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## VOS Meets for Update of the Local Economic Development Plan (LEDP), Solomon's 5 Year Plan

This year the tribe hosted two strategic planning workshops providing the membership an opportunity to participate in the review and prioritization of the village priorities of its program goals and projects planned for the next five years.

Like the previous plan, this LEDP will continue to analyze local conditions, identify problems and opportunities, and develop values, goals, priorities, strategies and outcomes to address community issues, on-going development, and future development.

## Annual Meeting Date Set for September 23, 2016 in Nome

The tribal council selected Friday, September 23rd to have the annual meeting this year here in Nome at the XYZ Senior Center. During the annual meeting tribal members will hear reports from the Council and VOS staff. Results of elections will also be announced.

Dinner will be provided at 5 PM and the meeting will begin at 6 PM. Teleconference lines will be available to those that do not live in Nome and wish to attend telephonically.

Please contact the office at 443-4985 for more information or send an email to [tc.sol@kawerak.org](mailto:tc.sol@kawerak.org)



L to R: Back facing Helen Bohn, Kirsten Timbers, Tim Stettinger, Robert Curran, Jr., and Brian James at the Strategic Planning workshop in Anchorage.

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## Interested in Serving on the Tribal Council?

There are two seats up for election this year: Seat E and the Elder Representative. Ballots will contain a list of qualified candidates for voters to choose from. Voters will choose two (2) names from a list of candidates on the ballot. Voters will also be able to write in one candidate as an alternative to candidates on the ballot. The two candidates receiving the most votes for the declared seats will be elected to the Council. In order to be eligible to hold a position as a council member for Seats E & F and G, a person must meet the following qualifications:

Seats E, F and G are “open” seats meaning that in addition to tribal members residing in the Nome/Solomon area, they are open to tribal members who do not reside in the Nome/Solomon area and are not a “Resident Member” as defined by the membership ordinance. In order to be eligible to hold a position as a council member for Seat E, F or G, a person must meet the following qualifications:

- (A) Eighteen (18) years old or older by the date of the election in which the person seeks office; and
- (B) No convictions within the last ten (10) years for any crimes which would be a felony in Alaska, except for State fishing and/or hunting convictions; and
- (C) Free of any physical or mental incapacity which would prevent the candidate from carrying out the duties of a council member.

In addition to (A) through (C) immediately above, Seat F is specifically designated as a Youth Seat. In order to be eligible to hold a position as a council member for Seat F, a person must be at least 18 years of age, and no older than 24 years of age.

In addition to (A) through (C) immediately above, Seat G is specifically designated as an Elder Seat. In order to be eligible to hold a position as a council member for Seat G, a person must be at least 55 years of age or older.

## Letters of Intent Schedule

### Letters of Intent-Sixty (60)-Forty (40) days Prior to Election:

Candidates must declare their candidacy in writing through a Letter of Intent in accordance with Section IV of the election ordinance. Letters of Intent must be received by the tribal council no sooner than sixty (60) days and no later than forty (40) days prior to the election in order for a candidate to have their name included on ballots. Letters of intent must be received by July 15, 2016.

### Absentee Voting

In addition to voting on Village of Solomon’s election day, absentee voting is allowed.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to each eligible voter 30 days prior to election day.

Tribal members may choose to submit an absentee ballot prior to election day if they are unable to vote on election day or attend the annual meeting. Voters may only vote once.



The Annual Meeting notice with voting instructions will be mailed to every eligible voter (18 years and older). If you do not receive your notice, please call the office immediately at 443-4985 so a notice may be mailed.

A separate notice will be mailed to every eligible voter 18 years and older that is tribally enrolled with the Village of Solomon.

### News & Noteworthy

If you have photos you would like printed in our biannual newsletter, please contact the tribal coordinator at 443-4985 or send an email to: [tc.sol@kawerak.org](mailto:tc.sol@kawerak.org).



## Village of Solomon Holds Earth Day Challenge

By Maisie Thomas, Nome Nugget Newspaper

The Village of Solomon Environmental Department is spearheading an effort to raise environmental awareness among people in Nome and beyond. Realizing that Earth Day was fast approaching and that there were no events in Nome recognizing it, the department, led by Environmental Coordinator Deilah Johnson, decided to take action. Employees researched events around the country, reached out to local business owners and eventually settled on their Earth Day challenge. Their main goal was to get the day on people's radar.

