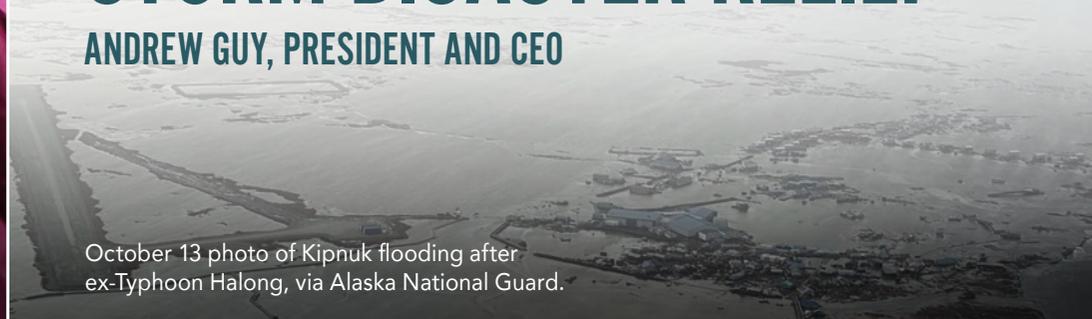




The late **Mark Miisaq John**, a Calista Elder who was dedicated to his family, culture and Region.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: STORM DISASTER RELIEF

ANDREW GUY, PRESIDENT AND CEO



October 13 photo of Kipnuk flooding after ex-Typhoon Halong, via Alaska National Guard.

## MARK MIISAQ JOHN (1954-2025)

### HONORING OUR ELDERS

**Mark Miisaq [MEE-sahk] John** of Toksook Bay was a well-respected Elder and Cultural Advisor for **Calista Education & Culture (CEC)** for nearly 30 years. He passed away peacefully at his home in Anchorage on August 5, 2025. He was 70 years old.

Mark made an indelible impact on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region and throughout the state of Alaska. He began working in 1997 as the Executive Director of the Calista Elders Council which evolved into part of CEC. He started working with CEC after he earned his Master of Social Work from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

In the book **Do Not Live Without an Elder** (2014), and in many other CEC book projects documenting our Region's culture, Mark was seen as the organizational leader, **Alice Cucuaq Rearden** worked as the language expert, and **Ann Fienup-Riordan** was the author and editor.

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The Board, staff and management at Calista Corporation are working to support our friends and families impacted by ex-Typhoon Halong. Our staff is coordinating closely with agencies involved in emergency response, and with other organizations providing direct relief to communities. In addition, we are communicating with our Tribes and Village Corporations and monitoring their needs.

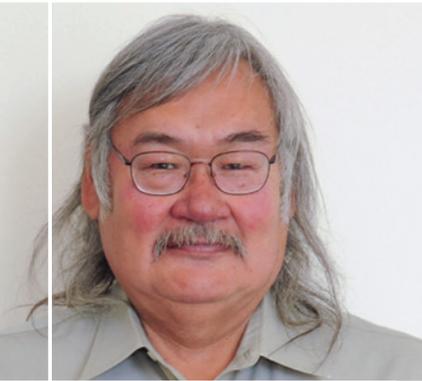
Our actions need to address both near-term and long-term impacts from the storms. Recovering from the devastation will probably take years, and the planning and preparation to support the affected communities needs to begin soon.

We encourage those who are able to donate financially to do so through the Western Alaska Disaster Relief 2025 Fund managed by Alaska Community Foundation. Those who need immediate assistance should continue to work with their local Tribe and officials in their community.

We at Calista also say *Quyana Cakneq*, thank you very much, to all the amazing responders, support staff, agencies, leaders and good Samaritans in each of the villages, fellow organizations and leaders in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region, our elected officials at the local, state and federal levels, and the many caring and generous Alaskans around the state.



Read Calista updates about disaster relief and how to donate by scanning the QR code or by visiting [www.calistacorp.com/2025-west-coast-storms](http://www.calistacorp.com/2025-west-coast-storms)



Willie Kasayulie, Board Chair

**“GROW WITH YOUR CORPORATION AND WE WILL GROW WITH YOU.”**

*Willie Kasayulie*

# BOARD MESSAGE: WELCOME NEW SHAREHOLDERS

Willie Kasayulie, Board Chair

As an Alaska Native corporation, our Mission is rooted in providing for you, the Shareholders. We provide distributions and professional opportunities. Additionally, for the continuation of a successful corporation we offer open enrollment for Descendants of original Shareholders to become part of the corporation.

