

Kodiak Island Elders' Conference

Kodiak Island held its first Elder's Conference during April 15th through the 17th. 150 Elders, representing all of the Kodiak Island communities, attended the conference which included demonstrations and discussions of traditional health care and healing practices, traditional foods and crafts, and storytelling. Among the guest speakers were Walter Soboleff of Tenahee Springs, Rachel Craig of Kotzebue, and Bishop Gregory of Sitka.



Larry Matfay, a well known Elder of Akhiok and Old Harbor, displays the bow stem from a family kayak.



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Old Harbor Elders including Nida Chya (midwife), Anakenti Zeedar, Sasha Christensen and Margie Inga (Senior Program Cook).



Christine Ignatin (a basketweaver from Old Harbor), Joan Minks (Kodiak), Eunice Neseth (basketweaver from Kodiak), demonstrating the craft), Sophie Katelnikoff (Larsen Bay), and Clyda Christiansen (Larsen Bay).