

Alaska Native Review Commission hearings [sound recording]

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Inuit Circumpolar Council (Canada) x

Robyn Russell x



Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

Thu, May 7, 10:09 AM



to icc, Robyn ▾

Good afternoon. I am the Curator of the Oral History Collection at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I have been reviewing our collections and trying to place more of them online for public access via our library catalog (we can attach the recordings and any transcripts to the library catalog for easy patron access).

In doing this, it is easier for patrons to access materials and with soon to be a staff of 1 (myself) in our department, I cannot respond to the ever increasing patron requests for access to materials that are not online.

One of the collections we are frequently asked about is the Alaska Native Review Commission Hearings. These recordings were created when Thomas R. Berger conducted hearings of the Alaska Native Review Commission to review the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, held in cities, towns, and villages across Alaska during 1984 and 1985.

Currently we have the following restriction on this collection: Publication restrictions apply. It is the responsibility of the researcher to seek copyright clearance with the Inuit Circumpolar Conference or any other appropriate copyright holder before using any of the materials for publication.

I would like to discuss with you the possibility of placing this collection online via our library catalog. If you could direct this email to the person who could answer or speak to me about this subject, I would appreciate it.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Cheers

Leslie

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I work remotely.

Available Now: Our Whole Gwich'in Way of Life Has Changed / Gwich'in K'yuu Gwiidandâi' Tthak Ejuk Gòonlih Stories from the People of the Land

By Leslie McCartney and Gwich'in Tribal Council. Published by University of Alberta Press.

Winner of 2021 Oral History Association's Book Award for outstanding use of oral history. Honourable Mention Labrecque-Lee Book Prize 2022, Canadian Anthropology Society/Société Canadienne d'anthropologie.

Thu, May 7, 11:32 AM

Hello Leslie

Thank you for you email. You've reached the ICC Canada office. I've copied Kelly and Eilene from the ICC Alaska office here for you.

Have a great day!

Nicolaas Sont

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Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

Thu, May 7, 12:17 PM



to Nicolaas, ICC, Kelly, Eilene, Robyn ▼

Thank you so much Nicolaas, I really appreciate you forwarding this one.

Looking forward to hearing back from you Kelly and Eilene.

Cheers

Leslie



Kelly Eningowuk

May 7, 2026, 12:41 PM

to me, Nicolaas, ICC, Eilene, Robyn ▾

Thank you Leslie for your email. Let me circulate this to our leadership and get some direction on how to proceed.

Kelly



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Kelly Eningowuk

Thu, May 7, 1:37 PM

to me, Eilene, Robyn ▼

Hi Leslie,

Can you send us a copy of the document you refer to that details the copyright information?

Thank you,

Kelly



Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

May 7, 2026, 2:16 PM



to Kelly, Eilene, Robyn ▼

Hi Kelly, thanks for this. It's actually on our library catalog records.

Here's an example: [Detail Display](#) - go down near the bottom where it says Restrictions on Access and you will see it there.

Let me search tomorrow to see where it came from.

Cheers

Leslie



Kelly Eningowuk

to me, Eilene, Robyn ▼

Fri, May 8, 9:52 AM



Hi Leslie,

Thank you for sending us the information you have on file. We also appreciate you double checking with us.

Based on what we understand, making the materials available online is just making the already publicly available materials more accessible, and we support that. We do not feel this is a request for publication; therefore, we don't think the copyright restrictions apply.

Thank you,

Kelly



Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

May 8, 2026, 10:47 AM



to Kelly, Eilene, Robyn ▼

Thank you Kelly for this. We are still just checking at our end for the original paperwork to assure ourselves of this too. I'll get back to you when we've located the intake information (if there was much or any as it would not surprise me if there is not much).

I appreciate you supporting this.

Cheers

Leslie



Kelly Eningowuk

to me, Eilene, Robyn ▾

Fri, May 8, 11:00 AM



Thank you! Please let us know when they are publicly available online. We would love to share that with our Board and on social media.

We are glad that the Commission's work is still relevant and useful.



Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

May 8, 2026, 11:02 AM

to Kelly, Eilene, Robyn ▼

Thanks Kelly. I hope to get back to you on Monday. My colleague, Robyn, is out of the office today and is going to scan the file on Monday and send to me to **review**.

I'll be in touch after I **review** everything.

Have a great weekend,

Cheers

Leslie

Leslie McCartney <lmcartney@alaska.edu>

Wed, May 13, 3:56 AM



to Kelly, Eilene, Robyn ▼

Good morning Kelly. I'm attaching the documents that came along with the collection.
Let me know your thoughts.

Cheers

Leslie



2 Attachments • Scanned by Gmail ⓘ



Add all to Drive



Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

May 20, 2026, 7:05 AM



to Kelly, Eilene, Robyn ▼

Good morning Kelly. I'm just following up on this.

I was also wondering if we could meet for a few minutes via Zoom to discuss next steps for us.

Please let me know some dates/times that work for you.

Cheers

Leslie



Kelly Eningowuk Wed, May 20, 3:40 PM ☆ 😊

to Vernae, me, Eilene, Robyn ▾

Hi Leslie,

I'm sorry we haven't had a chance to look at what you sent. Please wait until we get back to you.

Thank you,

Kelly

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Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

May 21, 2026, 4:02 AM



to Kelly, Eilene, Robyn, Vernae ▾

No problem Kelly. I look forward to hearing from you when you have time.

Cheers

Leslie



kelly@iccalaska.org

to me, Eilene, Robyn, Vernae ▼

Fri, May 22, 6:18 PM



Thank you again Leslie for checking with us on this and for sending the documents on file.

Because the Alaska **Native Review** Commission hearings were public, we agree that UAF may digitize the materials and make the transcripts publicly available online for scholars and/or members of the public for research purposes.

Thank you,

Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

Sun, May 24, 10:28 AM



to kelly@iccalaska.org, Eilene, Robyn, Vernae ▼

Thank you Kelly for this.

I don't think I can manage to get the transcripts all scanned. The archives have told me that they are still in many boxes and they don't have the staff or manpower to do this. What I can do however is link the audio recordings we have into the library catalog.

Another option might be, that if you have all the transcripts all digitized and could share your copies with me then I could match them up to the recordings and put both online through the library catalog. Is that a possibility? If not, I'll just the audio link in. Please let me know.

Cheers

Leslie



Kelly Eningowuk

to me, Eilene, Robyn, Vernae

Thank you, Leslie. Unfortunately, we do not have any of the files or recordings digitized.

Kelly

Wed, May 27, 9:39 AM (13 days ago)

Leslie McCartney <lmccartney@alaska.edu>

Wed, May 27, 9:50 AM (13 days ago)



to Kelly, Eilene, Robyn, Vernae ▼

Okay, thanks for clarifying. I'll just get the audio posted to the library catalog then.

Thanks so much Kelly for your quick response.

Leslie

