

TETLIN COMMUNITY PLAN

2015



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Vision

Our mission is to keep and enhance the quality of life for our family of residents by restoring the Native Village of Tetlin to a self-sustainable community that provides a home for our people and that preserves our cultural heritage, values, and our traditional way of life.

Executive Summary

Tetlin's Community Plan was a cooperative effort between the Tetlin Village Council and the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Village Planning and Development Department. During spring 2015 Tetlin was awarded a Community Planning Specialist contract by TCC to hire a short term tribal council employee to update their community plan. In addition to financial assistance for employment, TCC also provided training and technical assistance to the village-based employee during the process.

Tetlin's Community Plan includes an overview of the community including information regarding its history, culture, population, infrastructure, transportation, subsistence, cultural well-being, and economy. This plan also includes a detailed list of community priorities, in addition to strategies and steps that the Native Village of Tetlin will take to achieve them. The priorities were gathered through an extensive community surveying effort, in which approximately 80 residents were surveyed. A summary of the survey results are included in Appendix 1. The priorities identified during the surveying were later confirmed as accurate during a community meeting. A detailed list of participants that attended the community planning meeting are included in Appendix 2. A special thanks to Kristie Charlie and Priscella Joe for organizing the survey, community meetings, and Tribal Council updates.

Previous Planning Efforts

Tetlin began the Community Planning process in March 22, 2010 by holding an open community meeting to discuss the needs and project priorities of the Tetlin Native community. A total of 17 people attended the preliminary meetings. The topics that were discussed included past projects such as the environmental program, solid waste management plan, and a five year community planning discussion. Two additional public meetings, were held on June 28 and 29 2010 to discuss and organize the project priorities into goals, objectives, and an action plan. On June 28, 16 people attended the community planning meetings and on June 29, 14 people attended. Project priorities from the March planning session were added to the project priorities discussed in the June 28 and 29 planning session.

Community Overview

[History & Community Overview]

The semi-nomadic Athabascan Indians have historically lived in this area, moving with the seasons between several hunting and fishing camps. In 1885, Lt. H.T. Allen found small groups of people living in Tetlin and, to the south, in Last Tetlin. The residents of Last Tetlin had made numerous trips to trading posts on the Yukon River. In 1912, villagers from Tetlin would trade at the Tanana Crossing Trading Post. During the Chisana gold stampede in 1913, a trading post was established across the river from Tetlin. When two trading posts were opened in the village during the 1920s by John Hajdukovich and W.H. Newton, residents from Last Tetlin relocated to Tetlin. A school was constructed in 1929, and a post office was opened in 1932. The 786,000-acre Tetlin Indian Reserve was established in 1930. An airstrip was constructed in 1946. When the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) was passed in 1971, the reserve was revoked. Tetlin opted for surface and subsurface title to the 743,000 acres of land in the former reserve. In 1994, Tetlin Native Corporation transferred a majority of that land to the Villages Council, so 700,000 of that land is now owned by the Village Council.¹

These lands are vital to the cultural and traditional identity and subsistence activities of the Tetlin Tribal members, whom retain a strong sense of pride in their cultural heritage and continue numerous traditional practices. Nearly all families participate in traditional harvest activities throughout the year. Traditional and cultural activities remain a significant resource for food and they also carry traditional and spiritual importance for local residents, which are critical to the cultural, physical and mental health of Tetlin Tribal members. The strength and importance of kinship, social bonds, and ties to the land and wildlife lead many people to prefer residence in the area despite the fact that employment opportunities are normally quite limited.²

[Location]

Tetlin Alaska is located along the Tetlin River, near the headwaters of the Tanana River in the southeast interior region of Alaska, approximately 230 miles south of Fairbanks and 65 miles from the Alaska/ Canada border. The community lies at approximately 63.137220° North Latitude and 142.516110° West Longitude. (Sec. 29, T018N, R015E, Copper River Meridian.) Tetlin is located next to the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge. It is connected to the Alaska Highway by a dirt road that is 20 miles long.

¹ (Alaska Department of Commerce)

² (Tetlin Environmental Program & Tetlin Village Council, 2009)

[Geographic & Climate]

Tetlin's lands incorporate the Upper Tanana River drainage ecosystem, which consists of complex mixture of geomorphologic and environmental features. In general, the southern boundary of the Upper Tanana Athabaskan was defined by the Wrangell Mountains. This mountain range contains a number of glaciers that serve as the source of the White, Chisana, and Nabesna Rivers, along with their many tributaries. The Wrangell Mountains geographically separates the Tanana River valley from the southern coastal drainages. To the north of the Wrangell Mountains is the Nutzotin Mountain Range which runs parallel to the Wrangell Mountains. The Nutzotin Mountains are not as high in elevations and are not as rugged of terrain. The White, Nabesna, and Chisana Rivers, which are fed from the Wrangell Mountains, cut through the mountain range; therefore the headwaters of these rivers can be characterized as intermountain basins that are on average 4,000 feet in elevation. This terrain abruptly gives way to a broad, flat river valley, which is covered by numerous lakes, ponds, and streams. This terrain is blanketed with



Figure 3: The road leading to the Native Village of Tetlin.

spruce trees and forests. The average elevation of the river valley is 2,000 feet. The water in this valley drains into the Tanana River which follows closely the northern boundary of rolling hills which separate the river valley from the Yukon River drainage³.

Tetlin lies within the continental climatic zone, with cold winters and warm summers. In the winter, cold air settles in the valley and ice fog and smoke are common. The average low during January is -32 °F; the average high during July is 72 °F. Extreme temperatures have been measured from -71 to 99 °F.

³ (Tetlin Environmental Program & Tetlin Village Council, 2009)

Governance and Public Administration

[Tribal Council]

The Native Village of Tetlin is a federally recognized tribe. The people of Tetlin are Upper Tanana Athabascans with a membership of roughly 400 people. Tetlin has a total of 170 active tribal members that live and around the community, and are involved with the community activities. The population of the community consists of 97.4% Alaska Native or part Native.

Tetlin is a federally recognized tribe which is governed by the Indian Reservation Act (IRA) Village Council. The Tetlin Village Council consists of a seven member council which consists of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three board members. Council member's terms last for four years, after the four year terms expire elections are held to elect new council members. The Tribal Administration is responsible for delivery a variety of service to the community.

Programs and departments that the Native Village of Tetlin include:

- the Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP)
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- Tetlin Department of Transportation
- Domestic Violence Program
- Culture/language Program
- Teen Center
- Water and Sewer
- NALEMP

Several other small programs, including the Tetlin Clinic and Behavioral Health Aide Program are operated by the Tetlin Village Council with assistance from Tanana Chiefs Conference.

The Tetlin Village Council has an active Tribal Court. With the Tetlin council members preside as the court's judges. Tetlin has a constitution adopted in 1936 with codes and policies that the Council regularly uses. Tetlin's Written Code of Tribal Ordinances was adopted in 1998 and is currently under revision and will need to be adopted by the residing Tribal members. As of 2015, Tetlin currently has 14 employees with 2 positions currently open (TWDS and IGAP assistant).

