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BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

BERING STRAITS GETS IRS RULING THAT DIVIDENDS ARE NON-TAXABLE

In January of 1991, Bering Straits received a ruling from the IRS that concludes that its shareholders will not have to pay tax on the dividends they receive from the company. The IRS has agreed with Bering Straits that it can distribute dividends up to its original ANF monies without incurring any tax liability. The company had sought the ruling for its shareholders nearly a year earlier.

Lonnie O'Connor, President of BSNC, said, "it took the IRS awhile to agree with Bering Straits position. However, we're glad they came around. This means that the company can distribute dividends tax-free up to \$38,224,763 before any tax is paid. This will keep the shareholders safe from taxes on the company distributions for years to come."

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1991
10:00 A.M.

TO BE HELD AT UNALAKLEET, ALASKA
AT THE FRANK A. DEGNAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for one of five board of directors seats open for election are requested to send a letter of intent, including current address, phone number and a resume listing qualifications to :

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 1008
NOME, ALASKA 99762

All letters of intent must be received at the BSNC office by 5:00 p.m., August 1, 1991.

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BSNC ANNUAL MEETING

Last year's 1990 BSNC Annual Meeting was held in Shishmaref, Alaska. It was a very successful meeting hosted by the Shishmaref Native Corporation and the community of Shishmaref. The Board of Directors have voted to hold the 1991 Annual Meeting in Unalakleet on November 2, 1991. We are excited about the Annual Meeting being held in Unalakleet this year. This will give the shareholders living in Eastern Norton Sound a chance to attend the meeting without having to travel to Nome. Shareholders residing outside the Bering Straits Region can travel through Anchorage via Mark Air. Knowing what good hosts the Unalakleet residents are, we are anticipating help from Unalakleet Native Corporation, the Bering Straits School District, Unalakleet IRA Council, and the City of Unalakleet. We are making arrangements to have a joint potluck dinner at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

SHISHMAREF TANNERY**General Delivery****Shishmaref, Alaska 99772****Office Phone: (907) 649-3581 FAX: (907) 649-3583****Shishmaref Tannery Tanning Price List Effective April 1, 1991**

Type of Skin	Tanning price per skin	Type of Skin	Tanning price per skin
Arctic Hare	7.50	Marten	14.00
Bear-Black	24.00/ft	Mink	12.00
Bear-Polar**	31.00/ft	Moose Bodyskin	28.50/ft
Bear-Ak.Brown*	32.00/ft	Muskrat	4.00
Bear-Grizzly	32.00/ft	Otter*(land)	22.50
Beaver(large)*	33.50	Raccoon	16.50
Beaver(med.)*	25.00	Reindeer Bodyskin	32.50/ft
Beaver(small)*	17.00	Reindeer Legs	6.50/leg
Bobcat	25.00	Seal-Bearded	13.50/ft
Caribou Bodyskin	32.50/ft	Seal-Common	13.00/ft
Caribou Legs	6.50/leg	Seal-Ribbon	13.00/ft
Coyote	34.00	Seal-Ring	13.00/ft
Ermine(weasel)	4.50	Seal-Spotted	13.00/ft
Fox-Arctic	21.00	Snowshoe Rabbit	7.50
Fox-Blue	21.00	Squirrel-Parka	4.50
Fox-Cross	21.00	Squirrel-Tree	4.00
Fox-Grey	21.00	Wolf*	70.00
Fox-Red	21.00	Wolf Legs*	4.50/leg
Fox-Silver	21.00	Wolf Head*	12.00/ea
Lynx*	26.00	Wolverine	35.00

Tannery Terms - 50% Deposit Required upon Delivery

Turnaround Time - 12 weeks

Tails with the bones still in will be cut off

\$5.00 each extra for Cased (belly area uncut) skins

\$15.00 extra per skin for unfleshed (Meat & Fat on)

The Tannery will not accept raw skins - all skins must be stretched and dried.

Tannery Acceptance Terms - All tanning done at the owner's risk. Compensation for skins lost or damaged in the tanning process will be limited to the Replacement Value (Raw Fair Market Value). Upon completion and notification, we will hold the finished skins for 45 days, waiting for payment of the balance due. After 45 days, the Tannery reserves the right to dispose of the skins. All tanning prices subject to change without notice. A Replacement Value List is available upon request only. Tanned skins/hides are returned to customer by insured mail, COD.

* Alaska Brown Bear, Beaver, Lynx, Land Otter, Wolf, and Wolverine must be sealed/tagged by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

** Polar Bear and Sea Otter must be sealed/tagged by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

If applicable, please include your hunting license number only (not your license).

