

SB

408

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: Finance

2/8/80

Date: 2/8/80

Mr. President:

The Committee on COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS has had SB 408

making a special appropriation to the Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs for village gardening projects

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature]

Tom Kelly No Rec.

CHAIRMAN

Committee Log Book - 1980

Tape Number XX

SENATE C/RA

Side Number 1

Committee

Dates 3/27/80 to _____

PRESENT: Senators Kelly, Mulcahy, Stimson, Rodey and
Chairman Sturgulewski

Bill Numbers Discussed

SB 389	SB 408	HJR 62							
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Date & Time	Tape Meter Number	Bill	Significant Information (Witness, Action)
3/27/80 389	005	SB 389	Chairman Sturgulewski overview (received testimony but did not put bill up for action as CS not yet received.
	084		Mary Ross
	221		Vivian Lovelace
	269		Carl Hagerup
	435	HJR 62	Sen. Kelly
	450		Bob Speed, AA to Rep. Gardiner
	483		Sen. Sturgulewski
			Bill was passed out with no objections
	540	CSSB 408	Sen. Sturgulewski
	618		Sen. Mulcahy Moved "CS" do pass w/rec. Sen. Sturgulewski "Do Pass" // no objections
	668		MEETING ADJOURNED



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

Senate Committee on Community & Regional Affairs

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

March 24, 1980

TO: Senator Bob Mulcahy
 Vice-Chairman Senator Jalmar Kerttula
 Senator Tim Kelly Senator Ed Dankworth
 Senator Pat Rodey Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp
 Senator Terry Stimson ✓ Senator Don Bennett
 Senator Mike Colletta Representative Terry Gardiner
 Senator Brad Bradley Representative Oral Freeman
 Senator Glenn Hackney Representative Ernie Haugen
 Senator Robert Ziegler Representative Richard Eliason

FROM: Arliss Sturgulewski *ed*
 Chairman

SUBJECT: Committee Meetings, Capitol Building

Tuesday, March 25, 1980 - 1:30 p.m. (Butrovich Room)

SB 370 - An Act relating to fire prevention.

SB 309 - An Act requiring the preparation of a local government impact statement.

SB 348, 349, 492 - (Part of the Local Government Study Package)

Wednesday, March 26, 1980 - 1:30 p.m. (Beitz Room)

SB 348, 349, 492 - Local Government Study Package Work Session

Thursday, March 27, 1980 - 1:30 p.m. (Butrovich Room)

SB 408 - An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for village gardening projects; and providing for an effective date

HJR 62 - An Act relating to the Alaska Power Authority and the incurring of revenue bond indebtedness of the APA for the Tye Lake hydroelectric generating project near Petersburg and Wrangell, and for the Swan Lake hydroelectric generating project in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

SB 389 - An Act relating to the senior citizens tax exemption.

Friday, March 28, 1980 - 1:30 p.m. (Governor's Conference Room)

HB 932 - Creating Office of Rural Development and Rural Development Council Joint C/RA meeting (teleconference)

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Tape Number IX

Senate CPA-Chairman Sturgulowski
Committee

Side Number ① & ②

Dates 2-19-80 to —

Mbrs. Present: Sen. Kelly, Rodey, Stimson

Absent: " Mulcahy

Bill Numbers Discussed

SB									
16									

Date & Time	Tape Meter Number	Bill	Significant Information (Witness, Action)
1:30 2-19-80	100	SB 16	start - Chairman Sturgulowski gave summary
	100		Marilyn Miller, AML - ^{Wage Full Funding} _{Part. Sharing}
	154		Sen. Stimson Question - Full Funding & 3: Part. Sharing
	196		Sen. Kelly - Gardner HB 192
	218		Sen. Rodey
	289		Palmer McCarter - Dept CPA
	335		Sen. Stimson - Rd mile Estimate Cost
	364		Sen. Kelly - Hold until other revenue sharing bill rec'd.
	370		" Rodey - concurred
	384	^{CS} SB 430	Sen. Sturgulowski - Summary
	467		Sen. Kelly - "Do Pass" Senators Rodey & Sturgulowski Concurred!
	470	^{CS} 131	Sen. Sturgulowski - Summary
	514		Keith Kelton Dept. Environ. Preservation re Committee intent "Construction"
	593		Sen. Kelly - pipe distribution purpose
	620		Sen. Sturgulowski - will request a legal opinion & forward to Finance

(over)

Keith Kelton (cont'd)

629 _____ Sen. Roddy - Basically rural program?

