

# THE AGLUKTUK Winter/Spring 2016

# **BSNC TO RECEIVE PROPERTY AT PORT CLARENCE**

The United States Congress passed legislation on Feb. 1, 2016 which included language that authorized the transfer of Port Clarence to BSNC, the State of Alaska and the U.S. Coast Guard. President Obama signed the legislation into law on Feb. 8. The bill was sponsored by Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-California) and had the support of Congressman Young, Senator Murkowski and Senator Sullivan. One goal of the law is to facilitate infrastructure development and potential uses of Point Spencer, adjacent to Port Clarence, Alaska. Subtitle C of Title V specifically conveys portions of the 2,400 acre tract at Point Spencer to BSNC and the State of Alaska.

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) will retain a portion of the land for the continuance of their Arctic Marine and Air operations. The law also allows the establishment of a public/private partnership among BSNC, the USCG and the State of Alaska. The language authorizing conveyance of the Point Spencer lands was originally introduced by Congressman Don Young in May of 2014 as H.R. 4668, and was later added to the 2015 Coast Guard Reauthorization Act. At the time Mr. Young introduced H.R. 4668, he said, "I am proud to be joined by my friend Congressman Duncan Hunter, the Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee,

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Port Clarence is a natural deep-water port located near the 50-mile-wide expanse between Alaska and Russia.



Port Clarence was traditionally used by indigenous inhabitants as trading, hunting and fishing grounds.

## **BSNC ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OFFICERS**

BSNC is pleased to announce the results of its 2016 Election of Board Officers. Officers are elected by the Board of Directors annually. The election was held Dec. 17 at BSNC's Board of Directors meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Chairman: Henry Ivanoff** 

Vice Chairman: Lee Ryan

**President: Gail R. Schubert** 

**Secretary: Roy Ashenfelter** 

**Treasurer: Clara Langton** 

**Assistant Secretary: Fred** 

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**Assistant Treasurer: Eugene** 

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## **BSNC SHAREHOLDERS, DESCENDANTS** SELECTED AS U.S. ARCTIC YOUTH **AMBASSADORS**



BSNC is proud to announce that Samuel Tocktoo, a shareholder from Shishmaref, and descendants Willie Drake of Anchorage, Esau Sinnok of Shishmaref, and Grace Ongtowasruk of Teller, were selected to be U.S. Arctic Youth Ambassadors for the 2015-2017 Arctic Council Chairmanship. Jannelle Trowbridge of Nome is also participating in the Arctic Youth Ambassador Program.

The U.S. Arctic Youth Ambassadors program

was established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of State and nonprofit partner Alaska Geographic to serve an important role in Arctic public outreach and education. Ambassadors will participate in a variety of programs and projects including sharing stories from Alaska about the changing Arctic through social media and public forums. As Arctic Youth Ambassadors, they will help build awareness at home and abroad on how to sustain communities, cultures and the environment in a changing Arctic.

From May to August, Drake excelled in BSNC's internship program, where he participated in trainings on leadership skills, public speaking, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, cultural awareness, Arctic matters, policy issues that impact Alaska Native people, speed mentoring, professional writing and career and professional development. Upon finishing the internship program, Drake was offered and accepted a part-time position in BSNC's Contracts Department. Drake graduated with honors from Mt. Edgecumbe high school last May, where he was a member of the Yup'ik Dance Group.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



As the year 2016 starts off, I would like to take the opportunity to thank BSNC's shareholders for their continued support for and involvement in their corporation. Fiscal year 2015 was the 11th consecutive year that BSNC experienced financial growth. We now have more than 1,300 employees working across the globe for BSNC and its family of companies. 2015 also marked the 8th consecutive year BSNC has distributed dividends, our longest stretch to date. Our shareholders' support of BSNC's growth strategy is important to management and

the teams of employees who work diligently to fulfill our mission.

I also would like to thank our Board of Directors for their leadership. When directors are entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the strategic direction, interests and assets of a corporation like BSNC, a fiduciary responsibility to all shareholders and the company arises. Shareholders rely on the Board to protect their interests. Directors are expected to always act in the best interests of BSNC when taking action on any matters that deal directly or indirectly with BSNC, and ensure that their actions are consistent with this important mandate. It's important that shareholders continue to exercise their right to vote their proxies to ensure that the elected Board represents the best interests of all shareholders.

