

Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department

Program Update

By: Karis Porcincula

Happy Holidays! So far, this year has been busy. We would first like to welcome our newest employee, our Environmental Assistant, Karmen Newman. She just recently joined the department.

The Community Christmas potluck was a success yet again this year. If you have any suggestions for the next potluck, don't hesitate to give the tribe a call at 383-5616.

The Environmental Coordinator, previous Environmental Assistant, and one council member attended the Region 10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit in Spokane, WA in the first week of October.

The Environmental Coordinator and Finance Director

attended the National Tribal GIS conference in Albuquerque, NM during the first week of November.

The Environmental Coordinator attended the Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management in Anchorage, AK during the second week of November.



If you have electronic waste you don't know what to do with, drop it off at the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department for recycling. If you are an elder, or handicapped, and

are unable to drop off your recyclables, call the QTT Environmental Department and we can pick up your electronic waste.

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department is waiting for the results back from the Environmental Health Lab of the January clam sample. The most recent result was 30.9 micrograms for December.

The Environmental Teen Group and Environmental Youth Group are still active and still held weekly. ETG is held every Thursday night from 7-8pm at the Teen Center. EYG is held every Friday afternoon from 2:30pm-3:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club. Hope to see more youth attending this coming year.

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Electronic Recycling Updates

By: Karis Porcincula

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department is still collecting electronic waste for back-haul. Electronic waste is anything from old phones, computers, printers, televisions, dvd/vcr players, fax

machines, etc. The Environmental Department is also collecting used ink cartridges/toner cartridges for recycling.

If you or your business has ink cartridges to get rid of, please drop them off at the

QTT Environmental Office. If you do not have a vehicle, are disabled, and are unable to bring your electronics to the office, give us a call and a pick up can be arranged. Please recycle and keep our community clean.





Region 10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

By: Karis Porcincula

From October 7-11, 2013, the Environmental Coordinator, Karis Porcincula; Environmental Assistant, Shivonne Johnson; and Council Member, Peter Devine, went to Spokane, WA to attend the Region 10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit.

The summit took place at the Northern Quest Casino & Resort where people from all over Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho came together to discuss the environmental issues from

their tribes and help each other find ways to improve the problems.

There were discussions about everything from solid/hazardous waste to fish and mercury. There was some discussion about

birds, and meeting with the different Region Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) and National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) members. There were various keynote speakers and presentations on mercury in fish, RTOC, and



solid/hazardous waste. The EPA was not able to attend due to the government shut down, which made scheduling and attendance different for each session. Many of the sessions were cut and other's were made longer to fill in for those sessions. The Kalispel Tribe provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner almost every day.

This summit would have been better if EPA were in attendance, but all in all it went very well, and we learned new things which will help us with future projects in Sand Point.

2013 National Tribal GIS Conference

By: Karis Porcincula

During the first week of November 2013, Finance Director, Laresa Moses and Environmental Coordinator, Karis Porcincula, attended the 2013 National Tribal GIS Conference in Albuquerque, NM. The Southern Indian Polytechnic Institute held the training. For the



first two days, Laresa and Karis learned how to map on the computer using ArcGIS mapping systems.

For the last three days, they attended various sessions which showed the different ways ArcGIS is being used around the United States. They also gathered information from the BIA on starting tribal GIS in Sand Point. As a tribe, we hope to see it up and running soon.

What is Tribal GIS?

By: Karis Porcincula

GIS is a geospatial information system that let us visualize, analyze, and understand data to reveal relationships and patterns.

Tribal GIS is working with geospatial information systems within Indian Country. By collecting GPS positions within native communities to performing advanced analysis for tribal economic

development activities, there have actually been quite a few places who now use advanced GIS activities.

In Sand Point, we hope to incorporate our tribe with using GIS to track our roads and invasive species and eventually expand into tracking community related data. By using GIS, we will make maps to track every

detail. When tracking invasive species, the maps will be made, and published to the public to see how bad the take over has gotten, or how efforts have improved the situation.

ArcGIS will be a great addition to the QT Tribe and to our community. We hope to get it up and running soon



QTT Community Christmas Potluck 2013

By: Karis Porcincula

The 2013 Community Christmas Potluck, held at the QTT Community Center has finished yet another year. The potluck was held on Saturday, December 14, 2013. There were presents for all the children and gifts and money prizes for adults.

