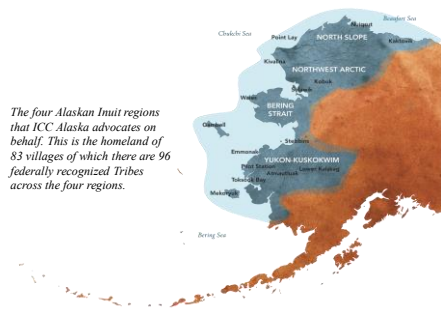




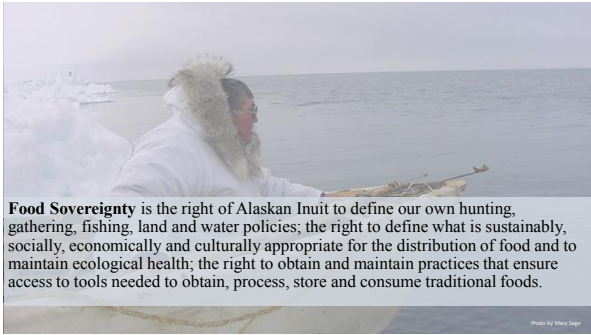
Building a Pathway
to Advance Alaskan
Inuit Food
Sovereignty

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The four Alaskan Inuit regions that ICC Alaska advocates on behalf. This is the homeland of 83 villages of which there are 96 federally recognized Tribes across the four regions.



Food Sovereignty is the right of Alaskan Inuit to define our own hunting, gathering, fishing, land and water policies; the right to define what is sustainably, socially, economically and culturally appropriate for the distribution of food and to maintain ecological health; the right to obtain and maintain practices that ensure access to tools needed to obtain, process, store and consume traditional foods.

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Alaskan Inuit Food Sovereignty Initiative Project Goal:

To unify Alaskan Inuit through initiating a collective movement towards food sovereignty by developing an Alaskan Inuit Food Sovereignty Management Action Plan that advances traditional resource management practices.



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Project Objectives

1. Alaskan Inuit will unify and begin a collective movement towards attaining Food Sovereignty through convening 3 regional meetings and one statewide Summit
2. Completed Alaskan Inuit Food Sovereignty Summit report and the Alaskan Inuit Food Sovereignty Management Action Plan.
3. Promote the Action Plan to build momentum through creating communications and outreach products including radio PSAs, video shorts for social media platforms, promotional flyers, and featured stories for relevant publications

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Alaskan Inuit Youth Priorities



Dolly Swan from Kivalina, Donovan Okitkun from Kotlik, Chris Apassingok from Gambell, and Jakylou Olemaun from Utqiagvik

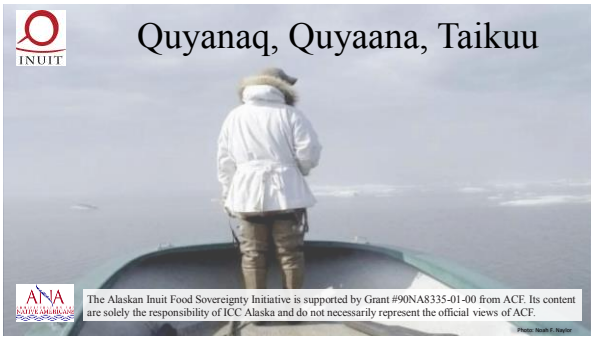
- Importance of sharing, respecting all of life and each other
- learning from the animals and the elders, and the importance of our traditional foods to our identity
- Expressed the need to build pathways to always engage and include youth in resource management
- Work together, communicate, and cooperate more
- Make sure decisions are being informed by our Indigenous Knowledge
- Engage both male and female youth to bring their perspectives, unique to their roles and experiences

Alaskan Inuit Food Sovereignty Summit Outcomes

- Inuit to move forward with unity and solidarity
- importance of our Knowledge and traditional laws: that animals have remained healthy for thousands of years because we manage from our cultural values
- Our animals know no boundaries, need to manage in a holistic way, across ecosystems
- Participants called for the harmonization of the regulatory framework and approaches to the management of our traditional food resources in order to have adaptive, holistic management.
- We need equity and to build roles for Inuit
- Management of our resources must promote our culture and recognize our Indigenous rights

Approaches to Consider Moving Forward

- Participants leaned towards a regional approach
 - o Just right size to build a solid foundation at the beginning
 - o Already organized regionally
 - o Manage by culture feeding into a regional approach
- Also landed on a hybrid approach: Regional + Overarching
 - o Greater unity, shared resources, food, and culture
 - o No boundaries
 - o Holistic, Ecosystem approach to management: Chuckchi Sea, Bering Sea, and Beaufort Sea
 - o Includes hunters, elders, and youth representation



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