We would like to **welcome 830 new Calista Corporation Shareholders** through this year’s fall stock issuance! Our youngest Shareholder was born in August 2025, and over 100 are under one year of age.

The number of Shareholders **tripled** over the last eight years, growing from 13,000 Original Shareholders before enrollment to **39,100 Shareholders** after this fall’s stock issuance. Calista remains the largest Alaska Native corporation by number of Shareholders.

Eligible Descendants who completed an enrollment document with all the required documentation by the August 31 deadline received Class C shares in Calista’s 18th stock issuance this fall.

Open enrollment began in 2015 when Shareholders voted and passed a binding resolution to issue stock to Descendants of original Calista Shareholders and to missed enrollees who could have received original Calista shares but did not. The first round of open enrollment stock was issued in December 2017.

Grow with your corporation and we will grow with you. Shareholders receive benefits through distributions, scholarships, internships, work hire preference, state and federal funding from advocacy for community and shareholder needs, and many business opportunities.

Do you know of a recent birth in the family? Or someone who has yet to enroll? Remind your family to start the enrollment process to meet the **mid-January 2026 deadline** for the next Calista stock issuance.



Begin the enrollment process by scanning the QR code or by visiting [enroll.mycalista.com](http://enroll.mycalista.com).



Maryann Watson teaching her granddaughter Emily Crow (left) and her great-niece Cora Aloysius (center) how to cut fish in Bethel.

# AKILISTA & ELDERS' BENEFIT PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION

## ELDERS' DISTRIBUTION EARLY DUE TO Y-K CRISIS

Calista Corporation's Board of Directors and the Trustees of the Calista Corporation Settlement Trust approved the following distributions, both to be paid on or by November 14, 2025.

### 2025 AKILISTA DISTRIBUTION

All 39,100 Shareholders, regardless of age, will receive a **record \$4.49 million** Akilista (*Ah-KEE-lis-tah*) distribution. About **\$2.7 million** will go to Yukon-Kuskokwim Region households.

This year's Akilista total distribution is **4 percent higher** than last year's, and **2.7 times higher** than the first one in 2014. Distributions are per share. The 2025 Akilista distribution will be approximately \$1.06 per issued share. The average Shareholder who owns 100 shares will receive an **estimated \$106**. The youngest Shareholder is about two months old. About four Shareholders are over 100 years of age.

### 2025 ELDERS' BENEFIT PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION

The Board of Directors and Trustees approved an earlier payment of the Elders' Benefit Program distribution, due to the devastating impact of the recent Western Alaska storms in our Region.

"Our hearts are broken for our families and friends whose lives have been devastated by the storms, especially our Elders. We must care for and show the utmost respect for our Elders," said Willie Kasayulie, Calista Corp. Board Chair.

Original Shareholders at least 65 years old as of December 3 will receive **\$400** per Elder this year, for a total authorized distribution of approximately **\$1.36 million**. This is a **14 percent** increase from last year's distribution. An estimated **3,390** Elders are eligible for this distribution.

### DISTRIBUTION GROWTH

Calista, through its Settlement Trust, declared a **record \$19 million** in distributions to its Shareholders in 2025, nearly \$1.4 million more than last year. This amount includes the Spring distribution as well as the Akilista and Elders' Benefit distributions. The latter two distributions are the 49th and 50th distributions in Calista's history.

Distributions are one of the ways Calista fulfills its mission to improve the economic and social wellbeing of our Shareholders and communities through growth, leadership, collaboration and financial discipline.