Anyone sending marine mammal skins/hides to the Shishmaref Tannery must have a signed and dated written statement, stating that he or she is at least 1/4 Alaskan Native (Aleut, Eskimo, or Indian)

KAWERAK TRIBAL AFFAIRS

by Tina Henderson

In the last newsletter I talked about a project that Kawerak is implementing in the Anchorage area to recruit Native foster homes, preferably Native families who originate from the Bering Straits region. In a joint effort, Bering Straits Native Corporation and Kawerak staff, sent out approximately 1028 letters to shareholders living in the Anchorage area, explaining what it means to be a foster parent, some information about the programs offered by Kawerak and a questionnaire for interested potential foster families, with a stamped addressed return envelope. At that time things looked very promising, when I received 25 return letters indicating various levels of interest. So, we set up a two (2) day training session with the State of Alaska Division of Family & Youth Services in Anchorage. This was a condensed version of the State's mandatory six (6) weeks required training. One family completed the training and was licensed.

With Stan and Leah Okpealuk's permission I would like to thank them for a job well done. There are plenty of difficulties taking on the responsibility of foster parenting, but Stan and Leah have done a swell job during the past six months. Keep up the good work.

Thanks Stan and Leah!

We are still continuing to seek folks who are interested in foster care here in the Bering Straits region and in the Anchorage area where it is much needed. If you are interested please contact me at the Kawerak Inc. office in Nome at 443-5231 or write to me at:

Kawerak Inc.
Kawerak Tribal Affairs
P.O. Box 948
Nome, Alaska 99762

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On April 30, 1991, BSNC closed the Anchorage office. Jack Carpenter replaced Dan Fondell as Executive Vice President, Wally Powers, Controller replaced Mike Beal. Denise Bahnke moved back to Nome as Special Assistant to the President. Effective July 1, 1991, Vern Olson will become Vice President for Shareholder Development.

Our biggest challenge is for BSNC to successfully defend the IRS Claims to our NOL sales. I am confident we will prevail in our case with the IRS, working together with BSNC management, and the Board of Directors.

However, we will need the support and guidance of BSNC Shareholders, so that we can continue to succeed.

Lonnie O'Connor
President & CEO

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

STAMPEDE VENTURES is a newly formed business venture under Bering Straits Development Company, a wholly owned subsidiary corporation of Bering Straits Native Corporation.

Stampede Ventures was formed last November and is doing business in Nome as Stampede Apartments, Stampede Equipment and Stampede Vehicle Rentals and Sales. The main focus of this new business enterprise is aimed at construction and mining companies. The new company currently is in the final stages of signing contacts with South Coast Inc., and Kennecott.

Jack Carpenter
Executive Vice President

BSNC NEW STAFF

Wally Powers has been recently hired as the Controller for the Bering Straits Native Corporation. Wally, a Doyon Ltd. shareholder, grew up in Fairbanks and graduated from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. His grandmother, Clara Odegard, was born in Golovin and his mother, Betty Barr, in Haycock.

Wally previously worked for the Community Enterprises Development Corporation as a Business Analyst and was Controller for Choggiung Ltd., Dillingham's village corporation and the Kuskokwim Corporation, a merger of 10 villages in the Aniak area. Welcome Wally!

BSNC also welcomes one additional staff member in the Accounting Department as Accountant Clerk, Vivi Tran. Vivi is Vietnamese and moved to Nome three years ago from Garden Grove, California. Vivi attended the University of Texas and University of Houston in Texas with a major in Business. Vivi previously worked for Sitnasuak Native Corporation before moving to Bering Straits Native Corporation. Welcome to BSNC, Vivi!

BSNC also welcomes Clara Zepeda, a BSNC shareholder, as our summer employee. Clara has completed her Freshman year at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Clara is interested in obtaining her certification as Court Stenographer. She has to take Business related classes at the University of Alaska, but must complete her certification in Seattle. UAA does not offer certification in Court Stenographer. Welcome back Clara!



Henry Ahgupuk, General Manager Shishmaref Tannery presenting tanned reindeer skin to Commissioner Glenn Olds.



Lonnie O'Connor, President BSNC and President BSEC presenting Kawerak poster to Representative Richard Foster.

CONDOLENCES

The Board of Directors and staff of BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION would like to extend their sincere and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the following shareholders who have passed away recently:

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	VILLAGE CORPORATION
Feb. 01, 1990	Michael Saclamana Sr.	King Island
July 19, 1990	Agnes Mary Stevens	Sitnasuak
Nov. 29, 1990	Joann Oksoktaruk	White Mountain
Dec. 02, 1990	Moses Otten Sr.	St. Michael
Dec. 15, 1990	Warren B. Greene	Sitnasuak
Jan. 06, 1991	Frank Ellanna Sr.	King Island
Jan. 16, 1991	Martin T. Muktoyuk	King Island
Jan. 20, 1991	Frances Peterson	Sitnasuak
Jan. 26, 1991	James Baldwin Sr.	Sitnasuak
Feb. 03, 1991	Thomas Mendalook Sr.	Teller
Feb. 05, 1991	John Kiminock	Sitnasuak
Feb. 07, 1991	Lois M. Babb	Teller
Mar. 16, 1991	Frank Keelick	Teller
Apr. 04, 1991	Holly Sockpick	Sitnasuak
Apr. 08, 1991	Harold G. Asitonia	Sitnasuak
Apr. 09, 1991	Frank Elasanga	Inalik
Apr. 22, 1991	Billy S. Koweluk	Sitnasuak
Apr. 28, 1991	Lucie A. Richardson	Sitnasuak

WILLS

It is very important that each BSNC shareholder take the time to fill out the will on the back of his/her stock certificate! Just write to the Stockholder Registrar's office and request a copy of your certificate. BSNC shareholders can specifically name whomever he/she want to inherit his stock by filling out their will.

