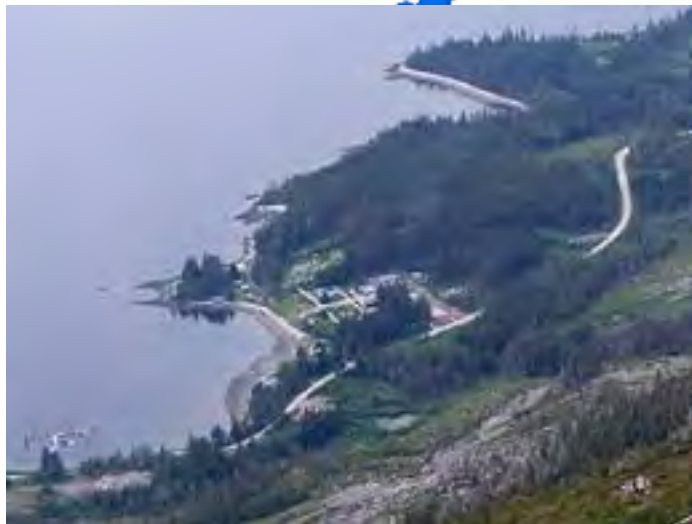


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# Organized Village of Kasaan

Quarterly Newsletter



**Thank you to all Kasaan's Community Members who are actively recycling! Keep up the great work!**

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# EARTH DAY FAIR



This year on Earth Day, the Tribal Environmental Coalition (TEC) will host it's annual Earth Day Fair at the:

- Klawock City School Gymnasium
- Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

We invite POW Island community members to come and enjoy some activities and to learn interesting facts about our Environment and ecology that effect all of us

Alaskan Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA), Salmon Beyond Borders, and Rural Energy Alaska Project, will join us in this fun and educational outreach

TEC is looking for interested POW youth who want to enter into the annual Earth Day Logo Contest! Young artists entering the contest will create their idea of a logo for Earth Day and will have a chance to win cash prizes as well as have their logo displayed at the Earth Day Fair. The participants will select the winner.

Prizes are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50

Logos must be submitted no later than Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to one of the Prince of Wales Tribal Offices in Craig, Hydaburg, Kasaan, or Klawock. They must include the applicant's: School Name, First & Last Name, and Age on the backside of the entry! **Hope to see you there!**

# E-Waste

Don't Forget The POW Tribes' Annual Electronics Recycling Event:

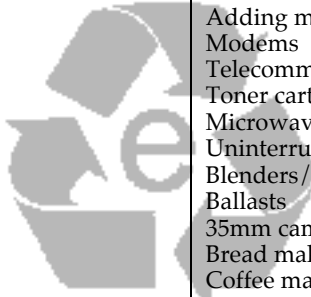
**Date:** May 5-6

**Time:** 10am-3pm (each day)

**Location:** Craig Tribal Association's Upper Parking Lot  
1330 Craig/Klawock Highway

**Rate:** \$ 0.35/ lb.

**Electronic Waste ("E-Waste")** will be shipped to Total Reclaim Inc. in Washington to be properly recycled. This project saves precious metals from being mined to become electronics. One (1) pound of electronics can contaminate up to 50,000 gallons of water. Recycling "E-waste" can prevent this. Craig Tribal Association; Hydaburg Cooperative Association; Klawock Cooperative Association, Tribe; Organized Village of Kasaan and the Prince of Wales- Tribal Stewardship Consortium would like to recognize and thank Alaska Marine Lines, Craig Tribal Association, Total Reclaim, Inc. for making this possible.

<b>Acceptable Items</b>	
Computer monitors (LCD & CRT) Televisions (including console TV's) Computers (KPU's) Laptops Keyboards, Mice Zip drives Speakers Scanners Fax machines Photocopiers Printers Electric typewriters Radios VCR's DVD players Stereos Telephones Cell phones Electronic games CD's	 Electronic pen plotters Electronic scales Postage machines Video cameras Digital cameras Cords/ wires Batteries within electronics PDA's/handheld devices with cradles Credit card machines and printers Adding machines Modems Telecommunication equipment Toner cartridges (laser/inkjet) Microwave ovens Uninterrupted power supplies (UPSs) Blenders/mixers Ballasts 35mm cameras Bread makers Coffee makers DVDs
<p><b>ALSO ACCEPTABLE:</b> florescent lighting, batteries, mercury-bearing devices, and refrigerant  <b>NOT ACCEPTED:</b> Exit Signs, Smoke Alarms, PCBs, and Vacuum Cleaners</p>	
<p>Submitted by: POW Tribal Stewardship Consortium</p>	

**By Appointment:** We can meet at the recycle center in Kasaan to weigh and bill your e-waste, which we will then haul to the collection site for you.

We would also like to provide an opportunity for community members to take one more look at a few items at the recycling center that are going to be permanently disposed of after this Friday April 2nd. **Contact Andrew or Tami at: 907-617-3020**



## 2015 AFE Conference

The Alaska **Forum on the Environment** (AFE) is Alaska's largest statewide gathering of environmental professionals from government agencies, non-profit and for-profit businesses, community leaders, Alaskan youth, conservationists, biologists and community elders. The diversity of attendees and comprehensive agenda sets this conference apart from any other.