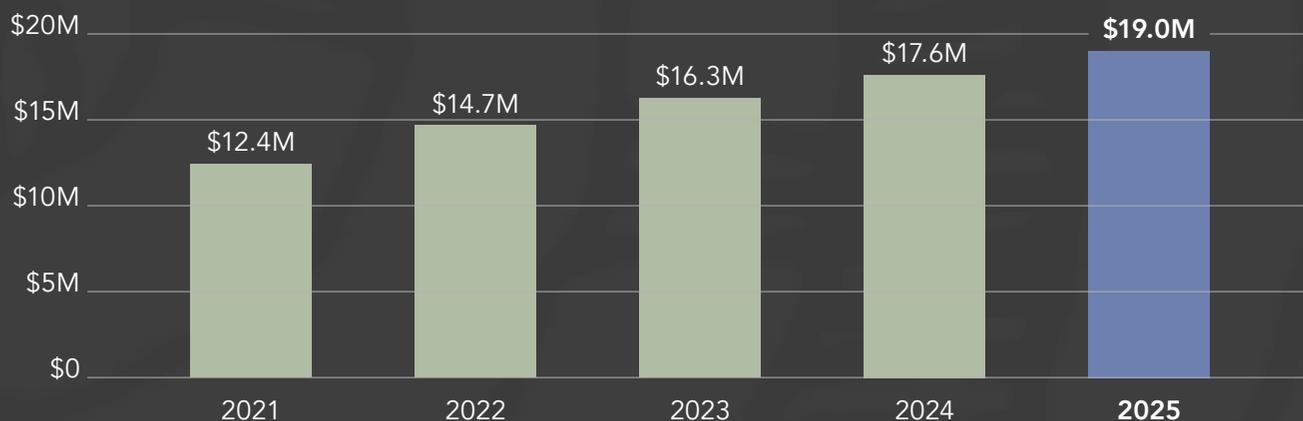
Other ways we seek to do this include Calista's financial support for **Calista Education and Culture's** cultural programs, scholarships and burial assistance.

Business growth and financial discipline within our corporation and our holding lines make it possible to increase these benefits to Shareholders. Qu yana.

**"OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN FOR OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED BY THE STORMS, ESPECIALLY OUR ELDERS. WE MUST CARE FOR AND SHOW THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR OUR ELDERS."**

- Willie Kasayulie, Calista Corp. Board Chair

## GROWTH OF TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS: SPRING, AKILISTA & ELDERS



# 2025 YULISTA BACKPACK CAMPAIGN

## YULISTACARES DELIVERS 900 BACKPACKS TO STUDENTS IN THE Y-K REGION



Students in Kongiganak walking home after received new backpacks with school supplies from YulistaCARES in August.

In August, **YulistaCARES**, a nonprofit formed by our subsidiary employees, delivered 900 backpacks filled with supplies to students in six villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region.

Additionally, YulistaCARES donated over \$2,400 to help support the relocation of the **Mertarvik** school from Newtok after the village had to relocate due to erosion.

Backpacks with supplies were delivered to the Y-K communities of **Mertarvik, Nightmute, Kongiganak, Kipnuk, Chefornak** and **Eek**. Each year, Yulista staff travel to different Y-K villages.

"Students received backpacks on the second day," says **Shannon Rennaker, Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik principal** in Kongiganak. "It's a big impact on the students, the parents and the community. They thank me as if I'm the one responsible, but I tell them we have this fantastic group from Yulista coming in who donated the backpacks."

YulistaCARES was formed by employees from **Yulista Holding**, Calista's aerospace and defense contracting holding line based in Huntsville, Alabama. This year, Yulista CARES raised enough money to purchase 1,700 backpacks with school supplies and donated them to the six Y-K communities, as well as Lower 48 communities where Yulista operates.

Older siblings are happy for their younger brothers and sisters as they start the school year.

"The younger kids will be excited because these school supplies will help them throughout the year," says **Keon Fancyboy**, a 12th-grader in Kongiganak.

We are especially grateful to **Grant Aviation** for donating the charter flights to the villages for Yulista employees and for delivering the backpacks to the Y-K Region.

One 12th-grader, **Delilah Erik of Chefornak**, is ready for the school year as she plans for college.

"It feels good to be a senior because I want to go to college to be an ultrasound tech," Erik says. "I was in the delivery room when my brother's girlfriend was having a baby, and it looked cool to see them scanning the stomach."

Erik plans to pursue a degree in the medical field at the University of Alaska Anchorage or University of Alaska Southeast. As the youngest, she's excited to be the first in her family to attend college and hopes to make her older siblings proud.