When a BSNC shareholder dies and leaves no will and no heirs, the stock goes back to BSNC and is canceled.

When a BSNC shareholder dies and leaves no will, but leaves a husband or wife, but no children, the stock goes to the surviving spouse.

When a BSNC shareholder dies and leaves no will, but leaves a spouse and children, the surviving spouse inherits one-half of the stock and the children inherit the other half equally.

When a BSNC shareholder dies and leaves no will, but leaves children and no spouse, the children inherit the stock equally.

When a BSNC shareholder dies and leaves no will, but leaves no spouse or children, the parents of the shareholder inherit the stock.

Before the Stockholder Registrar can make a stock transfer on any stock, an Affidavit must be completed, notarized and returned to the BSNC office. A death certificate must also be included.

If there is no will left on a deceased shareholder, in order to complete the transfer of shares, the BSNC Stockholder Registrar will require the information listed above (according to the Alaska Statutes on Intestate Succession) for next of kin. Dates of birth, social security numbers, current mailing address, and blood quantum of the heirs will be required for transfer of stock.

Currently, the Stockholder Registrar has many "PENDING FILES" regarding stock transfers. Those "Pending Files" will remain pending until additional information is received. If you have a letter from the Stockholder Registrar requesting additional information, please respond as soon as possible. Your response is very important so that those transfers can be completed in a timely manner.

ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE

If a shareholder has moved, please write our office in Nome with your current address and effective date of move.

Bering Straits Native Corporation cannot change the address of a shareholder unless he/she writes in with their current address change. The shareholders Social Security number would also be helpful to assist in identifying the shareholder requesting an address change. No current address on file for shareholders can cause delays in receiving proxy cards, proxy information, newsletters and dividends.

BSNC SHAREHOLDER CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGED YOUR NAME, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM, (IF IT IS A NAME CHANGE PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE) AND SEND TO:

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 1008
NOME, ALASKA 99762 OR CALL (907) 443-5252

NAME _____
NEW NAME _____
ID NO. _____ SS NO. _____
STREET OR BOX NO. _____ APT. NO. _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
(LIST ANY OTHER STOCKHOLDERS MOVING TO SAME ADDRESS, SPOUSE, CHILDREN)

IF YOU KNOW OF A SHAREHOLDER WHO IS DECEASED, PLEASE WRITE US FOR AN INHERITANCE QUESTIONNAIRE AND AFFIDAVIT AND LIST THE NAME OF THE DECEASED SHAREHOLDER.

KAWERAK VOCATIONAL MINING TRAINING PROGRAM

Kawerak Inc. has received funding from the U.S. Department of Education to provide a 3-year program of mining training to residents of the Bering Straits region. Each project year, fifteen (15) students will be recruited to receive training from within the region. Upon completion of training, student will have gained the skills necessary to obtain employment within the mining industry.

Northwest Campus has offered mining courses in Nome for the past four years, but because funds have not been available to assist in travel, housing and living expenses, village residents have been unable to participate in the mining curriculum. During the first project year, students will receive 12 college credits from Northwest Campus to include the following classes: Introduction to the Mining Industry; Introduction to Tailings and Settling Pond Design; Surface Mine Operations; Applied Cartography; Mineral Identification; Alaskan Ore Deposits; Maintenance Shop Orientation; Surface Mine Safety; Mineral Exploration Techniques; and Job Readiness Skills.

Upon successful completion of the Mining Training Program, the staff of Kawerak JTPA program and Northwest Campus will assist participants in finding employment in the mining industry.

This year's Mining Training Program started on February 8, 1991 and will run through May 17, 1991. Additional funding from the State JTPA program and the Kawerak Adult Vocational Training program was received to provide housing and tuition assistance for project participants. The following students are expected to complete the 1991 program:

Duane Aukon	- Elim	Kenneth Galley	- King Island	Rudolph Noongwook	- Savoonga
Clinton Booshu	- Gambell	Edwin Kotongan	- Elim	Delbert Oozevaseuk	- Gambell
William Curran	- Solomon	Hogarth Kingeekuk	- Savoonga	Bryan Outwater	- Nome
Einar Douglas	- Koyuk	Samuel Mokiuk	- Savoonga	Roy White	- Koyuk

The Bering Straits region is one of the most highly mineralized areas in Alaska. The region has significant quantities of minerals including oil, lead, silver, copper, tin, gold, tungsten, beryllium, antimony, bismuth, and mercury. Over the next several years, BSNC will begin developing mineral extraction industries to capitalize on it's mineral resources.

