

Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Newsletter

Spring 2009

Environmental Update

By Dana Osterback

Happy Spring everyone! It is almost summer and we have spring fever!

Our Environmental Department has been quite busy these last few months....

Jessica and I both attended a Level 1 Water Operators Training at the Trident Galley that was sponsored by the University of Alaska. This class was very informational with many things to learn in just a weeks time. This training will enable Jessica and I to become familiar with our water treatment facil-

ity where we can be trained to test and clean the water.

"Cold Water Safety and Keeping our Oceans Clean" activities were held at the Sand Point pool with help from Jason Bjornstad.

Jessica has been hosting environmental activities during Boys and Girls Club twice a week. We encourage kids of all ages to participate in these events.

Our 3rd Annual Earth Day Fair is coming up fast! If you would like to donate your time to

help our department with these events please contact our office at 907-383-6968. Our staff could use all the help possible.

QT Tribe has an employment opportunity for an Environmental Assistant. If you are interested please contact our office for an application or submit a resume.

We are on the web at [www.myspace.com/qagan_tayagungin_tribe!](http://www.myspace.com/qagan_tayagungin_tribe)
Come check us out!

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Special points of interest:

- Earth Day!
- Recycling in Sand Point
- Recycling symbols & what they mean!
- Kids word search

Environmental Assistant Youth Group Update

By Jessica Ludvick

The flower garden in front of the city building has started growing! These flowers were planted by Keith Herrman and were donated by Susan Osterback. I would like to thank them both on behalf of the QT Tribe Environmental Department for their help

in beautifying our community!

I've been going to the Boys & Girls Club twice a week and have been doing environmental activities with the kids that attend. We anticipate doing more activities throughout the summer

months. Potential activities include trash pick ups, hiking, bbq's, gardening, local plant identifying, and much more.

Please remember to do your part to keep our environment clean. The summer months are just ahead of us and trips to the beaches are going to be a weekly event. We encourage you to bring your trash from

the beaches and dump it in the proper places! We would like to be able to utilize our nice beaches for generations to come Thanks!

Cold Water Safety and Trashing our Livelihood

by Jessica Ludvick

The QT Environmental Department has been working with Jason Bjornstad on developing a curriculum to encourage kids about taking cold water safety seriously. Also, to help them understand the importance of keeping our oceans clean.

I've attended a class that certified me as a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor. This certificate allows me to teach swimming lessons and CPR and First Aid.

A video was played called "Trashing our Livelihood". This video demonstrated how important it is to keep our oceans clean and the potential damages if we don't. Trashing our oceans will not only deplete our subsistence and our livelihood, but also the marine life that needs to be protected.

A litter activity was held in the pool to demonstrate the amount of debris that could be floating around in the ocean and why it is

important not to throw garbage overboard. We had a number of different activities, including cold water maneuvers and safety, and life vest races a demonstration on the proper way to wear a life vest, emphasizing that life vests save lives.

More of these activities will be scheduled in the future, since this is a very important aspect to our lives. Please look for further updates on these events.

Recycling Center

by Jessica Ludvick

Pauloff Harbor Tribe's Recycling Center is up and running! It is located in a storage van in the boat harbor at the end of the East Wall.

I have been helping Karen Kalmakoff sort through all the recyclables and participating in crushing them into large bails to be back-hauled.

When you are recycling

please remember the recycling center only takes #1 plastic. You will be able to find this information either on the bottom of the container's inside a triangle or on the containers wrapper. Please remove plastic bottle caps before dropping off recyclables. Pauloff Harbor does not recycle the caps because they are made of a different plastic.

Glass is recycled by the City.

They have a green dumpster located across the street from the City building.

Please do not throw garbage in with your recyclable material! If you need a pick up please call the Pauloff Harbor Environmental Department at (907)383-2487 or our environmental department.

bles; butter and yogurt tubs; cereal box liners.

It carries low risk of leaching and is readily recyclable into many goods.

Number 3 Plastics
V (Vinyl) or PVC

Found in: Window cleaner and detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles, clear food packaging, wire jacketing, medical equipment, siding, windows, piping

Recycling: Rarely recycled; accepted

What Do Recycling Symbols on Plastics Mean?