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for the donation and contributions they have made towards making the 2013 Community Potluck a success. Thank you to: The Aleut Foundation, Aleutian Pribilof Islands

Association, KSDP, Shumagin Corporation, City of Sand Point, Pastor Scott Morgan, Sand Point School Music Class, Alaska Commercial Co., QTT Staff, Trident Seafoods, Christine Nielsen, Big Wave Dave, Shalene Chebetnoy, Jason Bjornstad, Charlie Jackson, Peter Devine, Carla Chebetnoy, Kevin Gundersen, Rayette McGlashan, Harbor City Crew, Close Up Class, Peterkins, Unga Tribe, Karmen Newman, volunteers and everyone who brought a dish to share. QTT would also like to

thank those who stayed and helped clean up after the potluck. Thank you to: Austin Roof, Christian Andersen– Nutt, Jolan Rotter, Jeremiah Wilson, Sergio Porcincula, Danny Cumberland, Max Chebetnoy, Ryder Gundersen, Bob & Jerri Nyberg, Judith Morgan, Carla Chebetnoy, and Karmen Newman.

If there are any suggestions for the 2014 Community Christmas potluck, please let us know. You can call us at 907-383-5616 or email us at QTTAdminAssistant@arctic.net

Air Quality Complaints

By: Karis Porcincula

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is still collecting air quality complaints on the website. If you smell something foul or harmful, please don't hesitate to get on our website, and make a complaint. The complaints are downloaded weekly and are used to help the tribe con-

sider what/where the air quality concerns need to be focused.

To make an online complaint, just go to <http://www.qtttribe.org/Environmental> and look on the left hand side at the panel. You will see a bullet called Air Quality complaint

form.

If you notice any type of smell out of the ordinary or a strong scent of something, or know of a situation which impacts our air quality, please let us know. Thank you.

Protect Children From Environmental Risks

By: Karis Porcincula

Protecting our children from environmental risks is important as they are our future generation.

Help our children breathe easier by not smoking or letting others smoke in your home or car. Keep your home as clean as possible from mold, dust, secondhand smoke, and anything else that can trig-

ger asthma and allergies.

Protect children from lead poisoning by getting them tested for lead, get your home tested for lead, wash floors/windows that can be associated with paint chips, and finally wash children's hands before they eat.

Protect children from too much sun by giving them

hats, sunglasses and protective clothing to wear. Use sunscreen with SPF 15+ on kids over six months, and keep infants out of direct sunlight. Limit their time in the mid-day sun (the sun is more intense in between 10am and 4pm).

Lets protect our children as they are our future generation.

Carbon Monoxide

By: Karis Porcincula

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas emitted from combustion processes. The majority of carbon emissions come from vehicles of some sort. Carbon monoxide or (CO) can cause serious health effects. CO can reduce oxygen delivery to the body's organs (ie. heart and brain) and tissues. At extremely high levels, CO can cause death. The EPA first set air quality

standards for carbon monoxide in 1971. For protection of both public health, and welfare, the EPA set an eight hour primary standard at 9 parts per million (ppm) and 1-hour primary standard at 35 ppm. One part per million of CO can cause harm, this is just a small bit. The carbon monoxide standards were reviewed in 1985, and the EPA revoked the

standards for public welfare due to the lack of evidence tested at or near ambient concentrations, which is outdoor air, some of Sand Point's concerns. The last review was completed in 1994 and the standards still remain the same.

For more information about carbon monoxide, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/carbonmonoxide/>



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Reclaim Alaska

A group of citizens came together with a purpose, with a goal, to have the healthiest community possible. So what do we call ourselves we asked, and the question was raised, what do you want to do? "Take back our community from the drug dealers!" From this, RECLAIM ALASKA was born.

Reclaim Alaska started off as a simple community gathering, and has taken on its own life and evolved into something more. A major problem has been identified in our community, DRUGS! Possible solutions have been identified. Priorities have been identified by the group. What is Reclaim Alaska you may ask?

It's ordinary community members who are sick and

the drug dealers, you are no longer welcome, we are



tired of watching our community, both local and at a state level, surrender to drug abuse, and the social ills which accompany drug abuse. We've had enough. This is the official notice to

going to do everything in our power to take our community back, and restore it to wellness.

Entities throughout the region are formally recognizing

the problems our communities and state are facing in regards to illegal drugs; and voicing their resolve to support efforts to address them, and work towards making Alaska a healthier place to live!

Reclaim Alaska is planning a Reclaim day at the school. The event will take place at the Sand Point school sometime this year. The schedule is still being worked on. . Check the QT Tribe's website for more information about Reclaim Day and when it will be held. If you're interested in helping, please be sure to attend the next Reclaim Alaska meeting, and keep an eye on the QTT website for updates.

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