Government Contracting continues to be the core of BSNC's operations. BSNC continues to nurture and grow an excellent business reputation with its biggest customer, the federal government. As an example, one of BSNC's subsidiaries successfully won a large contract to operate the El Paso Service Processing Center in Texas which houses individuals who are detained prior to deportation proceedings. The facility houses approximately 700 detainees. Here in Alaska, another subsidiary was awarded a project to drain and close multiple fuel tanks in more than 50 communities in rural Alaska. This project will involve the donation of fuel to tribal organizations which will then give the fuel to Elders or families in need. This project provides a valuable benefit to rural Alaskans who are impacted by the high cost of living.

Many of our shareholders are aware of the fiscal crisis that our State faces. For decades, the State's budget was largely funded by oil tax revenues; 90 percent of the budget came from taxes on oil production. With the sharp decline in the price of oil, revenues available to the State to fund its governmental functions and responsibilities have declined by more than 75 percent! This has led to needed cuts in funding for many government services and programs, and the cuts will impact every Alaskan. I am working with the Alaska Federation of Natives and the ANCSA Regional Association CEOs group to try to ensure those cuts do not disproportionately impact rural Alaska. Even with budget cuts the State will still have a budget shortfall of several billion dollars. This will likely require dramatic measures, including a reduction of the Permanent Fund Dividend and the imposition of statewide taxes, including a state income tax. I urge our shareholders to become familiar with this important issue and to contact their Legislators to ask that they act this year to address the budget crisis and adopt measures that don't disproportionately impact rural Alaska.

On a positive note in closing, I would like to share some good news that will benefit the Corporation and our Region for many decades to come. On Feb. 8, 2016 President Obama signed into law H.R. 4188, the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act, which contains provisions to convey ANCSA lands at Point Spencer/Port Clarence to BSNC. As we have reported over the past several years, BSNC has been working with our Congressional Delegation to introduce legislation that would expedite this transfer. Port Clarence is the only natural deep water harbor along Alaska's Arctic coast and it will gain importance as shipping and resource development grow in the coming years. BSNC stands poised to meet the Arctic future at the gateway to the Arctic, the Bering Strait. We are hopeful that development at Port Clarence will provide economic development opportunities in our Region, jobs for the people of our Region and more dividends for our shareholders.

Gail R. Schubert

## BSNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### **BSNC IS ON FACEBOOK**

BSNC has more than 3,000 on Facebook and get the latest









# **HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT:** NASHOALOOK AND KARLSON

On June 25, 1887, Evangelical Covenant missionary A.E. Karlson arrived in St. Michael. In St. Michael, he happened to meet Nashoalook of Unalakleet, who spoke some English and Russian. Nashoalook, a medicine man and the last traditional chief of Unalakleet, was one of five tall, dark brothers who had moved to Unalakleet from Malemiut country, which is east of Kotzebue. Nashoalook invited Karlson to Unalakleet, and traveled there on July 12, 1887. In Unalakleet, not all of the locals were as friendly to Karlson as Nashoalook was, and a plan was hatched by three men to kill Karlson. Upon learning of this murderous plan, Nashoalook hid Karlson in his home for three months until the angry men could be persuaded not to kill Karlson.

Moonlight at Midday by Sally Carrighar.

# SHAREHOLDER NEWS

# SHAREHOLDER EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED



BSNC shareholder Dawn Mocan accepts an award from BSNC President & CEO Gail Schubert and Vice President of Federal Programs Bill Mendenhall for her service as PSO Project Manager.

This past summer BSNC staff visited Nome, White Mountain, Golovin, Wales, Teller, Shaktoolik, Brevig Mission, Koyuk, Gambell, St. Michael, Stebbins, Savoonga, Unalakleet and Shishmaref to recruit, hire and train 17 Protected Species Observers (PSOs) for Shell. BSNC recognized shareholder employee Dawn Mocan, who served as the PSO Project Manager, for her diligence and hard work throughout this challenging project. The PSO work complemented BSNC's mission to improve the quality of life of our people through economic development while protecting our land and resources and preserving our culture and heritage. BSNC shareholders' long-lasting dependence on the land and sea for subsistence purposes highlights why BSNC's Board of Directors continues to emphasize protecting its lands and resources, even as BSNC engages in profit-making economic development activities.

