

### Project Objective:

The Native Village of Mekoryuk (NVM) will carry out a clean-up of the community's subsistence camps. The clean-up project will improve environmental and community health, subsistence travel safety, and increase environmental awareness.

### Results:

- Approximately one ton of trash removed from subsistence camping sites.
- 5 different subsistence sites were cleaned up.
- Educational outreach efforts reach 200 community members.

### Benefits:

It will lead to greater community involvement in village solid waste programs, enabling villages to accomplish more, with lesser resources. Clean and healthy subsistence lands are a top priority for most rural communities throughout AK because of the heavy reliance on subsistence food and the central role subsistence activities play in community residents' daily lives

### Lessons Learned:

- Under estimated number of old 55 gal drums.
- Good community outreach helped the project.
- Have plan for equipment break downs.
- Schedule project educational events that don't interfere with subsistence activities.

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# Native Village of Mekoryuk



## Subsistence Lands Clean-up



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# Project Timeline

## 2012 Community Environmental Demonstration Project Grant

**Work done prior to March 2012**  
 Subsistence camp site trash problem identified.  
 Community support gathered for grant proposal.  
 Wrote and submitted successful proposal.

Mekoryuk receives grant from Zender Environmental.

Developed community and school project outreach materials to coincide with Earth day events.

Letters sent out to households requesting help from families to start gathering trash to one pile for pickup.



Coordinated logistics with boat captain

Waste hauled out of camp sites

Documented amount and type of trash collected.

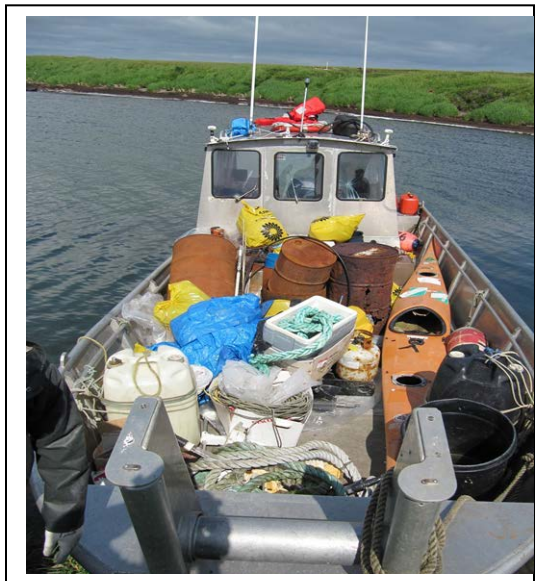
Present Project at Annual AFE in Anchorage

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| Mar '12 | April '12 | May '12 | June '12 | July '12 | Aug '12 | Sep '12 | Oct '12 | Nov '12 | Dec '12 | Jan '12 | Feb '13 |
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Hired boat captain and getting equipment ready.

Had IGAP staff turnover. New Coordinator learned about project and management

Trash collection began at sites. Asked campers to "pile up" trash for easier pickup.



Developed Project presentation. Began to close-out grant.

Grant orientation on reporting procedures and other recipient expectations.

