

National Park Service

Western Arctic National Parklands

Ethnographic and Cultural Affiliation Studies

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Common Applications

- Understanding subsistence in and around the Parks
- Research: Determining cultural affiliation of ethno-historic (AD 1815 – 1960s) archaeological resources and cultural importance of past/present use areas
- Facilitation of consultation among NANA, and villages [aka gov't – gov't]
 - Subsistence (ANILCA)
 - Projects (research, construction, other) (NHPA, Section 106)
 - Human Remains (NAGPRA, 1990)
 - ****NOTE:** BIA/IRA are the proper consultation vehicle when a project might affect individual allotments

Present Dataset

- NANA [all villages except Kivalina, Deering, Buckland and Noatak]
- Brown University [Kuuvaŋmiut | Anderson]
- Ernest S. Burch, Jr. [Ethno-historic]
- Bob and Carrie Uhl (1980) Tagiumsinaaqmitt: Ocean Beach Dwellers of the Cape Krusenstern Area: Subsistence Patterns (not digitized in GIS)
- Obscure studies:
 - Libbey, D (1980s) Interview with Joe Sun of Shungnak (not digitized in GIS, unsure of gray literature disposition)
 - Giddings, J. L., Jr. (Various observations at Cape Krusenstern and Kobuk River)
 - Ramoth (2001) Giddings Cabin Cultural Landscape Inventory (interviews with residents of Ambler and Onion Portage)
 - Foote (1960s) ? (not digitized in GIS, unsure of gray lit disposition)

NANA Place Names Study

- Loon, Hannah (1980/early 1990s) [Project Director]
- All villages within the NANA Region, except for Kivalina, Deering, Buckland and Noatak
- NPS does not have access to all gray literature and raw data (permission must be sought from NANA to use).
- Some information digitized in GIS, but tables have not been populated.

Kuuvavmiut

- Anderson, Wanni (1998) Kuuvavmiut Subsistence: Traditional Eskimo Life in the Latter Twentieth Century.
- Information requests beyond the monograph (i.e., maps, notes, tapes, etc) should be made to Wanni.
- NPS refers to Kuuvavmiut for much of KOVA NP. Most information has been digitized in GIS with appropriate metadata.
- The study is slightly outdated (i.e., ethnographic resources may have been destroyed by river erosion/inundation), but contains some useful information.