When Johnson approached local establishments to request donations, she began by asking whether they knew when Earth Day was. The majority did not know the date, but they made note of it on their calendars. In addition to gathering pledges, Village of Solomon Environmental department employees hung flyers all over town.

The efforts of Solomon employees met with success. Over 300 residents pledged to walk, ride a bike or carpool and/or shun the use of disposable plastics for just one day, April 22. Those who pledged to go vehicle-free or disposable plastic-free are eligible to enter a drawing for a small prize. Those who who pledged to go both vehicle and plastic free have the opportunity to win a larger prize. The drawings will be held on Earth Day. All participants received a keychain made with recycled aluminum can tabs, which Johnson said will help remind them of their pledge and the importance of protecting the environment. Sponsors for the event included Bearing Song and Gifts, Subway and Gold Coast Cinema, DLS Esthetics, Original Productions, Taylor Bernard Photography and the Solomon Bed and Breakfast.

Johnson said that while the number one goal of the Village of Solomon's event was to raise awareness about Earth Day in Nome, the initiative was not limited to the town, or to the day. "The focus (of Earth Day) is on the urgent need to stabilize and reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, fight climate change (and) act locally," said Earth Day Network President Kathleen Rogers in a press release.

Earth Day Network, an environmental conservation agency, is emphasizing the need to plant new trees

around the world to help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Though Nomeites will probably not have much success planting a forest or buying local produce, there are other ways residents of Northwest Alaska can reduce their carbon footprints.

Johnson suggested a few simple steps people everywhere can take each day to reduce carbon emissions. In addition to walking whenever possible and using cloth shopping bags, she said people should turn down their thermostats and unplug surge protectors when they leave the house. "We all live on Earth, so wherever you are this is a good reminder," Johnson added.

Recycling e-waste is another activity Earth Day Network suggests to help the environment. Electronics, such as cell phones, televisions and iPads can contain toxins. When the gadgets are not properly disposed of, the chemicals can enter the water stream and seep into the soil.

Anahma Shannon, Environmental Coordinator with Kawerak, started an e-waste recycling program in Nome a few years ago. The event coincides with the City of Nome's annual spring cleanup, and will be held on June 4 this year.

Nearly 200 countries around the globe celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The first Earth Day was held in 1970 to raise awareness of environmental issues. Forty-six years ago, millions of Americans campaigned for the Clean Water, Clean Air and Endangered Species Acts. Almost 50 years later, the day is the world's largest environmental event, and has spread to six continents and over one billion people, according to an Earth Day Network press release.



Pictured is Tristan Hudson, 1.5 years, helping in the office by making key chains.

## VOS Meets for Update of the Local Economic Development Plan (LEDP)

The Kawerak Planning Department worked with The Village of Solomon and Solomon Native Corporation in developing and updating its new five year LEDP in 2016 by holding a couple of workshops in Nome and Anchorage with tribal members and corporation members. The Village of Solomon and the Solomon Native Corporation sought a strategic planning process based upon:

- Technology of Participation methods developed by the *Institute of Culture Affairs*
- Denali Commission, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
- Alaska Humanities Forum *Community Strategic Plan Guide and Form*.

These methods are proven to be effective in encouraging full participation from diverse groups and are best applied within community-based settings.

This process was implemented among the participants by first brainstorming ideas individually, then sharing ideas through small group discussions, and finishing with review among all participants confirming new resolves and decisions.

The following foundational values or ground rules were applied during planning sessions:

**Participation:** each person bringing a different insight, perspective and knowledge that formulates the larger picture.

**Respect:** respecting and honoring each person's views and ideas, empowering each other.

**Teamwork:** each person working with everyone else in their role to accomplish the goals of the community.

**Creativity:** giving permission for the dialogue between the rational (mind) and intuitive (heart) perspectives, keeping our eyes open to new ways of thinking.

The planning process was made up of four parts. Each component helped provide a comprehensive planning approach.



L to R top: Liz Johnson, Brian James, Cameron and Sophia Piscoya, Tim Stettinger, Robert Curran, Jr., Greg Timbers, Rosaleen Osterback, Raymond Tootkaylok, Kathryn Sweetland, Carolyn and Lee Johnson, Deilah Johnson, Tristan Hudson, Helen Bohn, Sarah Tumalak, Lily Huntsman, Harmony Huntsman holding Tobias Huntsman, Kooper and Annette Piscoya, Meghann Piscoya holding Presten Huntsman. Front row is Kirsten Timbers and Alayna Mokiuk, Jaxson Huntsman, Dilyn Tumalak, Riley Brooks, and far right is Leora Johnson holding Luella Tumalak.