# MONTHLY STOCK WILL DRAWING WINNERS

MAIL IN YOUR UPDATED STOCK WILL TODAY AND BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO WIN \$200!

October – **Rose Mosquito**, Wasilla

November- Lillian Arlene Katongan, Unalakleet

December – **Leslie R. Gray**, Oregon

January – **Julia Price**, Washington

February - Cheryl Dahl, Washington

The Stock Will Drive provides a monthly drawing of \$200. The Stock Will Drive is an incentive for shareholders to have a current Stock Will on file with BSNC, whether it is a first one or a revised one. Each month, BSNC will draw a lucky winner to receive \$200 from those shareholders who have submitted a new or revised Stock Will during the previous month. For the month of February, a total of 27 shareholders turned in a valid will.



# BSNC SHAREHOLDERS RECOGNIZED AT AFN

BSNC congratulates shareholders Dr. Barb (QasuGlana) Amarok, Carol Huntington and Dr. Nora Nagaruk Aiyuu who each received Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) President's awards.

Dr. Barb "Qasuglana" Amarok received the Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education award for helping to improve educational opportunities for Alaska Native people. Carol Huntington received the Hannah Paul Solomon "Women of Courage" award for helping manage Kokrine Hills Bible Camp on the Yukon River for 27 years with her husband Roger. Dr. Nora Nagaruk Aiyuu received the Della Keats "Healing Hands" award for her service as a doctor in our Region, where she returned in order to provide needed medical treatment and care for our people.

AFN also announced during the Convention that shareholder BeeJay Gray was selected as one of the Heroes in Our Homeland. AFN introduced the contest this year to celebrate the everyday heroes who positively impact communities. BeeJay is known as a sober and traditional role model, for her kind and generous heart, and for sharing the traditional foods she and her husband and family have harvested with the community of Nome.



From left is Dr. Nora Nagaruk Aiyuu, Dr. Barb "QasuGlana" Amarok and Carol Huntington.



## INTRODUCING BOARD DIRECTOR ELLA ANAGICK

Ella Anagick was elected to BSNC's Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on Oct. 3 in Nome. Anagick was born and raised in Unalakleet and is the daughter of Betty Anagick and the late Lowell Anagick. She attended Stanford University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. Anagick also holds a Juris Doctorate degree from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law. Anagick is a practicing attorney in Anchorage and is also a shareholder and director of the Unalakleet Native Corporation, director of Bering Sea Alliance, LLC, Beans Café, and former board member of National Child Welfare Center for Tribes and the Governor's Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. She is the mother of three daughters.

# BSNC NEWS

## **BSNC CFO APPOINTED TO AEDC BOARD**



BSNC CFO Laura Edmondson

BSNC Chief Financial Officer Laura Edmondson was appointed to the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors on Dec. 2. Her term began on Jan. 1, 2016 and runs through 2017. AEDC is a nonprofit corporation that was established in 1987 to encourage growth and diversity in the Anchorage economy, promote a favorable business climate and improve the standard of living of Anchorage residents. AEDC's vision is to make Anchorage the #1 city in America to live, work and play by the year 2025.

Edmondson joined BSNC in 2013. She provides strategic and technical financial

advice to the company and is responsible for planning, implementing, managing and reporting all financial-related activities for the company. Edmondson has more than 20 years of financial, operations and risk management experience. Prior to joining BSNC, Edmondson worked for another regional corporation for 10 years in several executive capacities, including chief financial officer and vice president of operations.

# **BSNC SUBSIDIARY AWARDED** 7-YEAR CONTRACT FOR U.S. **IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT**

BSNC subsidiary Global Precision Systems, LLC (GPS) won a contract to operate the El Paso Service Processing Center in Texas over a 7-year period for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Duties at the site include employing detention officers, transportation officers and food service staff to operate the Center. The Center houses approximately 700 detainees. BSNC took over full operation of the site on Nov. 29.