Tetlin has a Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO), who is permanently stationed in Tetlin. If the VPSO is not available, the nearest Alaska State Trooper is located in Tok, which is 25 miles away.

[Village Corporation]

In 1994 the Tetlin Native Corporation transferred the majority of the 743,000 acres of land allotted to it, to the Tetlin Village Council. As a result the presence and role of the Tetlin Native Corporation in Tetlin today is minimal.

[Regional Corporation]

Tetlin does not have a regional corporation that represents it and its interests. Tetlin residents and Tetlin Native Corporation did not share in the distributions provided by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and are not shareholders in the regional corporation, Doyon Limited. In 1971, ANCSA, Tetlin opted out of a Regional Corporation to own surface and sub-surface rights to the land.

[Regional Non-Profit Corporation]

Tetlin works with Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC). TCC is a non-profit organization with a membership of Native governments from 42 Interior Alaskan communities. TCC organizational decisions and services are guided and directed by a full board of directors, who represent and live in the rural villages throughout the region.

Tetlin also works with Interior Regional Housing Authority (IRHA) for our housing needs. IRHA has the authority derived from both state and federal law. IRHA was formed in 1974 along with thirteen other Alaskan housing authorities to administer programs of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) throughout the state. IRHA serves the tribes of the Doyon Region, encompassing remote traditional villages, and Alaska's second largest city, Fairbanks.

Public Utilities

[Water and Sewer]

1% of the residents have their own working well. The remaining 14% of residents use the one community well in Tetlin, which is operated by a self-haul system. There is an emergency backup well located at the school. Since a majority of homes in Tetlin are without running water, residents either dispose of their waste in the lagoon or dump it in their outhouses. Waste waters from homes that have running water are collected by sewage truck every Thursday. Sewage and water services are provided through the Tetlin Village council. Proper disposal of waste has been an issue in Tetlin. Although, there are ordinances set forth in Tetlin's Master Water and Sewer Management Plan, identifying an adequate enforcement mechanism remains a priority of the Tetlin Village Council.

[Solid Waste]

Using ICDBG funding Tetlin was able to close their previous landfill in 2002, which was an open dump. The current class III landfill is operated by the Tetlin Village Council. It consists of an open trench surrounded by a fence and is projected to last for 20 years if properly managed. The 20-year projection is based on an



estimate population of 150 people with a 1.4 annual growth rate. Waste products are to include only domestic solid waste, limited construction and demolition waste. The existing landfill runs on a self-haul basis. There are 12 haul cages distributed around the village that is taken to the dump weekly by the Landfill Operator. The new

landfill is located 500 feet north of the old landfill.

Tetlin's Solid Waste Management Plan was completed in 2010. The plan was completed through funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The plan details methods for properly disposing of different types of waste in

addition to outlining what is and is not permitted to be disposed of in the landfill. In 2014, Tetlin purchased a burn box with IGAP funds. Tetlin does not use burn barrels. We currently submitted to grants to upgrade the dump and fix the dump road. The road is unusable during breakup season.

[Communications]

Alaska Power Telephone Company provides the services and yes there is internet available for the community. Tetlin currently has 17 homes with internet and the tribal offices all have internet access. People also communicate on radios when they are away from the community.

[Power/Energy]

Bulk Fuel

Tetlin does not have any bulk fuel storage tanks. The biggest tanks in the village are the Tetlin washeteria and the school. The washeteria has a 5000 gallon tank. Diesel is at \$3.60 per gallon. Tetlin's Primary source of heat is wood.

Northern Energy from Tok comes in periodically to fill the fuel tanks for the school and other public buildings. Delivery services of Northern Energy are inconsistent and unreliable. This poses problems in operating local facilities especially during the winter months. In 2010, during the coldest months between December and March, no delivery truck came to Tetlin. Residents of Tetlin are required to travel to Tok for fuel using fifty gallon barrels. Residents are required to hand-pump fuel from barrels to their homes even in -50° weather conditions when fuel is not delivered.

Electric

The power available to the community is provided by Alaska Power & Telephone Company (AP &T). The power is generated in Tok and brought to Tetlin. There are 48 households that use electricity & power. The cost per Kw/H is 44.65 cents. After the PEC is applied the cost per Kw/H is about 24.65 cents. There is currently no community plans to operate community utilities. There have not been any upgrades for existing electrical infrastructures since 2010. AP&T got a grant to put a tie-in-line from Tok to Tetlin eliminating the power generator. To reduce the cost and consumption of energy Tetlin hopes to research viable alternative energy sources for Tetlin. These will not replace the existing energy source, but augment it. Tetlin is working with AP&T to test wind power. Tetlin agreed to let AP&T put up three wind power turbines on Tetlin's nearby hills, the results will be revealed in 2016.

Public Facilities

[Clinic]

The Tetlin Health Clinic staff and clinical equipment is operated by Tanana Chiefs Conference and Tetlin Village Council pays for the operating costs such as fuel, electric, maintenance, janitorial, water and sewer. The current clinic facility was constructed in 2002 through funding provided through the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and matching funds from the Denali Commission. The clinic has two full time health aides that offer care for minor ailments. If there is an emergency or fatal injury



patients are medivaced to Tok, Fairbanks, or Anchorage depending upon the severity. The Clinic has a Pharmacy, office, exam room, dental room, lab room, BHA office, living quarters and a local Council office. The clinic meets the medical needs of the community.

[School]

Tetlin is part of the Alaska Gateway School District (AGSD), which oversees 8 schools in the region and has a dropout rate of 10.6%. There is only one school located in Tetlin (named Tetlin School) which is a P-12 campus and serves community students. During the school year of 2014-2015 roughly 34 students attended. In 2010 there was one graduate who received a high-school diploma and one student that receive a certificate of completion. Before 2010, the most recent student that received their high school diploma was in 2005. The school employs two teachers, two



teacher's aides, a cook and janitor. Apart from the presence of the K-12 school there is no additional training or educational opportunities within Tetlin. Occasionally there are training opportunities offered by Tanana Chiefs, the Tetlin Village Council, or through the rural campus located in Tok. These trainings are irregular and do not provide any further educational opportunities that would benefit Tetlin's residents. Improving and adding youth programs that are available through the school remains a high priority of the Tetlin community. Tanana Chiefs and AGSD collaborate to have an effective Pre-school program in Tetlin.

There isn't a threat of the Tetlin School closing anytime in the future. Tetlin has grown the last 10 years. With this growth rate, Tetlin should have more than 10 students enrolled into school. The school provides a meal program to all students and staff. Tetlin School has a high rate of Principal/teacher turn over. This year the Principal/Teacher is providing more extracurricular activities to the students.

The school was built in the early 1980's. It does not have a childcare facility. In 2012, Tetlin Council got a grant to build a bio-mass heating unit to heat the school to save on fuel costs.

