

July 3, 2019

To: Senior Leaders for State and Federal Agencies associated with rural Alaska community development

Re: Hold the Date – July 23, 2019

Subject: Community of Akiak Public Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska to Discuss an Organized Retreat from the Advancing Kuskokwim River

This letter is written to request the participation of your organization in a public meeting to be held in Anchorage, Alaska on July 23, 2019. Specific times, location, agenda and meeting materials will be forthcoming.

The Akiak Native Community, the City of Akiak and the Kokarmiut Corporation entered into a tri-party agreement on May 18, 2019 to address the unprecedented spring melt / high water event on May 17 and May 18, 2019 in which up to 75 feet of riverbank was claimed by the Kuskokwim River along 1200 lineal feet of river front.

As part of our combined efforts we are collaborating on developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for subsequent submission to the Federal Emergency Management Administration for approval. This proposed public meeting will be part of the process for the community of Akiak to approve the HMP and we believe strongly that your participation is critical for a better document, and also to guide us in developing an implementation plan to put the highlighted HMP tasks into action.

If there is any additional information you may need to support this request please contact either Sheila Carl at 907-765-7112 or David Gilila at 907-765-7411, or you may contact Joel Neimeyer at 907-244-2980 who is serving as a consultant to the community on relocation matters.

Sincerely,



Sheila Carl
Tribal Administrator,
Akiak Native Community



David Gilila, Sr.
City Administrator,
City of Akiak



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