They offered a full week of sessions on climate change, energy, environmental regulations, cleanup and remediation, fish & wildlife, solid waste, and much more. Some of the seminars attended by the Environmental staff at OVK are:

- **Innovative Citizen Science Community Projects: Climate Change**
- **Traditional Food and Water Monitoring in Rural Alaska During a Time of Rapid Environmental Change**
- **Tools For Advancing Community Environmental and Sustainability Issues (Social Media),**
- **Using Research to Improve How We Communicate about Climate Change**
- **Climate Change & Extreme Events: Risk, Vulnerability & Adaptation**





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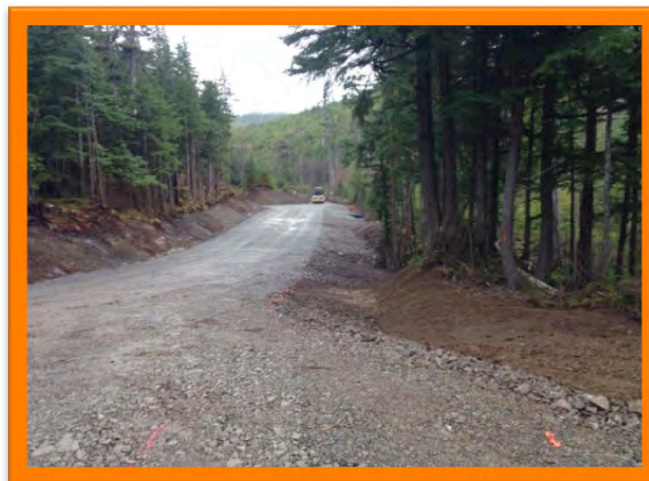
## Department of Transportation



The OVK Department of Transportation (DOT) has been busily working on the Kavalco Subdivision Project, specifically Sandy Point and Dailey Circle. The weather has been in our favor this winter season, which has allowed the continuation of construction towards completion. As you can see Dailey Circle is complete and Sandy Point not far behind! Way to go OVK DOT!

The OVK DOT will also begin working in conjunction with the City of Thorne Bay to help them maintain the South Side Thorne Bay Road. This is great opportunity to work together & get more accomplished!

The decision was made to break the Kasaan to Goose Creek Road project into segments of construction phases to be more successful in applying for funding. Currently OVK Transportation Director is collecting bid documents in order for the first 1.5-mile phase of the project to begin. Watch for more news on the project as it evolves!



## Emergency Response

Alaska is one of the most seismically active areas in the world. Preparations must be made to assure your household can remain together. Creating a Family Disaster Plan is a good start. Educating and practicing home drills is good exercise for your household. What if you're not together during an earthquake?

These are recommendations for emergency response and preparation:

- Create a "Seven Day Emergency Kit" for your household (flashlights, tissue, medicine, batteries, first-aid, etc.).
- Create a compact "Emergency Kit" for your vehicle
- Secure your fuel tanks (diesel, propane and/or natural gas)
- Assure you have communications (radio, cellphone, etc.)
- Water (at least a gallon day/person)



## Island-Wide Mining Symposium

April 29th and 30th, 2015, the Organized Village of Kasaan (Alaska) will host the fifth Prince of Wales Island-Wide Mining Symposium. This two-day event will be held at the Klawock High School Gym.

The Mining Symposium will consist of sessions with presentations by mining representatives, governing agencies, interested groups, and residents of Prince of Wales Island. These sessions will include current mining projects and mining issues that may be of concern to the people of Prince of Wales Island and Southeast Alaska.

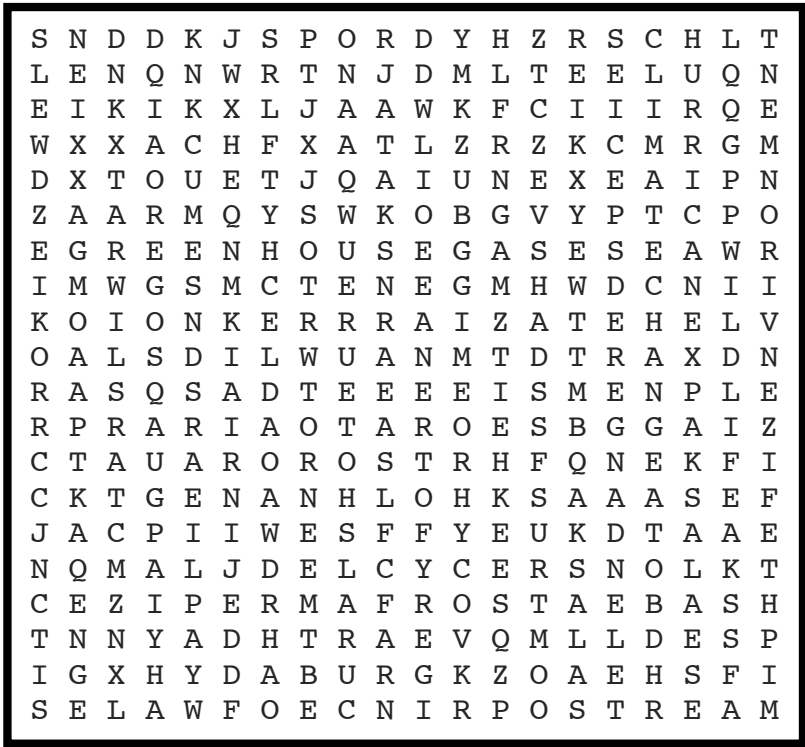
The symposium provides a unique forum for information exchange and issue discussion among stakeholders, landowners, and the indigenous people of Southeast Alaska. Participants will include Tribes, mining companies, power entities, regulatory entities, educational institutions, and many other concerned community members.