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**"IT'S A BIG IMPACT ON THE STUDENTS, THE PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY."**

- **Shannon Rennaker**, Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik Principal in Kongiganak

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"It's great to have the backpack because I can carry everything I need like my supplies, shoes and books," says **Roxanna Paul**, an 11th-grader in Kipnuk. "As a career, I want to go into dentistry because it's important to keep your teeth healthy."

Paul still has two years in high school but looks forward to going into school for dentistry in Anchorage, Fairbanks or even Washington state.

Students in each village were excited to start school and receive backpacks with supplies. The students in Nightmute even arranged a yuraq performance to share Yup'ik dance with the visitors from Alabama.

"Yulista's donation is truly something that's needed and it's making an impact on our students lives," Rennaker says. "They may not be able to see the impact, but it's happening. Thank you for your support, Yulista."



The YulistaCARES team delivering backpacks with supplies to the students in Nightmute. Yulista delivered 900 backpacks to students in six Y-K villages.



CALISTA EDUCATION & CULTURE PRESENTS

# YUP'IK TEACHING MOMENT

*CAN'GIIQ (JUHN-GHEEK) IS BLACKFISH*

Calista Education & Culture (CEC) presents the **Yup'ik Teaching Moment** in our *Storyknife* newsletter. CEC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to serve the people of the Calista Region by preserving culture, empowering education and facilitating Yuuyaraq, our traditional Way of Being, to ensure a vibrant and sustainable future. This Yup'ik Teaching Moment is provided by **Alice Cucuaq Rearden**. Rearden is a transcriber and translator for Calista Education and Culture and helps produce publications. She grew up in Napakiak and now lives and works in Bethel as a teacher at Bethel Regional High School.

**Can'giiq (JUHN-gheek)** is **Blackfish** in Yugtun. **Can'giiq** is a good source of food in fall and winter as it can survive in freezing temperatures in waters with little oxygen.

After freeze up, people start setting their traps in lakes and rivers all over the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in places where there is an availability of blackfish. Traditionally, they made wooden conical traps called **taluyat (dah-LUU-yut)** to catch them. The traps were made of small wooden slabs that were lashed together with tree roots and tapered toward the back end. Along the opening was a funnel where blackfish swim into the hole and get caught. Today, **taluyat** are made of chicken wire and other store-bought materials.

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An Alaska blackfish. Photo by Ned Rozell/University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute.

There are customary places where people set their traps that were passed down from generation to generation. The late John Phillip of Kongiganak was brought to his grandfather's blackfish trap site which was just a hole in the ice when he was little. He was told that it would be his spot when he got older. He later told his children and grandchildren the same thing when he brought them there.

People are eager to have a taste of blackfish when they start running and there are many ways to prepare them. The main way is plain boiling and eating them with seal oil. They also eat the leftovers the next day once the broth has gelled in a delicacy called **qagret**. They also dried them and age them. Sometimes a school of blackfish gather and melt the ice along a lake or river and break through to the surface. They call those blackfish **aninit** and when that happens, people usually share the abundant catch with the community.



# MARK MIISAQ JOHN (1954-2025)

## HONORING OUR ELDERS

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Mark worked with “Yup’ik-speaking men and women on a mission to document and share Yup’ik traditions in ways that would enrich the lives of your people throughout the region,” Riordan wrote in the book introduction.

“He met with Elders and organizers for the books, and later the Yuuyaraq curriculum, face-to-face for days,” says **Theresa Arevgaq John**, Mark’s younger sister and professor, researcher and Yup’ik cultural advocate. “They would be in house for three days together. They’d eat together, they’d sing together, they’d cook together, and they’d laugh together. He was the type of person who created a safe and educational atmosphere for everyone.”

Mark was born December 31, 1954, in Nightmute to his late parents **Paul Kangrilnguq John** and **Martina Anguyaluk (Abraham) John**. He was the oldest of 10 siblings. He was married to **Sharon Kairaaq (Moore) John**, had three children, four grandchildren, and many beloved extended cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

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Mark interviewed his father among many other Elders from the Calista Region. In ***Do Not Live Without an Elder*** (2014), Mark

shared the importance of listening to our Elders and to what we’ve been told. Mark wrote, “since we were instructed that during any time of year, fall or winter, although the weather was good we should observe and pay attention to things along our trail.”