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Plastic material is in our cars, toys, packaging, clothing, home goods, food utensils, medical devices and so much more. It is also littering our streets, clogging our waterways and choking marine life. Many plastics can be readily recycled, but how do consumers make sense of all the different types and rules?

Number 1 Plastics- (PET or PETE (polyethylene terephthalate)

Found in: Soft drink,

containers; salad dressing and vegetable oil containers; oven safe food trays.

Number 1 plastics are recycled in Sand Point.

Number 2 Plastics- HDPE (high density polyethylene)

Found in: Milk jugs, juice bottles; bleach, detergent and household cleaner bottles; shampoo bottles; some trash and shopping bags; motor oil bot-



What Do Recycling Symbols on Plastics Mean? (continued)

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by some plastic lumber makers.

Recycled into: Decks, paneling, mudflaps, roadway gutters, flooring, cables, speed bumps, mats

PVC is tough and weathers well, so it is commonly used for piping, siding and similar applications. PVC contains chlorine, so its manufacture can release highly dangerous dioxins. If you must cook with PVC, don't let the plastic touch food. Also never burn PVC, because it releases toxins.

Number 4 Plastics-

LDPE (low density polyethylene)

Found in: Squeezable bottles; bread, frozen food, dry cleaning and shopping bags; tote bags; clothing; furniture; carpet

Recycling: LDPE is not often recycled through curbside programs, but some communities will accept it. Plastic shopping bags can be returned to many stores for recycling.

Recycled into: Trash can liners and cans, compost bins, shipping envelopes, paneling, lumber, landscaping ties, floor tile
LDPE is a flexible plastic with many applications. Historically it has not been



accepted through most American curbside recycling programs, but more and more communities are starting to accept it.

Number 5 Plastics- PP (polypropylene)

Found in: Some yogurt containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, caps, straws, medicine bottles

Recycling: Number 5 plastics can be recycled through some curbside programs.

Recycled into: Signal lights, battery cables, brooms, brushes, auto battery cases, ice scrapers, landscape borders, bicycle racks, rakes, bins, pallets, trays
Polypropylene has a high melting point, and so is often chosen for containers that must accept hot liquid. It is gradually becoming more accepted by recyclers.



Number 6 Plastics PS (polystyrene)

Found in: Disposable plates and cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers, aspirin bottles, compact disc cases

Recycling: Number 6 plastics can be recycled through some



curbside programs.

Recycled into: Insulation, light switch plates, egg cartons, vents, rulers, foam packing, carry-out containers
Polystyrene can be made into rigid or foam products ~ in the latter case it is popularly known as the trademark Styrofoam. Evidence suggests polystyrene can leach potential toxins into foods. The material was long on environmentalists' hit lists for dispersing widely across the landscape, and for being notoriously difficult to recycle. Most places still don't accept it, though it is gradually gaining traction

Number 7 Plastics Miscellaneous

Found in: Three- and five-gallon water bottles, 'bullet-proof' materials, sunglasses, DVDs, iPod and computer cases, signs and displays, certain food containers, nylon
Recycling: Number 7 plastics have traditionally not been recycled, though some curbside programs now take them.

Recycled into: Plastic lumber, custom-made products.



Scrap Metal Update by Dana Osterback

Scrap Metal removal season is upon us again...

The three tribes and the City of Sand Point has been working together to start Phase 1 of our scrap metal backhaul project. Phase 1 includes collecting all the cars/trucks, large equipment, and scrap metal from construction projects, etc. This phase also includes cleaning out all fluids, dismantling as needed, and locating deeds

and/or applying for abandoned vehicle status.

We are hoping to utilize the barges that come here to backhaul some of the scrap that we can easily put into a large van. This will help cut the cost down tremendously.

We will also be asking for local recycling in the state. Threshold recycling has an excellent program and may be willing to take our scrap. Alaska Metal Recycling is also an-

other instate agency that we have been working with. They are working on getting a barge into the region to do a region wide pickup with no cost to us accept getting it ready (phase 1).

We would appreciate the community member's help by contacting the City shop if you have any vehicles, or other scraps, that you would like to have removed from your property for disposal.. The sooner this is done the more time and cost efficient this project will be.

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