The mining industry will play an increasing role in the region's economy. It is in the best interest of the Native regional and Village profit corporations to have a local trained mining workforce as they move forward in their development activities.

Recruitment for the 1992 project year will begin in October 1991. Again, 15 eligible students will be selected for participation. For more information contact: Kawerak Inc.

ALASKA NATIVE LEADERSHIP PROJECT

The Alaska Native Human Rource Development Program is pleased to announce its recent grant award from the Kellogg Foundation to conduct a three year Leadership Program for thirty (30) Alaska Natives. The Alaska Native Leadership Project is to prepare, through a three year program of personal and professional leadership development, Alaska Natives who are already displaying initiative for service to their people, their communities and the State.

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BSNC SHAREHOLDERS - Where are you? The Bering Straits Native Corporation has the following list of people as **LOST SHAREHOLDERS**. If you know of the whereabouts of any of these shareholders, please contact the BSNC office with new addresses as soon as possible. Your change of address must be submitted in writing.

Achayok Jr., Charles	Grant, Betty Susan	Mayokok, Robert Weokona	Reimer, John Albert
Acoman, Mathilda L.	Hansell, Dwayne Ward	McGuire, Ronald	Reynek, Virginia Helen
Agibinik, Albert Lincoln	Hanson, Mary	Melgreen, Joyce Ann	Reynolds, Robert E.
Albright, Michelle Louise	Hewitt, Barbara Jean	Merculief, Nina Pauline	Richter, Roxanna Lee
Anaruk, Axel	Holmes Sr., James	Merritt, Annie Helen	Roberts, Jerry Lee
Anowlic, Cecil J.	Honeycutt, Larry W.	Miick, Virginia	Robinson, Vernon Lloyd
Apok, Sandra Lucille	Hudson, Richard Edmond	Montgomery, Richard S.	Rogers, Lorena L.
Ashenfelter Jr. George Otto	Hudson, Victoria	Moon, Henry Abner	Rose, Yvonne Frances
Atchak, Anastasia Ruth	Huff, Alfred William	Mooney, Lillian E.	Ross, Paul Davis
Baldwin, Gladys	Huffman Jr., Thomas Lee	Moses, Flora Pauline	Santos, Lisa Marie
Barr Sr., Jones Tocktoo	Hunter, James Alan	Mosquito, Roy	Small, Michel Edgar
Barr, Margaret	Ivanoff, Allen C.	Mosquito, Sandra	Smith, Cora L.
Basiger, Gary Lee	Ivanoff, Gerald D. N.	Mount, Kenneth Lee	Snowball, Jacob Aranapanak
Beaton, James Victor	Ivanoff, Henry Allen	Moyer, Maria Anette	Soxie, Darlene Ruth
Beaton, Samuel Edward	Ivanoff, Larissa L. A.	Mynock, Ronald James	Steve, Wilfred John
Beaver, Ebba Arlene	Ivanoff, Monica Maxine	Napayonak, Wilben Boyd	Teague, Mark Agwiak
Beaver, James Allen	Ivanoff, Ralph Linclon	Natonabah, Benjamin	Teixeira, Sarah Ellen
Beaver, Roy Peter	Ivanoff Jr., Glenn Stewart	Nieuwendorp, Lyle Clayton	Thornton III, Lawrence F.
Beltz, George Earnest	Iyahuk, Bernadette Rose	Ningeulook, Albert A.	Fletcher
Berg, George E.	Iyapana, Charlie	O'Brien, John	Toshavik, Allen Clyde
Bernhardt, Brenda Lynn	Jackson, Wanda Lynn	Oksoktaruk, Pearl Lou	Triplett, Christopher D.
Bernhardt Jr., Enos Ralph	Katchatag, Rebecca June	Olinger, Helen	Tucker Jr., Joyce Leatrice
Bond, Shelley Ann	Kirk, Francis	Ollom, Shirley	Van Pelt, Antonia Marie
Bourdon, John Paul	Komok, Joseph A. Luther	Oman, Reginald Lee	Venable, Ayn Rachel
Buck, Mary	Koonuk, Irene Phyllis	Omeland, Richard Raymond	Volk, Lucy Marie
Chilcote, Terry Ann	Kruse, Vicki Lynn	Oquillock, Paralee R.	Walker Jr., Edward Henry
Chiskok, Josephine Esther	Kur, Stanislaw	Oquillock, Ronald	Walluk, Antonio O.
Coutee, Etchine J.	Lewis, Gail	Ozena, Annie	Williams, Carol Joann
Daly, Sheryl	Lick, Mathilda	Paisano, Lynda Alice	Williams, Walter Dean
David, Earl Joel	Linus, Mary F.	Pattison, Edward A.	Willock, Stephanie
David, Timothy George	Lupson, Lorraine	Penetac, George Alurac	Willock, Thomas
Dexter, Peter Egelak	Lupson, Lorri	Penetac, Anthony	Wilson, Venita Jean
Donohue, Velvet Lynn	Lupson, Marrie	Phillips, Bessie J.	Wright, Ruth Elizabeth
Drvenkar, Valarie Marie	Luther, Robyn Lynn	Polaretzke, Stella	Young, Mary Jill
Foster, Myrna Jane	Marquiss, Donamaria Lisa	Punguk, Timothy	Young, Rose Arlene
Fuller, Deena	Martin, Glenna Lisa	Ragland, Brian Mitchell	

