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# Welcome!

Quyana to all the 2023 Neqa participants. We are thrilled that you have chosen to visit Bristol Bay and trust you'll enjoy experiencing the bounty of our region of Alaska.

In addition to generous donations listed in the Guidebook, we extend a warm welcome to our sponsor teams joining us on the river this year. We are excited to have you with us!

The Neqa on the Nushagak exists to raise funds and awareness of Bristol Bay Foundation's mission while celebrating one of our region's most cherished resources - salmon. (Pronounced Neh-kah, Neqa is the Yup'ik word for food or fish.)

This year, we will honor late board chair Marie Pipayaq Paul (May 11, 1961 – December 18, 2022), pictured on the cover with Bristol Bay Foundation Deputy Director Angela Peacock at the first Neqa celebration in 2018.

Marie was an important part of our Neqa event as she

skillfully processed and preserved dozens of fish over the years and shared our culture with humility, humor, and much joy. We will miss her laughter on the river this year, but we rest in the assurance that her spirit will continue to live on in our event. As Marie would tell us, being on the land is healing. We look forward to these days of being together.

We hope you will join us in supporting students and cultural heritage in Bristol Bay. We invite you to consider a personal donation to support Bristol Bay Foundation.



You can donate to our cause by visiting [bristolbayfoundation.org/contribute](http://bristolbayfoundation.org/contribute) and clicking the DONATE NOW button or scanning this QR code with your smartphone (when you get back into

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phone service!) With your help, we will continue to be able to support student scholarships and critical cultural heritage funding. Thank you again for joining us – fish on!

*William Chythlook*

*Aleesha Towns-Bain*

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## **Our mission**

To provide support for and encourage BBNC shareholders and descendants to pursue educational opportunities and to promote and preserve the cultural heritage of the Bristol Bay region, its indigenous people, and subsistence way-of-life.



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# Event Agenda

*All events take place at the Toman's King Camp  
and Alaska Kingfishers.*

## Saturday, June 17

**12-4 pm Corporate sponsor teams arrive on river.** Welcome to camp! *Getting settled and enjoy an afternoon of getting to know your camp.*

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**5 pm Cocktail reception at Alaska Kingfishers Camp and Boat fundraising auction.** *Join celebrity guest bartender Guy Armfield and your fellow fisherfolk for a cocktail reception to open the event. Be ready to bid as we will be auctioning off THREE swag-filled boats for fishing on Sunday. See more details p. 27.*

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**6:30 pm Return home to camps for dinner.**





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## Sunday, June 18

**8:00 am** **Breakfast in home camps and fishing.  
Auction boats on the river!**

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**12:30 pm** **Traditional Welcome and Open  
Community Lunch at Toman's Camp.**  
*Arrive for our traditional welcome and  
prayer, as well as cultural presentation.  
Toman's will serve up a great hot lunch  
for community members and event  
attendees.*

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**6:00 pm** **Dinner at home camps.**

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**7-9 pm** **In-camp cornhole tournament.**  
*Become the king/queen of the camp!  
Each camp will crown its top two teams  
to participate in a championship at the  
Closing Dinner. Details p. 29!*

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## Monday, June 19

**7:30 am Breakfast at home camps and all-day fishing!!** *Pack your lunch for on-river.*

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**10:00 am Poker run and Native Food Tasting.**

**-2:00 pm** *We're playing poker today. Teams will stop by our participating camps to collect winning hands and experience our famous Native food tastings. Details on how to play p. 29.*

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**7:30 pm Dinner, Celebration, Poker Run Finale & Cornhole Championship.**

*We'll be announcing the poker run winner today. Cornhole finalists from each camp will all meet at Kingfishers for our closing dinner and celebration. Details on how to play p. 29.*

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## Tuesday, June 20

**8 am Sponsor Teams depart**  
**-Noon**

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Finding a purposeful way to assist one another, turning belief into action, and working toward shared goals — these are the driving forces that lift up humanity and make a difference, one person at a time.

**Wells Fargo is a proud sponsor of Neqa on the Nushagak**, and salutes the Bristol Bay Foundation for its efforts to provide higher education and vocational training scholarships to BBNC shareholders and support cultural heritage activities.