Mark mentioned a survival experience. He and his younger brother were snowmachining over a soft patch of ice in warmer weather. They both fell into the water, but it was only armpit-height, so they pulled the snowmachines out of the water. He remembered passing grass nearby. Once he started up his snowmachine, they went back to the grass, picked enough to fill the inside of their clothes and insoles of their shoes. They wrung out their clothes, put them back on, and headed straight home to stay safe.

“He would always say to look up to the Elders,” says **Simeon Nurauq John**, Mark’s brother, a tribal leader in Toksook Bay who worked with him for more than 50 years as a commercial fisherman. “He would stress to get your education, get training to be self-sufficient and learn to be independent.”

Simeon says Mark always checked on people and loved talking to people. He loved his work, and he was good at keeping people in contact, he says.

“I miss his everyday morning call,” Simeon says. “My brother was like a partner to me. We had a lot of things in common, especially the fisheries. He always encouraged self-care and to be a decent human being.”

Along with self-sufficiency, Mark encouraged family to be present for each other. He encouraged families to provide for those who cannot provide for themselves, and to provide the things that took a special skill.



The late **Mark Miisaq John** (far bottom right), with his brothers from bottom left to right **Qungurkaq Willie**, **Iraluq Freddie**, **Cimigaq Ralph** and **Nurauq Simeon**. From top left to right, his sisters **Arnaqulluk Jolene**, **Panigkaq Agatha**, **Mancuaq Aggie** and **Arevgaq Theresa**.

"He was like the glue to our family and made sure we stayed connected," says **Agatha Panigkaq John-Shields**, one of Mark's younger sisters and educator for over 30 years. "Our adult children are able to provide for us because he taught them how to fish and to hunt. We take care of his family because he would show by example the need to make sure the Elders were fed, and to provide for family members who need fish or other foods."

Mark was seen as a provider, and he fused that with his deep desire to educate others on **Yuuyaraq**, the Yup'ik way of

being. His core cultural values came from the **Qanruyutet**, which meant **'the instructions'** in Yugtun. He always told his family that they would be OK even when he physically departed, Theresa says.

"He gave us hope and faith that we are never separated indefinitely. He emphasized that the spirit world will keep us strong and connected," Theresa says. "Even though our loved ones are no longer physically here, they are still around because of the spiritual realm."

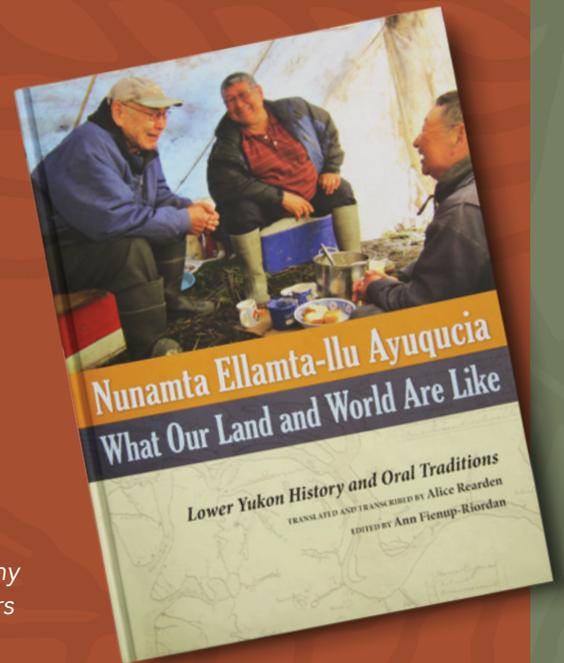
## A MESSAGE FROM CALISTA CORPORATION

We join the John family with heavy hearts for the loss of Calista Elder and culture bearer **Mark Miisaq John**. Calista joins so many throughout Alaska in extending our heartfelt condolences to the John family.

At **Calista Corporation**, we cherish our countless memories of Mark. As Shareholders, we were blessed by his decades of service as a culture bearer for the Calista Region through Calista Education & Culture.



To honor his memory and to read some of his work, we'd like to suggest browsing some of the books available at Calista Education & Culture. Scan the QR code to see the books, many of which Mark played an integral role in interviewing the Elders who shared cultural knowledge.



