

ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGE CORPORATION ASSOCIATION



2019 Tribal Affairs Committee Hearing
March 13, 2019

About Us

- Created in 2008 by founding member The Kuskokwim Corporation
- Consists of Full-Paid, and Affiliate level Alaska Native Village Corporations created under ANCSA – 176 left
- 9-member Board of Directors – has to be a CEO, Chair, or COO of the Organization
- Partner Organizations – Committed partners who value their relationship with Village Corporations

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9 Member Board

Name	ANVCA Position	Village Corporation	Title	Region
Nathan McCowan	Chair	St. George Tanaq	President/CEO	Aleut
Chuck Totemoff	Vice Chair	Chenega	President/CEO	Chugach
Nancy Andrew	Secretary	St. Mary's Native Corp.	President/CEO	Calista
Jana Turvey	Treasurer	Leisnoi	President/CEO	Koniag
Curtis McQueen	Director	Eklutna Inc.	President/CEO	CIRI
Dorothy Shockley	Director	Bean Ridge Corporation	President/CEO	Doyon
Roberta "Bobbi" Quintavell	Director	Sitnasuak	President/CEO	Bering Straits
Ron Philemonoff	Director	TDX Corporation	CEO	Aleut
Anne Thomas	Cirector	Chitina Native Corporation	President	Ahtna

ANCSA High Level Overview

- 44 Million Acres of Land – less than 10 percent of the total land base
- \$962 Million split 12 –ways and paid out over 11 years
- Created 12 in-State Regional Corporations and a 13th region was created after to account for those living outside the State at the time of passage
- Created over 256 village corporations, many of which merged together or with their region, there are 177 that remain today

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ANCSA High Level Overview

- Key difference between a Regional and Village Corporation is land ownership.
- Regional Corporations typically have all sub-surface estate rights and Village Corporations have surface estate rights to the lands they received.
- Key provision of ANCSA is the 7(i)/7(j) revenue sharing provision

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Alaska Native Regional Corporations



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Mission and Vision

Mission

- ANVCA promotes the success of our Village Corporations and protection of our Native lands.

Vision

- The vision of ANVCA is to support the mission with projects and activities that provide:
- Education to Village Corporations
- Advocacy for Village Corporations
- Outreach to and inclusion of Village Corporations statewide
- Village Corporation sustainability

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Programs

- ANVCA Networking Events
- ANVCA Fishnet Lunches
- Legislative Fly-in
- Committee Work
- Annual Conference and Meeting

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Advocacy

- ANCSA Lands Solutions
- Protection of Minority Owned Business Programs
- Secure a Solution for Alaska's Fiscal Future
- Support economic and infrastructure development policy projects
- Promote inclusion of Alaska Native representation in Arctic discussions & decisions – Global
- Get Out the Native Vote

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Economic Impact

The Village Corporations are important to the Alaska Economy

- Alaska Business Monthly ranks the top 49 Alaskan owned businesses every year
- In 2017, **20%** of the total revenue on the list were from Alaska Native Village, and Urban Corporations **\$3.7BN**
- When we add the on the Regional Corporations to the list it jumps to **79%** **\$12.2BN**

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Company	Rank
Chenega Corp.	6
Afognak	7
Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corp.	9
Olgoonik Corp.	15
Goldbelt Inc.	17
Sitnasuak Native Corp.	23
Tanadgusix Corp.	27
The Kuskokwim Corp.	28
Bethel Native Corp.	29
Tyonek Native Corp.	37
Cape Fox Corp.	42

ANCSA Corporations - an Economic Engine

- Alaska Native Corporations Reverse the traditional economic model
- In 2017 ANCs produced a collective **\$12.9 Billion** in Annual Revenues
- Over ¼ of Alaska's GDP is ANC
- **On average, 80 percent or more of Net Income from Alaska Native Corporations are donated back to charitable causes, both Native and Non-Native**

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We Create JOBS!!!