GPS and its sister companies perform on more than 235 contracts and task orders, primarily with the Federal Government. Customers include the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard; the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, Agriculture and Homeland Security; the General Services Administration; the Defense Logistics Agency; and the U.S. Census Bureau. Contracts cover Facility and Base Operations and Maintenance, Environmental work, Property Management, Information Technology and Telecommunications, Relocation Services, Training Solutions, Administrative Services, Engineering, Logistics, Renovation and Construction, Financial Services and Advisory and Assistance Services. These contracts span 38 states and into international locations.

## **BSNC RANKED #12 OF ALASKA'S** TOP ALASKAN-OWNED **BUSINESSES**

Alaska Business Monthly announced BSNC as #12 of the Top 49 Alaska owned businesses ranked by gross revenues in 2015, moving up from #14 in 2014. Also ranked was Alaska Industrial Hardware, which BSNC wholly acquired in August. Through this purchase, Bering Straits is implementing the strategic plan established by its Board of Directors to diversify and expand its holdings.

# **BSNC CONDUCTS OPEN ENROLLMENT SURVEY**

This past August, the BSNC Board of Directors tasked staff to commission a preliminary survey to measure shareholder sentiment concerning open enrollment and their understanding of the effects of issuing corporate stock to those born after 1971.1 The survey is only one step in a process that will have the Board of Directors and management evaluate the effect of the opening the rolls on the financial health of the corporation and to educate the shareholder base on the benefits and costs of opening the rolls.

As a first step the survey tool was developed and the survey was conducted from Nov. 20 to Dec. 1 with a total of 604 individuals being interviewed. The survey was designed by a consulting firm with expertise in developing and conducting surveys and the survey was intended to provide unbiased results.

The questions in the survey helped to:

- 1) Determine, to the extent possible, the percentage of shareholders who favor opening enrollment;
- 2) Reveal the level of understanding shareholders have concerning the effects of open enrollment on dividends and the health of the corporation;
- 3) Provide a baseline estimate for the number of additional shareholders that would be added to the rolls if all lineal descendants of shareholders were enrolled:
- 4) Evaluate the relative value of specific benefits provided by BSNC to shareholders and shareholder descendants; and
- 5) Evaluate the usefulness of the various methods of communication and outreach that BSNC now uses for disseminating information to shareholders.

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## BSNC SUBSIDIARY AWARDED CONTRACT TO DECOMMISSION FUEL TANKS

UNUSED FUEL WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

Eagle Eye Electric LLC (Eagle Eye), a Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) subsidiary, was awarded a contract by the Alaska Army National Guard to drain and close diesel fuel tanks in multiple Alaska communities. Unused fuel will be donated to local tribal organizations. Eagle Eye will filter the diesel fuel for water and sediment prior to donation.

Because of an agreement with the Alaska Army National Guard, the tribal organization may not resell the fuel. Due to high cost of fuel in rural Alaska, Eagle Eye will encourage tribal organizations to gift the fuel to Elders or families in need.

The point of contact for this project is shareholder employee and Project Manager Dawn Mocan, who can be reached by phone at (907) 344-7239 or by email at dmocan@beringstraits.com.



## MISSING SHAREHOLDER ADDRESSES

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CYNTHIA ANN TOWARAK JEAN N TRANTHAM MARLENA HELEN TUFFORD BEVERLY ANN VAN VALKENBURGH CHARLES VANN MARGARET WALLACE WILLIAM LEE WALLUK JAMES MELVIN WALSER AGNES L I WARD MARTHA MARIE WASHINGTON PRESTON WASHINGTON ANGELINE WASSILIE LEESA JOAN WATSON **ELIZABETH J WEBB** JOSEPHINE WEINSTEIN ALBERT K WHITE STEFFANNITA MARIE WILLOYA SCOTT PATRICK WOLF MARY JILL YOUNG RICHARD ZACHRY

Are you receiving important mailings from BSNC, including newsletters and dividends? It is important that shareholders keep their mailing address up-to-date. Visit http://beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms/address\_name\_change.pdf to update your address today or use the form below.

### SHAREHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

BSNC shareholders should update the Shareholder Records Department directly in writing anytime their mailing address or name changes. Address changes for shareholders under the age of 18 must be signed by the minor's custodian. Mail in this form or send a signed letter with your social security number, date of birth and new address to: MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: **Bering Straits Native Corporation** P.O. Box 1008 Nome, Alaska 99762

You may also call our Nome or Anchorage offices at (907) 443-5252

| Print name:                |                | shareholders@beringstraits.com.  |
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| New mailing address:       |                | —— For name changes, BSNC requires that you attach a   |
| City:                      | State: ZIP:    | legal document with your new name, such as a copy of a court record, valid government ID, marriage |
| Social security number:    | Date of birth: |  |
| Contact phone number:      |                | New name:  |
| Email address:             |                | Former name:   |
| (If applicable)            |                | Social security number:  |
| I am also a custodian for: |                | Date of birth:   |
| Signature:                 |                | Signature:   |
| Date:                      |                | Date:  |
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#### BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION ALASKA STATUTE 13.16.705(b) WILL ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1971

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: Bering Straits Native Corporation P.O. Box 1008 Nome, Alaska 99762

, having attained the age of eighteen (18) years and being of sound mind, and solely

| Bering Straits Native Corporation and | village corporation to: |   |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------|
| -                                     | Name of village         | - |             |
| Name                                  | Current Address         |   | % of Shares |
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for the purposes of AS 13.16.705(b) and ANCSA of 1971, Sec. 7(h)(2), freely and voluntarily execute this will and hereby devise and bequeath my shares of stock in

This will revokes any bequest of the stock, described above, in any previously existing will or codicil. If I now own more shares than I have bequeathed above, I direct that the remaining shares shall be split pro rata among the persons named above. BSNC recommends that all existing fractional shares of stock be given to one person, and that existing whole shares be given as whole shares and not split into fractional shares.

This instrument shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska.

| Dated at   | City                             | State ,,                             | State of:  |        |      |                    |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------|------|--------------------|
|  |                                  |                                      | County of:   |        | (or  | Judicial District) |
| thisday of, 20   |                                  |                                      | Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by |        |      |                    |
| Signature of Testator  |                                  |                                      |  |        |      |                    |
| I, being first sworn,  | , declare that the testator sign | s and executes this instrument as    | the testator, this                                 | day of | , 20 |                    |
| his/her last will and  | l that he/she signs it willingly | , and I sign this will as witness of |  |        |      |                    |
| the testator's signin  | g, and that to the best of my    | knowledge the testator is 18 years   |  |        |      |                    |
| or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence. |                                  |                                      | Notary Public or Postmaster                        |        |      |                    |

In and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_

# BSNC REGION NEWS

# NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR YOUNG PROVIDERS AWARD

BSNC seeks nominations for the Young Providers Award which honors young people from the BSNC region who contribute on a daily basis to the health and well-being of their families, communities and culture. These young people serve as positive examples and serve for their community in one or more of the following ways:

- He/ she cares for family through subsistence activities, Elder care, or mentoring of young people in traditional activities and values or education.
- She/ he is involved in activities that benefit the community such as suicide prevention programs, youth sports, and community wellbeing and health.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday, July 21, 2016. Nominations will be accepted from family members, tribal and corporation board members, school teachers and administrators and other community members. Forms are available online at beringstraits.com/young-providers and through your Village Corporation or tribal office. Forms are also available by calling BSNC at (907) 443.5252. Completed forms should be mailed to:

## YOUNG PROVIDERS AWARD

BSNC Nome Headquarters P.O. Box 1008 110 Front Street, Suite 300 Nome, Alaska 99762

Faxed to: (907) 443-2985

Emailed to: kgooden@beringstraits.com



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Through the questions concerning the benefits now offered by BSNC to shareholders and descendants, shareholders voiced they value the benefits in the following order:

- 1. Protection of the Lands/Resources
- 2. Scholarships
- 3. Dividends
- 4. Elders' Dividends
- 5. Hiring/Jobs
- 6. Death Benefits
- 7. (Don't know/refused to answer)
- 8. Campsite Program

Two major findings of the survey indicate that first, there may be as many as 24,000 lineal descendants of the original 6,300 shareholders who may be eligible for shares if open enrollment occurs. Second, that many of the shareholders interviewed did not understand that the increase of enrolled shareholders will dilute the capital available for scholarships, dividends and death benefits.<sup>2</sup>

In the coming months BSNC will develop shareholder education materials as well as deliver to shareholders a detailed report of the survey results.