## BETHEL AND KIPNUK STUDENTS TREATED TO ROCKETRY AND CODING STEM CAMPS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH YULISTA

Through a partnership with **Yulista Holding**, Calista's defense and aerospace contracting arm, students in Bethel and Kipnuk were treated to a day of STEM camp in August, exploring rocket science and computer coding.

Staff from the Huntsville-based **Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering (ASTCE)** traveled to Alaska to offer students from Bethel and Kipnuk the chance to discover the science behind rockets and coding.

This was the first time a group from ASTCE has traveled to Alaska. The interaction made a lasting impression on the students, as well as the teachers.

"Working with these incredible students to explore hands-on rocketry, engineering and cyber skills was truly unforgettable," says Dylan Bunnell, ASCTE Program Director. "The curiosity and enthusiasm were a reminder of why we love to do what we do."



Students in Bethel learning the basics of coding through a day-long STEM Camp through the Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering.



Students in Kipnuk exploring rocketry with the teachers from the Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering.

# CALISTA LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: LAND IN FOCUS

## ALASKA FIBEROPTIC PROJECT UPDATE



Calista and Alaska Communications staff met with Akiak residents in August to provide an update on the Alaska FiberOptic Project.

When it comes to reliable, affordable internet, many communities along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers are among the most underserved in the nation.

That is starting to change, and the **Alaska FiberOptic Project (AFOP)** is part of the solution.

AFOP is a collaboration between **Calista Corporation, Doyon Limited, Gana-A 'Yoo Limited, Tanana Chiefs Conference and Alaska Communications** to provide reliable, affordable broadband to communities along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers.

AFOP plans to begin construction in 2026 to deliver high-speed fiber optic internet to seven communities along the Kuskokwim River: Upper Kalskag, Lower Kalskag, Tuluksak, Akiak, Akiachak, Kwethluk and Napakiak.

Household service is estimated to be available in the seven communities as soon as late 2027. Home internet prices and speeds will be the same as those offered in Anchorage and Fairbanks, and reduced rates will be available to schools and healthcare clinics.

This year, after additional research, engineering and planning, AFOP made an important route alignment and design change: the fiber will be buried on land and will not be laid on top of the riverbed. This means the fiber will be better protected and less exposed to breaks. At water crossings (rivers, ponds, etc.), the fiber will be tunneled underneath the affected waterbody.

To provide updates and answer questions about the project, Calista and Alaska Communications held in-person community meetings during August in Tuluksak, Akiak and Akiachak.

Due to weather cancellations, meetings for Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Napakiak and Kwethluk were rescheduled as virtual meetings in September and October.

Quyana to all who attended those meetings and provided valuable feedback to our team members.

### WHY CHOOSE FIBER?

While direct-to-consumer satellite services have arrived in our communities, fiber remains the gold standard of connectivity because it is significantly more reliable and faster than satellite. Also, unlike satellite services, Alaska Communications' fiber service in the communities served by this project will have zero equipment costs.

Alaska Communications' customers can apply for the FCC's Lifeline program which provides a \$34.50 per household discount on Tribal land. Satellite customers cannot get the Lifeline discount.



### HOW TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON SERVICE AVAILABILITY

Residents in these communities can sign up to be notified when service is coming to their area. Scan the QR code or visit [www.AKFiberOpticProject.com](http://www.AKFiberOpticProject.com).

# NORDIC-CALISTA SEEKS SHAREHOLDERS FOR POSITIONS

## NORTH SLOPE ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

This winter, our oil and gas subsidiary **Nordic-Calista** is hiring for many positions on the North Slope that may be a good fit for our Shareholders.

“The 2026 drilling and workover season will be busy for Nordic-Calista as we will be looking to onboard 100-plus people to fill various roles for our camps and rigs,” says Nordic-Calista Business Development Manager **Garrett Potter**.

The positions – including entry-level **roustabout** and **floor hand** positions on drill rigs—involve a two-week on, two-week off rotation schedule. Assuming that workers perform well, these positions provide the opportunity for future career growth and longevity.

Roustabouts and floor hands are responsible for general labor, equipment maintenance and assisting crew members with rig operations.

“Once you are in those positions, it’s your foot in the door. With the right work ethic and attitude, you could be moving up the ladder really quickly,” Potter says.

Some of Nordic-Calista’s projects are ramping up right now—starting in December—but the company still will be hiring for positions into the spring, as some of its projects won’t begin until July 2026.