Lunch will be included in the Symposium fee for each day along with coffee, water, and light snacks. Following the discussion on April 29th, there will be a dinner and performances by local Tlingit and Haida Tribal dance groups.

In 2014, technical presentations included Mineral Resources of Prince of Wales Island, and Water Quality and Water Management. Regulatory presentations included the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Coordinated Permitting Involvement in Canadian Mine Reviews, Mining Reclamation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service's Comprehensive Environmental Response Liability Act (CERCLA) Program. Tribal participants were provided valuable information from environmental and mining attorneys about effectively engaging with the regulatory agencies.

Submitted By: OVK's Brownfields Coordinator, Fred Olsen

## Environmental Word Search



Over the last 50 years,  
Alaska's temperature  
increased 3.4°F, and 6.3 °  
during our winters

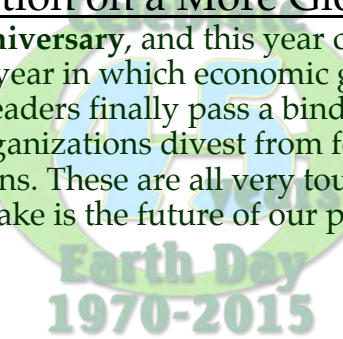
### Alaska

Alaska has warmed twice as fast as the rest of the nation, bringing widespread impacts. Sea ice is rapidly receding and glaciers are shrinking. Thawing permafrost is leading to more wildfire, and affecting infrastructure and wildlife habitat. Rising ocean temperatures and acidification will alter valuable marine fisheries.

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| AKSSF             | GREENHOUSEGASES  | PERMAFROST    |
| ALASKA            | HABITAT          | PRINCEOFWALES |
| CLIMATECHANGE     | HURRICANE        | RECYCLE       |
| CTA               | HYDABURG         | SEALASKA      |
| EARTHDAY          | HYDRO            | SOLAR         |
| EARTHQUAKES       | IGAP             | STREAM        |
| EMISSIONS         | KASAAN           | TEMPERATURE   |
| ENDANGEREDSPECIES | KCA              | TSUNAMIS      |
| ENVIRONMENT       | KLAWOCK          | USFS          |
| EXTREMEWEATHER    | MINETRAILINGS    | WATERSHED     |
| FLOODING          | NATURALRESOURCES | WILDLIFE      |
| FOREST            | OVK              | WIND          |

### Information on a More Global Scale:

2015 is **Earth Day's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary**, and this year could be the most exciting in environmental history! The year in which economic growth and sustainability join hands; the year that world leaders finally pass a binding climate change treaty; the year in which citizens and organizations divest from fossil fuels and put their money into renewable energy solutions. These are all very tough issues, but we know what's at stake is the future of our planet.



*Watch for community flyers listing upcoming events in Kasaan! Dates and times will be posted with detailed description of any event, and sufficient time will be given for preparation for any community events the OVK has planned for you!*



My name is Andrew. I am the new Environmental Technician at the OVK office. I've been working closely with Tami to learn how the IGAP program works. It can be a bit complicated at times. There are so many environmental concerns today. And there's a lot of technical stuff that goes with it. I am 26 years old. I've spent most of my time since high school in the logging industry. I am very new to this type of work, but I feel pretty confident I can pick up where the previous Technician left off. With the Community Spring Cleaning and Earth Day events coming up, I am looking forward to getting to know the residents in Kasaan better.



Hello, My name is Tamara (Tami) Meyer ~ Haida name: Naang Kiigaa Tla' Kaang (sp?). My Uncle Moses Ingram told me that it means, 'how precious are you,' and that I was named for my Aunt Mona Jackson. I am the new IGAP Environmental Planner for OVK. I was hired the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January. I spent the last two and a half months learning about the IGAP program, all the pieces are coming together, and things should be running smoothly very soon. I've met a lot of people since I started working here. Some I have ancestral ties to, some whose family are my family, and a surprising number of folks who I've known personally throughout the years ~ I am not such a stranger. Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I am excited to see what all I can learn and accomplish here. This position is a perfect opportunity for me to put my Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts, minor in Alaska Native Studies, to good work.

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