

Kodiak Alutiiq Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission

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"Repatriation is unfinished business. It's something we have a moral obligation to do. It's not the most critical issue facing our people, but it's not an either/or. Since there was such a violation against our people it needs to be taken care of."

Dr. Gordon Pullar – Woody Island Tribal Council

The Commission: Formed in 2007, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission works to bring ancestral Alutiiq remains and objects home and protect Alutiiq grave sites. Through the Native American Graves Protect and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and with assistance from the Alutiiq Museum, the commission maintains a database of Kodiak Alutiiq collections, conducts collections research, assists with repatriation claims, and sets general repatriation policy for the Kodiak Alutiiq community. Commission members represent Kodiak's tribal organizations and Native corporations.

The Database: The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Materials Database is a list of Alutiiq collections in American museums. Maintained by the Alutiiq Museum for the island-wide repatriation commission, the database facilitates repatriation research. Alutiiq organizations wishing to access the database, or provide information for it, may contact Marnie Leist (907-486-7004, x24). Production of the database was funded by a grant from the National Park Service NAGPRA program.

Commissioners

Afognak Native Corporation - Ruth Dawson

Native Village of Afognak - Pat Kozak, Vera Benedek (alternate)

Native Village of Akhiok - Mitch Simeonoff, Linda Amodo (alternate)

Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. - Fred Coyle

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Ayakulik, Inc. - Carolyn Nixon

Bell Flats Natives, Inc. - open seat

Kaguyak Village - Phyllis Amodo

Native Village of Karluk - Catherine Reft

Natives of Kodiak, Inc. - Donene Tweten, Pat Heitman (alternate)

Koniag, Inc. - open seat

Native Village of Larsen Bay - Alice Aga

Leisnoi, Inc. - open seat

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Litnik, Inc. - open seat

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Ouzinkie Native Corporation - Nick Pestrikoff, Sr.

Native Village of Ouzinkie - Alex Ambrosia

Native Village of Port Lions - Julie Kaiser, Sara Squartsoff (alternate)

Shuyak, Inc. - open seat

Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak - Olga M. Malutin

Uganik Natives, Inc. - Donene Tweten

Uyak, Inc. - Gabriel McKilly

Commission Assistants

Regional Repatriation Coordinator - Marnie Leist, Alutiiq Museum

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Working Documents: The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq repatriation commission is currently developing repatriation policies for the Kodiak archipelago. The documents below are draft copies of letters and resolutions needed by the organizations participating in this process. There is also a copy of the commissions proposed manual, currently under review by Kodiak's tribes and Alutiiq corporations. For assistance in completing documents or adopting the manual, please contact Marnie Leist (907-486-7004, x24).

- Documents for Kodiak Alutiiq Tribal Organizations

- Documents for Kodiak Alutiiq ANCSA Corporations

- Draft Repatriation Manual