Paul Kudla is flanked by his dog, "Santa's Fire on the Tundra" in a holiday portrait.

# BSNC EMPLOYEE IS AMERICA'S BEST SANTA

Paul Kudla, a resident of Nome and truck driver for Stampede Ventures Inc., a BSNC subsidiary, competed on TruTv's show "Santas in the Barn." In the holiday-themed reality show, 10 diverse Santas competed in hilarious challenges that ranged from chimney climbing and sleigh stuffing to Christmas caroling and building gingerbread houses on ice. Over the course of eight episodes, the contestants had to vote out their peer contestants in the hopes of winning the title of America's Best Santa, \$100,000, and a \$10,000 donation to the charity of their choice.

Kudla, a veteran of Santa competitions, was announced as the winner on the finale which was aired on Christmas Eve. Kudla's charity of choice, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, will receive the \$10,000 donation. In 2010, with Make-A-Wish Alaska and the help of Kawerak and other sponsors, Kudla flew to Shaktoolik to give Jacob Takak, a four-year-old boy diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, his wish of spending Christmas with his family. The entire community gathered to give Jacob his wish. "It was an honor to be there and I'd do it again in a heartbeat," said Kudla. Tragically, a few months later and before Christmas, Jacob lost his battle with leukemia.

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in introducing legislation to provide the means necessary for future use and development of Point Spencer by federal, state, and private sector stakeholders. We are desperately in need of development in the region, particularly as activity in the Arctic continues to increase, and this bill establishes a path forward for a variety of necessary tasks and missions, including search and rescue operations, shipping safety, economic development, oil spill prevention and response, port development and refuge, arctic research, and maritime law enforcement."

"With the recent progress the state has made on the law, Alaska Arctic Policy Commission's implementation plan, BSNC feels the bill will begin to move our Region and State towards a promising Arctic future," said BSNC President & CEO Gail R. Schubert. "I believe that Port Clarence is going to positively contribute to sustainable economic growth in the BSNC region."

Development of Port Clarence would occur with minimal dredging, minor marine disturbance, little impact to subsistence harvests and no required maintenance dredging. Furthermore, to support the report's concept of private development, BSNC has been approached by numerous private entities interested in partnering in development of Port Clarence.

BSNC and the City of Nome recently co-authored a letter to Alaska Governor Walker advocating for a dual port approach to infrastructure in the Bering Strait region. Nome and Port Clarence each provide strategic and economic advantages that together can help to meet the critical infrastructure needs of the region. The letter stressed that the Port of Nome and Port Clarence should not be viewed as competitive projects. The letter also asked that the criteria data gathered under the Arctic port system study, co-sponsored by the State of Alaska and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to be constructively utilized to move both projects forward on their respective timelines, avoiding any delay in the development of both Nome and Port Clarence.

With the passage of ANCSA in 1971 and the creation of BSNC in 1972, each person enrolled received 100 shares of BSNC stock. In most cases each BSNC shareholder received 100 shares in their village corporation. Those not enrolled in village corporations received 100 shares of "at-large" stock.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An increase in the number of shares will require that dividends will be spread among more recipients.

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# BSNC RECRUITING 2016 INTERNS

# PROGRAM FOCUSES ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BSNC is helping prepare tomorrow's leaders for the workforce by providing paid internships and professional development training to qualified shareholder or descendant students each summer. Shareholders and descendants can gain valuable work experience and skills by working with staff in BSNC's Nome Headquarters or Anchorage office.

BSNC will hire 4-6 interns for the highly competitive 2016 summer internship program which will begin May 23 and end Aug. 6. Applicants must be a shareholder or shareholder descendant enrolled full-time in college or technical school and/or plan to attend in the fall. The minimum GPA requirement is 2.5. The deadline to submit an application is April 1.