[Emergency Services]

Tetlin has a volunteer Fire Department made up of individuals in the community. They meet monthly. Tetlin is currently trying to find funding for a fire truck and a garage to store the truck and equipment.

The local VPSO has developed group of volunteer members for Search and Rescue team. The team meets monthly and discusses equipment available in case of an emergency; including, trailers and snow machines. Additional funding is required to purchase the equipment needed for search and rescue. They have 25 active members in the search and rescue team.

[Washeteria]

The washeteria was constructed between 2000 and 2001 through a joint project between the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and the



Tetlin Village Council. The project was funded by several agencies. The Council operates the Washeteria and provides water to the community. The washeteria consists of showers, washers, dryers and are open to the public. Operating hours are Monday thru Friday 9am to 3pm and Saturday 12 pm to 6 pm. There are two showers four washers and 5 dryers. The washeteria employs two part time workers that clean and provide customer service in addition to a water plant operator and 2 laborer/maintenance workers.

Tetlin is working with ANTHC to revisit the 10 year master plan to update and revise the plan to what best fits Tetlin needs because there are several upgrades and maintenance issues to be fixed.

[Post Office]

Tetlin does not have a Post Office facility. In 2002, the US Postal Service decided not to continue service to Tetlin. All Tetlin residents now travel to Tok for post office needs.

[Community Hall]

The Titus David Tribal Hall was constructed in 2003. The hall is used for many events and purposes ranging from community potlatches, church meetings, vacation bible studies, cultural activities, Council meetings, wellness meetings/activities, youth activities, and community meetings. The community hall is equipped with a full size industrial kitchen, large meeting hall, and an upper floor that houses exercise equipment.

The old hall referred to as the community center is used for the Environmental Program, Teen Center, VPSO office and TWDS offices.



Economy

[Local Stores and Businesses]

There is a small snack shop in the community, which is owned and operated by the Village Council. It is located in the washeteria building and is operated for limited hours each week. The snack shop receives supplies from the Tetlin transit bus, which brings over the freight for the store. Tetlin residents travel to Tok regularly for food and supplies. Due to the high prices of goods available in Tok, many residents also make the five hour trip to Fairbanks for groceries.

[Composition of Employment]

Full time, year-round employment opportunities in Tetlin are limited. Many of the jobs available to residents are seasonal. The majority of the year-round employment opportunities available in Tetlin are through the Tetlin Village Council, school, and clinic. Seasonal jobs available to Tetlin residents are in construction and firefighting.

The primary sources of economic activity in Tetlin are through government transfers and subsistence activities. The majority of economic stimulus is through government transfers which are delivered through a variety of federal and State agencies in addition to grants provided through private foundations.

In 2008, Tetlin started working with Juneau Exploration, based out of Texas, to do mining exploration on Tetlin Tribal lands. Contango Ore has over the past several years, provided season employment for 10-30 tribal members. In 2015, the Contango Ore announced that they have partnered up with Royal Gold now called Peak Gold, LLC . During the 2014 summer there was no work from the mining exploration and those 10-30 tribal members did not have any season work. Due to Contango Ore looking for partnership, there was no field work available.

Housing

According to the 2010 Census there are 62 housing units in Tetlin 43 of which are occupied, 19 are vacant, and 11 are used seasonally. A majority of the houses in Tetlin were constructed through funds made available through the HUD, Interior Regional Housing Authority (IRHA) and approximately three homes were self-made. Since 1998, sixteen homes have been constructed using Title 6 loans, with two more homes are scheduled to be built during the summer of 2015. Home rehabilitation and weatherization services have been completed by Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Housing Department. Since 2003 TCC has helped in rehabilitating approximately 20 homes. In 2014, TCC helped with weatherizing approximately 5 homes in the community. Additional home owner assistance was provided by the Tetlin Tribe In 2009 the Tetlin Tribe was awarded funding from the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (Rural CAP) for a home fire safety project. This funding allowed each home to have a fire extinguisher.

Eighty five percent of the households in the community lack indoor plumbing.[1] Tetlin has twenty eight houses on a haul system with ten houses having a working sewer system. A number of homes have had water and sewer installed but due to lack of maintenance they are in disrepair. In 2014, 5 homes had their water and sewer redone with assistance from ANTHC. Tetlin is working with ANTHC to secure additional funding to re-do more homes.

Transportation

[External Transportation]

Tetlin is one of the few rural communities located on the road system. It is located off of the Alaska Highway; at mile marker 1308. Tetlin is located roughly 25 miles from Tok, a regional hub in the area. Tetlin has a Transit Transportation System that brings people to Tok and from Tok five days a week. The Tetlin Village Council hopes to expand their transportation services for residents to be able to go to Fairbanks and Anchorage for such needs as medical and shopping depending of funding availability.

The State owns a 3,500' long by 75' wide gravel runway; a new air strip was constructed in the early 2000's. The village also owns and maintains a 1,700' turf airstrip. There are no scheduled flights to Tetlin however charter flights are available from Tok. 40 Mile Air is the only one airline that travels in and out of Tetlin. 40 mile air provides chartered flights into tetlin village.

[Internal Transportation]

The road connecting Tetlin to the Alaska Highway is susceptible to seasonal weather. During heavy rain and breakup the road to the highway becomes very sloppy and hard to travel on. The Tetlin Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining and completing the needed road work in their community.

Tetlin has no paved roads, only dirt roads and trails in and around the community. The primary goal of transportation is to maintain and upgrade roads as funding is made available. In 2010, Tetlin upgraded the last 3 miles of Tetlin road and has been upgrading parts of the road every summer. In 2013, all roads within the community were upgraded, except the landfill road.

To ensure progress continues the Tetlin Tribal Council updated their Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in 2008. Since then has been used to complete several road projects. Tetlin's LRTP includes detailed descriptions and routes throughout Tetlin Village Council lands in addition to a comprehensive list of transportation priorities. Tetlin's LRTP is available for public review at the Tetlin Village Council office.

Land Use and Environment

[Land Ownership]

When the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) was passed in 1971, the reserve was revoked. Tetlin opted for surface and subsurface title to the 743,000 acres of land in the former reserve. In 1994, Tetlin Native Corporation transferred a majority of that land to the Villages Council, so 700,000 of that land is now owned by the Village Council. [1]

Tetlin Village Council owns 643,174 acres of the former Tetlin Indian Reserve. These lands are vital to the cultural and traditional identity and subsistence activities of the Tetlin Tribal members, whom retain a strong sense of pride in their cultural heritage and continue numerous traditional practices.

Tetlin Village Council owns 643,174 acres of surface and subsurface land and the Tetlin Native Corporation owns 100,000 acres of surface and subsurface land. In the future Tetlin hopes to write and adopt a comprehensive land management plan that will, among other things, designate tracts of land for specific purposes and uses. This plan is vital for the future protection of Tetlin's lands.