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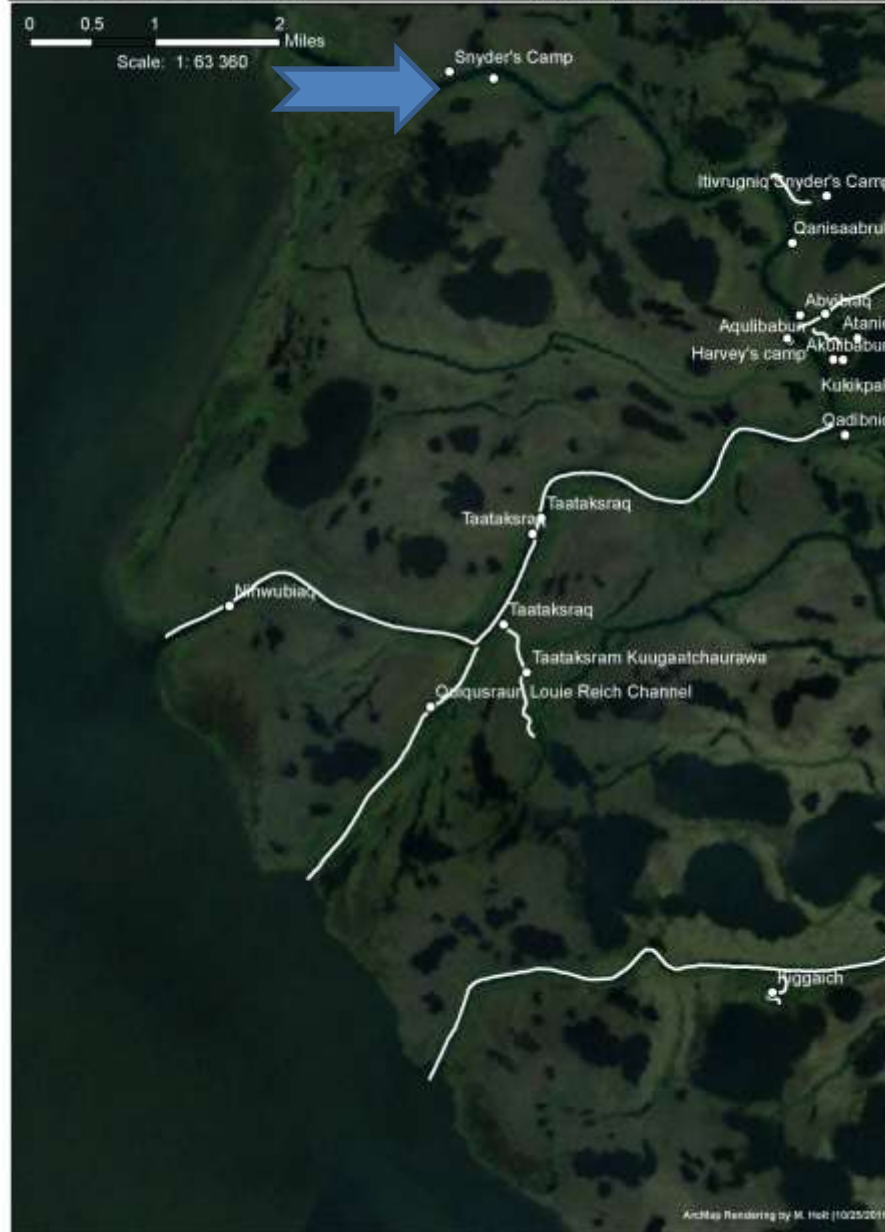
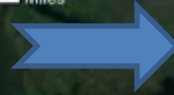


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Inupiaq Place Names

SITEID	INUPIAQ	DESC_1	VILLAGE
676	Kurguraq	A channel.	KUUVAN MUIIT
677		A grave site.	KUUVAN MUIIT
678	Q̄ruuruq	"Has lots of wood." A campsite.	KUUVAN MUIIT
679		A grave site.	KUUVAN MUIIT
680	Snyder's Camp	A campsite, with a cabin.	KUUVAN MUIIT
681	Nunakeraq	"Hand." A campsite and slough.	KUUVAN MUIIT
682	Kurguraq	A channel.	KUUVAN MUIIT
683	Akiqqasitq	A campsite.	KUUVAN MUIIT
684	Atibutim Kuugaatehiawa	A campsite.	KUUVAN MUIIT
685	Atibun	A lake.	KUUVAN MUIIT



Burch' Studies

- Burch, Ernest S. Jr., (1998) Iñupiaq Eskimo Nations of Northwest Alaska
- Information requests will need to be obtained posthumously from the Burch family
- Study area encompasses much of the NANA region, showing the ethno-historic life-ways and territories of the Twentieth Century
- The study is mostly of use in determining cultural affiliations with historic-aged archaeological sites and human remains (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 1990)

