Thirty-nine tribes participate in the Bering Sea Elders Group
Waqaa.
Quyanaqpak qaipplutiin.

WELCOME TO THE BERING SEA ELDERS GROUP.

WE HAVE ONE MIND—
To protect our traditional way of life, and the ocean web of life that supports the resources we rely on and our children’s future.

OUR APPROACH

The Bering Sea Elders Group works to bring elders together from across the Yukon-Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay and Bering Strait regions. We serve as a messenger to our children, our tribal councils and the people who make decisions that affect our marine resources, ecosystem and ways of life.

COLLABORATION

The Bering Sea Elders Group seeks to work with tribal organizations, Native corporations, CDQ groups, government agencies, elected officials and churches to promote the protection of traditional resources, harvesting opportunities for our people and our cultural heritage.

YOUTH

Young people are our future leaders. Our natural resources and cultural practices are their inheritance. The Bering Sea Elders Group works to share knowledge and ideas with youth and to involve youth in our program.

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Traditional and local knowledge is important to the management of our resources. The Bering Sea Elders Group promotes the practical application of traditional knowledge in real decisions.

OUR GOALS

• To protect our traditional marine hunting and fishing areas, the migration routes of the animals we rely on, and the whole ecosystem from harmful activities.

• To speak up about threats to our salmon culture through protection of marine habitat and spawning grounds, and the reduction in salmon bycatch.

• To address climate change and its effects on the ocean and the resources we rely on.