# Thank You!

We thank all the volunteers who are so dedicated to making this event successful! Neqa on the Nushagak would not be possible without the contributions of staff, board, volunteers, and our awesome hosts camps. Thank you to the whole crew at Mission Lodge, particularly Tiarna Stuhan and Sarah Fullhart, all our friends at Eva's Wild, GCI, Fishe Wear, and Odom. Quyana to all for supporting us.



## Sponsor Team Hosts

- Toman's King Camp - Andi & Jeremy Toman
- Alaska Kingfishers - Rob Fuentes
- Alaska Salmon Camp - Kent Anderson
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# Place Names

Connections with land are essential to Bristol Bay culture. Each place has a story. Where there are berries or salmon, there are names. These place names were not written on paper, but kept in a community's understanding of its place. Here are a few place names near the Nushagak.

## **Iilgayaq - Nushagak River and name of Bristol Bay**

*Def: Possibly means a place to hide – the root word of Iilgayaq is “iiq” to hide.* Everyone could identify the location on a map, but no one could explain the meaning of the name. Elders said it's a name that the elders were born into, and is a river name that people long ago named and our generation and their generation know it with no meaning.

## **Curyung: Dillingham: Choggiung**

*Def: Possibly related to murky, dirty like tea.* Located at the extreme northern end of the Nushagak Bay in northern Bristol Bay at the confluence of the Wood and Nushagak Rivers.

## **Akulivikcaq – Ekwok Lodge**

*Def: Area between.* May be simply a place name or may reference the small creek that formerly divided the site into two equal parts. Located on the west bank of Nushagak River approximately 5 kilometers downstream of Ekwok. This was considered an important site and one of the largest on the river.

## **Iquaq – Ekwok**

*Def: End of bluff.* Located on the right bank of the Nushagak just above the mouth of Klutuk Creek, 43 miles northeast of Dillingham. It is the oldest continuously occupied Eskimo village on the river. The first post office established in 1935 known as “Ekwok.”

**More details and an interactive map: [www.bristolbayonline.com](http://www.bristolbayonline.com).**



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# TIDES

The closest tide station is 27 miles away in Dillingham-Snag Point. There will be some variation depending on what part of the river you're fishing.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

**Sunrise / 5:19 am      Sunset / 11:49 pm**

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**High Tides / 4:21 am (20.8) / 3:36 pm (15.6)**

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**Low Tides / 10:45 am (6.6) / 10:38 pm (-.9)**

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

**Sunrise / 5:19 am      Sunset / 11:50 pm**

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**High Tides / 5:43 am (21.5) / 4:47 pm (14)**

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**Low Tides / 12:06 pm (6) / 11:37 pm (-1.1)**

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## MONDAY, JUNE 19

**Sunrise / 5:19 am      Sunset / 11:50 pm**

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**High Tides / 6:31 am (21.4) / 5:36 pm (13.3)**

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**Low Tides / 1:00 pm (6.0)**

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## Thank you for your donation!

BBF volunteers will be processing your fish heads to benefit Bristol Bay elders and communities in partnership with the camps this year. Volunteers will work with camp staff to ensure that these excellent parts of the fish are not wasted. Each part of the head has nutritional benefits. Salmon heads are diced and boiled to create a decadent fish head soup.

**From a Bristol  
Bay Foundation  
Scholarship  
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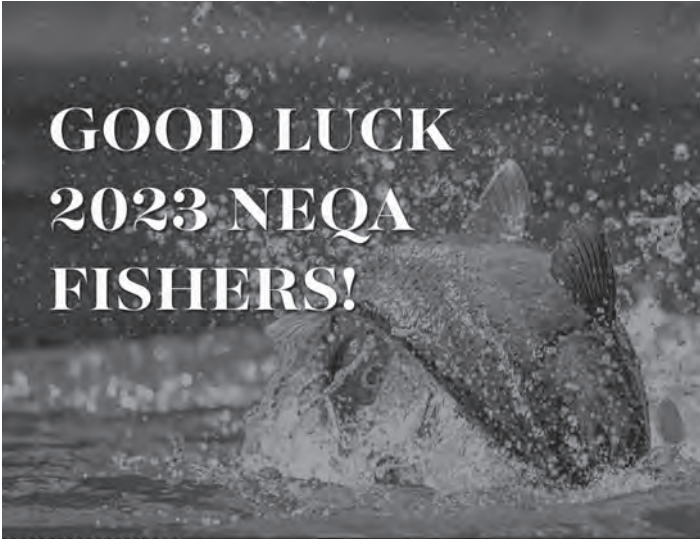
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This year we changed our name to Bristol Bay Foundation from Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) Education Foundation to fully represent who we are and what we do.

