

Let's Work Together to Strengthen Stewardship of Our Public Lands

Hosted by the U.S. Departments of the Interior & Agriculture

“By acknowledging and empowering Tribes as partners in co-stewardship of our country’s lands and waters, every American will benefit from strengthened management of our federal land and resources.”

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland

What will we do at the Talking Circles?

Share, Listen, and Plan:

- What Tribal leaders have to say and what federal partners have heard about co-stewardship.
- Examples of how co-stewardship is happening in AK today.
- How Tribal leaders and communities would like co-stewardship to happen in their places.
- Tribal leader and community capacity to engage in these conversations and related actions.

Who is invited?

- Tribal Council Members, Tribal Administrators, ANCSA Regional and Village Corporation Land Managers, Alaska Native Regional Non-Profit Natural Resources Staff, Alaska Native Elders and Leaders, and local federal land managers.

Who is hosting this effort?

- The Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service are convening Talking Circles throughout Alaska to **connect Tribal leaders and federal land managers.**

Why?

- The purpose of the Talking Circle Series and other co-stewardship conversations is to **improve stewardship of public lands, waters, and wildlife.**

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"Our mission statement as directed by Congress is to preserve these lands for future generations, which has been what the tribes' stance has been since time immemorial," he said. "We are only the stewards of these lands while we're here and we steward those for the seven generations that follow us."

National Park Service Director, Charles "Chuck" Sams, III

USFWS National Co-Stewardship Webinars

Winter
2023

Location: Virtual

Hosted by: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Purpose: To discuss how to build a co-stewardship framework by sharing stewardship priorities and potential paths forward.

Spring
2023

AK Co-Stewardship Talking Circles

Location: 7 in-person meetings in different regions and a virtual meeting

Hosted by: U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Purpose: To improve stewardship of public lands, waters, and wildlife by strengthening the role of Tribal communities in federal land management.

Fall
2023

Alaska Co-Stewardship Symposium

Location: Anchorage

Hosted by and for: Tribal Governments, Alaska Native Organizations and Corporations, Government Resource Management Agencies, University Partners, and Conservation Partners.

Purpose: To build understanding, relationships, and knowledge to advance Indigenous co-stewardship for the health and wellbeing of all Alaskan human and non-human relatives, lands, and waters.

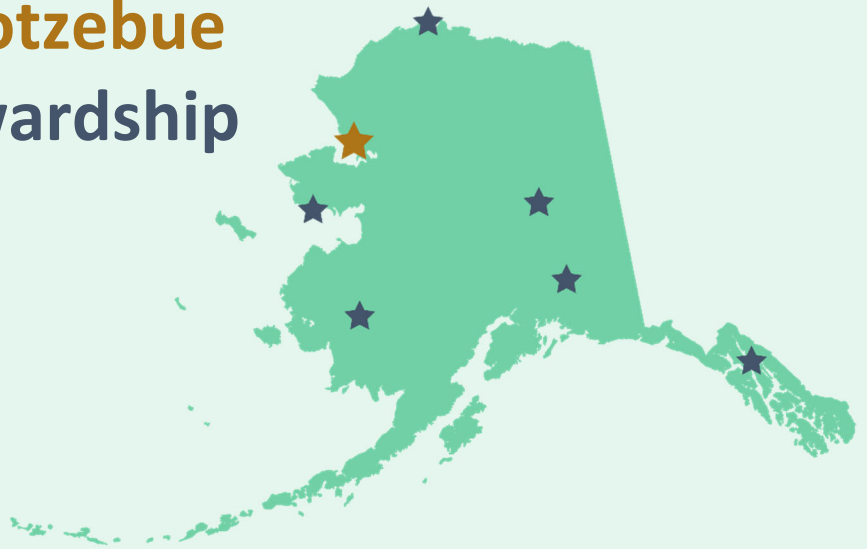
Please join us in **Kotzebue** for the AK Co-Stewardship Talking Circle

When:

Monday, May 22, 2023, 5-8pm

Where:

Northwest Arctic Heritage Center
171 Third Avenue, Kotzebue



Virtual Meeting: June 8, 2023, 4-6pm

How to Connect:

Audio Only: Dial: 1-833-548-0282 (Toll-free) | Meeting ID: 880 0059 6627# | Passcode: 343610#

Audio/Visual: <https://agnewbeck.zoom.us/j/88000596627?pwd=QnhobkJ6SnowNksxc0pRUjdrUXE1dz09>

"When the Service and Indigenous peoples work together on stewarding our lands and waters, along with the fish and wildlife that inhabit them, our longstanding relationships are strengthened, and resources are better stewarded."

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Martha Williams