JOB KOKOCHURUK - NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY - ELDER OF THE YEAR

On November 17, 1990, Mr. Job Kokochuruk was honored as Nome Eskimo Community's ELDER OF THE YEAR at the community's annual membership meeting. Each year NEC seeks to recognize an elder who has made positive contributions to the community. The following comments were made in his honor:

"This year we recognize a very special individual. This elder is active in donating time to many worthwhile endeavors including the elders' activities and the elders' advisory committee. This elder has established a place in the community and region by always seeking to be of service to others. His knowledge of his culture and history goes back many generations as it was passed on to him by word of mouth. In turn he has strived to share it with any and all who invite him to speak. Perhaps the most important, this elder at a very young age was guided to the source of a healthy and positive outlook in life which has never failed him and which carried him through hardships and success. That source is his Christian faith, a faith that has given him purpose in life. This elder, by his life, demonstrates to us that it is possible to celebrate and embrace one's identity as a Native person and to blend that with spiritual growth within the Christian faith.

We need good examples to guide us to strive to live better lives, to demonstrate to us how to treat one another in family relationships and relationships with others in the community. This elder is one such example. His devotion to his wife of 50 years, his self-discipline in only thinking and saying positive things which uplift and give honor and respect to others, and his sense of humor are qualities which make him a valuable role model to all."

Job grew up at Cape Darby, Golovin, White Mountain, and Fish River. He served in the U.S. Army during 1942-45. He and Mary Shupak were married in 1941 in Haycock. They both attended Covenant College at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan from 1946 through 1949. When finished, they traveled to Utah, Minnesota, and Washington and spoke at churches along the way. In Alaska, Job and Mary served in ministry in Anchorage, Hooper Bay, White Mountain, Golovin, Shaktoolik (for a short time), Koyuk and Nome. In 1953 and 1954, Job and Mary spent 2 years in Sitka where Mary attended nursing school and Job served as a part-time pastor. Then they moved back to Anchorage where Mary was employed as a nurse at the Alaska Native Hospital. Most recently, Job and Mary lived in Nome. Job devoted himself totally to caring for Mary during an extended illness. She passed away on January 9, 1990. Job has a valuable knowledge and a strong sense of his culture. According to his sister, Frances Johnson, Job knew the rules of the country and could teach someone to survive in the country without electricity. Frances also stated that Job would make a good counselor. Leora Kenick, employed with Nome Eskimo Community, commented that Job is a good example for our children. His is close to God and nature, ever ready to express his thankfulness and gratitude to his Creator. Job also maintains warmth to all who cross his path from day to day.

BSNC DESCENDANT OF SHAREHOLDER WINS AWARDS!

Reprinted From Norton Sounder.

Chris Analook, Senior at the Leonard Seppala Alternative School in Nome, started writing poems as a project for his English class. Chris jokes that when he started to write poems, they weren't very good, but he continued to express his feelings through poetry. He explained that when he feels down, he writes poems to help him feel better. One of Chris' teachers, Astrid Smart, inspired him to enter his poems in an upcoming contest. Chris followed through and entered his poems in the Institute of American Indian Arts 14th Annual Native American High School Art Exhibition. Chris received two awards: 1st Place for "In My Dreams" and 3rd Place for "You, My Love." He says he would like to keep his poetry writing as a hobby, though others have encouraged him to try and publish them. Chris' future plans include attending college and majoring in Sociology and Psychology.

IN MY DREAMS

by Chris Analook

In my dreams I would be a good hunter,
No matter if it was summer or winter
Using old Eskimo weapons
Like a titan.
But now I am trapped in a time I don't
understand,
Making a waste of the land,
Helping to pollute the air.
It's not really fair,
Killing the water
Not knowing how long it will last.
I guess, we tried to learn too fast;
But we can learn from our past.
I wish that my dream were true.

YOU, MY LOVE

by Chris Analook

You are the one who let me notice what love
was,
We always knew what it does
When we are together.
I hope that it is forever.
I won't try to hurt again.
I know that our love will never end.

