



SUMMER/FALL 2024

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KIPNUK | KONGIGANAK | KWIGILLINGOK | MEKORYUK | NAPAKIAK
NAPASKIAK | NEWTOK | NIGHTMUTE | OSCARVILLE | PLATINUM
QUINHAGAK | SCAMMON BAY | TOKSOOK BAY | TUNTUTULIAK | TUNUNAK

COMMUNITY VOICES



"If you're unsure what to do after high school, CVRF's Youth to Work Maritime program will really open your eyes and help you figure out what you want to do."

- Kristen Maxie, Napaskiak



"Thank you, CVRF, for giving people opportunities to get their own vehicles and for helping elders and youth. You guys make me believe in myself and help me save money to buy the equipment I need for the things I love to do. Quyana very much."

- Louise Bunyan, Hooper Bay



"Youth to Work was a chance for me to share my culture and expand my traditional knowledge by learning from elders and others in my community."

- Marilyn Fairbanks, Newtok



"The CVE Program has improved since inception, which is great for providing services to our community members. Being the only shop in town, the services we provide are vital. One of my goals is to help train the next generation. CVRF is a good place to start a career."

- Paul Joe, Jr., M/W in Hooper Bay since 2006

Youth to Work Maritime

The Youth to Work Maritime Program started in 2019 to give youth an opportunity to gain hands-on maritime experience and in-depth nautical skills training that fulfills the requirements to gain a Coast Guard approved certificate in Introduction to Nautical Skills from AVTEC - Alaska Maritime Training Center.

In Session 1, there were 12 maritime students that participated from May 29 to June 28th. All 12 students completed and received certificates for completion of the intensive Nautical Skills course delivered via Zoom. Students also completed a Virtual Reality training on the basic job duties of the factory floor entry level positions of the Northern Hawk.

Session 2 ran from July 8 to August 7th. There were 10 maritime students that completed and received their certificates. Students worked 6 to 8 hours a day taking the online nautical skills class in the morning, where they learned about Coast Guard regulations and boating/water safety. In the afternoon, they participated in Youth to Work activities where they learned cultural skills and helped their communities by cleaning their communities or gathering subsistence food for elders.





Youth to Work

The Youth to Work (YTW) program provides youth 14 to 19 years old an opportunity to work and learn in the summer. Applicants go through the full job cycle: applying online, meeting expectations for coming to work on time every day, performing their job duties and earning a paycheck. During the program youth work on cultural arts and crafts, gain real work experience, and participate in community service.

This summer, there was a total of roughly 600 youth in 18 communities in 2 sessions between May and August.

CVRF hires instructors to teach youth cultural activities such as making qaspeq, nasqurrun, fur mittens, and harpoons. They also do net mending, gather Labrador tea for the elders, and many more!



Internship

CVRF internships are offered at local CSCs each summer to interested verified residents who are enrolled in an accredited college or university with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Internships are a great way for college students to make money at home before going off to college.

This summer, five community interns started on May 20th and had their last day on August 9th. They had the opportunity to work with our in-region staff, communities, and programs. They learned communication and leadership skills. They also mentored youth that participated in the Youth to Work program.



Louis Bunyan Memorial Scholarship

The Louis Bunyan Memorial Scholarship (LBMS) applications are open each spring and fall before the next semester begins. Example: Application opens April to June to fund classes in the coming fall. It opens again in November to December to fund classes in the coming spring of the next year. CVRF assisted 42 students with a total of \$156,100 in scholarships for the 2024 spring and fall semesters to verified resident applicants.

The amount of funding an applicant is awarded depends on the applicant's GPA and the type of educational/instructional school/training an applicant is accepted into. Applicants must also be a verified CVRF resident and enrolled in an accredited college, vocational school, or university. Please use the MY CVRF app or contact Deloras Lozano at (907)278-5151 for more information about the CVRF scholarship.