To celebrate our new identity, we have updated our logo which features a naniq (stone oil lamp). The naniq represents warmth, light, and hope that cultures and education bring to our community. It's a symbol of our rich Indigenous heritage, our own knowledge systems, and our dedication to promoting it.

While our name has changed, our mission remains the same. We will continue to provide scholarships to BBNC shareholders and descendants and Piniq' and Native Place Name Grants to nonprofits, schools, and tribes. Additionally, we are expanding our efforts to support positive educational outcomes and increase cultural heritage opportunities, particularly in our Indigenous languages.

We are proud of our new name and logo, and we feel they represent our organization's values and mission. Quyanaa, chin'an, quyana, and thank you for our continued support. We look forward to continuing our work together as the Bristol Bay Foundation.



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# Happy Anniversary to Us!

In 2022 Bristol Bay Foundation celebrated its 30th anniversary, and we've been able to reflect on all we've accomplished over the past three decades. Providing Bristol Bay students with scholarships that help them make their higher education and vocational training dreams possible, and expanding our work to include preserving Bristol Bay's rich cultural heritage and inspiring residents to carry on the legacy and traditions of their ancestors. None of this would have been possible without your continued financial support. Visit [bristolbayfoundation.org/](http://bristolbayfoundation.org/) contribute if you'd like to donate. Quyanara for your support!

**Our foundation has provided more than \$4,262,569 in scholarships to over 4,600 students.**

## From a Bristol Bay Foundation Scholarship Recipient

*"Thank you and all the donors for the many years of scholarships I have received – from my years at Brown University for my undergraduate degree to the vocational funding for becoming an EMT and now my three years doing my dual master's degree program in Boston, MA for Physician Assistant and Master of Public Health. I am excited to soon be starting as a PA in Anchorage in Primary Care. Once I become more comfortable as a PA, I hope to provide medical care in rural Alaska!"*

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# Boat Fundraising Auction

As part of our networking event, we will be hosting a unique boat auction that offers an extraordinary experience on the beautiful Nushagak River.

This auction is not about selling boats, but rather about selling the opportunity to spend a day fishing with three of your friends at the event.

The boat auction will feature three fantastic boat time generously sponsored by our amazing friends from GCI, FisheWear, and Eva's Wild. Each boat will come equipped with a Yeti bucket filled with refreshments, goodie bags from our sponsors (GCI, FisheWear, and Eva's Wild), a waterproof boat speaker, and an assortment of snacks to keep everyone energized throughout the day. If your bid wins the auction, you choose your guide and crew of three friends for Sunday on the Nushagak! The starting minimum bid for this incredible opportunity is set at \$1,000.

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# Cornhole Tournament

Hosted at our three home camps: Alaska Kingfishers, Toman's, and Alaska Salmon Camp. To ensure fairness, we will randomly pair up participants by drawing names out of a hat at each camp. We will kick off the tournament on Sunday, June 18, with teams competing to secure a spot in the championship round. First and second place teams from each camp will move to the final showdown at Alaska Kingfishers Camp on Monday evening, following the closing dinner. The last team standing will be crowned the champions and be rewarded with an Apple Watch each, a prize worthy of their skills and sportsmanship. **Get ready for some friendly competition, great camaraderie, and a chance to win fantastic prizes!**

# Poker Tournament

On Monday afternoon, June 19, we will host the Nushagak Poker Run. Sponsored teams will journey to Toman's, Alaska Salmon Camp, and Alaska Kingfishers Camp, drawing cards along the way. Traditional Alaska Native foods will be shared at each stop, reflecting our cultural values of generosity. The tournament will conclude at Alaska Kingfishers Camp, where participants can discard cards at a cost, with funds raised supporting our mission. The winner will receive a BBNC 50th-year anniversary blanket featuring artwork by Apayuq Moore, representing the rich heritage of Bristol Bay. **Join us for an unforgettable evening of competition, culture, and community support.**



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