660 "CS" SB131 DAN Ogg? Kodiak Is. Lough

684 Kelly move "Do Pass with individual recommendation"

Roddy, Stinson "Do Pass"

697-SB408 Jeff Haynes - Dept. Nat. Resources

841 Sen. Kerttula

Side ② 200 Palmer, McCarter - Dept. C/RA

229 Jeff Haynes - Dept. N. R.

289 Sen. Stinson

350 Mtg adjourned. (Agreement to hold bill for further input from DNR)

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. S B 408

Title An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of C&RA for village garden

Requested by Resources Committee Date 2-14-80 proj

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Community & Regional Affairs

Program Category Affected Social Services

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Community Assistance Grants

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		0				
TOTAL		0				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
GENERAL FUND		0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
FULL TIME		0				
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

This bill alone will have no fiscal impact, although the cumulative affect of various appropriations may warrant additional positions within this department.

IV. DATE 2-14-80

PREPARED BY Linda Powelson

AGENCY Community & Regional Affairs

PHONE 465-4735

Original: Legislative Finance

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)



Copper River Native Association
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FEB 4 1980

February 1, 1980

HD-606

Senator Jalmar Kertulla
Minority Leader
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Kertulla,

Enclosed is the Copper River Native Association proposal for our Village Gardening and Agriculture Program. We would very much like having this proposal considered for funding.

A copy of this proposal has been sent to John C. Sackett, Nels A. Anderson, Jr., Pappy Moss, Margaret Branson and Patrick J. Carney.

We would like to get funding to enable us to start this program up in the spring. Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ROBERT J. HALE, JR.
Agriculture Specialist
Copper River Native Association

Enclosure

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P R O P O S A L

Copper River Native Association, Inc.

Health Department

January 23, 1980

"Village Gardening and Agriculture Proposal"

Drawer H

Copper Center, Alaska 99573

INTRODUCTION

The Copper River Native Association, Inc. was started in 1972 to serve the native people of the Ahtna region.

Our major focus is to assist people in developing their full potential, with the outcome being the improvement of their quality of life.

Copper River Native Association has been growing steadily. At the present time there are approximately 50 employees working in different departments of the organization.

The organization consists of a Health Department, a Housing Program, an Aging Program, a Human Services Program, and a Bilingual Program. Its main office is in Copper Center. From this central location, Copper River Native Association reaches out to the eight villages of the Ahtna region.

NEED FOR A GARDENING PROGRAM

Four Alaska native organizations now have Village Gardening and Agriculture Programs.

Some of the native people of the Ahtna region have asked the Copper River Native Association -- which is the area's major non-profit organization -- if such a program could be started in this region too. (See attached letters).

A gardening program would be completely in accord with the Copper River Native Association's goal of developing the full potential of the area's people and land, and would fit easily into the agency's existing programs. (The Health Department, for example, has an ongoing nutrition program).

A gardening program would be a useful addition in providing

home grown food to supplement native subsistence diets and to make better balanced meals.

The Copper River Basin is a poor region with high unemployment and high food prices.

In an informal unemployment survey made by the Copper River Native Association in December of 1979, it was determined that approximately 60% of all Copper Basin natives are out of work. Unemployment figures for this area that are used by the State of Alaska are often much lower than actual area unemployment levels in that they do not count persons who are not "on unemployment" (i.e. receiving money from the government). The Copper River Basin is also in the unusual situation of having its unemployment figures pooled with the figures from Valdez, which has very low unemployment and very high wages, due to jobs from the Alaska Pipeline terminus.