Cumulative GPA	Full-Time Student	Part-Time Student
2.0 - 2.49	\$1,500	\$1,200
2.5 - 2.99	\$2,500	\$1,600
3.0 - 3.49	\$3,500	\$2,000
3.5 and higher	\$4,000	\$3,300
Graduate Students	\$5,000	\$3,300

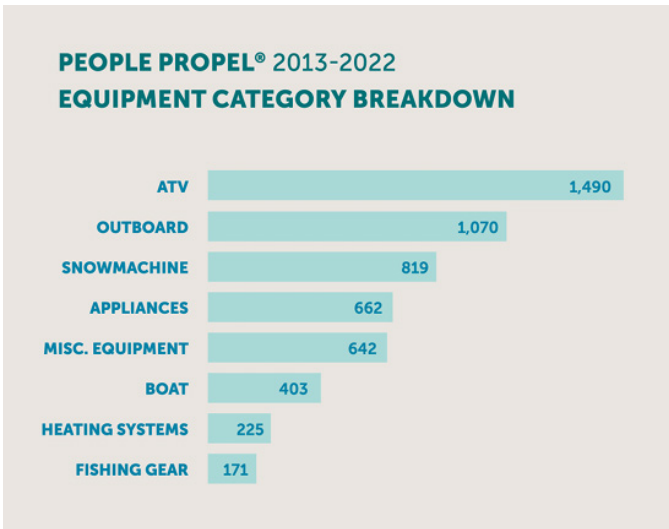




People Propel®

In 2023, the People Propel Program achieved a major milestone of \$50 million in purchases by community members of snow machines, ATVs, outboards, and other equipment. The equipment directly supports subsistence lifestyles and food security, increases safety, contributes to Alaska's statewide economy, and advances a cleaner, greener environment.

Residents can apply online, choose their vendor, and coordinate delivery. Some of the top companies selling equipment through People Propel include All Seasons Honda (Homer), River and Sea Marine (Soldotna), Alaska Mining and Diving Supply (Anchorage), and Alaska Commercial Company



This year, Round 16 opened on February 12 with a budget of \$750,000. CVRF helped 230 residents purchase about \$2.4 million worth of equipment. The program will open on September 30, 2024 with a budget of \$166,000.

If you have any questions, contact the People Propel hotline at 888-983-7155

Honda ATV & Outboard Training

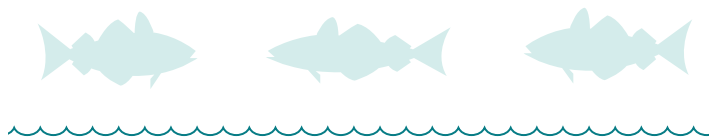
The CVRF Mechanic/Welder Program has come a long way since its inception. When mechanics first started working in the late 2000s, they worked part-time with limited access to parts and other necessities to get a machine running. They often had to wait a month for parts to make it to the village, and due to the limited capacity, residents would have to ship machines back to vendors in Bethel or Anchorage to get diagnosed and fixed – an additional expense for residents on top of an already high cost of living. Now, more work can be provided locally at the CSC shops.

Eleven M/Ws from Chevak, Hooper Bay, Kongiganak, Napakiak, Toksook Bay and Scammon Bay came together to attend a training in Scammon Bay from August 5-9, 2024, hosted by CVRF and American Honda Motor Company, Inc. Four Honda technicians traveled out to Scammon Bay for the first time to teach, and also to learn from these life long self-taught mechanic/welders.



Yamaha Training

CVRF would like to thank Yamaha Marine University for hosting four mechanic/welders who traveled from Quinhagak, Chevak, Kwigillingok and Scammon Bay, all the way down to Kennesaw, Georgia to obtain Marine Technician training on Inline Engine Systems, V-Engine Systems, and Drive Trains.



How does CVRF work?



Earned revenue is invested in CVRF Communities; \$13.6 Million in 2023

Learn more about the CDQ program: <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/CDQ>

CVRF exists to provide funding to many of our programs that benefit our twenty communities. But where does the money come from? Some might think that we receive money from the federal government or grants like many of the other great organizations that serve our region like AVCP and RuralCap. But the reality is that CVRF programs are funded almost wholly through our commercial fishing operations in Alaska.