**Vision, Values and Goals -** Developed the direction for the community's social and economic development with an overall vision, guiding community values, and development goals.

**Recommended application of community values** during implementation of development activities.

**Implementation Strategies -** Created strategies that the community can take in the coming 5 years to begin implementing actions and movement toward the vision and development goals. It is expected that the LEDP document should include:

- Community profile and assessment data
- Community vision, value statement and goals
- Updated community priorities for community and economic development
- Top priority implementation strategies for guidance in development projects

For a copy of the LEDP, call the office at 443-4985 or send an email to [tc.sol@kawerak.org](mailto:tc.sol@kawerak.org).

JOINT RESOLUTION 2016-01  
Village of Solomon  
Solomon Native Corporation

A JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY OF SOLOMON'S LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOP PLAN (LEDP) AND VILLAGE PRIORITIES WHICH ARE APPLICABLE FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Village of Solomon is the federally recognized governing body of the tribally enrolled members of Solomon, and the Solomon Native Corporation is the for-profit village corporation serving its share holders; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Solomon and the Solomon Native Corporation approves and adopts the Solomon Local Economic Development Plan 2016-2020 and its priorities for the tribe, applicable between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the top development priorities listed below for the community of Solomon was reviewed, updated, prioritized, and approved are:

1. Obtain Community hall/office building located in Nome
2. Expand and Improve ICWA Services
3. Assess Effects of Climate Change and Collaborate for Salmon Enhancement Testing in Solomon
4. Fully Effective Operations of Solomon Bed & Breakfast (business plan, obtain land, tourism development, gift shop, alternative and renewable energy)
5. Create and Manage Transportation Program for Solomon (roads, boat harbor, airstrip)
6. Improve Language Resources (immersion school, educational resources in our dialect, write children's books and Solomon history books)
7. Improve Access in Public Schools to learn Tribal Government, Alaska Native History, and Math and Science using our Environment as a tool
8. Advocate for Restorative Justice and Tribal Input into Culturally Appropriate Sentencing of our Tribal Membership
9. Work with other Tribes to develop Culturally related Classes and Activities to pass on Knowledge and Promote wellness
10. Educate and Enforce Land Use Rights in and Around Solomon
11. Clean Up Land and Old Church Site, Improve Drainage and add historical markers in and around Solomon
12. Advocate for affordable family friendly laundry/washeteria/carwash in Nome.

To read the joint resolution in its entirety, a copy can be requested by calling the office at 907 443-4985 or toll free at 1-855-443-4985 or send an email to [tc.sol@kawerak.org](mailto:tc.sol@kawerak.org)

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## Solomon's Schedule for 2016

April 21	Monthly Council Meeting
May 19	Monthly Council Meeting
June 16	Monthly Council Meeting
July 11	Youth Camp Applications Due
July 15	Letters of Intent Due
August 1-6	Solomon's Annual Youth Camp
August 6	Membership Meeting/ Solomon
August 18	Monthly Council Meeting
August 19	Tribal Elections
September 15	Monthly Council Meeting
September 23	Annual Meeting/Nome
October 17-19	FAI Elders & Youth Confer/ Fairbanks
October 23	Monthly Council Meeting
November 17	Monthly Council Meeting
November 28-Dec 2	BIA Providers Conf/Anch
December 15	Monthly Council Meeting & Children's Christmas Party

Monthly Council meetings start at 5:30 PM at the VOS office located at 110 Front Street, Suite 101.

Contact the office for more information, an agenda and a phone number to call in if you wish to attend telephonically.



### **Economic Development Administration (EDA) Visits Solomon**

Matt S. Erskine, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development and Chief Operating Officer for the Economic Development Administration toured the Solomon Bed & Breakfast with Shirley Kelly, Alaska EDA and Jim Nordlund from USDA as part of tour to all of the EDA funded projects in Nome area.

VOS received a \$400,000 EDA grant back in 2001 to renovate the abandoned BIA schoolhouse into a viable community center and tourism venture.

Picture top L to R: Mr. Eskine, Andy Piscoya, Brian James, Jim Nordland, Liz Johnson, Shirley Kelly, Annette, Cameron and Sophia Piscoya on the steps of the Solomon Bed & Breakfast on May 18th.

