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**Communities Served**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Alakanuk       | New Stuyahok    |
| Ambler         | Nightmute       |
| Andreafsky     | Noatak          |
| Anvik          | Noorvik         |
| Brevig Mission | Nulato          |
| Chevak         | Nunapitchuk     |
| Eek            | Old Harbor      |
| Ekwok          | Pilot Station   |
| Elim           | Pitkas Point    |
| Emmonak        | Quinhagak       |
| Gambell        | Russian Mission |
| Goodnews Bay   | St. Mary's      |
| Grayling       | St. Michael     |
| Holy Cross     | Savoonga        |
| Hooper Bay     | Scammon Bay     |
| Huslia         | Selawik         |
| Kaltag         | Shageluk        |
| Kasigluk       | Shaktoolik      |
| Kiana          | Shishmaref      |
| Kivalina       | Shungnak        |
| Kotlik         | Stebbins        |
| Koyuk          | Teller          |
| Lower Kalskag  | Togiak          |
| Marshall       | Toksook Bay     |
| Mekoryuk       | Tununak         |
| Minto          | Upper Kalskag   |
| Mt. Village    | Wales           |



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## Peter Demoski Elected to the Board

We had a great turnout at the AVEC annual meeting in Anchorage in March with 47 of our 54 villages sending delegates from their communities. Delegates adopted all of the proposed bylaw changes and elected three directors to the board from a slate of seven candidates. Helena Jones from Ambler and Phyllis Clough from Old Harbor were re-elected and Peter Demoski from Nulato was elected to a first term.

In a speech to the delegates, Peter explained he has been the Tribal Administrator for the Village of Nulato for 18 years. Nulato is a village of about 275 on the Yukon River, about 310 air miles west of Fairbanks. He was a player in the fight against Congress' efforts to eliminate the tribes in the early 2000s. As part of that effort, 134 tribes gathered in a three-day meeting and signed a petition requesting Congress drop its mandate to eliminate tribes. Their success with this battle is why tribes still operate.

Peter expressed the concern that his fellow villagers have for the high cost of electricity. They realize this is a result of expensive diesel that has to be shipped by air or small barge. He believes in the value of wind generation and interties, but is concerned wind may not be as viable an option in the Interior, as it is on the coast. He expressed concern that AVEC develop a good maintenance program for its wind turbines and other facilities.

## AVEC Vessels to be Christened

The AVEC board is proud to announce the AVEC tugs *M/V Naniq* and *M/V Cavek* and their barges *AVEC-208* and *AVEC-183* will be christened in Dillingham on May 31, 2012. The blessing of the boats and their christening will occur at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon at the harbor. All AVEC members are welcome to attend and participate.

For more information, contact Amy Murphy at [amurphy@avec.org](mailto:amurphy@avec.org), or (800) 478-1818.

Until next time,

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