CVRF currently operates five vessels that are 100% owned by CVRF and have a partnership that operates fifteen vessels in an extremely competitive environment. CVRF operates vessels in a variety of different fisheries.

Our main income source is from our flagship vessel the Northern Hawk, a 341 foot catcher processor that fishes for pollock. We operate two long-line vessels, the Flicka and the Lilli Ann that mainly target pacific cod but also can fish pots for species such as sablefish. We operate two of the best crab vessels in the Bering Sea, the Arctic Sea and the North Sea.

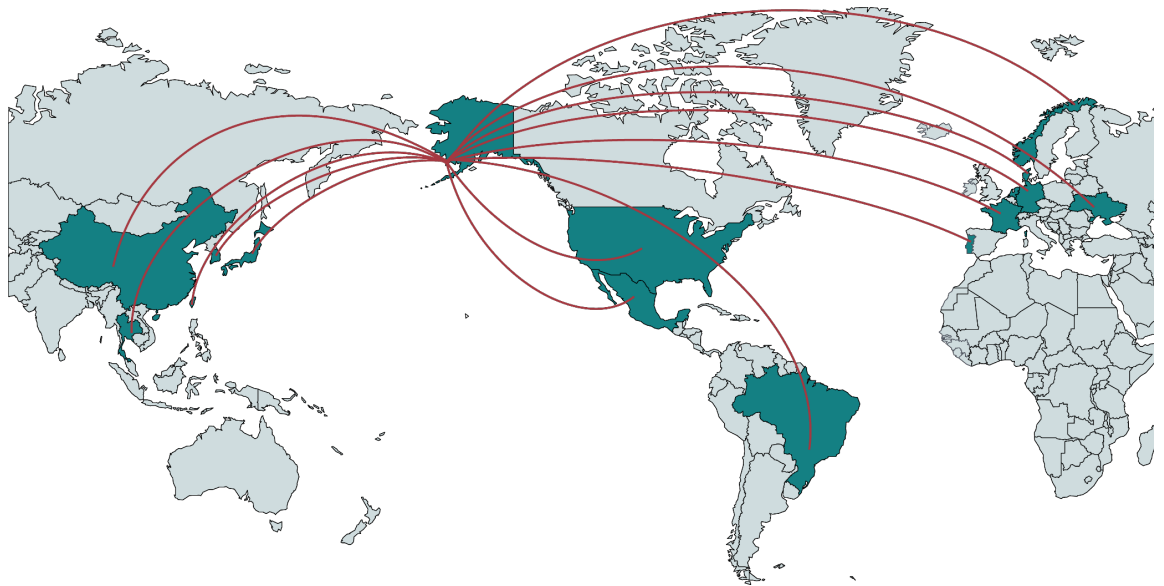
In 2023, these vessels provided the profits that allowed CVRF to spend more than \$13.6 million dollars in our communities. Not only do these vessels provide profits that allows CVRF to deliver programs, but they also are a great source of job opportunities for our region residents. Are you interested in a job on our vessels? Go to coastalvillages.org/job-openings to see what positions are currently available. Fishing jobs are not easy, but they can be rewarding and for those that are dedicated, provide a job with lots of potential for upward mobility!



CVRF Products sold around the world

The list of countries that we sold our pollock, cod, and crab products include:

- United States
- Canada
- Germany
- United Kingdom
- France
- Japan
- South Korea
- Denmark
- Holland
- China
- Thailand
- Spain
- Portugal



Our overarching goal is program delivery, but our spending patterns must prioritize the fleet operational costs because our funding comes from the Bering Sea fisheries. We prioritize fishing wages, fuel, vessel maintenance, and regulatory compliance. Among the many other costs of operating and maintaining a functional fishing business, the benefits still come to you in our communities.

CVRF redeemed its interest in American Seafoods in 2010, resulting in a \$200 million gain and this proved to be a catalyst that transformed CVRF from a passive CDQ leasing company to a direct industry participant in the Bering Sea fisheries, forever and fundamentally shifting our business operations.

