

January 2006 Meeting

Intro: This meeting is about our subsistence way of life, keeping over village and camp site clean.

We have to try and keep our land clean. Every food that's not taken care of or even our left over, any animal can realize it.

Now a day's, I always see food anywhere bad and get rot. Back when I was young our fathers never used to catch lots of seal. Our mothers used to take care of the food that was caught right

away. Every part of the seal was food including the head. They even use the intestine to put food in. They used to blow the intestine and dry them up.

The only part that wasn't eaten was the bone, and the bones were thrown away in the pond or buried under ground. .

Today, we are getting too lazy and foods wouldn't be taken care right away.

Whatever our hunters catch we are suppose to take care of it like how we take care of our body and our body wants food.

Long ago when I was a young lady, I was taught not to waste any food. Some foods get easily rotten. While men bring their catches home like small fishes they would accidentally drop them. If we find any food on the ground that was dropped we would take it and put them in our mouth and eat it. That's how we live our life. We used to see our self poor even we had enough food.

Let's try live our life like before. Have respect for the world because it belong to someone we can't see and that's God.

In the past there was no freezers, they used to dig a hole under the ground and use it as there freezer. Our men go hunting for our food and we women have to take care of them carefully. Men suffer going hunting in the cold and bad weather and they come home very wet and cold, and tired.

Back when I was young, I never used to see school. I never even went to school before. Our parents and grandparents would teach us the way of life. Men would teach the boys hunting and other man stuff. Women would teach girls cutting animals, how to sew and other women stuff. Know a days, I always see food, guts and bones everywhere that just there wasted and left alone.

Men don't hunt and forget about their nets in the river. We have to watch our stuff because everything is getting too expensive. It's not easy to get food in the wilderness. When the food is hang and dried it never gets bad no matter how old is gets. So before the food gets old cut it up and dry it. It will last longer that way, then wasting it.

In the past before there was lots of beaver there used to be lots of food in cakcaaq (camp area). Today's world we are living in white man's shoes. Back then they had rules on how there going to use the food what they catch on.

When men go hunting whatever they caught, they would share it to relatives and friends and the man would catch more food because they are sharing there catch. That man would be called a great hunter.

Our father, mother, and grandparents used to teach us how we should live our life. We never had a teacher before and we never used to go school. The only teacher we had was our parents or grandparents and also relatives.

In the past, there was no snow machines, Honda, or motors. We used to use dogs sled, and that was our only transportation in the winter times. We used to take care of the dogs and always try to feed them. We used to feed the dog the left over food and it helps our town look clean.

Long time ago when I became conscious, there were big boats and of course they didn't have a motor. It was like a sail boat.

When men go hunting and catch seal, our mothers used to take care of them good. Every body part of the seal was food.

Now a day, seems like women are getting lazy and some of the foods are always wasted and even left alone.

In the past, there was no paper. Everything they learn from there parents or grandparents was put in there head. And seems like all that stuff is fating slowly. Now a day people use papers to remember and those papers would get thicker.

Since we're getting old and can't read or write we tell what we remember.