- 68 percent of the Alaska Based jobs on the top 49er list in 2016 report were from Alaska Native Corporations
- 86 percent of all the jobs created by companies on that list were Alaska Native Corporations

Source: ANCSA Regional Association 2017 Economic Impact Report

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Other Interesting ANC Facts

- Over ½ of the regional corporations and many of the village corporations have voted to include those born after 1971 as shareholders
- **Every region** has an educational foundation that provides scholarships and grants to their shareholders and their families, most villages have individual foundations as well
- Majority of these entities provide Elder benefits, Death and Funeral expense assistance, and business microloans to their shareholders
- **We reverse the traditional Alaska Economic model**

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SOME of the villages are doing well

- For the 50 Corporations we have data for, we know they are generating returns.
- 50 village corporations in Alaska generated **\$3.4bn** in total revenues in 2017
- Many will begin to perform much better in the coming 50 years as human capital begins to spread to the village corporations

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Advocacy

Contaminated Lands Advocacy Items

- **Legislative:**

- Adopt mitigation clean-up credits and tax credits for clean-up activities on ANCSA lands
- Require a minimum of bi-annual agency reporting on the status of clean-up on ANCSA lands
- Provide Native contractor preference for clean-up on Native lands
- Swap undesirable ANCSA lands with unencumbered federal property
- Adequately fund the Department of Defense Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program

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Contaminated Lands Advocacy Items

- **Agency:**

- Prioritize clean-up on ANCSA Lands.
- Provide specific training of local residents to enhance participation in future mitigation work.
- Enforce Tribal and Alaska Native Corporation consultation on activities related to environmental mitigation on ANCSA lands.
- Support concept of bi-annual report from Department of Interior on the Status of ANCSA Lands
- Provide Native Contractor Preference for clean-up on Native Lands

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Federal Contracting

- **Legislative and Agency:**

- Protect Native 8(a) Contracting and support increased opportunities for ANC economic development
- Eliminate Section 811 of the FAR
- Eliminate the application of category management to small businesses and SBA Programs

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Energy Infrastructure Advocacy Items

- **Legislative:**

- Ensure that Alaska Native Corporations are included in investing and service opportunities for major public infrastructure projects
- Adequately fund the Office of Indian Energy (OIE);
- Establish a dedicated budget line item to ensure OIE as a stand-alone function
Elevate the OIE Director to Assistant Secretary
- Provide funding for oil spill response training and prevention

- **Agency:**

- Ensure a \$500M carve out for Alaska for tribal loan guarantees

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Telecommunications

- **Legislative:**

- Ensure that ANCs are included in investing and service opportunities for major public infrastructure projects
- Appropriate a portion of funding for first-mile and middle-mile infrastructure where it is needed most
- Increase funding or keep at current levels the USDA Rural Utilities Service Program
- Increase funding for telecom infrastructure in Western Alaska to properly support increased activity in the Arctic
- Ensure \$600M in rural broadband grants includes a preference for rural communities who still rely in dial up

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Telecommunications

- **Agency:**

- Improved regulatory certainty in the FCC's universal service support programs
- Fewer prohibitions and siting delays, especially on Federal lands, which inhibit and increase cost of broadband deployment
- Streamlining permitting requirements will help ensure access while also providing appropriate oversight
- Need to coordinate efficiently among all federal and state programs

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2019 State Priorities

1. Prioritize the cleanup of ANCSA contaminated lands – State Agencies
2. Support the return of 14C3 ANCSA Lands from the State to Village Corporations who elect to not have a borough or municipality in their Village
3. Amend the Local Boundary Commission Process to include requirements for consent from current land owners prior to forming a Borough or Municipality
4. Restore the State Education Tax Credit to 100 percent for at least the first \$300K
5. Ensure Local content in any state-wide infrastructure (Capital) projects as well as Operations and Maintenance contracts

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