinkham is a citizen of the Nez Perce Tribe. He became Vice President of the Bush Foundation in St. Paul, MN in 2009, leading their Native Nations program. His work involves partnering with the tribes across ND, SD and MN as they redesign their governing infrastructure.

He spent the previous two decades in the Pacific Northwest advocating for tribal sovereignty, self-determination and treaty rights. Just prior to joining the Foundation he directed the congressional affairs and regional coordination efforts for the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, a coalition of four Columbia River treaty tribes. From 1990 to 2002, Jaime worked for the Nez Perce Tribe where he was elected twice to the Nez Perce Tribe’s governing body successfully retaining the position of Treasurer as the tribe was launching into gaming. He also led the tribe’s natural resource programs where he was involved in salmon restoration, water rights negotiations, wolf recovery and land acquisition.

Jaime has served on various tribal, conservation and educational boards. Currently, he serves on the Board of Trustees at Northland College (Ashland, WI), the Governing Council of The Wilderness Society, American Rivers Board of Directors, Alaska Region Advisory Committee for the Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council, and the Leadership Council for the Federal Reserves’ Center for Indian Country Development. He is Chairman Emeritus for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and Past President of the Intertribal Timber Council. He is also a former member of the Advisory Council for the Udall Center’s Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy at the University of Arizona.

Jaime is married to Tija Karklis (a dual US-Latvian citizen) who he met in 2004 when she was an intern for the Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council.

“I have a vision that the next generation will speak their language, know their ceremonies and teach their children and elders to be at peace and in love with one another.”

Jerry Isaac is Athabascan from Tanacross, Alaska. Jerry was raised traditionally by his family, who taught him the essentials of Athabascan culture and language. He is fluent in the Tanacross Athabascan language and is a strong supporter and advocate of cultural preservation.

Jerry has been very active in Tanacross tribal and community affairs, serving as the President of the Tanacross Tribal Council from 1980 until he was elected as TTC President from 2006 until 2014. Under his leadership at TTC, the Hunting and Fishing Task Force was established to advocate for the protection of the traditional way of life.

He then became CEO of Copper River Native Association, where he oversaw a number of new projects in CRNA’s social and health services delivery. Jerry currently serves as AFN Co-Chair and he also advocates for Alaska tribes and individual Indians in his capacity as the Alaska Area Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).
Co-Management Symposium – Wednesday, November 18 – Today

7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Shared Breakfast

8:30 - 9 a.m.  
Opening Song, Blessing, and Welcome  
Paul Williams Sr., Traditional Chief of Beaver  
Evan Peter, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education

9-9:15 a.m.  
Planning Committee Welcome  
Jaime A Pinkham, Nez Perce, Vice President, Native Nations, Bush Foundation

9:15-10:15 a.m.  
KEYNOTE: Opportunities in Co-Management  
Jessica Black, UAF, Vice Chancellor’s Office, CRCD

10:15- 10:45 a.m.  
Visiting Break

10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Alaska Fish and Wildlife Management: History & Policy Panel  
Moderator: Kevin Illingworth, UAF Associate Professor, Tribal Management  
Panelists: Wilson Justin, Nabesna, Cheesh’na Tribal Elder  
Gene Peitola, Director, Office of Subsistence Management, USFWS  
Craig Fleener, Special Assistant on Arctic Policy to Governor Walker  
Barbara Blake, Special Assistant to Alaska Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallot

12 - 1:15 p.m.  
Shared Lunch with Elder Blessing & Reflection, Marie Yaska, Koyukon Elder

1:15 - 2:30 p.m.  
Co-Management in Alaska Today: Marine Mammals and Migratory Birds Panel  
Moderator: Patty Schwalenberg, Director, Chugach Regional Resources Commission  
Panelists: Tim Andrew, Association of Village Council Presidents  
Joni Bryant, Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission  
Lianna Jack Peterson, Executive Director, The Alaska Sea Otter/  
Steller Sea Lion Commission  
Mary Colligan, Assistant Regional Director, Fisheries and Ecological Services, USFWS  
James Fall, Statewide Program Manager: Research, Subsistence Division, ADF&G

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.  
Visiting Break

2:45 - 4 p.m.  
Collaborative Management in Alaska Today: Current Projects Panel  
Moderator: Crystal Leonetti, Alaska Native Affairs Specialist, USFWS  
Panelists: Rhonda Pitka, 1st Chief, Beaver & Chair, Council of Athabascan Tribal Govts.  
Steve Berendzen, Yukon Flats National Refuge Manager, USFWS  
Mike Spindler, Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge Manager, USFWS  
Steven Bergman, Allakaket Tribal Government Liaison  
James Fall, Statewide Program Manager: Research, Subsistence Division, ADF&G

4:40 - 5 p.m.  
Closing Song, Blessing, Reflection  
Alfred Stevens, Stevens Village Elder  
Evan Peter, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education

8-9 p.m. Wednesday, November 18  
Opening Reception, Museum of the North  
Welcome by Janet Thompson, UAF Museum of the North  
Jessica Black, UAF, Vice Chancellor’s Office, CRCD  
Elder Blessing  
Sponsor, President Victor Joseph, Tanana Chiefs Conference  
Sponsor, Interim Director Bryan Uher, UAF Interior Alaska Campus  
UAF Inu-Yup’iq Dancers  
Athabascan Singing & Drumming  
Refreshments, Visiting and Private Viewing of Museum Exhibits

Co-Management Symposium – Thursday, November 19 – Tomorrow

7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Shared Breakfast

8:30 - 9 a.m.  
Opening Song, Blessing, and Welcome  
Evan Peter, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education

9 - 9:45 a.m.  
KEYNOTE: Key Features of Success  
Jerry Isaac, Tanacross, AFN Co-Chair

9:45 - 10 a.m.  
Visiting Break

10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
Moving Forward: Co-Management on the Horizon Panel  
Moderator: Natasha Singh, General Counsel, Tanana Chiefs Conference  
Karen Linnell, ED, Copper River-Ahtna Inter-Tribal Resource Conservation District  
Ben Stevens, Director Tanana Chiefs Conference Fishing and Hunting Task Force  
Mike Williams, Akiak, Chair of Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission  
Stewart Cogwell, Fisheries Division Chief, Office of Subsistence Management, USFWS  
Stephanie Schmidt, Area Management Biologist, ADF&G  
Aaron Poetter, Kuskokwim Area Manager, ADF&G

11:15-12:30 p.m.  
Visiting Break

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Reflections on Collaborative Research  
Dr. Terry Chapin, UAF Professor Emeritus  
Stephanie Rainie, Associate Director and Senior Researcher, Native Nations Institute

12 - 1:15 p.m.  
Shared Lunch with Blessing & Reflection, Paul Williams Jr, Beaver

1:15 - 1:45 p.m.  
Cross-Cultural Communication Exercise  
Paul Williams Sr., Traditional Chief of Beaver  
Mike Koskey, UAF Assistant Professor Cross-Cultural Studies

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.  
Building Solutions Together: Small Group Work Sessions  
Facilitation with Andrea Sanders, Yup’ik, Director, Alaska Native Policy Center  
First Alaskans Institute

2:45 - 3 p.m.  
Visiting Break

3 - 4:30 p.m.  
Building Solutions Together: Small Group Work Sessions  
Facilitation with Andrea Sanders, Yup’ik, Director, Alaska Native Policy Center  
First Alaskans Institute

4:30 - 5 p.m.  
Closing Song, Blessing, Reflection  
Luke Titus, Minto Elder  
Evan Peter, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education