Copper River Native Association will work in the gardening program with native people who want to become involved in farming they can produce their own farm income and farm foods, and thus improve their way of life and help to combat the area's poverty.

The Soil Conservation Service has made soil surveys of some of the Ahtna area and found that a large percentage of the Copper Basin is very good for farming and gardening.

According to Allen Koester, District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, Copper Basin soils are generally silt loams 15 inches deep. They have a capability

Class III for agricultural uses. The climate of this area -- which can vary from being quite cool, to wet, to dry -- is the main limiting factor.

Nevertheless, all grain and hay crops and cool season vegetable crops adapted to Alaska can be grown in this area, and a substantial number of persons make their living by farming, especially in the Kenny Lake region. Warm season crops, such as zucchini, can be grown successfully outdoors in protected areas using a plastic mulch.

Gardening and farming have been going on in Chitina and Copper Center since the turn of the century. In the early 1900's, in fact, there was an agricultural station in the town of Copper Center. After the late 30's and 40's, however, when the Kennicott Copper Mine closed, gardening was lost to the area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The primary purpose of this program is to provide educational and technical gardening assistance to eligible Alaskan Native individuals and organizations located in the Copper River Basin (Ahtna) region.

The program will:

- 1) Teach at least 55 native families in the four Copper Basin villages of Chitina, Copper Center, Gulkana and Chistochina gardening techniques that are suitable to their areas.

2) Ensure that a majority of the 55 Native families enrolled in the program will be able to supply all the cold-weather vegetables they need for their families for eight or nine months of the year.

3) Teach the 55 Native families enrolled in the program how to can and preserve food for the winter.

4) Encourage at least eight Native persons who are enrolled in the program to go into other areas of farming -- such as raising cattle, pigs and chickens for eggs.

5) Obtain the necessary gardening equipment (as itemized in the "Budget" section) for the program's four villages.

6) Obtain bedding plants for the first year of the program.

METHODS

The Copper River Native Association will hire a person who has experience in agriculture and Alaskan farming and horticulture to run the Village Gardening and Agriculture Program.

One person from each of the four villages involved in the program will be intensively trained on a one-to-one basis during the first year of the program in gardening techniques. Each of these persons -- who will be called Gardener I's -- will work 10 weeks during the summer season in his or her own village helping other local persons in their gardening.

Food preservation and canning classes will be given through the Copper River Native Association by the Palmer Cooperative

Extension Service in each of the 8 villages in the Copper River Basin. Two of the classes will be given in each of the 8 villages -- one in June and one in August.

An 18' x 24' x 9' prefabricated greenhouse will be purchased and erected in a central location in the Copper River Basin. It will serve as a demonstration greenhouse, and will be used in local classes.

The Agriculture Program Coordinator will hold classes in the winter and spring months on local agricultural possibilities, animal husbandry, application of fertilizer, the growing of hay or grain, and vegetable growing. Classes in the demonstration greenhouse will begin in March and run through September.

The Copper River Native Association Village Gardening and Agriculture Program will purchase local bedding plants for persons involved in the project.

The program will provide materials and equipment to program participants in the service area, as appropriate, and within the limits of available funding.

The Copper River Native Association will try to accomplish the above requirements so as to initiate or enhance the development of agricultural activities in the villages of Chitina, Gulkana, Copper Center and Chistochina, as they relate to local food production and preservation.

EVALUATION

The Agriculture Project Coordinator will evaluate this

program by conducting a follow-up survey on the 55 families who will plant gardens. Each family will be asked how much they saved on their food bills in comparison with previous years. The Coordinator will also ask participating families to comment, through a questionnaire, on program changes for future years.

The Agriculture Project Coordinator will check to see if the vegetables grown in each family's garden are enough to take them through eight or nine months of the year. If not, they will be shown how to grow more the next growing season.

