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08/17/2011 10:17 AM

To Tami Fordham
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Subject RE: Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment - Traditional Knowledge Effort - Response Requested by August 8th, 2011

Tami,
We're heading out in an hour to Nondalton, then to Pedro Bay. Hope to arrange a trip to Iliamna Aug 25 and Newhalen the 26th, then to the gathering at Port Alsworth where a number of Elders will be from various Yup'ik villages. We were hoping to go to Dillingham, Ekwok and Koliganok August 31st through Labor Day, maybe we can push that back a little. May have wireless reception in the villages, if not we'll be back Saturday.
Alan

-----Original Message-----
From: Fordham.Tami@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Fordham.Tami@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 9:50 AM
To: Alan Boraas
Cc: North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov; catherine knott
Subject: Fw: Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment - Traditional Knowledge Effort - Response Requested by August 8th, 2011

Hi Alan,
Not sure if you are on your email this week, hopefully you are. Anyhow Curyung is wondering when you will be going thru Dillingham and they would like to get in touch with you. Billy is going out of town on Thursday and won't be back until after the labor day weekend, so if you were planning on going there next week they will need to know. They might be able to have someone else help you in Billy's absence.

Thanks - Tami

----- Forwarded by Tami Fordham/R10/USEPA/US on 08/16/2011 09:47 AM -----

From: billy@curyungtribe.com
To: Tami Fordham/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: dorothy@curyungtribe.com
Date: 08/16/2011 09:41 AM
Subject: Re: Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment - Traditional Knowledge Effort - Response Requested by August 8th, 2011

Good Morning Tami,

I wanted to follow up on our phone conversations. I told you that Curyung was very interested in participating in the TEK interviews and you mentioned that you would forward our interests on to Alan Boraas & Catherine Knott. We still have not received anything from them on their trip and when possibly they might stop in. I am going to be out of the office from Thursday 8/18/2011 to Tuesday 9/6/2011..... taking time off to chase the mighty moose for my dinner

table. It would be helpful if someone might be able to give me an idea on when they will be out here and what dates & how many folks they might be interested in interviewing, so we could begin notifying folks. Any help you might be able to assist us in this matter would greatly be appreciated. As always my thanks for the job you do....

Billy

-----Original Message-----
From: Tami Fordham [mailto:Fordham.Tami@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 08:10 PM
To: billy@curyungtribe.com, (b)(6) Thomas Tilden
Cc: 'Richard Parkin', 'Alan Boraas', 'catherine knott'
Subject: Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment - Traditional Knowledge Effort - Response Requested by August 8th, 2011

Dear First Chief Tilden: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to solicit Traditional Knowledge (TK) to assist with preparing the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. EPA is conducting a scientific analysis of the Bristol Bay watershed to better understand how future large-scale development may affect water quality and the salmon fishery. The information gathered will help guide future actions to protect the waters and promote sustainable development. EPA’s efforts will focus on two areas -- the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds.

To view the outline for EPA’s watershed assessment and other recent news, please check out the EPA website at www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay. EPA has contracted with Alan Boraas, Professor of Anthropology, and Catherine Knott, Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, from the Kenai Peninsula College to conduct this TK effort. There is enough funding for them to visit about six communities in the Bristol Bay region to do this work. EPA is focusing this TK effort in the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds and would like to conduct public meetings in the following communities: Ekwok, Koliganek, Iliamna, Newhalen, Nondalton, and Igiugig, however EPA needs to hear from the tribal governments of these villages that they want to participate in this effort. If your community believes that it should be included in this effort, please submit a written request to Tami Fordham, Alaska Resource Extraction Tribal Policy Advisor, no later than August 8th, 2011. EPA is requesting that the tribal governments provide a written statement of support for their community to participate in this project and also a designated tribal representative to work with Dr. Boraas to identify Elders and Culture Bearers that he should work with in the community. EPA will consider each request, and include additional communities in the TK process as time and resources permit. Although it is not feasible to collect TK feedback from all Bristol Bay communities through public meetings, communities may also opt to send Dr. Boraas written TK information relevant to EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. A draft list of suggested questions is enclosed for your consideration. We would appreciate any written information by August 31, 2011. Please work directly with Dr. Boraas to submit any written TK information. Dr. Boraas has included an introductory letter, methodology for the study, the draft questions, and the consent form. If you have any comments on the questions or any of the materials included please submit those in writing, directly to Dr. Boraas, no later than August 8th, 2011. The scheduling of the community visits will occur in August. EPA understands that this is a busy time for subsistence but we are hoping that there will be a window of opportunity that will work for the community to participate in this effort. The TK report will be included in the draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment which is scheduled to be compiled and ready for public review in the Spring of 2012. EPA is working with a team of scientists to draft the assessment and we hope that you will participate in the TK effort so that it can be incorporated into the assessment. Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. Please

contact me at
(907)271-1217 or parkin.richard@epa.gov, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter. You may also contact Tami Fordham, EPA's Alaska Resource Extraction Tribal Policy Advisor, at
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