

NATIVE VILLAGE OF MEKORYUK

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RESOLUTION 14-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF MEKORYUK TRIBAL COUNCIL
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE BERING SEA ELDERS
GROUP/UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, FAIRBANKS "LOCAL AND TRADITIONAL
KNOWLEDGE STUDY"**

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Mekoryuk Tribal Council is a federally recognized tribe; and,

WHEREAS, it is important that our tribal members be involved in decisions about the management of marine resources in the waters that we use for hunting and fishing, and,

WHEREAS, the Bering Sea Elders Group and the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) have been working together to address concerns regarding the bottom trawl fishery in our nearshore waters from Nunivak Island to Cape Newenham, such as bycatch of halibut and disturbance to seafloor habitat, and,

WHEREAS, an agreement was formed between Bering Sea Elders Group, AVCP and the Alaska Seafood Cooperative to establish the Chaninek Qaluyat Nunivak Working Group (CQN) to facilitate participation by tribal members in decisions about best fishing practices for the yellowfin sole bottom trawl fishery that occurs near Kuskokwim Bay and Nunivak Island, and,

WHEREAS, an important objective of the CQN Working Group is to incorporate local and traditional knowledge regarding marine resources with the goal of supporting successful participation by the tribal members in the CQN Working Group, and protecting the walrus hunt, halibut fishery and address other concerns that the tribes may have, and,

WHEREAS, the Bering Sea Elders Group has proposed to work with our community to document local and traditional knowledge regarding marine resources with the goal of supporting successful participation by the tribal members in the CQN Working Group, and protecting the walrus hunt, halibut fishery and address other concerns that the tribes may have.

PAST PRESIDENTS


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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Native Village of Mekoryuk agrees to participate in the Local and Traditional Knowledge Study, sponsored by the Bering Sea Elders Group in collaboration with Dr. Leslie McCartney of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bering Sea Elders Group and Dr. Leslie McCartney will archive the audio and/or recordings at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Oral History Collection, including on their website and copies will also be provided to the community. This information will also be compiled into a draft report that will be used by the tribal members of the CQN Working Group to promote best fishing practices for the yellowfin sole bottom fishery. The experts interviewed and the Tribal Council will be provided an opportunity to review the draft document and website for accuracy and to ensure information is presented appropriately.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF MEKORYUK TRIBAL COUNCIL this 10 day of April 2014 .

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Albert R. Williams, President


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