The Tetlin Village Council, with the financial backing of the Tribal Wildlife Grant through the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, adopted a Moose Management Plan in 2009 to help with the management of its wildlife. The purpose and mission of the plan sets out to "Protect, enhance, and maintain moose populations and habitats on Tetlin Tribal Lands; while maintaining traditional and cultural lifestyles for Tetlin Tribal Members".[1] Tetlin Village Council is working toward Tribal management on their Tribal lands. Through the Moose Management Plan the Tetlin Village Council hopes to ensure that the moose population is not depleted and there is a guarantee of this valuable subsistence and cultural resource for the use of future generations. One of the projects initiated through the Moose Management Plan includes a moose habitat rehabilitation project which consists of plowing 200 acres of land to help the willows and their root systems to regenerate which is a vital food source for mature moose and young calves alike.

[Geography]

Tetlin's lands incorporate the Upper Tanana River drainage ecosystem, which consists of complex mixture of geomorphologic and environmental features. In general, the southern boundary of the Upper Tanana Athabaskan was defined by the Wrangell Mountains. This mountain range contains a number of glaciers that serve as the source of the White, Chisana, and Nabesna Rivers, along with their many tributaries. The Wrangell Mountains geographically separates the Tanana River valley from the southern coastal drainages. To the north of the Wrangell Mountains is the Nutzotin Mountain Range which runs parallel to the Wrangell Mountains. The Nutzotin Mountains are not as high in elevations and are not as rugged of terrain. The White, Nabesna, and Chisana Rivers, which are fed from the Wrangell Mountains, cut through the mountain range; therefore the headwaters of these rivers can be characterized as intermountain basins that are on average 4,000 feet in elevation. This terrain abruptly gives way to a broad, flat river valley, which is covered by numerous lakes, ponds, and streams. This terrain is blanketed with spruce trees and forests. The average elevation of the river valley is 2,000 feet. The water in this valley drains into the Tanana River which follows closely the northern boundary of rolling hills which separate the river valley from the Yukon River drainage (Tetlin Environmental Program & Tetlin Village Council, 2009.)

[Parks and Wildlife]

Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1980 to conserve and manage habitat critical to migratory and resident wildlife for benefit of present and future generations. The Refuge covers 730,000 acres (3,000 km²) and includes snowcapped mountains and glacier-fed rivers, forests and treeless tundra, and an abundance of wetlands. The "Tetlin Passage" serves as a major migratory route for birds traveling to and from Canada, the Lower 48 and both Central and South America.



Tetlin also supports a variety of large mammals. Dall Sheep dot the higher slopes while moose feed upon the tender new growth that springs up in the wake of frequent lightning-caused fires. Wolves, grizzly, black bears and many members

of three different caribou herds range over the refuge. Two of the six known humpback whitefish sprawling areas of the Yukon River drainage are located within the refuge. Along with caribou and moose, these fish are important subsistence resources for area residents. Arctic Grayling, Northern Pike and burbot are also found in the many streams and lakes.

[Environmental Concerns]

In 2010 the Tetlin Tribe was awarded funding from the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (Rural CAP) for their community environmental demonstration project. This funding allowed trash haul cages to be purchased and distributed around the village and to purchase a 4 wheeler to haul the cages. The same year the Alaskan's for Litter Prevention and Recycling (ALPAR) funded a youth litter grant project in the community. In 2014, a burn box was funded and purchased for Tetlin.

One of the major concerns are disposing of human waste, therefore the Council is looking for funding for outhouses and educating the village about the safety hazards of disposing of human waste. Loose dogs have been a concern also. The environmental program has been notifying dog owners of the current laws and ordinances about loose dogs.

Tetlin has 5 sites listed as contaminated sites. Four of the five are currently open. Tetlin Utilities Tank Farm was reported in 1989 and through Tetlin's Brownsfield Program and investigation was done in 2012-2013. This site is still active. Tetlin School Pond site was open in 1990 and closed in 1992. A transformer was removed from the pond and the School District filled the pond to make a playground, the water and sediment may be contaminated with PCB's. The Haines-Fairbanks-Pipeline site was approved in 2007 and is still active. These site locations were the basis for the Site Investigations that were conducted in order to determine if petroleum contamination is present along the pipeline. Tetlin Rock Hill Warehouse was open in 2011 and is still active. In 2012-2013 an investigation of the Rock Hill Warehouse property took place at the request of the Tetlin Village Council, through EPA's Targeted Brownsfield Assessment (TBA) program. Tetlin NALEMP Midway Lake was open in 2013 and still active. At this site A discharge/release of petroleum was discovered through soil sampling results in connection with a DoD-funded NALEMP program site investigation in July 2013 on behalf of the Native Village of Tetlin. Future action under NALEMP is pending.

Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee

The Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee represents the communities of Tok, Northway, Teltin, Dot Lake, Tanacross, and Healy Lake. There are three designated seats for Tok, one designated seat for all of the other communities, and one undesignated seat. These communities are located in Game Management Unit (GMU) 12 and Game Management Subunit 20D. The Upper

Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee is an active committee that meets monthly to discuss local and statewide game and habitat concerns on state and federal levels. At this time, Tetlin's position is Vacant. Tetlin is working on getting a representative to represent our issues and concerns.

Nearly all families participate in and heavily depend on traditional harvest activities throughout the year. Traditional and cultural activities remain a significant resource for food and they also carry traditional and spiritual importance for local residents, which are critical to the cultural, physical and mental health of Tetlin Tribal members. The strength and importance of kinship, social bonds, and ties to the land and wildlife lead many people to prefer residence in the area despite the fact that employment opportunities are normally quite limited. [2]

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service awarded Tetlin with the Tribal Wildlife Grant to fund the Tetlin Tribal Moose Management and Restoration Project which was completed in 2008.

[2] (Tetlin Environmental Program & Tetlin Village Council, 2009)

Almost all families in Tetlin take part in subsistence activities throughout the year. Although Tetlin Tribal members harvest a variety of fish and game; whitefish and moose make up the majority of the harvest each year. Whitefish are harvested throughout the summer while moose are harvested primarily in the fall. Tetlin residents depend on their white fish catch and moose harvest to make it through the winter. Blueberries, raspberries and cranberries are picked to make jam and other canned goods. In addition to being an important supplement, subsistence practices are essential to Tetlin Tribal members for preserving traditions and cultural values. Tetlin Village Council created and adopted a Moose Management Plan in 2008 to help keep the moose population that Tetlin depends on, healthy and abundant. The last comprehensive data collection on the subsistence harvest was completed in 2004 by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Division of Subsistence.

Community Well-Being

[Youth Services]

In 2014, Tetlin received funding from Rasmussen Foundation to upgrade part of the Community center building adding a Teen center. There have been cultural activities for all youth provided weekly at the Tribal Hall, which will be moved into the Teen Center. The Behavioral Health Aide is working with the youth on Sources of Strength and Raise Your Voice. Tetlin has also been involving youth in the wellness group and other activities. We have a basketball court and play set for the youth to utilize. Youth participate in the Summer and Winter youth work experience programs being offered. Tetlin encourages the youth to participate in AFN, TCC Convention, Denakkanaaga Conference and leadership trainings.