## Seeking Three (3) Youth and Three (3) Elders to attend Kawerak's Rural Provider's Conference (RPC)

The RPC is an annual gathering and cultural celebration designed by rural Alaskans who are substance abuse treatment providers, youth Elders and family members interested in an opportunity to share information, address substance abuse and promote wellness. This year's RPC features hands-on cultural events, moderated discussions, workshops and keynote speakers. There will be more than 35 workshops, including a Justice Track and sessions geared towards youth. Each evening will be filled with Traditional Native Dancing, other performances and a community potluck on the last evening.

Kawerak Inc. and RurAL CAP have combined their annual conferences with the Kawerak Regional and the 33rd Annual Rural Providers' Conference. The goal of the Kawerak conference is to assist Alaska Native people and their governing bodies to take control of their future. With programs ranging from education to transportation, and natural resources management to economic development to wellness, Kawerak seeks to improve the region's social, economic, educational, cultural and political conditions.

This year's theme will be the same as last year to continue the discussion on critical topics addressed recognizing the strength of traditional and cultural knowledge in creating health communities: CARVING A PATH TO WELLNESS.

### Jobs at Solomon

Upcoming jobs available this summer is a carpenter, maintenance and two labor workers to open and close the Solomon Community Center and assist the IGAP department.

During youth camp, two camp coordinators will also be hired. Contact the VOS office at 443-4985 for more details or send an email to [tc.sol@kawerak.org](mailto:tc.sol@kawerak.org).



### 2016 KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

- Aug. 2: Marjorie Tahbone – Inupiagurunga - I am Inupiaq
- Aug. 3: Lucy Apatiki - Intergenerational Historical Trauma; Past is Present, What Now?
- Aug. 4: Linda Chamberlain - Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Aug. 5: Samuel Johns – Making A Difference

If you are interested in attending, please email your letter of interest to [tc.sol@kawerak.org](mailto:tc.sol@kawerak.org) by July 11, 2016 or call the office at 907 443-4985 and talk to Liz Johnson, Tribal Coordinator. Airfare, lodging at the Solomon B&B and meals will be provided by the tribe.

This is separate from the annual youth camp. If you are interested in attending youth camp, you must submit youth camp application.

### Solomon Youth Spirit Camp Scheduled August 1-6, 2016

Solomon's summer youth camp dates have been set for August 1-6, 2016 for Solomon's youth ages 8 to 18. Youth under the age of 8 is welcome to attend with parental supervision. Much of the activities will promote healthy spiritual wellness and environmental education. Limited airfare is provided to those that live outside of the Nome area. A completed application must be submitted to VOS by the deadline of July 11, 2016 in order to be considered for airfare.

We need volunteers to assist with activities. Contact the tribal coordinator if you're interested in volunteering to supervise youth during camp, or driving, cooking and cleaning.

To request a camp application, contact the tribal coordinator at 907 443-4985 or send an email to [tc.sol@kawerak.org](mailto:tc.sol@kawerak.org).

Applications are due Monday, July 11, 2016.

## Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent?

Interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent in your area? There are resource family orientations held across the state and options for telephone and web orientations as well. Check out the Alaska Center for Resource Families' website at [www.acrf.org](http://www.acrf.org) or call 1-800-478-7307 to receive a Foster a Future packet with more information.

## Foster Parents Needed in Nome and Bering Strait Region

Please consider becoming a foster parent! There is a shortage of homes in our region, especially Alaska Native homes. 100% of the children who are in foster care in the Bering Straits region are Alaska Native and many of these children must be sent far from home when it is unsafe for them to live with their families because there is no other option for them here.

To foster a child, you do not need to be married, wealthy, employed full time, or a homeowner. You can choose the age and gender of the child or children who would fit best in your family and you can always say "No" to any placement for any reason. All you really need is a background free from violence, to be free from current substance abuse, and to be willing to love and care for a child who is in need. A monthly stipend is available to assist with the cost of caring for a child and all foster children have 100% of their medical and dental costs covered. You will be offered training and support. The State of Alaska's Office of Children Services also offers an additional stipend for childcare for working parents.

Alaska Native children who must enter care are always best served by remaining with a family member whenever possible but sometimes that option isn't available. The next best placement is with a Native Alaskan family in their own village or region. When we can't find appropriate foster care in those categories, some children remain in non-native foster homes in the region but many more are sent to foster homes and treatment centers across the state and in the lower 48. It is especially difficult to place larger sibling groups and teens locally. Since the Nome Children's Home is not able to accept infants (0 to 30 months), that is another major need we have for foster homes.

