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## ANVCA SHINES LIGHT ON CONTAMINATED LANDS ISSUE

### Federal Government Failed to Disclose Status of Contaminated Lands Conveyed Under ANCSA



➤ Hundreds of contaminated sites have been conveyed to ANCs under ANCSA. The types of waste and toxic materials contained within these sites include arsenic, asbestos, explosives, lead, mercury, pesticides and PCBs.

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), which passed in 1971, would become the largest land claims settlement in U.S. history and the first settlement of its kind between Native American people and the federal government. ANCSA settled Alaska Native aboriginal land claims in exchange for title to 44 million acres of land, a \$963 million cash payment from the federal treasury and additional oil revenue sharing. In an effort to enable statewide economic development, the act also created 200 village corporations and 12 Alaska-based regional corporations, including CIRI. The first ANCSA conveyance occurred in 1974. To date, approximately 36 million acres have been conveyed.

#### A Legacy of Pollution

What Alaska Native corporations (ANCs) didn't know at the time was that hundreds of contaminated sites would be conveyed to them by the federal government under ANCSA – including 650 “known” tracts of land, according to a 1998 U.S. Department of the Interior report. The sites had been contaminated under ownership and/or responsibility of the federal government. Most were military installations, relics of World War II and the Cold War. The types of waste and toxic materials contained within these sites include arsenic, asbestos, explosives, lead, mercury, pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

PCBs have been linked to cancer and were banned in the U.S. in 1979. Scientific tests have shown that fish and other marine life in certain areas of Alaska are loaded with PCBs, and PCB levels in residents are multiple times higher than in most other places in the nation.

Federal officials claim they were unaware the land was contaminated before conveyance.

In the 1990s, the Alaska Native community began raising concerns, citing health, safety and economic impacts on residents. In response, the Department of the Interior released its 1998 report, which acknowledged the unjustness of conveying contaminated lands to ANCs in settlement of aboriginal rights. The report put forth six specific remedies:

1. Establish a forum for ANCSA landowners and federal, state, local and tribal agencies in Alaska to exchange information and identify priorities.
2. Create and maintain a comprehensive interagency inventory database of contaminated sites in Alaska.
3. Apply U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policies to exempt ANCs from landowner liability for prior contamination.

4. Report back to Congress on sites that were identified and not covered by existing programs (“orphan sites”) and determine whether an additional federal program was necessary to address those sites.
5. Review/revise relevant policies covering existing programs governing cleanup of contaminated ANCSA lands.
6. Through the EPA Tribal assistance program, train local residents to participate in cleanup programs.

The report stated that “the Department of the Interior will coordinate implementation of these recommendations, although other agencies such as EPA and the Corps of Engineers may take the lead in certain aspects of the recommendations.”

#### A History of Inaction

In 2016, the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) submitted an update to the 1998 report, acknowledging the BLM had not acted on remedies 3, 5 and 6 in the original report. It included three additional recommendations for a cleanup plan:

1. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) should finalize the comprehensive inventory and implement a remedial action process.
2. The establishment of a formal contaminated lands working group.
3. The initiation of a site cleanup process.

According to the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA), a nonprofit that advocates on behalf Alaska Native village corporations, in stark contrast to the Department of the Interior's willingness in 1998 to take a leadership role to facilitate cleanup of ANCSA contaminated lands, the 2016 update proposed that ADEC and EPA oversee cleanup of the sites.

“The 2016 update basically said that they (BLM) had done nothing, and were responsible for nothing,” said Hallie Bissett, a CIRI shareholder and Board member who serves as ANVCA's executive director.

Nearly 200 of the 650 contaminated ANCSA sites identified in the 1998 report were Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS), meaning they were

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

As we move into summer, I hope you're taking advantage of the long, sunny days and the bounty the season has to offer. Here in the Cook Inlet region of Southcentral Alaska, we are blessed to have an abundance of resources, often right outside our door.

Of course, these resources would not be available to us without the land on which they grow, swim, feed and thrive. And that land, with its abundant resources, is also the reason CIRI exists today.

With 1.3 million acres of subsurface estate, CIRI is one of the largest private land owners in Southcentral Alaska. Our lead story tackles a long-running issue that affects the health of our land and, by extension, its inhabitants – pre-contaminated lands conveyed to Alaska Native corporations under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

Signed into law in 1971, ANCSA settled Alaska Native aboriginal land claims in exchange for title to 44 million acres of land. The Act also directed the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to convey the lands to Alaska Native regional and village corporations. When the conveyances began in the 1970s, the BLM was not required to disclose whether the lands were contaminated.

Since 2012, the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association has advocated for this issue, working to educate the state and federal governments and serving as a stakeholder in a BLM-facilitated group that exchanges information about the contaminated sites, provides missing information and discusses issues related to the inventory. It's an issue CIRI

has been keeping a close eye on, as more than 100 contaminated sites lie within our region.

Entrusted with some of the richest and most delicate lands in Alaska, CIRI prioritizes striking a balance between sustainably developing resources to improve opportunities for our shareholders and protecting the land for future generations. CIRI has long supported the efforts of the Anchorage Waterways Council, Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Russian River fish raking program and the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District. Additionally, on the conservation front, to ensure Alaska Native youth remain connected with their land, culture and heritage, CIRI annually sponsors a Student Conservation Association (SCA) Youth Crew.