[Churches]

A group from North Pole comes is regularly to have church at the tribal hall because we do not have a church in Tetlin. In the summer months, the North Pole churches schedule a vacation bible school. They provide all the supplies for a two week bible school event for the local youth. Approximately 30 local youth attend the event each year. The community has plans to collect donation to help with the construction of a church in the community. Residents have expressed the need for a Church, so Tetlin Tribe is pursuing all avenues to get a church built in Tetlin. Tetlin has started working on a church and will be completed this summer.

[Additional Education]

Tetlin offers no local higher education or training programs in the community. Tetlin only provides HAZWOPER training every year, approximately 20 residents attend each year. University of Alaska Interior Aleutians Campus in Tok is the closest education and training program. When funds are available, Tetlin works with UAF to provide classes in Tetlin. The last Training Program we worked with UAF was in 2010 we had the 11 student complete the Construction Trades program in Tetlin. The Tetlin Tribe offers scholarships through Tanana Chiefs Conference for tribally enrolled members seeking a degree or certificate.

[Community Programs and Services]

In 2011, Tetlin Tribal Council was contacted by the Visions Group organization and asked to be a host site for their community service. The Visions Group, a non-profit organization, is a community service program for high school students. Each year a group of about 30 youth and 5 adults come into the community and stay for a month while they complete projects around the community. Since 2011 The Visions Group has helped with building a gazebo by the river, rebuilt the wooden basketball court, helped elders with projects, put together

playground equipment, fixed the outside cooking area for potlatches, built benches for the Tribal hall, and do gathering with the youth once a week.

The Upper Tanana Development Corporation, based out of Tok, runs the daily Elder Meal Program. There are approximately 10 local elders that utilize the program. They also provide elders with transportation to Tok weekly for meals, shopping and doctors' appointments. Additional elder assistance is provided through personal care attendants, staffed by TCC or various other organizations.

[Cultural and/or Seasonal Gatherings]

The annual week-long cultural camp is held in June each year. Approximately 80-100 residents and their families travel to the old tetlin site, "Last Tetlin." The Tribe utilizes

various funding to help offset the costs associated with travel.

Additionally tribal council staff serve as cooks and assistants during the event. The week provides a great opportunity for adults and elders in the community to mentor the youth in our



traditional way of living. Cultural activities include beading, talking circles, harvesting our food and building things like smoke houses the way it was done a long time ago.

A lot of tribal members attend this event as it is right around the time that white fish starts in the creek. Tribal members also talk about what clan they are from and their clan colors. This event is very spiritual and peaceful allowing community members and family to engage.

Later in the summer, an annual Upper Tanana Language workshop is held in mid-July. The event is held at the Tribal hall. The first event was held in 2014 and approximately 70 people attended the week-long event. During the first year,

Paul Milinowski, an elder who is fluent in Tetlin dialect, came to Tetlin and taught the language. There are plans for Mr. Milnowski to return to help teach everyone to read and write in the Upper Tanana Athabascan Tetlin Dialect, during the 2015 workshop. Copies of a dictionary with the English and Athabascan word forms; translation of the bible; and a compilation of old stories from the region were provided to all attendees and teaches the participants how to read and write the language.

Additional events that were previously held were funded through other grants that Tetlin was awarded. In the early 2000's, a state Physical Activity grant was used to fix the baseball field and purchase playground, exercise, and basketball equipment, from 2003-2005; a tobacco prevention program and, in 2007 the Alaska Mental Health Authority grant helped to fund a men and women's wellness conference. The conference was centered on healing, healthy lifestyles, and suicide prevention. Tetlin is seeking the Rural Cap funding for culture camp and also working on getting the youth hired through the youth employment program of TCC.



Community Goals and Objectives

Goal: The community of Tetlin provides a well-functioning education system for its children with an importance placed on our cultural heritage in addition to promoting further educational opportunities and training for its adults.

Priority: Encourage youth to get their high school diplomas

Action Plan

- ✓ Hold GED courses in Tetlin
- ✓ Invite guest speakers to the school to talk to kids about finishing school.
- ✓ Parents check in at school
- ✓ School regional board (Have a Tetlin resident take a seat)
- ✓ Active School Board

Priority: Increase more community and parent involvement in our youth's education.

Action Plan

- ✓ Create a memorandum of agreement between parents, teachers, and students.
- ✓ Establish a Parent Teacher Association

Priority: Encourage open dialogue between Alaska Gateway School District (AGSD) and the Tetlin community to improve the educational opportunities and system.

Action Plan

- ✓ Host an open community meeting and invite members from AGSD and the Tetlin School to discuss the educational needs of Tetlin's youth.
- ✓ Schedule regular monthly or quarterly meetings to address needed youth programs available through the school to promote more teacher, parent, and community involvement.
- ✓ Work with AGSD to develop educational opportunities for Tetlin students such as after school programs that include homework tutoring & exit exam tutoring, more athletic programs, and vocational programs such as wood shop, welding, and home economics.

- ✓ Ensure that there is access to college classes offered via teleconference or internet for interested students.
- ✓ Work with school district to create a plan of action to increase student attendance, participation, and quality of education with an emphasis placed on parent involvement and enforcement mechanisms.

Priority: Promote and increase opportunities for college and vocational education.

Action Plan

- ✓ Work with appropriate agencies to bring opportunities to youth.
- ✓ Research and apply for appropriate funding.
- ✓ Invite Tok UAF center to inform youth and community of available resources.
- ✓ Promote teacher involvement through encouraging teachers to meet with parents, attend Tetlin Village Council, and other community functions and events.
- ✓ The school works with council and community to promote activities particularly around holiday and cultural celebrations.

Goal: To ensure we respect, maintain, and utilize the environment and the land in a healthy, safe, and culturally respectable manner; while ensuring the future of our cultural heritage and way of life.

Priority: Ensure that the cultural and environmental camp continues to educate the community; while promoting the essentials of what makes a community.

Action Plan

- ✓ Ensure activities remain relevant and engaging for youth participants.
- ✓ Ensure that community support remains strong.
- ✓ Have a night dedicated to the men in the community two times a month
- ✓ Include more mentorship opportunities for girls and boys
- ✓ Include the: who wrote the song? When was it written? What is it about? Why was it written? When teaching cultural dance and songs.
- ✓ Identify lakes, rivers, creeks, hills, and special camp areas.

Priority: Promote language preservation by proactively encouraging cultural activities that bring the community together.

Action Plan

- ✓ Identify local resources and elders.
- ✓ Have elders tell stories in the Native language along with recording and documenting interviews.
- ✓ Plan community gatherings to learn and practice our Native language, to ensure that our cultural heritage is retained and passed onto our future generation.
- ✓ Plan for local language classes to be offered to residents.

Goal: To ensure sustainable economic growth that creates and maintains opportunities for Tribal Members and residents to work and achieve personal, economic, and cultural fulfillment.

