

Nelson Island Wisdom

Tununak Meeting Jan 2005

Speaker	Elder Wisdom, Qaneryaraq ("ways of living") Subsistence Protection	Elder Wisdom, SWM specific	SWM concerns	SWM cause and effect	SWM solutions
John walter		Try to be pollution-free	Trucks and tractors lying around		Take pictures
John walter			Plastic bags	He saw someone throw a bag into the ocean	
John walter					Place batteries into a container
George hooper			AVEC – used oil – people use it for steam baths – these are causing cancers		
George hooper			Lagoon overflows sometimes and gets into food chain		
George hoper				Al cans used for spit instead of recycle	
				4-wheelers and sonwmachines are being used in a disrespectful manner – now they kill berries – where we used to have berries now very little berries	
					Digging and burying won't work because of foxes will dig it up. We need to take trash out of campsites.
	It is okay to repeat, with repeating you never foget				

	Everything that happens here we have something to say about it. If we hear someone has a problem on the tundra, we could locate them. I am sure some young people don't know the names.				
	Our elders told us if we are confused, look in the past. Noone knows what lies in the future.				
	If we feel uncomfortable about doing what they say –we still should do it – when people don't listen to elders then have problems.				
	People learn more when they do it by them selves. Instead of listening , go do it. And if people talke bad about us, ignore it.				
Stanley Anthony, Nightmute	How the snow is packed can tell you what direction you are going. Instead of looking just in front of you, you have to look all around you to tell where you're going. They used to tell us how to tell where the sun is, just by looking at the ice.				
	Never take anything, even if a piece of wood, it it belongs to someone. Nowadays, kids take them.				

	Treat everybody like you want to be treated.				
	Try to do things not on your judgement but on what the elders tell us.				
	We need to be observant. We need to know the names of these things. The names of the ponds. What if gps batteries run out? Youth must learn names, they must pay attention.				
	Used to be that elders would tell everybody , not just one person.				
	Used to be that we would never mention yough boy, young, girl, but about every body. We are all alike – young and old – we need to treat everyone the same. When people talk negatively about young people, the people stop goign to these places.				
	Everyone used to help each other. Some people look at persons even if tehy need help – like it they have a lot of fish to clean – people don't help.				
	Don't be afraid to ask or make mistakes. You'll get better.				
	If something is out on tundra, you can use it, ubt				

	you must replace it, if you damage it and you tell the owner if you use it.				
Paul Sonny	Aviuk'kaq'saraq - Giving to our ancestors and thanking nature by leaving a small portion of our catch by placing them into the ground. Our people lived with nature and animals by show their respect to them. Such as leaving a portion of your food supply into the water for the Killer Whales, because they will give you back a portion of their catch later. The Killer Whales are like people.			They did not leave their property on the tundra or leave nets in the wilderness, but cared for them. Today, everything has changed, where aluminum cans are being thrown on the tundra. They were careful in the care and handling of subsistence resources, and utilized everything useful of the animals they caught. One did not even see portions or paws of animals left on the tundra.	Everyone that goes out to the wilderness needs to bring back trash and practice that all the time.
					Everyone helped each other without compensation.
			Our dumpsites also require good management.	Children are being sent out by their parents, and dump trash without proper disposal.	Our young people do not attend these meetings. We need to involve our young people to these meetings, because they are part of the community for they will be the end result of these gatherings
William Andy, Newtok	Those that do not respect the land and waters will begin to be unlucky when hunting or fishing.				

Maria Kairaiuak, Cheforak	The ocean will not become like white man, and will not be tamed.				
Ignatius Mathias, Nightmute	Follow whatever elders say because it is the law of the land. As Yupik people we must follow this as it was passed down from the beginning of the Universe. When Elders speak they don't just speak about anything – they talk about time immemorial – from generation to generation – the laws of nature they don't change.				
Phillip Carl (non-leader) Newtok					We need to talk to principals to them to undersand- there is much waste there, they know they use.
? (elder)	DO not take sides with our children just because some one picks on them.				
	If we are in a communy we have to do what they want.				
	When the teachers to to talk to parents about their kids they should go to the elders first – to take their sides – the students should not get agitated – because the yupik law				

	says they will never forget and they will grow up and take vengence.				
Someone else					Disseminate info to barges and boats about garbage
					Need to work with subsistence my people to make regulation s to protect susistence. Make changes in stores before they start fishing so post a tocie that people can't throw out trash when fishing – everyone gos to the store. Tell their workers to read this every community tells the manager to not pollute.
			Lead sinkers – are there alternatives?		
Tununak secretary			Russians and japanese when they thow out trash in the ocean – they reach our shore		Green peace have addressed this maybe we should get their help
			Seal contaminant level here?		
general			Need more attendance		Esikmo dances, door prizes
			styrofoams		

