

# ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS - A SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

## Over 44 Million Acres of Private Fee Simple Land

In 1971 the U.S. Congress passed an act known as the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). This act established 12 Regional Native Corporations in Alaska and authorized them to select lands that would become their fee simple property. ANCSA also established about 200 village Corporations and authorized them to select the surface of lands around their villages that had been obtained by the Regional Corporations.

Alaska Regional and Village corporations are a unique form of private corporations. Their lands are owned fee simple and can be mined or developed under agreements just as any other private lands in this country. Additionally, the Native Corporations want development on their lands and they encourage minerals exploration. These lands were often selected because of their high mineral potential, and because there has been relatively little exploration or development in Alaska, the opportunities are tremendous.

The Native Corporations want to develop their lands, and they want jobs for their shareholders. Life in Alaska villages has been characterized by seasonal jobs, high unemployment and welfare. The Native Corporations are working to change this, and the very best chance for doing so is minerals development.

The following is a brief description of the 12 Alaska Regional Native Corporations.



**AHTNA, INC** – Ahtna has 1/8 million acres in east central Alaska near the Canadian border. The land is in the Copper River Basin, home of the original Kennecott copper deposit. There has been little exploration in the area, but there are indications of gold, copper, platinum, tungsten, and coal. **For more information contact:** Kathryn Martis, VP of Land & Resources, PO Box 649, Glenallen, AK 99508 Phone (907) 822-3476 FAX (907) 822-3495 [www.ahtna-inc.com](http://www.ahtna-inc.com)



**ALUET CORPORATION** – Aleut Corporation has 1/2 million acres on the Aleutian Island Chain, from Pt. Moller on the peninsula to Umnak Island. The islands are of a volcanic nature, there is considerable geothermal energy available in addition to indications of copper, gold, oil, and gas deposits. Battle Mountain Gold previously explored for gold in this area. **For more information contact:** Melvin Smith, Manager of Resources Development, 4000 Old Seward Hwy., Ste. 330, Anchorage, AK 99503-6087; Phone (907) 561-4300 FAX (907) 563-4328. [www.aleutcorp.com](http://www.aleutcorp.com)



**ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION** – ASRC has 5.5 million acres in the Northern part of Alaska, some of which is near the Red Dog mine, a world class zinc deposit. In addition to oil and gas potential ASRC has a major coal deposit and is currently working to market it. **For more information contact:** Teresa Imm, Manager of Resource Development, 3900 C St., Ste. 801, Anchorage, AK 99503; Phone (907) 339-6014 FAX (907) 339-6028. [www.asrc.com](http://www.asrc.com)



**BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION** – Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) owns over 1.4 million acres of subsurface land in Alaska's Seward Peninsula/Norton Sound Region. This is a highly mineralized area and known prospects of potential commercial grade gold and tin have been identified. BSNC holds the title to lands on or near known prospects in the region including Bluff, Mount Distin, Rock Creek, Lost River, Potato Mountain and the Council Mining District. Additionally, BSNC has land that contains geothermal occurrences at Lava Creek, Granite Mountain Hot Springs, and Pilgrim Hot Springs. **For more information contact:** Matt Ganley, VP Land and Resources, PO Box 1008, Nome AK 99762; Phone (907) 632-7197 FAX (907) 443-2985. [www.beringstraits.com](http://www.beringstraits.com)

**BRISTOL BAY  
NATIVE CORP**

**BRISTOL BAY NATIVE CORPORATION** – BBNC has 3 million acres in Southwest AK around Bristol Bay. There are indications of gold and copper in the area. **For more information contact:** Tiel Smith, 111 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste. 400, Anchorage, AK 99501 Phone (907) 278-3602 FAX (907) 276-3924. [www.bbnc.net](http://www.bbnc.net)

**Calista  
CORPORATION**

**CALISTA CORPORATION** – Calista is entitled to 6.5 million acres in southwest Alaska. Within the region are several placer gold districts with long production histories. Hard rock properties include Donlin Creek Gold Project, which is the most advanced project with a drill indicated resource of 30 million troy ounces. Additional properties include the Nyac project and several less advanced properties in several mining district, including the Marshall, Goodnews and Red Devil-Middle Kuskokwim areas. **For more information contact:** June McAtee, VP of Land & Natural Resources, 301 Calista Ct., Ste. A, Anchorage, AK 99518. Phone (907) 279-5516 FAX (907) 272-5060. [www.calistacorp.com](http://www.calistacorp.com)

**CHUGACH  
ALASKA CORP**

**CHUGACH ALASKA INC** – Chugach holds 928,000 acres of land in southern Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound and North Gulf Coast area. Gold, copper ore, coal and oil have been produced from its lands. Chugach lands also have potential for chrome, nickel and manganese. Most of its lands are easily accessed by deep water ports. **For more information contact:** David Phillips, Manager of Lands & Resources, 3800 Centerpoint Dr., Ste. 601, Anchorage, AK 99503-4196. Phone (907) FAX ((07) 561-6961. [www.chugach-ak.com](http://www.chugach-ak.com)

**CIRI  
COOK INLET  
REGION INC.**

**COOK INLET REGIONAL CORPORATAION** – CIRI is the largest private landowner in the Cook Inlet region. CIRI is in the natural resource business by virtue of its significant subsurface ownership and actively encourages environmentally responsible exploration of its lands by oil and gas and mining companies. **For more information contact:** Kim Cunningham, VP Real Estate, 2525 C St., Ste. 500, Anchorage, AK 99503-2689. Phone (907) 274-8638 FAX (907) 263-5183. [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com)



**DOYON LIMITED** – The largest landbase of any Native Regional Corporation, the Doyon region includes 12.5 million acres in central Alaska between the Brooks Range and the Alaska Range. Many of these holdings are in historical mining districts. Doyon has exploration agreements with various mining companies. **For more information contact:** John Woodman C.P.G., Sr Manager for Lands & Natural Resources, Doyon Plaza, 1 Doyon Place, Ste. 300, Fairbanks, AK 99701-2941 Phone (907) 459-2033 FAX (907) 459-2062. [www.doyon.com](http://www.doyon.com)

**KONIAG, INC.**

**KONIAG INC** – Koniag has holdings on the Alaska Peninsula, Kodiak Island, and Afognak Island. Gold has been produced and there is potential for gold-copper porphyries on the Alaska Peninsula. **For more information contact** Charles Reft, Manager of Land and Resources, 4300 B St., Ste. 407, Anchorage, AK 99503-5961 Phone (907) 561-2668 FAX (907) 562-5258 Kodiak (907) 486-2530. [www.koniag.com](http://www.koniag.com)

**NANA  
REGIONAL CORP**

**NANA REGIONAL CORPORATION** – NANA has 2.3 million acres in Northwest Alaska. NANA owns Red Dog Mine, the world's largest producer of zinc which is operated by Cominco Alaska. NANA land contain other potential for gold, coal, base metals, and jade. **For more information contact:** Lance Miller, VP Resources 3150 C St., Anchorage, AK 99503. Phone (907) 265-4360 FAX (907) 343-5769. [www.nana.com](http://www.nana.com)

**SEALASKA  
CORP**

**SEALASKA CORP** – Sealaska has 290,000 acres in Southeast Alaska along the panhandle. This area is mineral rich and accessible. Sealaska lands contain precious metals, strategic minerals, and limestone. **For more information contact:** Rick Harris, VP One Sealaska Plaza, Ste. 400, Juneau, AK 99801-1276. Phone (907) 586-1512 FAX (907) 586-2304. [www.sealaska.com](http://www.sealaska.com)

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