CIRI took its involvement one step further this year when it sponsored an SCA cleanup day in June, which saw CIRI and SCA employees working side by side with community volunteers to help restore the wetland habitat of an Anchorage park. CIRI is proud of our involvement with the SCA; our continued support helps strengthen Alaska Native youth, improve our communities and protect the environment.

Of course, delivering strong, consistent and sustainable returns to shareholders is CIRI's overarching goal, and projects that deliver economic benefits while preserving and respecting the land play a large role in our success in that regard. Thus, where it makes sense, the company leverages its ownership of subsurface oil, gas and mineral rights into environmentally responsible exploration and development projects on its lands, such as the lease agreement signed last month with Constantine Metal Resources to develop the mineral-rich Johnson Tract deposit, and the ongoing oil and



gas leasing and exploration projects on the Kenai Peninsula and the west side of Cook Inlet.

Whether engaging in conservation or responsible development projects, CIRI is committed to improving the lives of our shareholders and others in our community. Every decision we make is guided by our reason for being: to provide economic, social and cultural benefits to current and future generations of shareholders.

Warm regards,

*Sophie Minich*

## CIRI in the COMMUNITY



› A total of 40 volunteers turned out for SCA Service on the Solstice, held June 21 at Taku Lake Park in Anchorage. Photo by Carly Stuart.

### SCA Service on the Solstice

CIRI celebrated the first day of summer (June 21) at Taku Lake Park in Anchorage. Fifteen CIRI employees joined forces with volunteers from the Student Conservation Association (SCA), Anchorage Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a day of park care and cleanup. In three short hours, volunteers restored more than 1,000 feet of lakeshore through planting 300 willow stakes and revitalized landscaped beds through weeding, mulching and planting native grasses.

To help Alaska Native youth remain connected with their land, culture and heritage, CIRI annually sponsors an SCA Youth Crew. A nationwide program founded in 1957, SCA has been active in Alaska since the 1970s. However, the first Youth Crew wasn't fielded in the state until 2010. Instrumental in establishing Youth Crews in Alaska was former CIRI president and CEO Margie Brown, who serves on the CIRI Board of Directors and was recently appointed chair of the national SCA board. Since

CIRI's sponsorship of the first all-Alaska Native SCA crew, nearly 300 Alaskan youth have participated in SCA's high-school crews. More than half self-identify as Alaska Native.

"CIRI has been involved with SCA for years, but this was the first year the company sponsored a cleanup day," said Jason Brune, senior director, CIRI Land and Resources. "A total of 40 volunteers turned out, and it's amazing what we were able to accomplish in just a few hours. CIRI is committed to preserving our land as a heritage asset for future generations of shareholders. Our work with the SCA, and the hands-on work we do in our communities, strengthens that commitment."

For more information about SCA's Alaska program, visit [www.thesca.org/serve/program/alaska-regional-crews](http://www.thesca.org/serve/program/alaska-regional-crews).

## CIRI Youth OPPORTUNITIES

### SUBMISSIONS DUE AUG. 8, 2018

Each year, CIRI engages young shareholders and descendants with a variety of youth programs, including the opportunity to serve as a youth representative on the Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC) and an annual Youth Art Contest. Visit [www.ciri.com/youth](http://www.ciri.com/youth) to learn about other youth programs and opportunities.

### SPC Youth Representatives

CIRI is seeking applications from CIRI shareholders and descendants who are 13 to 17 years of age to fill its Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC) Youth Representative positions. Application packets can be downloaded and printed at [www.ciri.com/youth](http://www.ciri.com/youth) and are also available from Shareholder Relations. Applications and supporting materials must be received by CIRI by 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Aug. 8 to be considered.

### Youth Art Contest

To be entered in the 2018 Youth Art Contest, CIRI shareholders and descendants who are 5 to 12 years of age must submit to CIRI original artwork interpreting the theme "I have FUN learning how to..." as well as a completed entry form, by 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Aug. 8. Winning entries will be displayed at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches this fall. Entry forms can be downloaded and printed at [www.ciri.com/youth](http://www.ciri.com/youth) and are also available from Shareholder Relations.

## SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

### Karen Voy

“Be proud of who you are and where you come from, but be especially proud of how you treat others.” It’s an adage original CIRI shareholder Karen Voy (Athabascan) lives by, and it’s one she’s passed down to her three children.



➤ Karen Voy and her husband, Duane. Photo courtesy of Karen Voy.

Adopted as an infant by a Caucasian family, Karen spent her childhood in Iowa. “My family was blond-haired and blue-eyed, but I was always very aware I was a Native person,” Karen said. “I didn’t meet another Native until I was 23 years old, but my family was very open about my heritage. It’s something I’ve always been proud of.”

Karen received a degree in education from Minnesota-based Northwestern College (now University of Northwestern), but rather than putting her skills to use in a traditional classroom setting, she chose instead to homeschool her three children. “It made economic sense for me to homeschool – my husband traveled for work, so we got to take our kids with us. I absolutely loved it. We did school year-round and always had a membership to the local museum, zoo or historical society. I learned so much.”