The Agriculture Project Coordinator will ask the village councils in the participating villages to comment on the program and provide suggestions for program changes.

Three-quarters of the way through the first year of the program, the Agriculture Project Coordinator will evaluate the program to see if increased funding is needed to run an expanded program. If additional funds are needed, the Coordinator will be responsible for finding future funding sources.

The Agriculture Project Coordinator will report his or her findings to the Executive Director of the Copper River Native Association and to the Copper River Native Association Board of Directors for guidance in the future of the program.

FUTURE FUNDING

The Copper River Native Association intends to continue funding for this program, as needed, through a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Snyder Act of 1921.

In addition, the Agriculture Project Coordinator will

also pursue other areas of funding in order to implement a
sound agricultural program.

BUDGET

WAGES AND SALARIES:

1) Project Coordinator Salary: (\$1,532.00 for 3 months, \$1,589.00 for 9 months)	\$ 18,897.00
Project Coordinator Fringe (19.8%)	3,742.00
2) Secretary Salary (1/2-time): (20 hours/week @ \$5.99/hour)	6,230.00
Secretary Fringe (31.2%)	1,945.00
3) Gardeners - 4 positions: (\$5.66/hour each position - 7.5 hours/day x 5 days/week x 10 weeks)	8,490.00
Gardeners Fringe (22%)	1,868.00

CATEGORY TOTAL \$ 41,172.00

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM:

Local travel to villages (26,000 miles x 18-1/2¢/mi.)	\$ 4,810.00
Travel to Anchorage (24 trips x 420 mi. x 18-1/2¢/mi.:)	1,865.00
Per Diem - 48 days x \$62.00/day (Anchorage rates)	2,976.00
Out-of-State trip to American Indian and Alaska Agriculture Conference ot other agriculture seminar	1,500.00
Gardener's travel to training sessions (3,000 miles x 18-1/2¢/mi.)	555.00

CATEGORY TOTAL \$ 11,706.00

BUDGET

OTHER DIRECT COSTS:

Telephone & Communications (12 months x \$80/month)	\$ 960.00
Office Supplies (12 months x \$50/month)	600.00
Postage (12 months x \$35.00/month)	420.00
Rent (12 months x \$60/month)	720.00
Reproduction (12 months x \$25.00/month)	300.00
Subscriptions	100.00

CATEGORY TOTAL

\$ 3,100.00

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES:

Textbooks and printed educational materials (4 villages x \$400.00 each)	\$ 1,600.00
Program supplies (18 each - hoes, rakes, shovels potato forks - @ \$10 each)	720.00
Seed and seed potatoes (4 villages x \$300 each)	1,200.00
Bedding plants (for 55 families - 23 doz. / family 23 doz. x 55 families x \$2.50/doz.)	3,163.00
Fertilizer (for 12 acres x \$600/acre)	7,200.00

CATEGORY TOTAL

\$13,883.00

BUDGET

EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL:

Greenhouse (18' x 24' x 9' with heater and cooling fan)	\$ 3,450.
Shipping charges for greenhouse (1250 lbs.)	1,200.
Utility costs for greenhouse maintenance (electricity and heat)	2,000.
Troy-bilt Rototiller purchase (\$1,200 x 4)	4,800.
Bulldozer rental to clear land (\$250/acre x 12 acres)	3,000.
Temporary rental of rototillers until delivery of one purchased (45 days x \$20/day)	900.

CATEGORY TOTAL	\$ 15,350.
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CONSULTANT FEES AND TRAINING:

Training for 4 gardeners (\$5.66/hour x 10 days x 7.5 hours/day x 4 positions)	\$ 1,698.
Consultant Fees (For travel and per diem from Palmer for 16 days)	1,406.