BSNC DESCENDANT OF SHAREHOLDER WINS TRIP

(Reprinted from Alaska NEED Project news release)

Crystal Bijak, 5th grader from Mt. View School, in Anchorage, and her faculty advisor Cheryl Hilmes have been chosen by the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) as delegates to attend the 1991 Youth Awards Program and National Recognition Ceremonies in Washington, D.C. The convention, which takes place from June 22 - 25, 1991 will honor outstanding energy education projects from 28 states. A highlight of the Awards Program will be an awards ceremony on Capitol Hill where delegates will receive plaques for their outstanding efforts and meet their Senators and Congressional Representatives.

Crystal Bijak was Student Director of the Mt. View NEED Committee and together with other students, worked on the award-winning project which was in competition with thousands of others from all parts of the nation.

The project was called Mustangs Recycling Project. It illustrated/carried out this year's NEED theme, "Educating For An Effective Energy Strategy" with a well organized program of energy education activities including attended legislative sessions, collected items for recycling via the community and raising money for meals for senior citizens.

NEED is a ten-year program which was established by a Joint Congressional Resolution in 1980 to further energy education in American schools and develop students' leadership skills.

During their stay in Washington, Crystal and Mrs. Hilmes will also attend workshop sessions and tour many of Washington's famous monuments and museums.

ALASKA NATIVE LEADERSHIP PROJECT

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Applicants must be at least 25 years of age. Completed packets must include a **LETTER OF INTENT** with the following list of supporting documents; **LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM: (1) Family (Spouse and/or children), (2) Employer, (3) Regional Corporation (Bering Straits Native Corporation)**. Applicants must also include a recent photo of yourself and a hand written letter with your definition of leadership, why you want to become a leader, and your expectation of the project. Send the above listed information to: THE ALASKA NATIVE HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, 707 A STREET, SUITE 205, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501. Deadline for submitting applications is 5:00 P.M., JULY 5, 1991. For those interested applicants, you can contact your village IRA, BSNC office or call 272-9531 in Anchorage for more information.

**AFN PRESS RELEASE
1991 AFN ANNUAL CONVENTION**

"ANCSA: 20 YEARS LATER"

The 25th Annual Convention of the membership of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. (AFN) will be held in Anchorage at the William A. Egan Convention Center on October 16-17-18-19, 1991.

The theme for this year's Convention is, **"ANCSA: 20 YEARS LATER"**. 1991 is the 20th anniversary since the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), which was signed into law December 18, 1971.

Delegates and visitors will be presented to a variety of speakers and panelists who actively participated in the development and passage of the Act; an accounting of what has transpired since December 18, 1971, and assessments of what the next decade has in store.

An important element of the AFN Convention is the sharing of Native cultures and traditions through dance, arts and crafts, and storytelling. **"Guyana Alaska"** will be held on Friday, October 18 at the Sullivan Arena, and will be open to the public free of charge.

In addition, October marks the 25th anniversary of the AFN, and individuals instrumental in the formation and operation of AFN will be recognized. To further commemorate the 25th anniversary, a special edition anniversary AFN pin and membership card will be given to all delegates, and will be available for purchase at the AFN Information Table during the Convention.

If you have any questions regarding the Convention or its related activities, please contact the AFN offices at 274-3611.

NOME ESKIMO NEWS

Gerald "Jerry" Trigg, a Bering Straits Native Corporation shareholder, is Nome Eskimo Community's General Manager.

Working for the Tribal Government is not new to Jerry. He was Nome Eskimo Community's President from 1976 to 1978 when re-organization of NEC took place, under the Indian Self-Determination Act. Jerry has since held administration positions; utilizing his administrative expertise. The NEC Tribal Council welcomes Jerry aboard and looks forward to a positive and prosperous working relationship.

**LEGISLATURE NEWS
from RICHARD FOSTER**

The Legislature has attempted to reinstate and stabilize the budget in the face of a budget-cutting administration. The end result at the time of this writing is uncertain. We all know the importance of State services in the Bush, in all facets of our daily living, in education, airport and road maintenance, housing, social programs, grants to our villages, and the list goes on. My job and priority this session has been to protect those services. The Urban cry for massive budget cuts, with their overwhelming voting superiority in the House and Senate, would fall upon our backs.

Proposals to resolve subsistence, and other rural issues, fall dead before our Governor. A positive note reigns in his push for capital projects that produce revenue and creates jobs, a concept he might find marginally feasible in our remote areas, but certainly our only hope in the next four years. His promise: He dangles before us a carrot of business incentive so that we can help ourselves. His stick: Reapportionment. This district could expand into neighboring districts to gain 2,000 more people to maintain our share of the legislature, or, other districts could split and mangle this district to get the increased populations that they, also, require. This district, heavily democrats, exists at the pleasure of an independent and republican governor. Remember, only 9% of the Bush supported the new governor and he owes nothing to the existing boundaries and people of our district.