### WORKFORCE NEEDS AND TRENDS

Nordic-Calista provides rigs and personnel for drilling exploration wells and well workovers (providing maintenance



Nordic-Calista rig workers on the North Slope.

on existing oil or gas wells). In addition, Nordic-Calista supplies mobile camps for construction and drilling projects.

Fast career progression on the North Slope is a recent development related to oil and gas workforce trends.

Potter explains, “As the industry continues to evolve, well-performing employees have more opportunities for advancement.”



Scan the QR code or visit [nordic-calista.com/careers](https://nordic-calista.com/careers) for Nordic-Calista job openings.



Calista Shareholders visiting the newly upgraded Calista Bethel office.

## CALISTA CORPORATION BETHEL OFFICE SEES IMPROVEMENTS

The Calista Corporation Bethel office located at Watson’s Corner (313 Ridgecrest Drive) recently underwent construction and upgrades. The parking lot and building have been leveled, the interior and exterior have been repainted, the doorway is widened, and the arctic entrance provides a more welcoming space for our Shareholders.

A widened lobby, new flooring, and a new walk-up counter make the space more inviting for Shareholders. You can make information updates, complete forms and check on your distributions, or even check on the enrollment status for Descendants.

“We wanted to update the Calista Bethel office to improve service for Shareholders,” says Thom Aparuk Leonard, Calista Corp. vice president of Corporate Affairs. “The updates to the lobby make room for families to visit and take care of paperwork.”

# CALIVIKA BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT: YUP'IK CREATIONS

## Q&A WITH MIKE TANAQ WASSILIE OF YUP'IK CREATIONS

**Mike Tanaaq Wassilie of Yup'ik Creations**, a Calista Shareholder with ties to Nunapitchuk, is the Yup'ik carver of the Storyknife [Yaaruin in Yugtun] carving depicted on the Calista Shareholder newsletter. Wassilie is an artist born and raised in Anchorage who's been carving full-time for 22 years.

He typically sells his artwork at the Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) twice a week June through August. He also sells at AFN, at the Charlette Jensen native arts market for Fur Rondy, and the holiday bazaar at the ANHC on the first weekend of December. He does not sell online or via social media, he prefers to sell in-person.

### ***Tell us about yourself and the inspiration behind your business.***

My name is **Mike Tanaaq Wassilie**. My father, Moses Wassilie, is originally from Nunapitchuk. I was first introduced to artwork by seeing my father's ivory earrings and attempting to replicate them on my own. Then, for a few years, I worked for my father by carving ivory jewelry. Once I was able to produce my own work, I began carving my own jewelry designs and selling my jewelry. I have since produced many different traditional and contemporary pieces of artwork using both natural and artificial materials, although usually I prefer to work with natural materials.



### ***What's the story behind the storyknife in Calista's newsletter?***

I enjoy carving our traditional items including the Storyknife, using walrus ivory. The storyknife is a women's item used to draw pictures in the mud, sand or snow which would include a story with the drawings to go with them yet would usually be carved by a man. These stories and our traditional carved items are important for the continuation of our culture.

This particular storyknife with the fish for the handle was an idea I had to make something a little different. Fish are not



**Mike Tanaaq Wassilie** of Yup'ik Creations is holding the Storyknife he carved for the Calista Shareholder newsletter. He designs jewelry and masks (top right).

only delicious, they're an important part of our culture and survival for many generations. For this reason, several of my designs I regularly produce and sell include fish or fish skins. We like to celebrate the importance and healthiness associated with salmon and other fish through artwork. The salmon must be restless while in the river, always fighting against the current. Just as we must be restless in the adaptation to modern times while continuing our culture and traditions.

