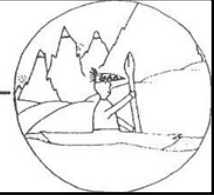


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I G A P C o o r d i n a t o r I n t r o d u c t i o n

Hello Everyone, my name is Charlene Lind. I live in Anchorage with my 13-year old son. I moved here in 1994 from Chignik Lake, where my Dad is from. I continued to go back to Chignik Lake during the summer to go commercial fishing, up until about 2001. I've also spent some time in Akutan, where my Mom is from. My previous job was with the Chignik Lake Village as their Tribal Transportation Program Coordinator. I started in 2007 and worked with them until July of 2019. I loved helping the tribe and learning about the always changing Bureau of Indian Affairs roads program. I am looking forward to working with the Atka IRA Council and the residents, to learn more about the environmental program to help the community meet their needs.



Charlene Lind

G e o r g i a K a s h e v a r o f - A d m i n i s t r a t o r

Hi everyone! I hope everyone is staying safe but enjoying the spring weather. We are very excited for the EPA-IGAP program to be in place again for Atka. We tried to hire EPA-IGAP Coordinator in Atka but was unsuccessful. We had no choice to hire from Anchorage, as we did not want to lose this grant, so please welcome Charlene Lind as the EPA-IGAP Coordinator. We will do whatever it takes to make this program a successful one for the community of Atka. APICDA Grant--Atka IRA Council applied for and received a grant from APICDA. Purpose of the grant is to provide

Economic Development in the community and to help keep the Yahov E. Netsvetov school open by bringing a family in. A meeting was held teleconference with Mark Snigaroff, President Atka IRA Council, Georgia Kashevarof, Administrator, Santina Gay, US EPA IGAP Project Officer, Charlene Lind, EPA-IGAP Coordinator, and Doug Huntman with the Delta Backhaul Company. During this meeting, we discussed the possibility of combining both APICDA and EPA-IGAP funds together to start the clean-up process in Atka and to backhaul in a year.

The EPA-IGAP grant does not have enough funds to do this and feel, since the two guys hired on through APICDA grant, are already cleaning up the waste oil and need it to be burned and stock piling the old oil drums for removal off the island, this would be perfect coinciding both programs. A Smart Ash burner has been ordered and will be ready this summer to start burning all the used oil that is being collected.

C u r r e n t A c t i v i t i e s i n I G A P

Georgia, the administrator, went through the IGAP work plan and budgets for 2020 & 2021 with Charlene. At this time Charlene is currently attending various trainings, webinars and teleconferences with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), ANTHC (Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium), ADEC (Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation) and other entities regarding landfills, backhauls, reporting, COVID-19, grants, solid waste, recyclables etc.

Charlene is and will continue to research Atka as the time goes on. She has received a certificate of completion from ADEC on their “Solid Waste Program” on April 8th, 2020, pictured on the right. Atka will receive newsletters such as this one in the mail every quarter. These newsletters are turned in with the Atka IRA Council’s quarterly reporting to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).



A t k a B a c k h a u l P r o j e c t

Doug Huntman with the Delta Backhaul Company is currently working with us on the Atka Backhaul Project. Planning for collection, packaging, removal of household hazardous waste, scrap metal and derelict vehicle. A Smart Ash Burner will be used to burn oil and oily rags and the potential projects include the following:

- ⇒ Oil clean-up/disposal (local, or backhaul)
 - ⇒ Propane cylinder crushing/disposal
 - ⇒ Scrap metal clean-up
 - ⇒ Landfill signs
 - ⇒ Freon removal from appliances
 - ⇒ E-waste collection and backhaul
 - ⇒ Tire backhauls
- ⇒ Solid waste/Smart Ash burner training

Atka IRA Council is currently working with the City of Atka on a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for this backhaul project. Doug will travel to Atka once the COVID-19 quarantine mandates have been lifted. Then the development of backhaul inventory and plan for removal will take place. Development of an Integrated Waste Management Plan will also be created throughout this process.

Survey

The community will be receiving a survey in the mail to make a list of Atka's (and the surrounding area) environmental issues. After receiving the lists, we will then present the findings to the Atka IRA Council for prioritization and approval. The findings will also be included in Atka's ETEP (EPA Tribal Environmental Plan) in the near future. So please fill out the surveys so everyone's voice is heard on the community's environmental issues, this is important to Atka now and in the year's ahead. It will help protect you and your community's subsistence way of life.



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