

**NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOTZEBUE
RESEARCH PROTOCOL
(Adapted from the Principles for the Conduct of Research in the Arctic)**

All researchers working in *Qikiqtaġruṃmiut* (Native Village of Kotzebue Citizens) territory or with *Qikiqtaġruṃmiut* have an ethical responsibility towards our Tribal culture, environment and citizens. The following principles have been adopted to provide guidance for researchers in any and all fields.

This statement intends to promote mutual respect and communication between scientists and the Tribe.

Implementation

Research directly involving Tribal Citizens shall not proceed without their clear and informed consent.

In all instances, it is the responsibility of the lead Principal Investigator on each project to do the following:

1. Inform the **Native Village of Kotzebue (Tribe)** of planned research that will be carried out on lands, waters, or territories used or occupied by Tribal Citizens or that will involve Tribal Citizens. The duty of researchers to inform the Tribe continues after approval has been obtained.
2. Explain the purposes, goals, time frame, and methodology of the research, including the sponsoring institutions and affiliations of the research project and identify the person in charge, as well as all investigators involved in the research, and the need for consultants, guides, or interpreters and proposed compensation rates for same.
3. Researchers shall consult with the Tribe in project development, planning, and implementation.
4. Research results shall be explained in nontechnical terms and shall be communicated to the Tribe.
5. Subject to the requirements for anonymity, publications shall always refer to the informed consent of participants and give credit to those contributing to the research project by acknowledging the **Intellectual Property Rights** of individual Tribal members taking part in the research and unless provided for on a contractual basis all information belongs to the Tribe and divulgence of such information is expressly forbidden without permission of the Tribe. When **Indigenous Knowledge** is sought out and used for purposes of the research project the persons involved shall be compensated at a fair rate. The Tribe can provide researchers with the suggested and current rates.
6. In cases where information of a confidential nature is provided, anonymity must be guaranteed in both the original use of data and in its deposition for future use. If anonymity cannot be guaranteed, the subjects must be informed of the possible consequences of becoming involved in the research.
 - a. All research involving children must be fully justified in terms of goals and objectives and never undertaken without the consent of both the children and their parents or legal guardians. As with any research involving Tribal Citizens, the Tribe shall also be notified of any research proposing the involvement of *Qikiqtaġruṃmiut* children.
 - b. Participation of subjects, including the use of photography in research, shall always be based on informed consent. Recordings, video, audio or other, will be specifically defined and agreed to by

participants, if any additional uses are wanted the participant or their agent must be contacted to consent to the new use.

c. The use and disposition of human tissue samples shall always be based on the informed consent of the subjects or next of kin.

7. All relevant Federal, State, and local regulations and policies pertaining to cultural, environmental, and health protection, must be strictly observed and any required permits procured before activities begin.

8. Sacred sites, cultural materials (including artifacts), and cultural property cannot be disturbed or removed from *Qikiqtaġruṃmiut* territory without Tribal and/or individual consent. The precise location of specific sites may not be published without the consent of the Tribe. All work related to such areas and material, shall be conducted in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

The Tribal contact for researchers is the **Executive Director** who can be reached at **1-800-442-3467**.

To facilitate a working relationship and the implementation of the above responsibilities, a research questionnaire is attached to be filled out prior to the beginning of any projects and to be submitted to:

Native Village of Kotzebue – P.O. Box 296 – Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