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**“WE MUST BE RESTLESS IN THE ADAPTATION TO MODERN TIMES WHILE CONTINUING OUR CULTURE AND TRADITIONS.”**

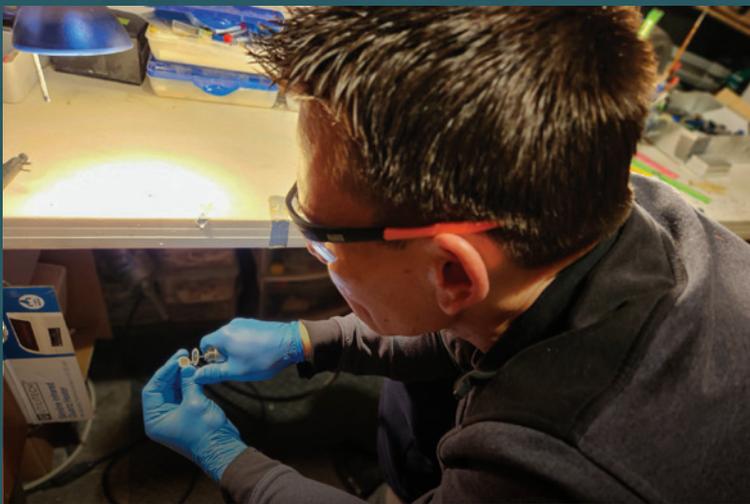
- **Mike Tanaaq Wassilie** of Yup'ik Creations

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### ***What contributes to the success of your business?***

My love of the work drives and inspires me the most. It shows in the finished pieces the level of thoughtfulness and devotion used to create it. Self-motivation is a huge factor in a sole proprietorship. The ability to motivate oneself and resist the temptation to slack off yet not overwork is very important.

Developing skills is also important. It takes time to develop skills and to produce items that will sell in the competitive native arts markets. Producing unique and high-quality items makes it more likely for customers to purchase more in the future. Finding the right items in the right price range for the market is also important for success.



Adapting to changes to the market and producing new items and using different materials have also contributed to the success of my business. I just began using salmon skins and resin for my jewelry and they have proven to be very popular items.

### *Tell us how your business has grown.*

The variety of items I can make and the different materials I have used has expanded dramatically since I began producing art and jewelry. This includes ivory jewelry and sculptures, masks, hunting tools, baleen baskets, fish skin & resin, stone cabochon, silversmithing, and of course, the storyknife. I don't always

have many of these items in stock, but they've all contributed to my growth as an artist. I typically choose to produce ivory and salmon skin & resin jewelry. Almost all of my work I sell directly to my customers at local Alaska native crafts events and occasionally sell at the Alaska Native Medical Center craft shop.

### *How has your cultural heritage shaped your business?*

Many of my ivory jewelry designs feature traditional Yup'ik designs. The designs and our culture are shared, celebrated and continued when customers purchase them. The masks I make are based on traditional design elements with my own personal style added. Seeing people's excitement and emotional reaction to a piece is very satisfying. When I sell my artwork to the tourists who visit Alaska, I am able to share our culture with people from all over the world who can admire and celebrate it through wearing the jewelry. Much of my business is shaped by my cultural heritage.



Scan the QR code and visit the Calivika Shareholder Directory to create your own free business listing and review options to purchase goods and services from our people.

# CONGRATS TO IPAD MINI GIVEAWAY CONTEST WINNERS

## CONTEST PROMOTED DIGITAL SERVICES

Congratulations to the three winners of our 2025 iPad mini Giveaway Contest encouraging our Shareholders to sign up for digital services:

- **Arnold Akers** (Emmonak)
- **Matthew Klukluk** (Eugene, Ore.)
- **John Oscar** (Bethel)

The contest began August 25 and ended September 30. The winners were selected in a random drawing of more than 15,600 Shareholders who completed one or more of the following actions either before or during the contest:

- Created a **MyCalista.com** account
- Signed up for direct deposit of Calista distributions via **MyCalista.com** or **paper form**
- Signed up for **electronic delivery** of Annual Meeting Materials
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Each winner will receive an unlocked iPad mini (A17 Pro Chip, 128 GB, Wi-Fi + Cellular).



"Calista is responding to our Shareholders who increasingly seek digital services. Nearly seven of every 10 Shareholders are 40 years of age or younger," said Thom Aparuk Leonard, Calista Corp. vice president of Corporate Affairs.

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Shareholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like Calista to send you new Will forms?  Yes  No

Calista Shares \_\_\_\_\_

Village Corporation Shares \_\_\_\_\_

Please change my address as I have indicated above. I understand that you cannot make address changes without my permission and signature, which I hereby give of my own free will and without constraint. I further authorize Calista and its subsidiaries to share this information internally and in accordance with law.

Shareholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Two witnesses are required if Shareholder signs with an "X.")

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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