Priority- Help develop and prepare local workforce

Action Plan

- ✓ Identify areas of training interest within Tetlin.
- ✓ Partner with organizations and educational institutions to provide training in areas community members are interested in.
- ✓ Research and secure contracts.
- ✓ Ensure there is community participation in promoting and developing workforce development trainings.
- ✓ Identify current programs
- ✓ Send more community members to trainings

Priority- Establish a day care center that would allow young parents the opportunity to work in the day, and provide employment for community members.

Action Plan

- ✓ Develop plan of action that includes funding a funding sources, building site, insurance, necessary training and certification, etc.
- ✓ Implement the proposed business plan.

Goal: To improve Tetlin's public facilities and available housing structures through providing access to efficient, modern, and affordable homes for Tetlin Tribal members & residents.

Priority: Plan the construction of a new church in the community.

Action Plan

- ✓ Hold community meetings to identify location and type of new church facility that should be built.
- ✓ Research and identify resources for constructing new facility.

Priority: Continue to update existing housing and provide new housing opportunities

Action Plan

- ✓ Continue to work with IRHA and other appropriate agencies
- ✓ Weatherize homes
- ✓ Rehab homes (paint outside)
- ✓ Apply for housing grants
- ✓ Continue to utilize available local resources

Priority: Develop a plan to construct a volunteer fire department warehouse and purchase a fire truck

Action Plan

- ✓ Work with agencies for funding
- ✓ Construct a building
- ✓ Purchase a new fire truck
- ✓ Purchase protective gear

Priority: Upgrade landfill

Action Plan

- ✓ Work with agencies for funding
- ✓ Upgrade road, fence, and dump cell
- ✓ Purchase equipment necessary

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Appendices



Appendix 1: Survey Questions

Tetlin Community Strategic Plan Survey: Positive Ideas & Suggestions

1. Identify 5 tops goals for the next year in Tetlin:

- Church (17)
- More Jobs (5)
- Housing (9)
- Better washeteria & more hours (2)
- Schooling
- Reopen youth center (4)
- Education (2)
- Traditional values (2)
- Community working together (4)
- People being sober
- Tie up dogs (3)
- More activities (9)
- Having alcohol & drug free village (2)
- Kids doing & hearing their native ways
- Basketball tournaments (2)
- Teaching Indian language (7)
- Tetlin meeting groups, sewing, and talking
- Get running water
- Stop transportation of alcohol
- Housing
- Go to Weio, Indian Arts festival
- Community Development
- Healthier, cleaner village
- New basketball court (5)
- Culture Camp (2)
- Building- (activities)
- Maintain baseball field (2)
- Build a new youth & elder building
- Elders place to eat for lunch
- Work on road
- More workshops
- Sewing Circles (2)
- Working with youths
- Hunter's education
- Landfill, inside village road work
- Building improvements- rails, ramps, heating & cooling, upgrade housing

- Daycare center for workers children
- Home for children
- Shop for building things like sleds, drums, and a place to tan & hang hides to make things out of.
- Tetlin store
- Bigger Hall

2. What do you enjoy most about living in Tetlin?

- Walking distance to work, everyone knows on another
- Enjoy Tetlin because of the people, freedom and cause its Tetlin
- Love the peace and love the country to hunt on
- Being with and around family (5)
- Family & Jobs
- Community gatherings
- It is fun, nature, and play with kids (2)
- Hunting & snow machining
- Hunting & building new things (2)
- Do what you want to do, go for rides (2)
- Quiet, beautiful community with Indian food
- Hunting, fishing, trapping, family
- The cultural activities- hunting, fishing, gardening, family outings, camp, teach, gather medicine, herbs, beading, basket making, skinning & tanning, mending nets, putting things together for homes etc.
- Everything

3. If you could change one thing what would it be? (Positive remarks please)

- Have Tetlin back as a reservation
- Help & stop people drinking
- Working together (5)
- Keeping alcohol out of village
- Running water
- No loose Dogs (3)
- Limiting the use of alcohol in village
- Alcohol use-stop it (2)
- Cleaner village (2)
- Homes
- Need a Church & new homes
- When hiring occurs nonmembers have second option when hiring
- People working together for the same goal
- The knowledge of our culture & language to be preserved /archived

4. **What do you think we need in Tetlin?**

- Need more housing & jobs (4)
- More kids activities and more family outings (2)
- More Training, opportunities & jobs (2)
- Running water (4)
- Church and Pastor (5)
- High school Diploma
- GED education (2)
- Fix roads & new house (2)
- More culture nights (2)
- New Basketball court
- Housing
- Kids' education
- We need to come together as a community; I believe that if we can work together plot of knowledge will come out in people, there's a lot that needs to be taught. Even the youth will try to help teach what they know, our heritage will continue.

5. **What can be done to improve the community?**

- Work together (5)
- Clean up the village & tie up loose dogs (2)
- Stop Alcohol & drugs from coming into Tetlin
- Church
- More community involvement
- Get more housing
- Fix some stuff
- More tournaments like baseball, basketball
- No loose Dogs
- New Roads
- No drinking and driving
- Stop the members from selling drugs
- Twice a week activity for kids & adults
- Sewing circle, cook outs
- Work hard to keep things clean (trash)
- Gatherings
- VPSO needs to do his job (2)
- Kid's activities, education
- Get the church going, get activities like spring carnival
- Mentors, youth, adults
- Education, place to learn

6. What programs do you think we need to improve on?

- Head start
- Family Night
- Education (GED) (2)
- Open Youth Center
- None (6)
- Cultural Activities (2)
- Washeteria
- Road
- More training in village
- Kids custody, don't lose any more kids- we need out kids
- ICWA, Environmental, Health Aide
- Everything

7. What is your biggest concern facing the community?

- Gossip (2)
- Loose dogs
- Drugs
- Alcohol (6)
- Alcoholics
- Drunks & loose dogs (6)
- School- underage drinking & getting in trouble
- Negativity, working together
- Animals coming into the village
- Tribal Members working together (2)
- Nonmembers getting jobs
- More local people working for the Tetlin Community
- Kids' education
- We are losing our members

Question 7 continued. Why is it a concern?

- Because they have to attend court during school
- People can hurt themselves or others & dogs can bite kids
- Youth getting off track or on trouble
- People getting hurt & going to jail for long terms
- Out of control & dogs might bite kids also dogs getting into trash
- Too much negativity amongst people
- Need to work together to make sure the community thrives
- Can hurt or kill people (2)
- Bad for community

- Not safe for kids
- Leads to death & injury
- Work together, don't talk about others- be face to face if so
- Splitting up tribal members and families
- Don't need it in the village
- Tearing people apart
- Because tribal members needs jobs
- Outsiders getting jobs in Tetlin
- Kids are out future, leaders and it is important to encourage them to finish school
- Housing
- Danger to kids

Question 7 continued. What do you think can be done to improve it?

