



Cama'i – Hello,

The lush greens of summer have returned to Kodiak, and with them comes one of our busiest seasons. Our archaeology team has been making the most of the long days, conducting surveys and digs across the archipelago. We look forward to sharing the stories and discoveries from this year's fieldwork with you in the months ahead. This summer also brought the completion of a new public exhibit at the KANA Marketplace. Located near Kodiak Harbor, the display features the wooden frame of a historic three-hatch *qayaq* and celebrates Kodiak's deep maritime roots. Stop by to experience this piece of Alutiiq history and the craftsmanship of the skilled mariners who have traveled these waters for millennia.



Historic three-hatch qayaq on display at the KANA Marketplace.

Historic Three-Hatch Qayaq

In June, the Alutiiq Museum installed a new exhibit about Kodiak's maritime heritage on display at the Kodiak Marketplace downtown. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a historic wooden frame of a Alutiiq paitaalek—triple-hatched kayak. The kayak is displayed in an opening between the first and second floor of the building, allowing the vessel frame to be seen from both the top and the bottom. This project was made possible with support from Kodiak Island Borough, Kodiak Area Native Association, and the State of Alaska's Office of History and Archaeology.

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Archaeology of Inner Uyak Bay

Uyak Bay stretches deep into the interior of Kodiak. While the outer bay is home to set netters, fishermen, hunters, homesteaders, and the village of Larsen Bay, the quiet mudflats of Inner Uyak see few visitors today. During a five-day kayak survey, Patrick Saltonstall documented numerous house depressions, old refuse piles, and fall fish camps. This documentation work is important so that we can monitor and protect ancient sites.



Field Assistant Philip Tschersich kayaking Inner Uyak Bay.



Explore Kodiak in Alutiiq

Alutiiq/Sugpiaq people named the geographical features in their world—bays, mountains, islands, streams, and much more. Names passed down by Alutiiq speakers help us to see the landscape in an Alutiiq way.

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Language Club

Join Alutiiq speakers and learners for an hour of informal learning and conversation. Alutiiq Language Club is open to anyone interested in growing their skills. All are welcome.

Wednesdays, Noon to 1pm
Weekly in the Alutiiq Museum Workshop

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- Sharing cultural arts and traditional knowledge through free community workshops
- Hosting community lectures to share archaeology, history, and culture

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