CATEGORY TOTAL	\$ 3,104.
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TOTAL BUDGET

Wages and Salaries	\$ 41,172.00
Travel and Per Diem	11,706.00
Other Direct Costs	3,100.00
Materials and Supplies	13,883.00
Equipment & Equipment Rental	15,350.00
Consultant Fees and training	3,104.00

Total Program Dollars	\$ 88,315.00
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Less Equipment	- 8,250.00
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Subtotal	\$ 80,065.00
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Indirect on Subtotal @ 30.4%	24,340.00
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GRAND TOTALS:

Total Program Dollars	\$ 88,315.00
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Indirect @ 30.4%	24,340.00
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TOTAL BUDGET:	<u>\$112,655.00</u>
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FARMING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: "Reserve Item"

Copper River Native Association is applying for a grant for a Gardening and Farming Program. A person with knowledge of Alaskan agriculture would serve as the Project Coordinator and work with two of the Ahtna regional corporations in a demonstration project. This project would involve raising grain to feed beef cattle and swine. It would also enhance the development of agricultural activities with the Native people.

This pilot project would start with 100 acres being put into grain crops and expanded as funds were available and as land is conveyed to the regional corporations.

The reason for the initial site of this project being located in Kenny Lake is because farming has been established there for some time now and has proven to be successful. It is known that grain can be raised in the Copper River Basin and this project would be used to show the Native people how to raise grain and hopefully encourage raising grain as a crop, as well as raising cattle and swine for their own personal use and also as an income source.

At this time we cannot include other villages in this project until their land is conveyed and a test crop successfully grown.

The pilot project would run for five years to see what different types of grain could be grown as feed for cattle and swine.

BUDGET FOR FARMING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT "R"

Land Clearing (100 acres x \$250.00/acre)	\$ 25,000.00
Seed for 100 acres (100 acres x 100 lbs. x 18¢)	1,800.00
Fertilizer (100 acres x \$600/acre)	60,000.00
Equipment Rental	10,000.00
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	\$ 96,800.00
Indirect @ 30.4%	29,427.00
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Total Required:	\$126,227.00 <hr/> <hr/>

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DRAWER G
COPPER CENTER, AK. 99573

PHONE 807-031-0410

January 17, 1990

Mr. Tom Craig
Executive Director and
Mr. Robert Hale
Copper River Native Association
Drawer H
Copper Center, Alaska 99573

RE: Village Gardening and Agriculture Proposal

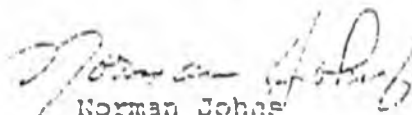
Ahtna Corporation is very much in support of your proposal of village gardening in our region. As a result of your studies, this could be a long term and future of our people.

As conveyance to Ahtna and it's villages, we need to develop our land; and gardening and agriculture has been our peoples goal.

With Copper River Native Association information and studies this will give the villages and region a start.

Please keep me informed.

Thank you,


Norman Johns
General Manager

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Jay Barton
President

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
FAIRBANKS ALASKA 99701

January 7, 1980

Dear Mr. Hale:

I shall try very hard to get you the information you need on starting a village gardening and farming program. This year the University has few people and fewer resources to literally come down and help you get started. However, we certainly can supply some information and put you in touch with the right people to talk to. By copy of this letter I am asking Dr. James Drew, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Land Management Resources, Dr. James Matthews, Director of the Cooperative Extension Service and Dr. Pat O'Rourke, Chancellor of the Community Colleges, Extension and Rural Education, to provide whatever assistance they can to your request.

Good luck with your endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Jay Barton
President

JB:dm

cc: Dr. Drew
Dr. Matthews
Dr. O'Rourke

Robert J. Hale, Jr.
Agriculture Specialist
Atna Taene Nene
Drawer H
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Kluti-Kaah Corp.