These days, Karen lives on an original homestead in Washington County, Minn., where she enjoys biking, gardening, running, skiing, swimming and spending time with her three children, now 26, 24 and 19 years old.

Always open to education and new experiences, after her children were grown, Karen applied to be a member of CIRI’s Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC).

With the goal of increasing two-way communication between CIRI and its shareholders, identifying issues of immediate and long-term importance to shareholders and descendants, and educating shareholders and descendants on the corporation’s mission, business operations, corporate policies and other matters, the SPCs provide a vital link between CIRI and its shareholders.

The SPCs are comprised of three subcommittees – the Anchorage Committee; the Alaska Committee, made up of shareholders who live in Alaska outside Anchorage; and the Lower 48 and Hawaii Committee. Since 2016, Karen has served on the Lower 48 and Hawaii Committee.

“Getting picked (to serve on the SPCs) was a pleasant surprise,” Karen recalled. “Having grown up outside Alaska, I really didn’t know much about CIRI. I would get things in the mail and skim them, but I never really dug very deep. I thought it would be a good opportunity to become a more engaged shareholder, but I didn’t realize I’d learn as much as I have.”

“Seeing what CIRI does has been a really good education for me,” Karen continued. “Not only what it does business-wise, but what the company does for the community through its family of nonprofits. I’ve been very impressed with that aspect of CIRI – the fact they’re looking out for others. The Board, too, is incredibly open with us. When asked a question, even if it’s uncomfortable, they don’t shy away from answering it.”

Karen said she would “absolutely recommend” that interested shareholders apply to become a member of the SPCs. “Since I’m part of the Lower 48 Committee, I’m required to travel twice a year for the meetings. But Charlene (Juliussen, an original CIRI shareholder and member of CIRI’s Shareholder Relations department) takes such good care of us; she makes it so easy. Once you’re a member, you’re hooked – you want to come back every year because you’re treated so well.”

This year, Karen participated in the CIRI Board Nominating Committee selection process that helps to identify and vet candidates for the CIRI Board of Directors. Each year, the Nominating Committee, which is comprised of CIRI Directors whose terms are continuing, solicits applications from shareholders who are interested in applying for the CIRI Board-recommended slate of candidates, after which committee members review the applications, interview candidates and recommended applicants to the CIRI Board of Directors for consideration. The three SPC chairs serve as non-voting, advisory members of the Nominating Committee.

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## RECIPE



### BROWN SUGAR AND BACON BAKED BEANS

Adapted from the recipe by Amanda Batcher, [www.thechunkychef.com](http://www.thechunkychef.com).

As the author wrote about this recipe, “*These baked beans are semi-homemade and the perfect blend of sweet, savory and smoky. Topped with delicious bacon, they’re sure to be a hit!*”

#### START TO FINISH:

2 hours 20 minutes (20 minutes active)

#### SERVINGS: 8

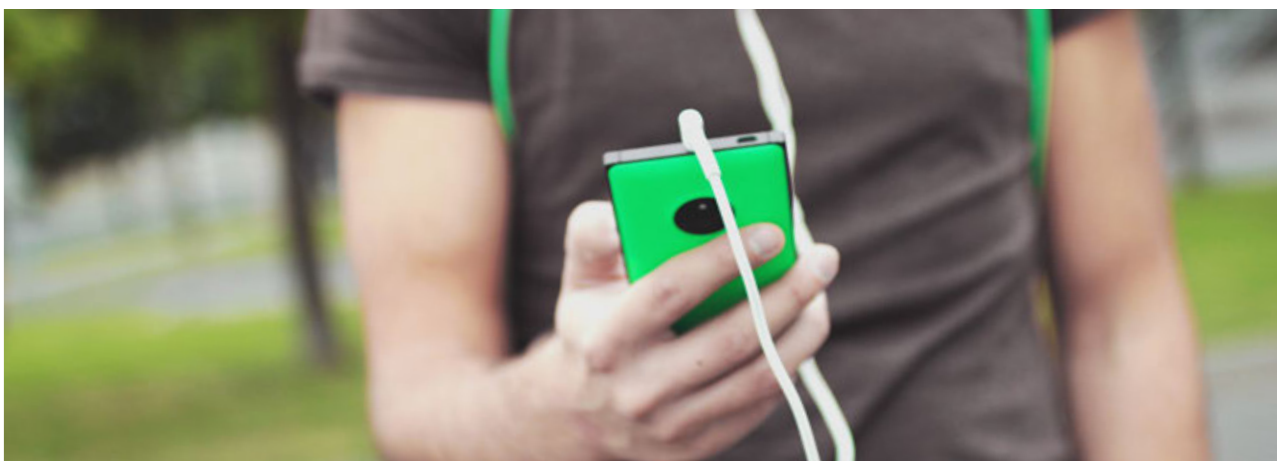
#### INGREDIENTS:

54-ounce can pork and beans or equivalent number of smaller cans (Bush’s Best preferred)  
10 slices bacon  
2 tablespoons bacon grease or butter  
1 yellow onion, diced  
1/2 green bell pepper, diced  
4 tablespoons ketchup  
1/4 cup molasses  
2/3 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar  
2 teaspoons dry mustard

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees and set rack to the lower-middle rack position.
2. Cook bacon about halfway through in a stovetop frying pan, reserving 2 tablespoons of bacon grease. Set bacon aside to drain on paper towels.
3. In a deep skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of bacon grease or butter over medium heat. Add diced onion and green bell pepper to skillet and sauté until softened.
4. Add beans, ketchup, molasses, brown sugar, vinegar and mustard to the skillet and combine well. Let simmer a minute or so.
5. While the beans are simmering, grease a 13x9 baking dish. Dice bacon.
6. Pour beans into the prepared dish and place bacon on top.
7. Bake 2 to 3 hours, depending on your desired consistency.
8. Let the beans sit 5 minutes before serving.