- Recreation hall, teen nights, and basketball tournaments
- Having the VPSO talk to all the drunks & hang a sign for all the loose dogs
- More concerned community
- Watch for the transporters
- Take them to the pounds
- Have more
- Workshops, talking things through, more participation
- Tell the VSPO deal with it
- More involvement & action the VPSO
- Having the parents know where their children are at all times
- No alcohol or drug use in Tetlin
- Get together and talk about it
- Talking about each other's family's needs to stop
- Sit on road with the VSPO to search cars and trucks
- More visiting, activities and workshops
- Not hire nonmembers
- Hire local people
- We can improve it by encouraging them and pushing them
- Build more houses or find plots for people to build on
- Work together to get dogs out of tetlin

8. Do you think Tetlin road needs improvement?

- Yes (22)

If so what improvements?

- Dust, need a water tank
- More gravel (6)

- Smooth out the bumps (9)
- Paved
- Better dirt & graded
- Better road- when it rains: cars & trucks slides- cement road is needed
- Need to raise and widen road in areas needed
- Too muddy (2)
- Run roller on the road
- Pot holes & wash boards fixed (2)
- Keep clean
- Push big rocks off the road
- Plow in the winter more
- Chip sealed
- The village has a base layer and now needs a top layer
- Clean up along the road

9. Are you satisfied with the current sewer& water situation?

- Yes (4)
- No (21)

10. Are you satisfied with the landfill?

- Yes (3)
- No (17)

What do you think can be done to improve it?

- Clean it, fence and a gate, trenches, storage areas
- Needs to be further away from Tetlin and the road fixed going to the landfill (3)
- Trash pushed back (2)
- Put sand bags around the sewer pond
- Upgrade road & better dumping (2)
- To close to the village, move further away from the village
- Better access roads, more fencing, keep it clean by burning more however we can do it
- More maintenance it needs to be moved or covered yearly with grass planted or something like that

11. What are some suggestions for the youth activities for the summer months?

- Plastic bottle butterflies- mobile making
- Sewing
- Make a fish net

- Basketball & baseball activities (3)
- Boating driving, cutting ducks and moose, traditional values, how to take care of the land & animals also the land
- Basketball playing & family nights
- Brush cutting, pick up trash (through the village)
- Baseball, basketball, culture camp, youth center
- Movie nights
- Culture nights (3)
- Winter: Sledding, bonfires and cook outs
- More Activities (2)
- Learn about land, how to make it out there and gather up some stuff
- How to make money; teach youth how to make it
- Fish cutting, drying and so on and gather native food
- Teach basketball skills
- Play games
- Sewing, hunting, making dance outfits and making birch bark baskets
- More activities like boat rides and gathering food
- Swimming, baseball and camping out also fishing
- Do hunters education
- Drum making, skin tanning, sing songs, making fish nets and dip nets and fish traps
- Everything

12. In teaching Athabaskan language and culture to the youth; what are some suggested ideas for subsistence activities?

- Teaching the youth how to skin their kill
- Hands on training- show off the land & names of lakes
- Cutting fish, moose, beaver, muskrat
- Flash cards, coloring pages, digital story telling
- Youth & elder interaction, weekly sessions
- Talking circles with elders (4)
- Youth girls (sewing teaching)
- Have a language class & culture class
- Play bingo (2)
- Culture camp & hunting
- Skin moose, work on moose skin (trapping & snare use)
- Name 5 things in our language have them post it where its suppose to go
- Every week activity
- All activities with culture, hunting, and trapping
- Hunter education – how to take care and preserve animals and subsistence when we need it

How can we include the Athabascan language?

- Pictures and language on the bottom
- Teaching it (3)
- Visiting elders (7)
- Having elders attend (5)
- Culture nights
- Get more people involved
- Talking with someone that speaks it, hanging around asking questions
- Songs, dance, gathering with the cook
- Find someone to teach that's really good at it

13. Do you talk to your children in Athabascan? How often?

- No (8)
- Not necessary
- Few works (4)
- Sometimes (3)
- Rarely
- Very little
- Yes (3)
- About the birds and animals and small things that I was taught

14. Do you participate in subsistence activities, and if so what kind?

- Yes all (8)
- Cutting meat, fish, trapping, hunting (2)
- Going to family nights & culture nights
- All- tries to be more involved
- No (4)
- Play bingo in Athabascan language (2)
- Muskrat trapping, skin wolves, and caribou
- Yes I do hunting, trapping, and fishing
- Everything

15. How many people live in your household?

Adults	Children	Guests
2	4	0
2	2	0
2	2	0
3	2	0
1	4	0
2	0	0
2	2	0
2	3	0
1	2	0
3	3	0
2	1	0
3	5	0
3	3	0
3	3	0
2	2	0
4	1	2
4	2	0
2	2	0
2	2	0
2	4	3
1	4	0



16. Do you rent or own your home?

- No
- Rent (5)
- Own (15)

17. Would you be interested in having a home if new homes were built in the future?

- No
- Yes (22)
- But if someone really needs it more than I do- I think we will give it to them

Appendix 2: Community Meeting Sign-in Sheet

may 04. 2015

Community Planning Workshop Sign in Sheet

1. Theresa Christensen
2. Billy Sam
3. Lydia David
4. Angel R Sam
5. Kristie Charles
6. Myung
7. Pavalia L Jee

April 27, 2015

Community Planning Workshop Sign in Sheet

1. Pavalia L Jee
2. Billy K Sam
3. Kristie Charles
4. Lydia David
5. Theresa Christensen
6. Angel R Sam
7. William Adams
8. Johnny Lee
9. Priscilla Madala
10. Richard L Myswaner III
11. Gordon C Smith
12. Michael Sam
13. Vernon David
14. Conrad

Appendix 3: Tribal Council Meeting Sign-in Sheet & Minutes Pertaining to Community Plan Discussions

Community Introduction meeting sign in

1. Caroline Sam
2. Meranda L. Sam
3. Lydia David
4. Angele Sam
5. Kristie Charlie
6. Marianne Young
7. Evelyn Paul
8. Kaylee Gene
9. Clara Sam
10. Henry Ginnus
11. Billy Sam
12. John m Joe
13. Lee Joe JA
14. Priscilla L Joe

Tetlin Village Council
Regular Meeting
Quorum Established
March 24, 2015

Meeting call to Order: 1:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Donald Adams	Michael Sam	Roy David, Sr.
Wilfred Adams	Bentley Mark, Jr. (late)	Judy Gene (late)

Guests: Connie Adams, Lydia David, Angela Sam, Kristie Charlie, Billy k. Sam, Priscella Joe, Marianne Young, Ricky Joe, Caroline Sam, Theda Joe, Meranda Sam, Tim James, Mason and Evan, Eveyln Paul, Anita Joe, herman Gene, Nick Gene, Ricky Nyswaner, Ariel Brown, Kyle Gene and Roy David, Jr.

Approval of Agenda:

Willy made the motion,
2nd by Judy
Discussion
all in favor
motion carries

Approval of Minutes: Tabled till next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Tok Public Health Nurse:

Asked to be on the agenda. She did not show.