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Village Consultation Areas

Village	Contact_Re	NAGPRA_POA	Memo	PARK
Eivalina	Kivalina IRA PO Box 51 Kivalina, AK 99750 907/645-2153 ofc 907/645-2193 fax Administrator (Stanley Hawley) kvtribesadmin@gmail.com President (Millie Hawley)	<null>	Burch 1998, p. 9 (Kivalinirmiut) contact updated 5/10/2011	CAKR
Noatak	Noatak IRA PO Box 89 Noatak, AK 99761 907/485-2173 ofc 907/485-2137 fax Administrator (Mary Lou Sours) tribesadmin@nautaaq.org President (Michael Sherman, sr.)	<null>	Burch 1998, p. 9 (Nuutaagmiut Napaagtoqmiut) contact updated 5/10/2011	NOAT, CAKR
Kotzebue	Kotzebue IRA PO Box 296 Kotzebue, AK 99752 907/442-3467 ofc 907/442-2162 fax Executive Director (Acting Noah Naylor) noah.naylor@qira.org Chairman (Willie Goodwin)	<null>	Burch 1998, p. 9 (Qikiqtagrunmiut) contact updated 5/10/2011	NOAT, CAKR
Deering	Deering IRA PO Box 89 Deering, AK 99736 907/363-2138 ofc 907/363-2195 fax Administrator (Bonita Barr) tribesadmin@ipnatchiaq.org President (Alein Iyatunguk, sr.)	<null>	Burch 1998, p. 9 (Pittagmiut) contact updated 5/10/2011	BELA
Kiana	Kiana Traditional PO Box 69 Kiana, AK 99749 907/475-2109 ofc 907/475-2180 fax Executive Director (Gloria Shellabarger) tribesdirector@katyaaq.org President (Charlie Curtis)	<null>	Burch 1998, p. 9 (Akunigmiut) contact updated 5/10/2011	KOVA
Selawik	Selawik IRA PO Box 59 Selawik, AK 99770 907/484-2225	<null>	Burch 1998, p. 9 (Kittaagmiut Silivium	KOVA

Village	Contact_Bo	NAGPRA_POA	Memo	PARK
	ofc 907/484-2226 fax Administrator (Tanya Ballo) trsbadmin@akuligaq org President (Clyde Ramoth)		Kaniagnmiut contact updated 5/10/2011	
Ambler, Kobuk, Shungnak		<null>	Speculated area of interest (Willie Goodwin and Michael Holt [NPS])	KOVA
Noorvik		<null>	Speculated area of interest (Willie Goodwin and Michael Holt [NPS])	KOVA
Shismaref, Brovig Mission		<null>	Klingler Map (derived from Burch) (Tapqagnmiut) Brovig Mission was established during epidemic with people from Shis	BELA
Wales		<null>	Klingler Map (derived from Burch) (Kinikmiut)	BELA
Teller		<null>	Klingler Map (derived from Burch) (Qsviarnagmiut)	BELA
D'haii Gwich'in		<null>	Klingler Map (derived from Burch) (D'haii Gwich'in)	NOAT

Current/Pending Projects

- (CAKR) 200 Generations: On a Beach of Their Own Time [Shelby Anderson & Adam Freeberg | UW]
 - Limited ethnographic scope (synthesis of previous works)
- (KOVA) Dunes Unit Archaeological and Ethnographic O & A [Scott Shirar | UAF & NPS]
 - Limited ethnographic scope (synthesis of previous works)
- (BELA & CAKR) Shorezone Mapping project
 - Will (hopefully) integrate TEK and western science for management decisions
 - Address issues of climate change and oil spill responses, etc.

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NPS Priorities

- Cultural Affiliation Study (unfunded)
 - Pilot project is proposed for Kiana
 - Once a process/workflow is established, other villages can be easily integrated into the project
 - “..,This cultural affiliation study will address the data gap, thereby increasing the ability of park management to recognize tribal affiliations to resources and to engage in government-to-government consultations for undertakings, as required by NHPA and NAGPRA,” (Devinney, 2011)

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Recommendations

- Traditional Knowledge Integration
 - Let's coordinate with folks at the villages—those having the greatest ties to the resources.
- Revisit old place names
 - E.g., coastal and river places that have been destroyed and inundated due to erosion, etc.
- Project Collaboration
 - Pooling resources and expertise, where practicable (Interagency Agreements)

Taikuu

- Special thanks:
 - NWAB
 - Village Participants
 - NANA, FWS, ADF&G, BLM, BIA/IRA, among others
 - Eileen Devinney (NPS, Ethnographer)