The Raven’s Circle would like to feature our readers’ favorite recipes! To submit, visit [www.ciri.com/recipe](http://www.ciri.com/recipe).



## RIVR STREAMING APP NOW AVAILABLE

Youth-oriented online radio stream, Rising Indigenous Voices Radio (RIVR) mixes cultural and educational content with music that appeals to teens and young adults. The RIVR is a program of CIRI-founded Koahnic Broadcast Corp. (KBC), a nonprofit, Alaska Native-owned and operated media center based in Anchorage. In 2017, KBC/the RIVR was one of four youth and education charities chosen as a recipient of funds from the CIRI Golf Classic.

James Dommek Jr., KBC’s webstream producer, describes the RIVR as a “cross between an urban

rhythmic commercial station and a Native public radio station.” In addition to Top 40 hits, the program incorporates modern Native American artists and cultural and educational content.

Listeners can stream the content at [www.therivr.net](http://www.therivr.net), but for ease of listening, Dommek recommends the free smartphone app. Simply type “RIVR” in your app store’s search bar, hit “Get” or “Install,” and the app will be downloaded to your smartphone or device. 📱

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“We were looking for candidates with business backgrounds – those who have worked in a business environment and have leadership experience under their belts,” Karen explained. “Of the three interviews I heard, the candidates came from very diverse business backgrounds – from large corporate environments to small business owners. And they all got the same shake. The committee really just wanted to hear what they had to offer.”

Having grown up removed from Alaska Native culture and, now, having found a connection as an adult, “I would encourage shareholders to be proud of being Native, but to be especially proud of being good human beings,” Karen emphasized. “When I was homeschooling my kids, I had them read ‘The Lantern Bearers’ by Rosemary Sutcliff. My son asked me, ‘Mom, why are you making me read this? It’s so sad.’ And I said to him, ‘I’ll tell you why – these people lived in England a long time ago. Their country was taken over by the Romans, and then the Anglo-Saxons, and they lost a lot. When you grow up, you need to realize you’re not the only one who’s been a victim.’ Just like the protagonist in the story, he picked himself up and grew his own family. The next generation, they can change things... And CIRI is part of that – teaching us to honor our history and heritage while helping those around us.”

## NEW SHAREHOLDER PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each year, interested and eligible shareholders are asked to return a completed application to CIRI, which includes explaining why they wish to become Shareholder Participation Committee members and describing the qualities or skills they possess that they believe would be beneficial to serving. Applications are typically included in CIRI’s first proxy mailing in mid- to late-April and must be received no later than the day of that year’s annual meeting of shareholders. Completed applications returned by the deadline are reviewed, with new members selected and contacted shortly after the annual meeting.

Please join CIRI in welcoming the following new SPC members:

### Alaska SPC Committee

- Ben Baldwin
- Thomas Evans
- Nate Huckabay
- Maxine Richert

### Anchorage SPC Committee

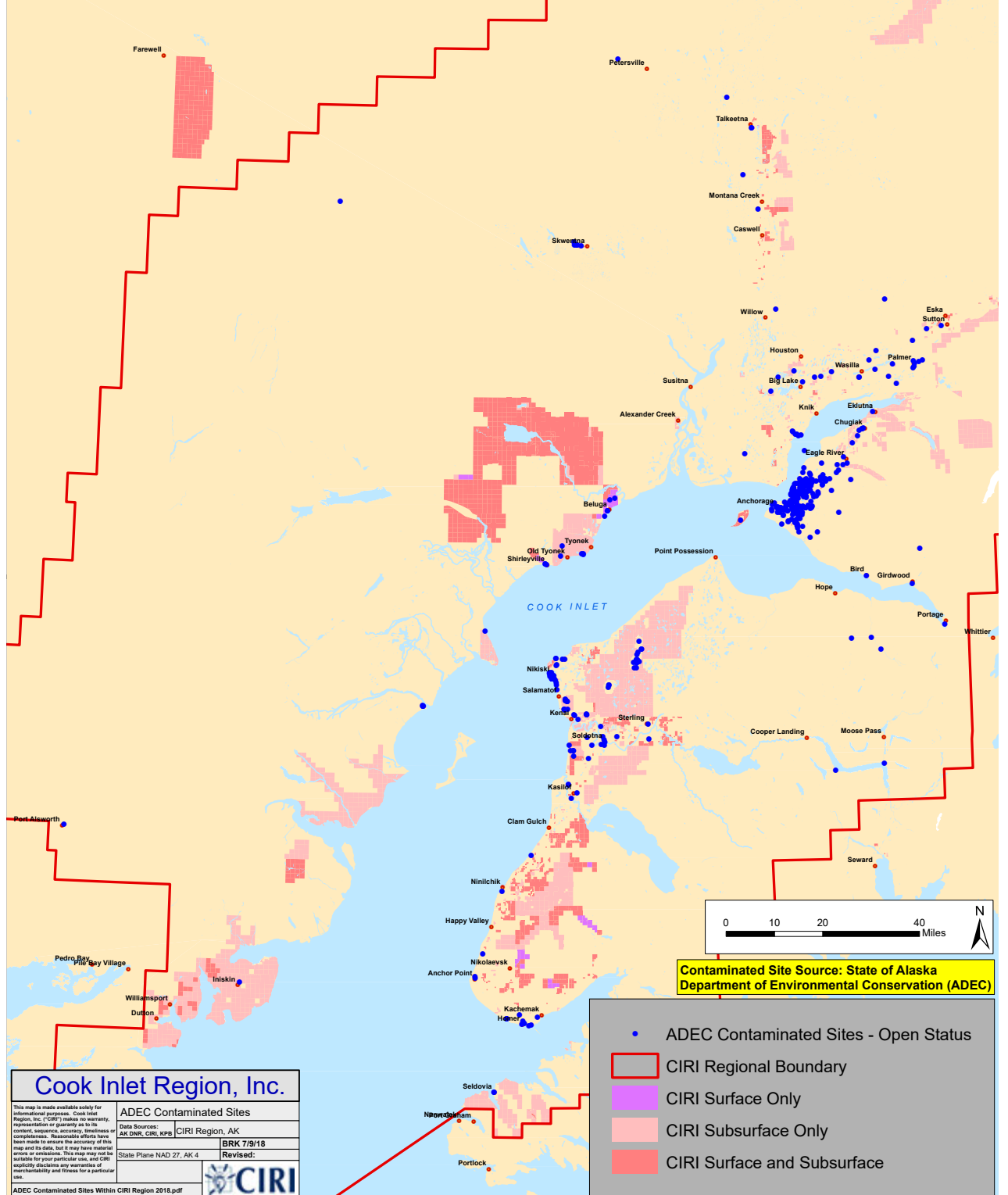
- Denile Ault
- Julie Cox
- Tanya Komakhuk
- Connie Sedlac
- Katie Sledge

### Lower 48 and Hawaii SPC Committee

- Krista Hall
- Carin Ioannou
- Vanessa Standard

Visit [www.ciri.com/spc](http://www.ciri.com/spc) to learn more.

## ADEC Contaminated Sites (Open Status) Within CIRI Regional Boundary



previously owned, leased, possessed or used by the U.S. military. Environmental cleanup at FUDS is conducted by the U.S. Department of Defense in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund. However, under CERCLA, the Department of Defense is not responsible for cleanup of privately owned FUDS, which includes land conveyed to tribal entities under ANCSA. CERCLA also contains a petroleum exclusion, placing the onus of cleanup of all petroleum and related contaminants on the landowner.

In March 2017, Sarah Lukin, a board member of Afognak Native Corp. and a member of ANVCA, was invited by the chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works to testify at a congressional hearing on contaminated lands.

“Sadly, under CERCLA, Alaska Native corporations may be held responsible for the cleanup of pre-existing contamination,” Lukin stated. “Let me be clear: under ANCSA, Alaska Native people gave up 88 percent of our traditional lands. In exchange, we received, in part, contaminated sites that we may be legally liable for. [The 2016] report to Congress confirmed that there are still 537 sites that require remediation on ANCSA lands. Of the sites identified, the majority are Department of Defense. One hundred twenty of them are FUDS. Nearly 100 additional contaminated sites are not in a cleanup program currently. Almost all of these sites are within two miles of Alaska Native villages.”

In all, ANVCA estimates \$6 billion in cleanup costs to ANCs.

### “We’re Starting to See Real Movement”

Based on information provided by the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, as of May 2018, the total number of contaminated sites on CIRI land interests is 112. Of those, 74 have a status of cleanup complete and 38 have a status of “open.”

One of ANVCA’s primary areas of advocacy is to work with ANCs, state and federal agencies and other stakeholders to develop criteria to prioritize remediation of contaminated ANCSA sites. Its federal priorities include protecting ANCs from legal liability claims, addressing U.S. sovereign immunity and petroleum cleanup and requiring an annual agency report to Congress on the status of cleanup efforts. At the state level, it supports passing/amending legislation that would provide relief for ANCs from liability for damages and costs associated with ANCSA contaminated lands.

“This has been our key issue for six years, and we’re starting to see real movement,” Bissett said.

Enacted March 23, 2018, the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development (BUILD) Act amended CERCLA by providing liability relief for ANCs that received contaminated land from the federal government. It also removed a hurdle for sites with petroleum contamination by allowing grants to assess and clean up petroleum-contaminated sites that are not required to be remediated under other programs. “BUILD lifted the legal liability, which allows us to chip away at this issue,” Bissett said.

# 2018 CIRI SUMMER INTERNS



› CIRI's 2018 summer interns, L to R: Ron Perry, Mahalia Hunt, Autumn Olson, Chas Anderson and Rachel Crosley.