Learn more and apply by visiting: www.beringstraits.com/ shareholders/summer-internship-program/



Victoria (Sinnock) Goneau

"I'd like to express my sincere gratitude for the generous scholarship(s) you have awarded me through the years. I appreciate your recognition of my efforts and I am happy to say that I have graduated from UAF with a Bachelor's of Social Work with a minor in Psychology. With your help, you have lightened my financial burden which allowed me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

Victoria (Sinnock) Goneau



## BSF WELCOMES BSNC SHAREHOLDER LEE RYAN TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

BSF Board of Directors
Carolyn Crowder
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Tabetha Toloff
Lorena Hegdal

# BSF RECEIVES \$20,000 DONATION FROM THE THOMAS AND CINDY MASSIE FOUNDATION

BSNC and BSF sincerely thank shareholder Cindy (Towarak) Massie and her husband Thomas for their generous \$20,000 donation to the Bering Straits Foundation. Cindy's parents are the late Clarence and Guerie Towarak of Unalakleet. Cindy and Tom also made a generous \$15,000 donation in 2007. Cindy stated, "Being from the Bering Strait region, I know firsthand how difficult it is to earn money for an education, especially for someone living in the villages. The Thomas and Cindy Massie Foundation is very happy to be able to help individuals from the region in furthering their education. We would like to encourage other organizations and individuals to consider making contributions to charitable organizations like the Bering Straits Foundation."

To make a donation to the Bering Straits Foundation, please send a check addressed to the Bering Straits Foundation, PO. Box 1008 Nome, AK 99762; donations can also be made via Wells Fargo account #8938527739. BSF now has the capability of accepting credit card donations with a credit card reader in the Nome office. Should you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Koezuna-Irelan by email at mkoezuna-irelan@beringstraits.com or by phone (907) 443-4305. Your generosity is appreciated!



BSNC and BSF Director Clara Langton accepts a check from shareholder Cindy (Towarak) Massie and her husband Thomas. At the left is BSNC President & CEO Gail Schubert.

## BSF DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



- THE FALL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IS APRIL 30.
- THE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FOR VOCATIONAL STUDENTS IS TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF CLASSES.
- THE DEADLINE FOR ALL OTHER STUDENTS IS JUNE 30.

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## **BSNC ANNOUNCES PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS**

BSNC is pleased to announce the winners of its fourth annual photo contest.

### **Village Life**

**1st** Victoria Ongtowasruk, "Kids with Whale"

2nd Donna Pushruk, "The Point"

**3rd** Jacqueline Morris, "Nyche' with Grandpa"

### **Subsistence Activities**

1st Fisher Dill, "Seal Harvest"

**2nd** John Luke Kakaruk, "Caribou Harvest"

**3rd** Jasmin George, "Blueberry Picking"

## **Scenery and Landscape**

1st Patricia Huhta, "Koyuk River"

2nd Fred Sagoonick, "Mucauthluq Slough"

3rd Denbigh Perry, "Shaktoolik side of Besboro"

## Historical

1st Curtis Ivanoff, "Old Woman Cabin"

2nd Rachel Goodall, "Grandpa Harry Kigrook"

3rd Sophie Arthur, "Walrus"

### **Cultural Activities**

**1st** Renee Harrelson, "Girls at Salmon Lake"

2nd Jasmin George, "Dry Fish"

3rd Samuel Towarak, "Upriver"

**GRAND PRIZE:** Donna Pushruk, "Beautiful Summer Day in Teller"



**GRAND PRIZE WINNER:** BSNC shareholder Donna Pushruk submitted this photo of a beautiful day in Teller.



FIRST PLACE CULTURAL ACTVITIES: Renee Harrelson submitted this photo of shareholder sisters Hannah Harrelson (age 3) and Danielle Harrelson (age 2) enjoying Salmon Lake.



**FIRST PLACE HISTORICAL:** Shareholder Curtis Ivanoff submitted this photo of Old Woman Cabin, a historical location for its connection to the Iditarod.



**FIRST PLACE SUBSISTENCE:** Shareholder Patti Huhta submitted this photo of her son Fisher Dill with a seal he harvested.