



Building a 'Bigger Tent':

Inter-Agency Support to Alaskan Languages, Cultures, and Identities

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SMITHSONIAN PROGRAMS:

- National Museum of Natural History, National Anthropological Archives (NAA): Endangered Languages, Cultural Heritage – Documentation, Collections, Access to Historical Records and Photographs;
- National Museum of Natural History, Arctic Studies Center (ASC): Cultures and Identities -- Research, Documentation, Early Collections, Exhibits, Publications, Education and Public Outreach Programs
- National Museum of Natural History, Arctic Studies Center, Anchorage Office: Cultures and Identities -- Exhibits, Education, and Public Outreach Programs;
- National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI): Collections, Exhibits, Heritage Programs, Public Events;

SMITHSONIAN PROGRAMS: EXHIBITS



New public face of polar science, the exhibit “Arctic: A Friend Acting Strangely,” at the National Museum of Natural History, 2006

SMITHSONIAN PROGRAMS: PUBLICATIONS

Conrad Oozeva, Chester Noongwook, George Noongwook, Christina Alowa, and Igor Krupnik

Watching Ice and Weather Our Way



Sikumengllu Eslamengllu Esghapalleghput

Akulki, Tapghaghmii, Mangtaaqli, Sunqaanga, Igor Krupnik

SMITHSONIAN PROGRAMS: WEBSITES

Sea Ice Dictionary - Igor Krupnik - Windows Internet Explorer

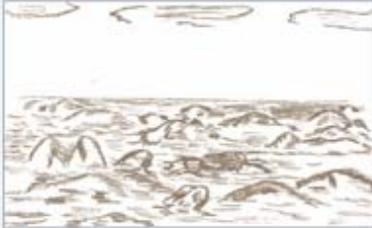
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Sea Ice Dictionary - Igor Krupnik

regimes. There is a lot to learn from this unique knowledge of elders, by polar scientists and by younger Native generations alike.”

These illustrations are some examples of Yupik sea-ice terms with illustrations by Vadim Yenani.