## Please Join CIRI in Welcoming its Five Summer Interns:

- Charles "Chas" Anderson,**  
*Aleut, Land and Resources/Real Estate*
- Rachel Crosley,**  
*Aleut, Information Technology*
- Mahalia Hunt,**  
*Alutiiq, Shareholder and Descendant Programs*
- Autumn Olson,**  
*Inupiaq, Human Resources*
- Ron Perry,**  
*Tlingit, Information Technology/Granite*

Acquiring valuable experience in their career fields is only one reason shareholders and descendants apply to these coveted positions – gaining insight into CIRI's culture and business, meeting valuable networking contacts and applying classroom knowledge in a real-world setting are some of the other benefits of a CIRI summer internship.

"We're thrilled to have Autumn, Chas, Mahalia, Rachel and Ron join us this summer," said CIRI Talent Manager Darla Graham. "Their skill sets, motivation and fresh perspective are a benefit to the company, and CIRI is happy to create opportunities for this next generation of business leaders." 📩

## INTERN-a! AFFAIRS

Nothing beats an Alaska summer. Having grown up here, I knew I had to experience it again.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Charles Anderson, but my friends call me Chas. I was born and raised in Anchorage and I just finished my second year at the University of Virginia where I double major in economics and English. You're probably thinking, how does a kid who's accustomed to sub-zero temperatures much of the year find himself quite literally across the country in hot and humid Charlottesville, Va.? For me, it boils down to a desire to broaden my horizons both academically and culturally.

Analogous to my desire to experience life outside my own state, what drew me to CIRI was my wish to learn more about how Alaska Native culture is integrated into CIRI's business affairs.

In my youth, my Aleut heritage was reflected primarily through the stories of my grandfather, original CIRI shareholder and former CIRI Board member Charles "Chuck" Anderson. Reminiscences of his adolescence in Kodiak, Alaska, were always a delight to my young, impressionable ears, and they never failed to teach an important lesson, like the value of family, hard work and sharing what you have with others.

While I have been learning about Alaska Native culture my whole life, my CIRI internship has taught me so much already, like how CIRI makes use of its lands to provide for its shareholders and the people of Alaska. As an intern in the Land and Resources and Real Estate departments, I have already learned a great deal about what we choose to do with our land, and why our actions are so critical to the state of Alaska and the livelihoods of its people.

I can already say my time here has been a true pleasure and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity CIRI has afforded me. Wherever the future may take me, I know I will always feel at home with the CIRI family.

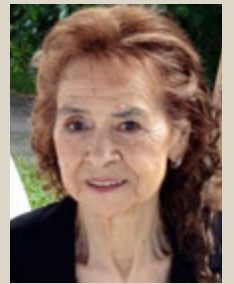


*Chas Anderson*

## IN MEMORY

### Marion Collier, 81

Marion Collier passed away April 6 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Collier was born April 18, 1936, in Seldovia, Alaska. She owned and operated a restaurant with her husband for many years and her joy in life was spending time with God and her family. Ms. Collier is survived by her husband, Louis Collier; children, Kim Collier, Carrie Wilcheck and Suzanne Collier; grandchildren, Tamra Kindgren, Chancelen Collier, Colton Collier, Calem Collier and Courtney Collier; and great-grandchildren, Natalie Miller, Dallas Miller, Ayla Collier and Maven Collier.



### Eva Lorenzo, 89

Eva Lorenzo passed away April 14 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. Ms. Lorenzo was born March 6, 1929, in Kenai, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Paul Lorenzo, Gregory Lorenzo, Marie Juliussen and Samuel Lorenzo; grandchildren, Victorio, Amber, Anthony and Karina Lorenzo and Donna Juliussen; and great-grandchildren, Aaliyah Fitzpatrick, Keegan and Oliver Lorenzo and Kylee Tweedy.

### Victor Augustine Segura Jr., 46

Victor Augustine Segura Jr. passed away April 30 at home in Kenai, Alaska. Mr. Segura was born Oct. 19, 1971, in Soldotna, Alaska. He is survived by his mother, Peggy Segura; wife, Audrey Strickland; children, Keenan Segura and Tyler Marcuson; sister, Annette Schultz; aunts, Patricia England, Helen Hurston, Donna Garner, Rita Smagee and Clara Swan; and uncles, J.R. Pederson, Jim Petterson, Ron Petterson, Eric Titus, James Segura, William Segura and Rick Segura.

### Daniel P. Toloff, 88

Daniel P. Toloff passed away May 19 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. Mr. Toloff was born Aug. 9, 1929, in Anchorage. He is survived by his son, Scott Toloff; brothers, Charles and Tony Toloff; grandchildren, Mason Toloff, Danni Rose Williamson and Tavia Williamson; nieces, Tabettha Toloff, Lynda Toloff, Kate Toloff, Lori Toloff and Toni Koob; and nephews, Steve Toloff, Pete Toloff and Gene Gjertson. 📩

### Condolences

- Lyle V. Garner Sr., 94
- Judith Renay Houghton, 75
- Christopher Jay Johnson, 53
- Steven James Jorgenson, 61
- Hazel Tatiana McFarlin, 84
- Greta Ann Wright, 68



**Graduation Announcement**

Congratulations to original CIRI shareholder Glenda Rodriguez, who recently received her program certificate in mental health/substance abuse and addictions from McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas.



