

Alaska Native Governance & Protocols

Leaders in Alaska are called upon every day to make important decisions that impact our state, our Native peoples and our communities. We are pleased to offer our Alaska Native Governance & Protocols learning sessions creating an opportunity to be in dialogue and ask questions in an environment stewarded by our values of relationship, hospitality, and being good relatives.

These learning sessions can be shared as trainings, presentations, or dialogues depending on audience, context and timing.

The sessions are geared to:

1. Shed light on the complex layers of Alaska Native governance,
2. Share insights into unique cultural, social and economic contexts, communities, relationships, and protocols,
3. Create a forum for strengthening knowledge and understanding between Alaskans, and
4. Highlight potential opportunities to partner and engage across Alaska.

In an interactive forum, participants will learn about recognition of place, cultural diversity, geographic distinctions and unique practices of Native peoples, as well as foundational principles and information related to the formation and authorities of various Native governing structures. Participants will also learn about other types of Native institutions, organizations, businesses, and the general lay of the land as it concerns various entities, groups, and advocacy bodies that have an origin and/or responsibility within and to the Native community.



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ABOUT FIRST ALASKANS INSTITUTE

At First Alaskans Institute, we know we are responsible for carrying more than 10,000 years of ancestral knowledge into the future with rigor, humor, resilience, vigilance, and love.

OUR VISION

Progress for the next 10,000 Years...

OUR MISSION

True to identity, heritage, and values, Alaska Natives are informed and engaged in leading the decisions that shape the future.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Advancing Self Determination

Advancing Our Ways of Life

Knowing, Living, Loving Who We Are

Shaping the Knowledge That Informs Alaskans

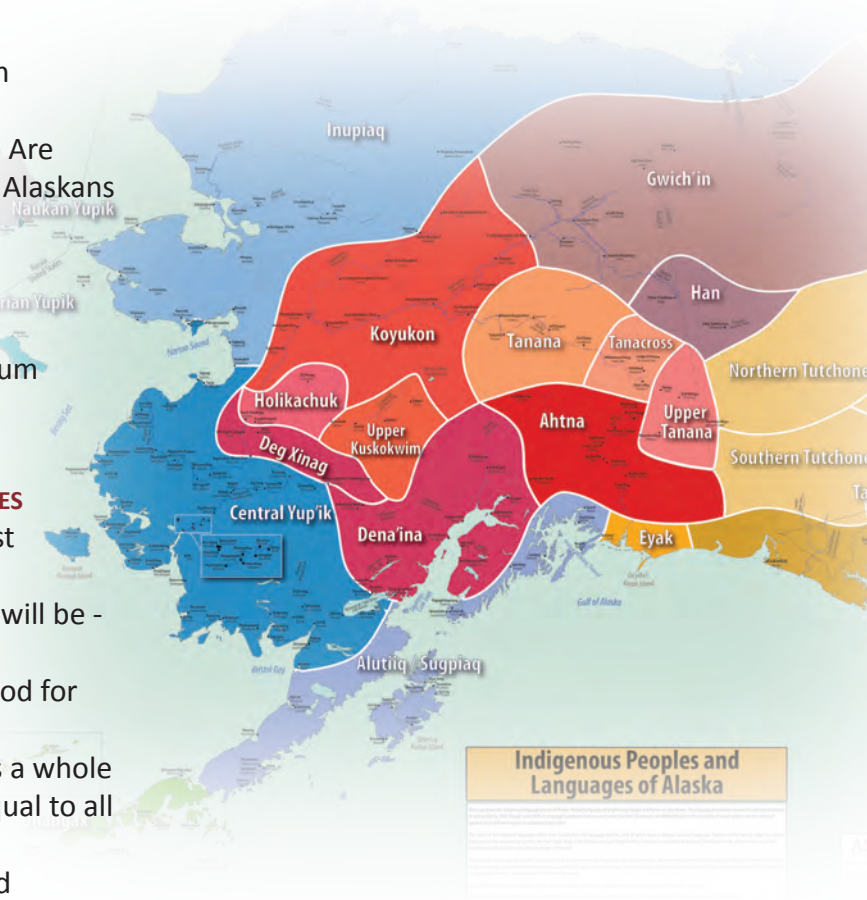
Being Good Relatives

INITIATIVES

Alaska Native Policy Center
Indigenous Leadership Continuum
Community Engagement
Indigenous Operations

OPERATING TRUTHS AND PRINCIPLES

- Alaska Natives know best what is best for Alaska Natives
- Alaska always has been - and always will be - a Native place
- What is good for Alaska Natives is good for all Alaskans
- Indigenous knowledge and science is a whole knowledge system in and of itself, equal to all others
- We work to embody the strength and knowledge of our peoples, values, and cultures
- We love who we are and we believe in our inherent right to exist as distinct societies of Alaska Native peoples in perpetuity



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INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT

Alaska Native Policy Center

Our work within the Alaska Native Policy Center fosters deep and respectful engagement among dialogue participants to nourish strong relationships and understanding across our communities, in order for us to collectively work together, to co-create and advance a vision that sustains our People far into the future.

Our work involves Alaska Native leaders, Elders, Youth, culture bearers, policy makers, other key individuals and partners, who we work with to spur social and political change for the advancement of our people. True to our vision of Progress for the next ten-thousand years.

Some of our recent work centers around Truth Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT), government and protocols training, civic engagement, Tribal governance, and Alaska Native unity. Our racial equity work includes Alaska Native Dialogues on Racial Equity (ANDORE), racial equity in salmon management, governance, education, child wellbeing, and more.

Out of love for our Alaska Native peoples and our responsibilities to future generations, together we are creating a path to ensure that our ways of knowing and being, our unique cultures, and our connections to the land, air, water, animals, spirits, and each other continue into perpetuity.