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*Weaving together two worlds*

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

CO-MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM  
November 18-19, 2015

PRODUCING KNOWLEDGE TOGETHER  
November 20, 2015



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## Welcome to the Co-Management Symposium and Producing Knowledge Together



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evon Peter".

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**

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**Shared goals and values of all fish and wildlife resource managers:  
healthy ecosystems, healthy populations, resource abundance.**

**Panel Descriptions**

**Alaska Fish and Wildlife Management: History & Policy Panel**

*Moderator Kevin Illingworth, UAF Associate Professor, Tribal Management*

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 fish and wildlife management in Alaska will be provided. Perspectives on traditional management practices, traditional laws, and Western management systems will be shared.

**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.

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

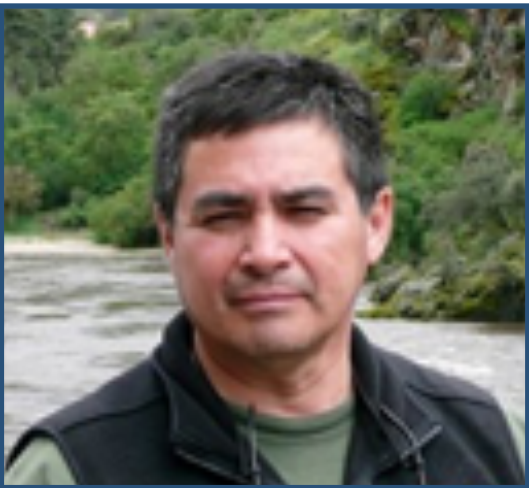
1 - 2:30 p.m. Co-Production of Knowledge and Research Process  
Moderator: Gary Kofinas, UAF Professor of Resource Policy and Management  
Stephanie Rainie, Associate Director and Senior Researcher, Native Nations Institute  
Courtney Carothers, UAF Associate Professor Fisheries and Ocean Sciences  
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, Jaimie 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.

Jaimie 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.

Jaimie 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 TCC President from 2006 until 2014. Under his leadership at TCC, 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).



Jerry Isaac  
Co-Chair  
Alaska Federation of Natives