**Honor Roll**

CIRI shareholder John Kakaruk is pleased to announce that his daughter, Breanna, recently completed her freshman year as a finance major at Oregon State University and qualified for her school's honor roll. Fewer than 10 percent of students earn this distinction, which requires they maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

**NEW SHAREHOLDER AND DESCENDANT DISCOUNT**

**Janssen Funeral Homes**

Locations in Anchorage, Eagle River and Wasilla  
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 737 E Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
[www.janssenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.janssenfuneralhomes.com)

Offers a 25 percent discount on full traditional services (visitation, service and burial costs) and a 10 percent discount on minimal services (burial only) for deceased CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants, and to CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants who are otherwise making arrangements. Arranger must provide his or her CIRI identification or the CIRI identification of the deceased shareholder or confirmed descendant to receive the discount. Merchandise, cash advances and prefunded arrangements are excluded, and multiple discounts may not be applied.

**CONFIRMED DESCENDANT PRIZE DRAWING**

To encourage descendants to keep contact information updated, prize drawings are conducted from the names of all confirmed descendants for the quarters ending March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31. An email is sent to each winner at the email address specified for receipt of Raven's Circle newsletters. If the address is not valid, another winner is selected. Visit [www.ciri.com/descendant](http://www.ciri.com/descendant) to register as a descendant or learn how to update descendant contact information.



CIRI descendant Sarah James (Inupiaq) with her new Kindle Fire. Photo courtesy of Donna James.

**2018 CERTIFIED ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS**

CIRI's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held June 2 in Soldotna, Alaska. The Inspector of Election has certified that CIRI shareholders elected the following five individuals to serve three-year terms on the CIRI Board of Directors:

- Douglas W. Fifer (incumbent)
- Jeffrey A. Gonnason (incumbent)
- Ted S. Kroto Sr. (incumbent)
- Michelle B. Lindersmith
- Louis "Lou" Nagy Jr. (incumbent)

Of the 14 advisory resolutions introduced on the floor by shareholders at the Annual Meeting, 11 failed to win majority support. The three advisory resolutions that passed included:

- An advisory resolution for CIRI to either continue to fund the existing CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust, or work to establish a new program to continue quarterly distributions for the benefit of original CIRI shareholders who have attained the age of 65, and who hold Class A voting stock.
- An advisory resolution consisting of the full text of Alaska Statute 10.06.430. Books and records. Read the full text at: [www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp).
- An advisory resolution consisting of the full text of Alaska Statute 10.06.463. Removal of director by superior court. Read the full text at: [www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp).

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With U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) as sponsor, a legislative fly-in group – comprised of 30 participants representing Alaska Native village corporations, the ANCSA Regional Association and the State of Alaska – ultimately secured \$500,000 for site evaluations. And in April, the Alaska Senate unanimously passed a bill that released ANCs from liability for damages and costs resulting from pre-contaminated lands conveyed to them through ANCSA.

"Now ANCs are no longer legally liable for the contamination, and there's actually money to evaluate the sites and begin cleanup," Bissett said.

On the state level, a formalized working group, which includes Jason Brune, senior director, CIRI Land and Resources, has begun prioritizing which sites should be cleaned up first.

"Ultimately, our goal is to get the land cleaned up so its suitable for developmental or subsistence use," Bissett said. "This is not an issue you can ignore – it's right in our back yard. These are areas where people hunt, fish, grow their own food, gather drinking water and let their children play. It's been 45 years, but we're starting to see progress."

For more information, including an interactive ANCSA contaminated lands timeline and links to the 1998 and 2016 Congressional reports, visit [www.anvca.biz](http://www.anvca.biz).



## SCF PRESIDENT AND CEO REAPPOINTED AS HARVARD VISITING SCIENTIST

Recognizing her ongoing contributions to the Global Health and Social Medicine (GHSM) department at Harvard Medical School, Southcentral Foundation (SCF) President/CEO Katherine Gottlieb has been reappointed as a visiting scientist. She was first appointed to the faculty of the Harvard Center for Primary Care in 2015.

"This appointment is made to recognize [Gottlieb's] continuing contributions to the GHSM educational and research mission, and to anticipate with gratitude [her] ongoing service, engagement and collaboration in our research and teaching programs," said Dr. Paul E. Farmer, department chair of GHSM, Harvard Medical School.

The GHSM department applies social science and humanities research to improve the practice of medicine, the delivery of treatment, and the development of health care policies locally and worldwide. Major efforts include developing the science of global health delivery implementation; advancing equity in health care delivery; and educating students and researchers on biosocial determinants of disease, health care delivery and responsible practice of medicine.

Under Gottlieb's direction and guidance, SCF, a CIRI-affiliated nonprofit and two-time winner of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, has become a global leader among health care organizations, recognized for its Nuka System of Care. Gottlieb serves as a member of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Board of Directors and the Alaska Native Medical Center Joint Operating Board, on the leadership team of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's 100 Million Healthier Lives Initiative, as chair of the Recover Alaska Steering Committee and on the advisory



› SCF President and CEO Katherine Gottlieb. Photo courtesy of SCF.

council for the Storyknife Writers Retreat. She is an original CIRI shareholder, a tribal member of the village of Old Harbor, a tribal member and elected tribal council member of Seldovia Village Tribe and an honorary member of the Native Village of Eklutna.

