

North Slope Regional Alaska Native Organizations: A History of Working Together



The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA)

- **A dramatically different approach by Congress to federal Indian policy**
- **Extinguished aboriginal land title**
- **Created 12 Alaska Native regional corporations and over 200 Alaska Native village corporations**
- **Directed Alaska Natives to enroll as shareholders in the Corporations**
- **Conveyed nearly 44 million acres of fee simple land to the Alaska Native corporations**
- **Compensated the corporations nearly \$1B for lands lost in the settlement**

ANCSA & The North Slope

- **ANCSA created a fragmented system of Alaska Native representation and delivery of services that required a coordinated approach to effectively serve Alaska Native people**
- **The North Slope was the ONLY region to oppose the passage of ANCSA, but upon passage of the Act, worked to create a mechanism for the long-term sustainability of our communities, culture and people**
- **Today, Tribes, tribal nonprofits, city and municipal governments and Alaska Native corporations work together to provide for and enhance the lives of the Iñupiat**

Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA)

Health & Social Services

- Originally formed in 1965, ASNA was created to protect the lands of the North Slope region, beginning the land claims process that led to the passage of ANCSA
- ASNA was dormant for roughly 20 years
- 1991 ASNA was reactivated to pursue goals of self-determination for health and social services programs
- Today, ASNA employs over 300 staff to manage the Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital (IHS) in Utqiagvik – the only Level IV Trauma Center in the region
- Administers social services programs for the Indian child welfare, medical travel, funeral assistance, assisted living and preventative behavioral health



Mission: To promote the health and well-being of the people of the North Slope

Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS)

Regional Tribal Government

- **Established in 1971**
- **As a federally recognized tribe, ICAS has a government-to-government relationship with the federal government**
- **Over 13,000 tribal members**
- **As a sovereign tribe, ICAS defends the aboriginal rights of its membership to promote the security and social welfare**
- **Strong voice and advocate on subsistence and resource management**



Mission: To exercise its sovereign rights and powers for the benefit of tribal members and to establish and carry-out justice systems, including social services pursuant to Iñupiat tribal law and custom, and to increase the variety and quality of services provided to current tribal members and for future generations.

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC)

Economic Engine

- **Created by the federal government pursuant to the passage of ANCSA, incorporated in 1972**
- **Mandated by Congress through ANCSA to operate as a for-profit corporation**
- **Owned and represents the business interests of its approximately 14,000 shareholders**
- **Conveyed roughly 5 million acres of land on the North Slope under the terms of ANCSA**
- **Six main lines of business – government contract services, petroleum refining and marketing, energy support services, industrial services, resource development and construction – that support ANCSA’s directives to provide financial returns to its Iñupiat shareholders**



Mission: To actively manage our businesses, our lands and resources, our investments and our relationships to enhance Iñupiaq cultural and economic freedom – with continuity, responsibility and integrity.

North Slope Borough

Municipal Government

- **Incorporated in 1972 - The Iñupiat of the North Slope formed the borough to ensure their communities would properly benefit from oil and gas development on their ancestral homelands.**
- **It was the first time Native Americans took control of their destiny through the use of a municipal government**
- **The NSB represents the roughly 10,000 residents of the region and exercises its powers of taxation, property assessment, education, and planning and zoning**
- **Services**
- **More than 90% of property tax receipts come from taxes levied on oil and gas infrastructure, which has enabled the NSB to invest in public infrastructure and utilities, support education, and provide police, fire, emergency and other services**



Mission: The North Slope Borough is committed to having healthy communities, economically, spiritually and culturally. The borough works with the tribes, cities, corporations, schools, and businesses to support a strong culture, encourage families and employees to choose a healthy lifestyle, and sustain a vibrant economy.

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Higher Education

- Established in 1996 – the only tribal college in Alaska
- The intent of its founders was to provide an education based on the Iñupiaq cultural heritage
- A direct outgrowth of the Native American self-determination movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s
- Provides quality post-secondary academic, vocational and technical education in a learning environment that perpetuates and strengthens Iñupiat culture, language, values and traditions
- It is dedicated to serving its students and developing a well-educated and trained workforce who meet the human resource needs of North Slope employers and the state of Alaska



Vision: To help build strong communities through education and training.

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