His various commissioners have shown a kind receptiveness toward the plight of our villages. They conjure up images to resolve our poverty, alcoholism, suicides, unemployment, and high cost of living. I implore you to contact them with your concerns and to help me educate them with reasonable approaches and logical solutions. I would like to thank those of you who travelled to Juneau, helping me to educate my colleagues, and I appreciate the kind support that you've given me throughout the session.

BSEC NEWS

Over 100 persons attended the 1st Bering Strait Regional Economic Development Conference in Nome during the week of April 8-12, 1991. Keynote speakers and special guests included:

Representative Richard Foster; Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs; Dr. Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; John Sandor, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation and Larry Labolle, Legislative Aide.

Participants included representatives of private businesses, village corporations, regional profit and non-profit corporations, Federal and State management personnel, professors of sciences from the University of Alaska system, technical experts and consultants in the fields of mariculture, mining, and hazardous materials and members of the general public.

The purpose of the conference was to gather together the proper combination of individuals, organizations and agencies to consider the development potential in specific areas of our regional economy. Topics of discussion included: fishery enhancement and hatchery development, mariculture planning and development; mineral exploration, production and development; Federal and State permitting and management; available technology to support mineral and mining development; an overview of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERPS) and development programs for Department of Defense contacting. Information exchanged at these meetings will become critical elements in the Bering Strait Economic Council's overall plan for economic development throughout the region. Future meetings to address the development issues in the areas of Small Business Development and Tourism are being planned at this time.

The Bering Strait Economic Council encourages the public to participate in all of its activities. We are a newly developing organization that has a goal of assisting the region's economic growth and well-being. BSEC is a non-profit economic development corporation supported through public and private contributions and associate memberships. If you have any suggestions or questions we'd like very much to hear them at 443-5252 in Nome. The following members were elected and appointed to the BSEC Board of Directors during the April 1991 meeting:

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MISS ARCTIC NATIVE BROTHERHOOD 1991

Congratulations to Miss Clara Zepada, a BSNC shareholder, winner of the Miss ANB crown! Clara was crowned at the annual Midnight Sun Festival Miss ANB pageant, June 20, 1991. As winner of the Miss ANB crown, Clara will continue on to Fairbanks to compete in the Miss World Eskimo Indian Olympics in July.

First Runner-up, Kim O'Connor, descendant of a BSNC shareholder, was also winner of the Miss Congeniality award. Jeanette Cross, descendant of a BSNC shareholder, placed 2nd Runner-Up and Bonnie Piscoya, also descendant of a BSNC shareholder was 3rd Runner-Up.

Each contestant was judged on an interview, Kuspuk competition, Native Parky and description, and evening gown. Judges for the pageant were Representative Richard Foster; former 1982 Miss ANB, Judy Karmun; former Ms. ANB, Bertha Adsuna; General Manager of Nome Eskimo Community, Jerry Trigg and Nome resident, Mary Honsberger.

Nome's Mayor John Handeland was the Master of Ceremonies and the King Island Dancers performed during the pageant.

**BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION
VILLAGE LAND MANAGER'S WORKSHOP**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1990

Bering Straits Native Corporation hosted a second Village Land Managers meeting in Nome on November 30, 1990.

Jeff Burton, Vice President of Lands & Resources for BSNC welcomed the Village Land Managers, and addressed the various land issues that would be discussed during the meeting.

Guy Martin, BSNC Land Manager, described and discussed the 7 (i) and surface disturbances, townsites and 14 (c) (3) issues in regards to how BSNC will be able to assist the villages.

Sgt. Stickler, Alaska State Troopers-Nome, spoke about the various laws regarding trespass on village lands and how best to monitor them.

Other matters discussed by the BSNC staff were: the Archaeological Burial Sites-Artifacts; DOTPF-Gravel, Roads and Airports; Resource Development Policies and Mining Contract information.

The meeting ended with the Village Land Manager's exchange of ideas, problems, and possible solutions to those particular problems.

Those in attendance were:

Walter Seetot-Brevig Mission Native Corp.
Abraham Amaktoolik-Golovin Native Corp.
Bernice Brown-Golovin Native Corp.
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Gabe Muktoiyuk-King Island Native Corp.
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**BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION
VILLAGE LAND MANAGERS WORKSHOP**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1991

Bering Straits Native Corporation held a Land Manager's workshop in Nome on Tuesday, April 16, 1991 with the following regional Village Land

Planners in attendance:

Walter Seetot - Brevig Mission Native Corp.
Carolyn Oliver-Golovin Native Corp.
Frank Amatooolik-Golovin Native Corp.
Evelyn Omiak-Inalik Native Corp.
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Toby Anungazuk-Wales Native Corp.
Roy Ashenfelter-White Mtn. Native Corp.

Tom Sparks, BSNC R.D. Specialist, spoke about the 12-b Amended Reallocation Program, and the 12-a Overselections and answered questions/concerns on these issues.