Foster parenting can be the most difficult, joyful, rewarding, heartbreaking thing you ever do - and it can make the biggest difference in the life of someone who stands to lose home, family, culture, and identity and yet has done nothing wrong. If you feel that you might be able to offer your home to a child please contact Ian Foster at Kawerak, at (907) 443-4372 or [fcrcase@kawerak.org](mailto:fcrcase@kawerak.org)

## Environmental Coordinator Attends RTOC Meeting in Seattle WA

Solomon's Environmental Coordinator Deilah Johnson serves as an Alternate Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) member for Bobbi Anne Barnowski who is one of three Alaska Primary Representatives for Region 10 (Region 10: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho. 272 Tribes) attended December's In-Person meeting in Bobbi Anne's absence. During the December meeting, RTOC appoints a rep to provide a Cultural Presentation, this last year, Deilah was volunteered. She took the opportunity as an honor to present her tribe at the EPA offices of Region 10 where the meetings were held. She presented a detailed powerpoint explaining the history, the tribe and culture of Solomon. One year old Tristan Hudson and his grandma Liz Johnson were in the audience for support.

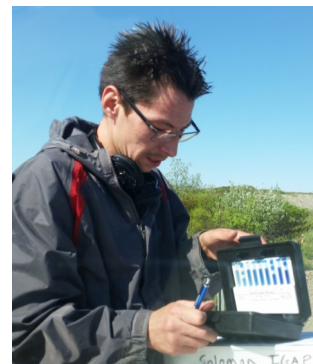


Photo is RTOC's Idaho Rep, Lee Juan Tyler of the Nez Pierce Tribe, Tristan Hudson and Liz and Deilah Johnson after the presentation.



## Solomon Environmental Program Update

The FY17 IGAP grant application was submitted to EPA as the first 4 year grant cycle is ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Environmental Department will begin their second water sampling season right after the third and final phase of the Water Quality Class at the Northwest Campus in Nome, Alaska May 2016 attended by both Field Workers, Tim Stettinger & Derek Johnson. The Quality Assurance Project Plan was revised in 2015 to delete two creeks, Jerome and Jerusalem creek and to add the Bonanza Channel, due to a depleted water flow in both creeks. IGAP was able to purchase a boat for Bonanza channel access to complete water sampling.



Derek Johnson water sampling in Solomon.

The VOS Environmental Team will be hosting their first 1 day Youth Summit July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, partnering with the Alaska Dept. Fish & Game, National Park Service, Native Village of Council IGAP and Nome Eskimo Community's IGAP. The one day Youth summit will spend the first half of the day divided into educational stations focused on Environmental awareness led by partner educators. We will end the last half of the day with a beach clean-up and discussion circle to measure what the youth had learned.

VOS' Environmental Team hosted an Earth Day awareness pledge in the Nome community, it turned out to be a successful event with almost 400 Earth Day pledges involving over 220 community members.

The Environmental Team has been picking up recyclables from Twin Dragon, Milano's and Airport Pizza in Nome, Alaska. They have also extended pickups to include Nome based tribal member's households. Please call the office if you have a pickup in Nome. The City of Nome accepts cans, glass, cardboard, paper, lead acid batteries. New recycling bins and can crushers have been purchased under IGAP to better encourage and educate our membership with the limited resources available in Nome.

### **Chance to Win \$250      Chance to Win \$150**

- WHAT:**      Recycle glass, aluminum cans, paper and cardboard. Once your recycling bins are full or you have a large pile of cardboard, please call the office to be put on the Pick-up list for that week.
- WHEN:**      Pickups are every Wednesday & Saturday at 11 am. If you'd like to stop by in person, the sign-up sheet is hanging on the door to the small office, otherwise you may call the office and request to be put on the list.
- WHY:**      Each time you recycle one full bag of cans/paper/bottles, you will receive a star for your household.

For those of you that do not live in Nome, please recycle and document your recycling efforts by taking a picture of your full bag of recyclables with a date and time stamp. You can write a note next to the bag then send the picture to [igap.solomon@gmail.com](mailto:igap.solomon@gmail.com) and explain the contents of the bag. Your recycling efforts will be acknowledged in the tribal membership recycling chart, which will be kept in the VOS office. Each time you recycle one full bag of cans/paper/bottles, you will receive a star for your household.

The household with the most stars on our chart will win our grand prize and second most stars will receive our runner-up prize which would include one \$250 and one \$150 Wells Fargo Visa Gift cards.