Loose Dogs:

Received many calls from community members. It has become safety issue. Council agreed to have the environmental program contact Animal Shelter or animal Humane Society to get the loose dogs taken care of. Write letters to each house hold to tie up their dogs. Give them a date to tie them up and then take the loose dogs to Fairbanks.

IRHA Notice to Proceed:

Council agreed to approve the notice to proceed to finish fixing the vacant home using Tetlin's funds.

Community Plan Draft and Survey:

Council reviewed draft plan and the survey questions. Council agreed to proceed and if they have any questions or comments they will contact Priscella.

Donation letter from Bernie Paul:

Council agreed if we have enough funds in are general fund Tetlin will help with a new dog racing sled for the kids of tetlin.

Tribal Membership Resolution;

Council had discussion. Tetlin is in the process up updating the tribal membership section the constitution and ordinance. Will revisit tribal membership resolutions after the updates.

Tetlin BHA Hours:

Council had discussion and requests the BHA to have 8 hours instead of 6 hours. A Letter will be given to David.

Youth Winter Work Experience:

6 youth have been approved to wok 40-50 hours to receive aa \$450 stipend. Shiana, Nancy, Amy, Trevor, Lelan, Dakota and possibly Julie.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election:

Still on for April 6, 2015 in Tetlin at 1 p.m. 15 people interested in running. All 7 Council Members positions up for re-elecion.

VPSO MOA:

Council held discussion. Council approved VPSO MOA.

Payroll Taxes:

Working on getting everything in order and up to date for the last 2 years. Should have everything up to date by end of May.

Land Management Plan,

Still in discussion, working on developing a plan. Map out fishing and hunting traditional areas.

Revising the Tribal Code of Ordinance,

On-going, going to work with Lisa and the Lawyer. Working on the base roll for the lawyer.

Updates: Mining, Housing, and grants

Discussion

Budgets,

Gave Council available budgets

Tribal Member Comments: Tribal Members brought up housing and Mining.

Next Meeting Date: tentative April 21, 2015

Meeting Adjourned: 5:23 p.m.

Appendix 4: Arial View of Tetlin

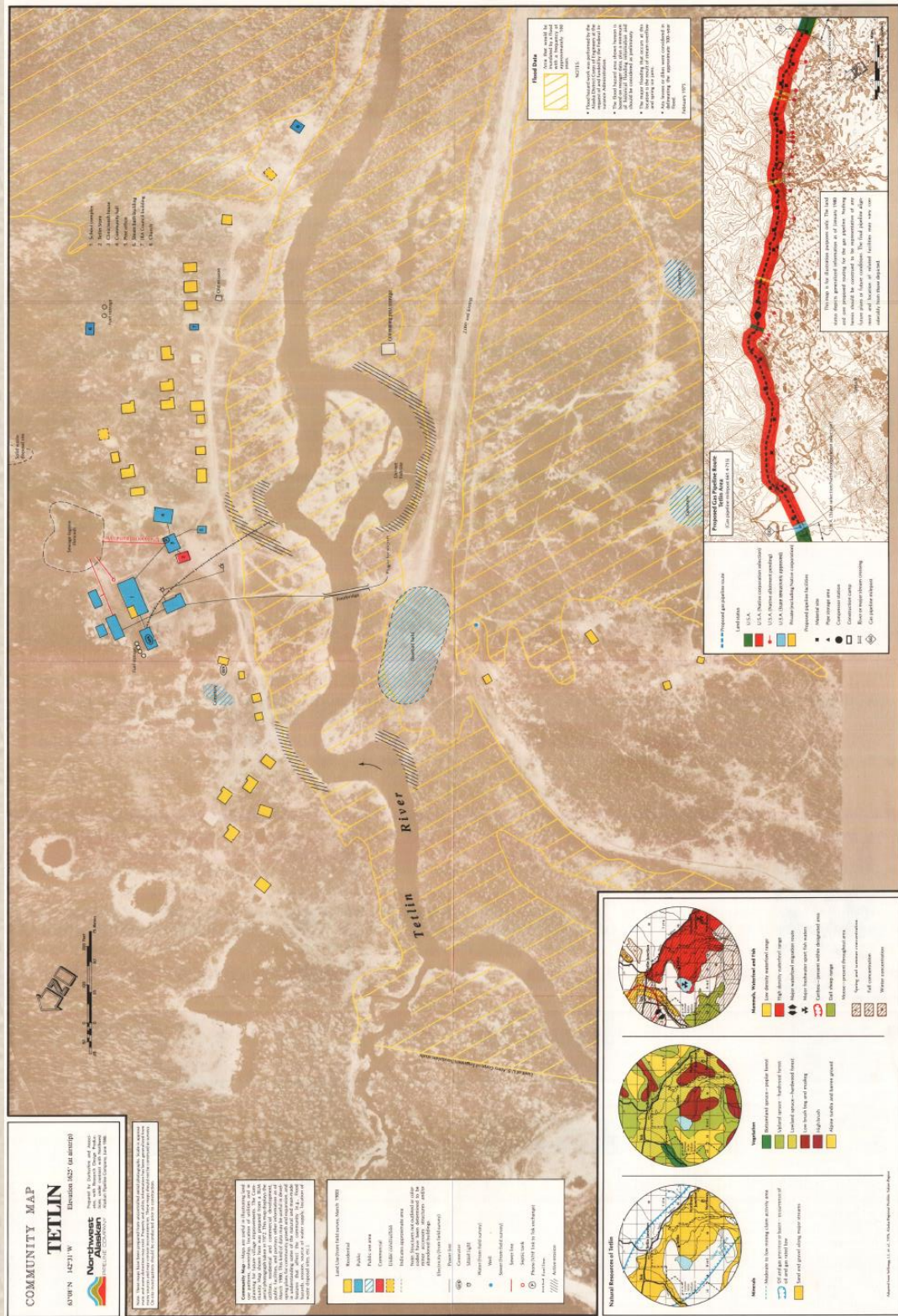
Satellite image of Tetlin in the early 2000's.



Appendix 5: Arial View of Tetlin

Figure from the state website:

http://dcra.commerce.alaska.gov/profile%20Pdfs/Tetlin_1980.pdf



Appendix 6: Tribal Council Resolution Adopting Plan



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Resolution for Adopting Community Plan

2015-30-07 (C)

WHEREAS, this community plan is important to the future growth and development of Native Village of Tetlin; and,

WHEREAS, this plan was created through a public process which captured the values and goals of our community; and,

WHEREAS, this plan is a tool that helps us manage change in our community; and,


WHEREAS, this plan is intended to coordinate future community development and service delivery; and,

WHEREAS; we ask all public, private, and non-profit entities serving our community to recognize and use this plan; and,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the parties of this resolution agree to work together to pursue the values, goals, and vision express in this plan.

Certification

We hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed and approved 6 in favor,
0 opposed by the following parties on this day of July 2015:



Michael Sam, President



Council Member