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Phil,
I would be glad to talk with Tami Fordham. Is it a conference call? I'm available Monday after 10am until 4pm.
There are several comparative possibilities. The South Saami of north-central Norway had a culture remarkable similar to the Dena'ina and Yup'ik (not the Reindeer Saami further north). It was heavily dependent on Atlantic salmon which were significantly impacted and, I believe, are only a shadow of what there once were. Complicating the issue, is Norwegians moving into the area creating population dominance.
Another is the Kamchatka Peninsula where the Itel'men also had a similar Dena'ina/Yupik style culture based on salmon. I'd have to research the current state however.
Third, of course, is the Washington/Oregon/California area. There the indigenous cultures were less like the Dena'ina/Yup'ik probably because of other resources in a non-sub-arctic setting.
Fourth is the Abnaki/Micmac of Maine and I believe New Brunswick who also relied on Atlantic salmon. Again the more temperate non-sub-arctic setting confounds the situation (although they're pretty close)
I talked with Dr. Catherine Knott about the possibility of her involvement in this project. It happens she has a window of time, except for about a week in April. She incorporated an intensive study of the Pebble Mine issue in an Anth 354, Culture and Ecology course so she is familiar with the issues. In addition she is currently doing a life history of a 90year old Dillingham Yup'ik woman (who incidentally is anti-Pebble) and has connections in that part of Bristol Bay. She has experience doing semi-structured interviews, and, of course, she's a woman which facilitates interviews with women. I don't know her well, but I believe I can work well with her. I think she's very important

to this study
I picked up a very nice letter of introduction written by Jalene Nymen-Peterson, Executive Director of the Kenaitze Tribe for me--which follows protocol in dealing with villages.
I'm writing a kind of prospectus to go with an outline and work plan.
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From: North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 12:14 PM
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Hi Alan,
I have been talking with Tami Fordham, our liaison for natural resource extraction to Alaska tribes. She is organizing our government to government consultation on our Bristol Bay watershed assessment. I would like Tami to understand what you are planning for our Watershed Assessment. She has insights into the needs of EPA and the tribes that I don't - things to keep in mind as you develop your study plan. Do you have some time early next week to talk with Tami and I.

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