Box 154

Copper Center, Alaska 99573

Mr. Robert Hale
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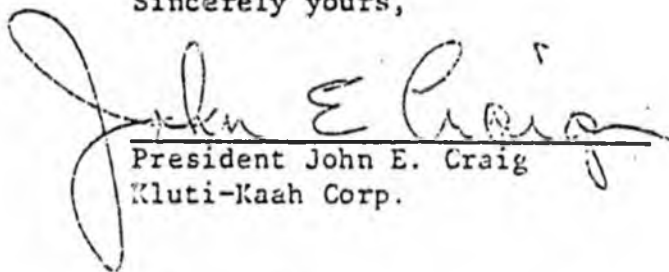
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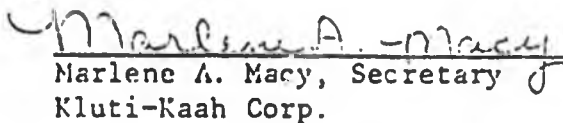
Dear Mr. Hale;

Our Board of Directors for the Kluti-Kaah Corporation has looked over your "Village Gardening and Agriculture Proposal," and have agreed that it would be a good project for our People in the Ahtna Region.

Please keep us posted on what becomes of the proposal. .

Sincerely yours,


President John E. Craig
Kluti-Kaah Corp.


Marlene A. Macy, Secretary
Kluti-Kaah Corp.

January 4, 1980

Tom Craig, Executive Director
Copper River Native Association
Drawer H
Copper Center, AK 99573

Dear Tom,

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Sincerely,

Millie Rick
Millie Rick
Box 5
Chitina, AK

To CANA

1-9-80

Dear sir

I'm interested in small family
size garden and would gladly
receive any information on this subject

Sam Peter

Copper River Native Association
Drew H
Copper Center, Alaska 99573

Dear Sir:

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Sincerely,
Dale J. Small

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Sincerely,
Dale J. Small

Box 163
Gakona, AK 99586

Tom Craig, Executive Director
CRNA
Copper Center, AK 99573

Dear Tom,

Anything that CRNA can do to promote and develop agriculture and gardening in this area would be very helpful to me and I'm sure to many area residents.

We tried a small garden in Chistochina last summer and did the best we could by gathering information here and there from friends and relatives. A family gardening project could be more successful if help and information more specific to this area were available. As the cost of food continues to rise, the need for this kind of help increases also.

I also want to try growing hay and oats this summer, too, and will need help there.

Thank you for any consideration given to this idea.

Sincerely,
Lemmie Charles

Chistochina, Alaska 99586

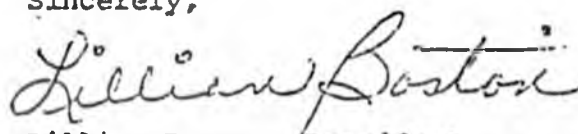
December 13, 1979

Tom Craig, Executive Director
Copper River Native Association
Drawer H
Copper Center, Alaska 99573

Dear Tom:

I would like to know if CRNA could possibly initiate a garden program for this region. There are several people in my community that have expressed a desire to have such a project started. There are approximately ten families that have an interest. Please see if such a project can be started soon. Thank you for your time and help.

Sincerely,



Lillian Boston, President
Chistochina Village Council
Chistochina, Alaska 99586

Box 77

Cypress Center, Cal.

99573

Dec. 27, 1949

P. R. Na.

Dear Sir,

Are there any funds
available for gardening?
For the days to buy
equipment and some type
of workshop to teach
us how to garden?

Yours Truly,
K. Henry G. Jones Sr.

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like to know if they are going to have
a garden in the village.

would like to have garden and need help for
it and I would like to have a green house to

Elizabeth Rote
Copper Center



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, RURAL EDUCATION

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AT COPPER CENTER

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COPPER CENTER, ALASKA 99573

DEC 17 1979

December 14, 1979

Bob Hale, Agriculture Coordinator
Copper River Native Association
Drawer H
Copper Center, Alaska 99573

SUBJECT: Village Agriculture and Gardening Program

As representative of this branch of Prince William Sound Community College, I would like to give my complete support to the proposed program in Agriculture and gardening for the native population in this area. A program such as this one with the present land situation would be of profitable benefit to these people who own the land. Self sufficiency from the harvest produced through this project is certainly a worthwhile goal for which to strive. Learning to live off the land could most definitely come from such a program.