Please contact Deilah Johnson at 907 443 4985 or toll free at 1-855-443-4985 for more information.

## Solomon's History: Solomon Bed & Breakfast



Pictured above is the schoolhouse in Solomon built in 1940.

Solomon was settled by Inupiaq Eskimos of the Fish River Tribe and was noted on maps as "Erok" in 1900. Erok was a summer fish camp for the Fish River Tribe and later became a permanent settlement. The original site was situated in the delta of the Solomon River but later moved to a place known as Jerusalem Hill. Solomon was a fast growing community in the gold rush days of 1899 and 1900 when gold fever was the instigation for expansion on the Seward Peninsula. During the big strike for gold there were anywhere from three to seven enormous dredges scouring the Solomon area for the precious yellow metal. By 1904, this gold rush boom town was the supply center for the Solomon River miners, and was the third largest Seward Peninsula town. After the gold mine rush Solomon returned to a predominately Alaska Native community of subsistence reindeer herders and miners.

In 1939, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was responsible for instructing the children of the Solomon area. The BIA school opened in 1940 and remained in operation until 1956 when administrators closed the facility in a cost saving effort. Many families had moved to surrounding communities in order to continue their children's education.

Five decades later, the Village of Solomon applied for and received a U.S. Department of Economic Development Administration grant to renovate the abandoned BIA schoolhouse into a viable community center and tourism venture. The Solomon Bed & Breakfast was a remarkable



Pictured above is the schoolhouse that was abandoned when the school closed in 1956.

project envisioned by the Village of Solomon's tribal council, community at large and many individuals. After three summers of renovations the vision came true and opened its doors in 2006.

The Solomon Bed & Breakfast is a charming, historic renovated schoolhouse, located at Mile 34 of the Nome/Council Highway, near the Iditarod trail between the White Mountain and Safety checkpoints offering a quiet retreat setting with four guest rooms, each with a private bathroom and patio. Guests have access to a state of the art kitchen and dining hall for a continental breakfast. Guests have access to wireless internet throughout the building, our barbeque grill, and use of the canoes and kayaks.

In the summer while staying at the Solomon B& B, watch for unique migratory birds in the Safety Sound/Solomon Delta for magnificent photo opportunities and view historic gold mining dredges around the Solomon area.

## The Solomon Bed & Breakfast

In the winter, we also welcome Iditarod fans in March where guests will enjoy the same quiet retreat setting with access to wireless internet, a satellite phone and daily transportation to and from Nome/Solomon to enjoy local Iditarod festivities. The Bed & Breakfast is open the 2nd Saturday of March for about 10 days.

By special arrangements, corporate meeting retreats, weddings and large group functions can also be accommodated.

Tribal members receive a discounted rate when staying at the B&B.



Photos L to R: North side of the B&B; a bedroom with its own patio entrance; and, the main meeting room.

## Collaboration Climate Change in Nome

Climate Change Adaptation Planning is a grant funded by the BIA awarded to Nome Eskimo Community (NEC) who have partnered with University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). Climate Change Adaptation Planning has been hosting a series of workshops for tribal members interested in learning and providing a voice for their community. The communities who have agreed to participate in this Planning are, King Island Native Community, the Native Village of Council, the Village of Solomon and Nome Eskimo Community. The workshops were held in Nome, and were also available via conference line. IGAP Field Worker Tim Stettinger serves on the Climate Change Adaptation Planning Steering Committee as the primary Solomon representative.

IGAP Environmental Coordinator Deilah Johnson attended the second workshop via conference line

where they did a follow-up discussion from the previous workshop and rated the common top climate change priorities in their communities. With each concern acknowledged, a discussion for new strategies in addressing these concerns were noted for the planning process. If more of our Solomon tribal membership get involved, the more ideas and concerns we can address in the planning process for Solomon. The final outcome, The Plan, will also serve as an example and learning experience for other communities and regions across the state of Alaska. Particularly for the Village of Solomon, the Plan will serve as a tool in seeking Grant funding opportunities to address all Climate Change concerns addressed in the plan. Please join the Workshop in September 2016. If you have any questions, send an email to Deilah Johnson at [igap.solomon@gmail.com](mailto:igap.solomon@gmail.com)





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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Village of Solomon's Annual Meeting is Friday , September 23, 2016  
at 6 PM in Nome at the XYZ Senior Center.

## **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

Election day is Friday, August 19, 2016 in Nome at the office  
located in the BSNC building on Front Street.

Hours: 8:30 AM t o 4:30 PM