WELCOME TO THE 2011 SUMMIT

Yupiit Piciryrarait Cultural Center
Bethel November 2-3, 2011

David Bill, Sr. – Chair
Sky Starkey – Summit Facilitator

PURPOSE OF THE SUMMIT:

- Set a direction for the Elders Group that reflects how the organization wants to use its voice and influence in the future related to traditional resources and values.
- How it will fill a necessary role that is different from what tribal organizations already do, and is harmonious with the governmental authority of our tribes.
- Adopt a resolution expressing the Elders Group’s vision and direction for the future.
- Decisions are also needed about organizational structure (such as whether to stay with Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association as our fiscal sponsor, join an existing organization or form a new non-profit), and how the Group will effectively raise operating funds needed to achieve the Elders’ goals.
- Decisions are also needed about next steps in the current program (issues related to the bottom trawl boundary and Northern Bering Sea Research Area), and any new initiatives.

With this direction, staff will develop a plan with objectives, strategies, and anticipated outcomes for the next five years.

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DRAFT AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30  Coffee and tea; breakfast

9:00 – 5:30
(Lunch will be served to participants in the meeting room. We will take a break during the morning session and another during the afternoon session.)

1. Welcome and Invocation – Chief Louie Andrew

2. Introduction of Elders and Guests

3. Introductory Remarks by Facilitator, the purpose and goals of the summit – Sky Starkey

4. History of the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Council and Background for Summit Discussions – David Bill, Fred Phillip, Dorothy Childers & Muriel Morse

5. General group discussion about:
   - Setting a direction for the Elders Group that reflects how the Elders Group wants to use its voice and influence in the future related to traditional resources and values.
   - How the Elders Group will fill a role that is different from what tribal organizations already do, and is harmonious with the governmental authority of the tribes.

6. Break out into 4 groups to discuss the future role of the Bering Sea Elders Group and provide recommendations to the larger group.

7. Reconvene as one group. Each breakout group will provide a report of their discussions and recommendations

8. Recess at 5:30 PM.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:30  Coffee and tea; breakfast
9:00 – 5:30  
(Lunch will be served to participants in the meeting room. We will take a break during the morning session and another during the afternoon session.)

1. Welcome and Invocation – David Bill

2. General group discussion:
   • Following up on the breakout groups’ discussion from yesterday, make recommendations for a resolution expressing the future direction for the Elders Group.

3. Introduction to next group discussion about organization governance – Sky Starkey and Mike Walsh of Foraker Group
   • Short session (1 hour) - Convene as one group to discuss Foraker recommendations. The full group will make recommendations to staff on these issues.

4. Introduction by David Bill, Fred Phillip and the legal advisors to the Bering Sea Elders Group about the next steps needed in the current program:
   • Negotiations between Elders Group and Alaska Seafood Cooperative on bottom trawl boundary around Kuskokwim Bay and Nunivak Island
   • Future protection for Northern Bering Sea Research Area
   • Film maker proposal

   General discussion, and executive session if necessary.

5. Staff will present draft resolutions expressing the results of the Summit to the Group for revision and approval.

6. Closing prayer at 5:30 PM.