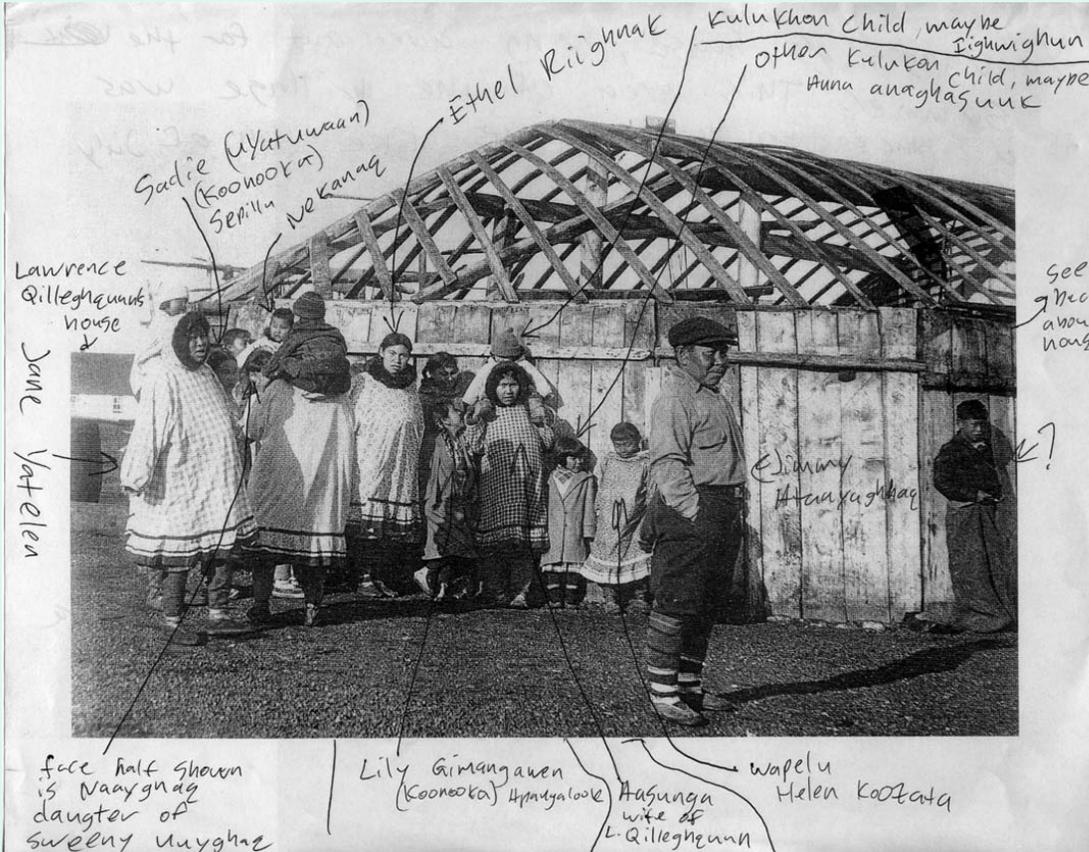
	
Siku The main term for ice. Also, the ice-covered Bering Sea.	Analghu Floating pressure ice ridge. Ice piled higher than neighboring ones. (Pressure ridges form where two pieces of sea ice push together.)
	
Siinguraq Stream of dense ice carried by north or south current or pushed by low tide. Dangerous to walk on.	Sigiin New ice formed within cracks in an ice flow. Good to walk on.

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SMITHSONIAN PROGRAMS: PHOTO COLLECTIONS



Yup'ik Men at St. Michael. 1880. NAA



SMITHSONIAN PROGRAMS: ANCHORAGE

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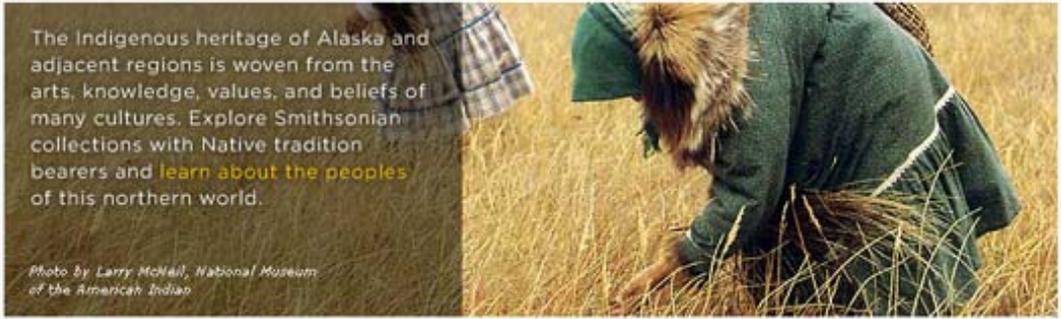
ALASKA NATIVE COLLECTIONS
Sharing Knowledge

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BROWSE CULTURES TOURS SEARCH

The Indigenous heritage of Alaska and adjacent regions is woven from the arts, knowledge, values, and beliefs of many cultures. Explore Smithsonian collections with Native tradition bearers and **learn about the peoples** of this northern world.

Photo by Larry McNeil, National Museum of the American Indian



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Tours



Whaling Traditions
Art, ceremony, and spiritual beliefs imbue Native whaling traditions of the Bering Sea, Arctic Ocean, and Gulf of Alaska. [View Tour](#)

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Federal:

- NEH (languages, cultures, history),
- NSF (languages and cultures),
- Smithsonian (cultures, identities, history),
- NPS (cultures, subsistence, heritage),
- FWS (subsistence, lifestyles),
- BLM (heritage, place-names),
- USGS (subsistence, place-names),
- BIA (heritage, cultures),
- HHS (nutrition, lifestyle),
- NIH (subsistence, nutrition, community well-being),
- Dept. of Education (schools, bi-lingual education),
- DOA (nutrition, health, lifestyles)
- US Census Bureau (languages, identities)

State:

- ADF&G (subsistence),
- Alaska State Museums (cultures, history, tribal museums),
- Alaska State Council on the Arts (arts, tribal museums),
- University of Alaska (Native studies, languages, cultures),
- Alaska Native Science Commission (knowledge, heritage),
- Alaska Humanities Forum (heritage, knowledge)



Thank You!