This allowed for growth for our organization to operate and manage our own fleets in the pollock, crab, cod and other species fisheries. CVRF owns and operates a vessel for each different fishery. Acquiring more ownership means providing more program delivery spending, which is dependent upon profitability from our fishing operations. CVRF is proud to own and operate our vessel fleets, and deliver much needed CDQ benefits to our region residents.



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Happy Fish Fact Friday!

A few weeks ago, we talked about how data from summer surveys is used to help determine the strength of fish and invertebrate populations. Ultimately, the data will factor in catch allowances for the 2024-25 season; let's explore how that happens.

On September 9, the NPFMC's Crab Plan Team (CPT) will meet to discuss survey results and explain how that data fits into the bigger picture of crab population health. CPT meeting results will be presented to the NPFMC during their October meeting, and the Council will make Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations.

ADF&G will then determine catch limits (Total Allowable Catch, TAC) for Bering Sea king, tanner, & snow crab species. As a reminder, in 2023/24 we had a Red King crab fishery (after two years of closures), and two small tanner crab fisheries.

Draft survey data (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/.../draft-2024-eastern...>) shows signs of continued improvement for these and other populations. Follow the CPT here: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3055>

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We're excited to announce the installation of a new GNSS Base Station and Water Level Buoy, a key step in our collaborative project with Coastal Villages Regional Fund (CVRF), University of Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska Map Company. This effort is funded by an Economic Development Administration grant to build community resilience through data-based leadership. The project not only equips the local community with cutting-edge technology, it's useful for high-precision mapping priorities, and provides hands-on training to Toksook Bay and Kipnuk Community Service Representative staff. By empowering community members with these skills, CVRF is paving the way for future projects and strengthening villages in their region. Here's to new opportunities and impactful work ahead!

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"Honda Marine recognizes the importance of outboard engines as a key aspect of living in rural areas of Alaska," said Trevyn Days, district service manager for Honda Marine. "We aim to provide training to local mechanic welders with the hope of giving the communities confidence in repairing and maintaining our product so that it remains reliable for many years to come. This vision will provide customer's across rural Alaska with greater support, product satisfaction, and cost savings. We are grateful for the opportunity to be part of this community development and solidify our name as a brand trusted to get you home."



Mark Your Calendars!

CVRF Programs:

- **September 30** - People Propel opens
- **November 1** - LMBS opens for the Spring 2025 semester
- **November 15** - Last day for Elders in the Elder Program to pick up heating oil
- **January 2025** - Heating Oil Program begins
- **January 2025** - Residency Verification begins to qualify for 2025 CVRF Programs
- **February 2025** - People Propel® Round 17



General Election:

- **October 6** - Voter Registration Deadline
- **October 26** - Absentee By-Mail Request Deadline
- **November 4** - Absentee by Electronic Transmission Request Deadline
- **November 5** - Election Day

Learn more at elections.alaska.gov



CVRF Holidays:

Closing at 3 PM on the day before each scheduled holiday

- **October 18** - Alaska Day. Resuming business on Monday, October 21.
- **November 11** - Veterans Day. Resuming business on Tuesday, November 12.
- **December 13** - Chief's Day (In-Region Offices). Resuming business on Monday, December 16.
- **December 24-25** - Christmas. Resuming business on Thursday, December 26.
- **January 1st, 2025** - New Years Day. Resuming business on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.



North Pacific Fisheries

Management Council Meetings:

- **September 30 - October 8** at the Egan Center in Anchorage
- **December 2 - 10** at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage
- **February 3 - 10, 2025** at the Egan Center in Anchorage
- **March 31 - April 9, 2025** at the Egan Center in Anchorage
- **June 2 - 10, 2025** at Agate Beach BW, Newport, Oregon
- **September 29 - October 8, 2025** at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage
- **December 1 - 9, 2025** at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are always looking for motivated individuals to join our team at Coastal Villages!



We're Hiring

If you want to find a great career that provides for you and your family and gives you the opportunity to serve the residents in our region we encourage you to visit our job site.

Job opportunities with Coastal Villages include working in our region as a Community Service Representative, career development with our Youth to Work and intern programs, and working with Coastal Alaska Premier Seafoods on our Bering Sea fleet.

Please visit our job site at:

coastalvillages.org/job-listings

