

# Overview of Aleut International Association

Belmont Forum Webinar for Arctic Observing &  
Science for Sustainability / End Users Focus

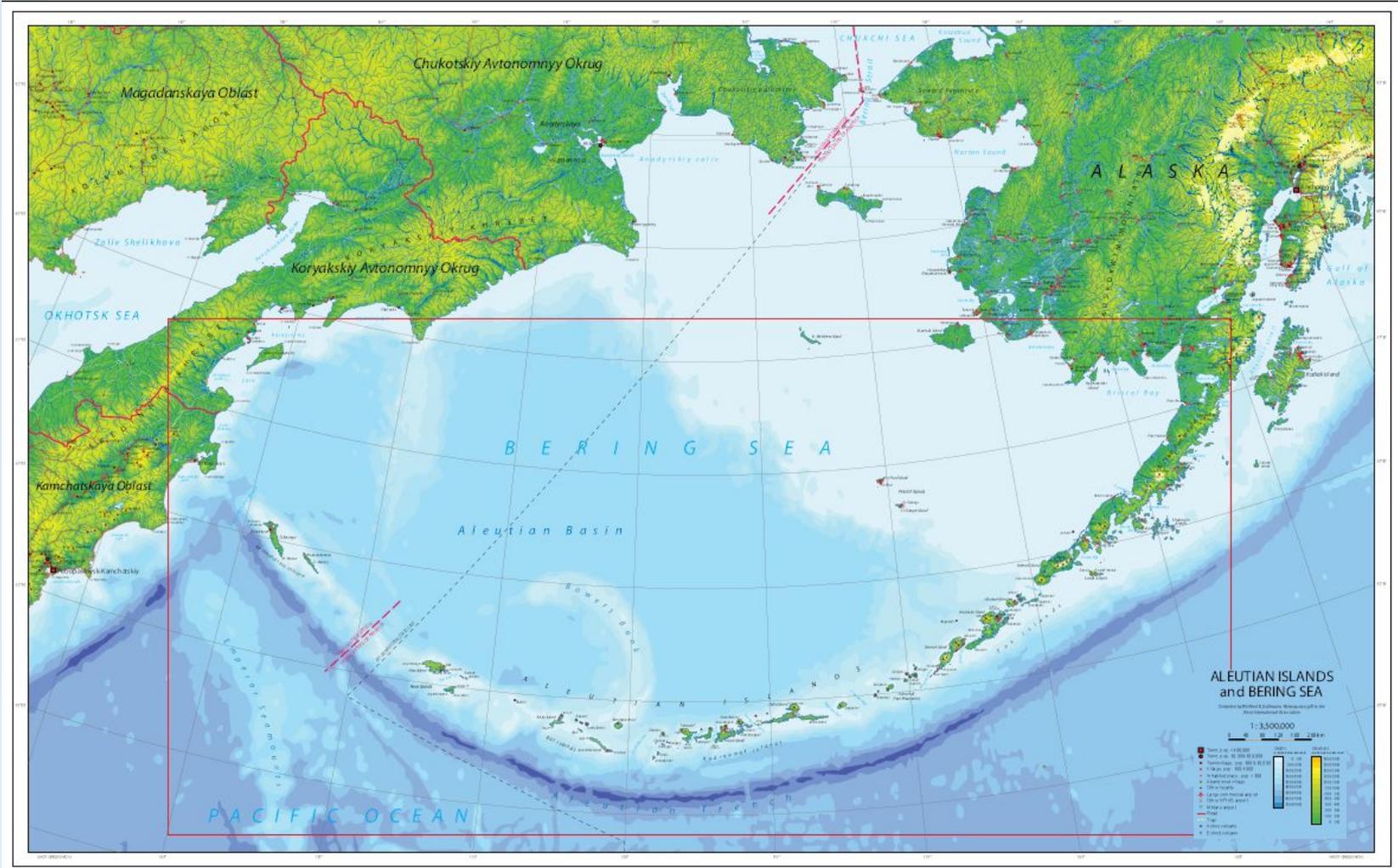
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# Aleut International Association

- Founded 1998
- Formed by the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) and the Association of the Indigenous Peoples of the North of the Aleut District of the Kamchatka Region of the Russian Federation (AIPNADKR)
- AIA is governed by a Board of Directors that has four Alaskan and four Russian Aleuts as members
- AIA has two main purposes:
  - > **Establish close ties between Russian and Alaskan Aleut Communities**
  - > **Engage in international activities through the Arctic Council that advocate for the interests of Indigenous Peoples and promote improvement of the Arctic environment**
- AIA works with governments, scientists and other organizations
- AIA needs the involvement of the people of the region

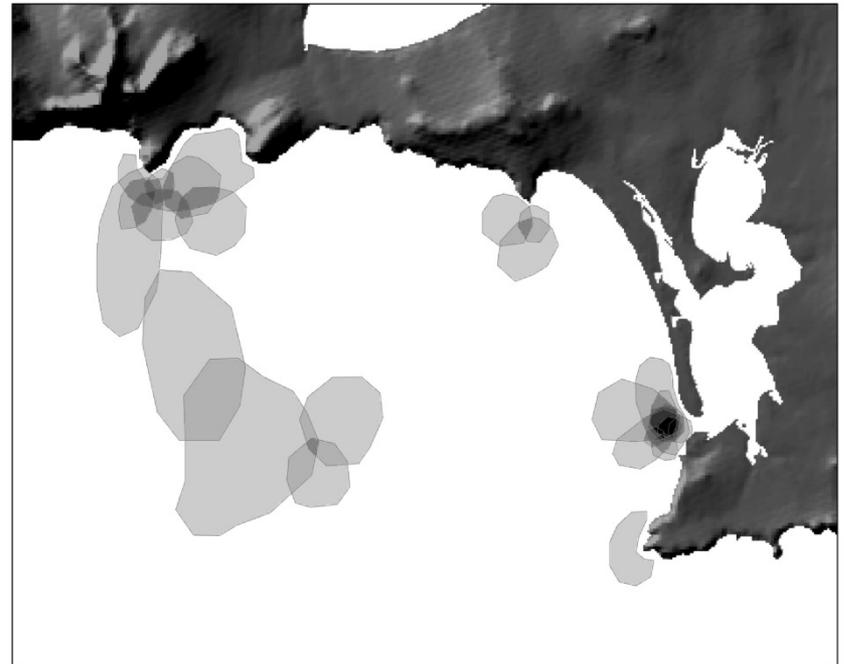


# Community Observation Network for Adaptation & Security (CONAS)

- Currently in a one year bridge toward 5 more years
- Funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation
- Currently surveying about adaptive capacity in 8 Bering Sea communities (Gambell, Sand Point, Savoonga, St. George, & Togiak in Alaska; Kanchalan, Nikolskoye & Tymlat in Russia)
- Surveying conducted by community members and communities have a stake in the project data.
- Surveys will inform multiple processes including creation of Adaptive Capacity Indicators.

# Marine Subsistence Use Mapping: Tools for Communities

Goal: To produce a tool which makes use of established techniques and open source software that will allow coastal Indigenous communities to produce their own scientifically justifiable maps of marine subsistence use.



# Community-Based Black Carbon Assessment Project

- Assess local sources of black carbon emissions from representative sampling of Arctic villages.
- Provide a broad characterization of public health risks.
- Explore short and long-term mitigation options.
- Strengthen local capacities to identify, mitigate and prevent black carbon pollution.
- Draft a framework tool for community-based assessments of black carbon emissions and public health risks.
- Educate local communities about black carbon emissions and risks.



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# QUESTIONS?

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