### About Southcentral Foundation

Southcentral Foundation is an Alaska Native-owned, nonprofit health care organization. Managing more than 80 health care programs and services, SCF serves 65,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people in Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and 55 rural villages in the Anchorage Service Unit. 📄

## CITC PRESIDENT APPOINTED CHAIR OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) President and CEO and original CIRI shareholder Gloria O'Neill was recently appointed to the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, an independent federal committee that aims to identify the complex challenges facing Native children in Alaska and across the U.S.

Shortly after her appointment by House Speaker Paul Ryan, O'Neill's fellow members on the committee elected her to serve as its chair.

An initiative put forth by Senators Lisa Murkowski (Alaska) and Heidi Heitkamp (North Dakota) and put in place by President Barack Obama in 2016, the commission is tasked with conducting a comprehensive study of federal, state, local and tribal programs that serve Native children. The goal of the committee is to develop a system that delivers wrap-around services to Native youth.

"I am excited about this work and the huge impact it will have for all Native communities across the nation," said O'Neill. "We're taking a broad look at the status of Native children and providing recommendations on how to help improve the opportunities available to our young people."

During her 20-year tenure as CITC's President and CEO, O'Neill has transitioned the organization into one that acts as an ambassador of Native interests on a regional, statewide and national level.



› CITC President and CEO Gloria O'Neill. Photo courtesy of CITC.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to take all of the knowledge and understanding developed over the course of my career and apply it toward the work of this important commission," she added. "The positive impact we can have on the lives of our Native youth makes my heart sing."

For more information on the commission, visit Senator Heitkamp's website at [www.heitkamp.senate.gov](http://www.heitkamp.senate.gov). 📄

## CIRI SIGNS LETTER AGREEMENT FOR LEASE RIGHTS TO JOHNSON TRACT MINERAL DEPOSIT

On June 19, Constantine Metal Resources, a Canadian mineral exploration company, signed a letter agreement with CIRI to study a gold and zinc-rich deposit on CIRI-owned land in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. Known as the Johnson Tract, the property was conveyed to CIRI under the terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 and the Cook Inlet Land Exchange of 1976. As part of its land selection, CIRI was granted special rights that entitle it to transportation and port easements through park lands for the development of the Johnson Tract.

The two companies are working to finalize terms of a 10-year lease with a renewal option, which includes annual and escalating lease payments for CIRI until production is achieved. Upon completion of a feasibility study and a decision to construct a mine, CIRI has a right to participate in the project and receive net smelter return royalties on gold and base metals.

Constantine is no stranger to mineral exploration in Alaska – the company's flagship project is the Palmer copper-and-zinc prospect in the Chilkat Valley near Haines, Alaska. A two-rig, 10,000-meter drill program commenced at that site in June.

"Johnson Tract is an exceptional gold asset, and we are excited about the chance to explore and advance the project for the mutual benefit of CIRI and Constantine in a manner consistent with CIRI's cultural values," Constantine President and CEO Garfield MacVeigh said in a statement.

"CIRI is pleased to work with Constantine on the Johnson Tract project," said CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich. "CIRI prides itself on projects that deliver economic benefits to our shareholders while respecting and preserving the land. With Constantine's excellent reputation for responsible mineral exploration and development activities, as well as its established track record in Alaska, we know we have chosen the ideal partner."

For more information, visit [www.constantinemetals.com](http://www.constantinemetals.com). 📄

## HUMAN REMAINS AT DILLINGHAM GRAVE SITE

On June 10, the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. (BBAHC) recovered human remains from the eroding grave site area located above Kakanak Beach in Dillingham, Alaska. As required under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), potential claimants are being notified of this event to solicit those who may wish to claim these remains.

Under the BBAHC Eroding Grave Sites Reburial Plan and NAGPRA, potential stakeholders have until Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, to contact BBAHC and submit a claim for the remains. If you have questions or wish to submit a claim, call BBAHC at (907) 842-9480 or toll free (800) 478-5201.

## MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. **When CIRI mail is returned as undeliverable, the distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated.**

Shareholders with Qenek portal accounts may update their addresses online. Alternatively, shareholders may visit CIRI's website or call Shareholder Relations at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 for address change forms and information.

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## SHAREHOLDER ESTATES

### ALSO MISSING

When CIRI shareholders pass away, gathering the information necessary to settle the stock estate is often a difficult task and may delay settlement. CIRI is looking to contact the individuals listed below in connection with the following estates:

- Estate of Thomas William Highsmith – Tonya Lorraine Highsmith
- Estate of Lily Mae Marshall – Kamette R. Myers and Christian James Marshall
- Estate of Richard Lloyd Sargent (aka Lloyd Richard Sargent) – Derek Bernard Sargent and John Michael Sargent Clark
- Estate of Leonard Turgeon – Ashley Moore

If your name appears above or you know the whereabouts of any of the individuals listed above, please contact CIRI Probate at (907) 263-5191 or toll free at 1-800-764-2474, and select option 4.