Guy Martin, Land Manager gave an overview of the Possible Land Trades, Navigability Redeterminations and the D.E.R.P. (Department of Environmental & Resource Protection) Program and answered questions/concerns on how BSNC Land Department would be able to assist the villages with these issues.

The meeting came to a close with Tom Sparks reviewing briefly the issues discussed, and to assure the participants that the BSNC Land Department will always be available for assistance upon request.

**INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO
THE BSNC SHAREHOLDERS
FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

BSNC received information from the National Park Service, Alaska Regional office in Anchorage, that the National Park Service, in cooperation with the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is planning to conduct research in the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve this summer.

Soviet and American scientists will study reindeer range and productivity, the history and ecology of reindeer herding, and traditional Native lifeways associated with reindeer herding. Ethnographic research will focus on the life history of Gideon Barr, whose family herded reindeer in the Epenberg area. Gideon is a participant researcher because of his exceptional knowledge of past lifeways, climate history and wildlife history. Much of this knowledge will contribute a great deal to other important research areas, such as global climate change and human response to such change.

The house and cache ruins at an abandoned herders' village about 50 miles northeast of Shishmaref will be documented. Archaeologists will map the site and record activity areas according to Gideon's information. No archeological excavations will be conducted. An ethnographic film will be made and will feature Gideon Barr as the narrator of life experiences at the abandoned village. The people's strong ties to the landscape and its resources will be emphasized in the film. Acquiring and preserving information about this village site is important because it is located at the edge of the eroding beach front and will soon be destroyed by erosion.

This research is being conducted under the auspices of the proposed Beringian Heritage International Park which includes the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve and portions of Eastern Chukotka, U.S.S.R. Parallel studies on the Soviet side and continued research in the Preserve are planned for next year.

For additional information contact the Nome office of the National Park Service at 443-2249 or Jeanne Schaaf at (907) 257- 2546 about the history and ethnographic studies and Dale Taylor at (907) 257-2571 for information about the reindeer range studies.

Comments, questions, and suggestions are welcome. Please don't hesitate to contact the above phone numbers at any time.

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ANCSA AND 1991

In 1971 Congress passed the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, (ANCSA) which was to settle the aboriginal claims of Alaska Native people.

Forty-four million acres of land and \$962.5 million were allocated to Alaska Natives. ANCSA required that village and regional corporations be formed and Alaska Natives receive stock to those corporations. That stock was to remain restricted until 1991 to Natives and their heirs.

In 1982, AFN worked to make 1991 top priority to protect Native corporations from the changes that would happen in 1991. These changes in the original ANCSA Act were signed into law on February 3, 1988, known today as the 1991 Amendments.

1991 Amendments provides automatic protections for land and Native corporation stock. If no action is taken by the shareholders of the corporation, the corporation's land and stock remain restricted indefinitely. The stock stays restricted unless and until the shareholders vote to remove those restrictions. And land that is within the corporation remains protected as long as it is undeveloped. This new type of Native stock, with these restrictions, is now referred to as Settlement Common Stock. Settlement Common Stock can be transferred only three ways: 1. taken to pay child support; 2. if stock ownership creates a professional conflict; and 3. given as a gift to your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece or nephew.

QUESTIONS THAT ARE OFTEN ASKED BY SHAREHOLDERS OF BSNC:

What does it mean that my stock will remain restricted? What happens to my BSNC stock in December 1991?

BSNC stock will NOT expire in 1991. The original ANCSA law stated that the stock would be cancelled and would be replaced with stock what could be sold or gotten rid of. Since the passage of the 1991

Amendments, BSNC stock cannot be sold, traded, used for collateral, or taken by court to pay a debt. The BSNC Board of Directors chose to take no action, therefore the stock will remain restricted (protected) UNLESS and UNTIL the majority of the shareholders of the corporation vote to remove those restrictions. And once the shareholders vote to remove the stock restrictions, they CANNOT BE PUT BACK.

What if I want to give some of my shares to my relative that doesn't have any stock?

As long as that relative is your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece or nephew, (regardless of blood quantum) some portion of your stock can be gifted. But you must remember one important fact, once your stock is gifted, IT CANNOT BE TAKEN BACK. Those shares that you have gifted to a relative, he or she will have the ability to vote those shares at the annual meeting. BSNC office has forms available for Gifting if you are interested.

Can my relative who is less than 1/4 Native inherit stock?

If you are a LINEAL descendant of a BSNC shareholder, you may inherit stock complete with voting rights.

How is undeveloped land protected and from whom?

Undeveloped land owned by the village and regional corporations cannot be taxed, cannot be taken by trespassers or squatters; cannot be taken by creditors for debt owed by the corporation; cannot be lost even when the corporation files for bankruptcy; and cannot be lost if the corporation is involuntarily dissolved.

Shareholders do not need to vote on this issue to protect the undeveloped lands.

This brief overview of ANCSA and 1991 Amendments do not cover all of the issues, please write our office to request additional information.

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