This center will give all aid possible to help this program be a success.

Sincerely,

Soveida Dollarhide, Coordinator

Copper Center, Ala. 99573

December 26, 1979

Copper River Garden Assoc.

Dear Mrs. Craig,

I am interested in seeing
some type of gardening program
offered by the association.

Would that be possible?

I love to garden, but would
like to know more about it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Shinn

Copper River Native Assoc.
Copper Center, Ak

12-2-19

Dear Sir,

I have heard that some of the other regional corporations have a program to help individuals who are interested in starting a garden. As our area has potential for good farm land would it be possible for CRNA to have such a program. I'd be interested in attending a gardening program if one is available.

Sincerely,
Paralyd Craig

Taylor, Alaska
December 28, 1979

To C.R.N.A.

Tom Craig, Executive Director
Copper River National Assn.

Drawer H.

Upper Center, AK 99573

Dear Tom,

I would like to know if C.R.N.A. could possibly initiate a garden program for this region. I would like to have garden and need help for it and would like to have a green house too.

I have heard that some of the other regional corporations have a program to help individuals who are interested in starting a garden.

Sincerely
Gwen Thomas

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December 12!

To G.R.N.A

Are you going to have Village Gardening program like some of the other Corporations have?

I would like to have a garden but need help with it

Ina Lincoln

Alaska State Legislature

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SENATOR
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Health & Social Services
April 2, 1980

Jay Hammond, Governor
State of Alaska Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Jay:

Re: Village Gardening

Recently the Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SB 408, An Act making a special appropriation to Community and Regional Affairs for village gardening projects. The committee passed this bill out to the Finance Committee with one change, and that was to make the appropriation through the Department of Natural Resources, as opposed to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. The committee accumulated some excellent background material in connection with their consideration of the bill. The Department of Natural Resources was asked to develop possible alternatives for developing a relationship between the Division of Agriculture and the village gardening projects. Background information from our committee file is being made available to you.

It is my understanding from the sponsor of SB 408, Senator Kerttula, that other gardening projects are being considered and may well be added during Finance Committee consideration of his bill. Without question, the interest and enthusiasm in the village gardening projects is growing! The timing appears to be superb for the Administration to develop and recommend an innovative approach for village gardening projects. It does seem imperative that there be a plan to maximize resources, provide funding, and technical and follow-up information. There appears to be a good deal of merit in alternative number 2, contained in Commissioner LeResche's March 11 memo re. Village Gardening Projects.

Again, I would appreciate your attention to this subject. Because of the high interest and enthusiasm we will no doubt see many projects proposed. Without question we are well beyond the ad hoc approach to an exciting new development in small scale agriculture. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Arliss Sturgulewski
Senator, District 10-H

cc: Bob Palmer	Senator Kerttula	Wayne E. Burton
Bob LeResche	Senator Sackett	Peter M. Probasco
Tony Schuerch	Representative Carney	

Enclosure

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JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

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April 3, 1980

Tony Schuesch
Kobuk Valley Educational Services
P O Box 606
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Dear Tony:

Sorry to hear of the trouble that has developed in getting your very fine program funded for this summer. You have continued to do an excellent job all along, and your program has served as a model for others to attempt to duplicate in other areas of the State. It would be a shame if you were unable to continue.

Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do with the money we have available for the 1980 fiscal year, which expires June 30, 1980. We have given the legislature our projections for continuing existing gardening projects, including yours, and those projections included funds for new programs throughout the State. It is now in the hands of the legislature. The funds appropriated last year were designated to specific projects, as I'm sure you are aware. We had absolutely no flexibility in distributing those funds.

I will be going to Juneau next week and will talk with Jim Deagan to see why his sources have dried up. If I can find out, I'll let you know.

All is not lost, but I admit things do not look too bright. I'll be getting back in touch soon.

Sincerely,



Domonic L. Carney
Director

cc: Pat Carney
Senator Sturgulewski