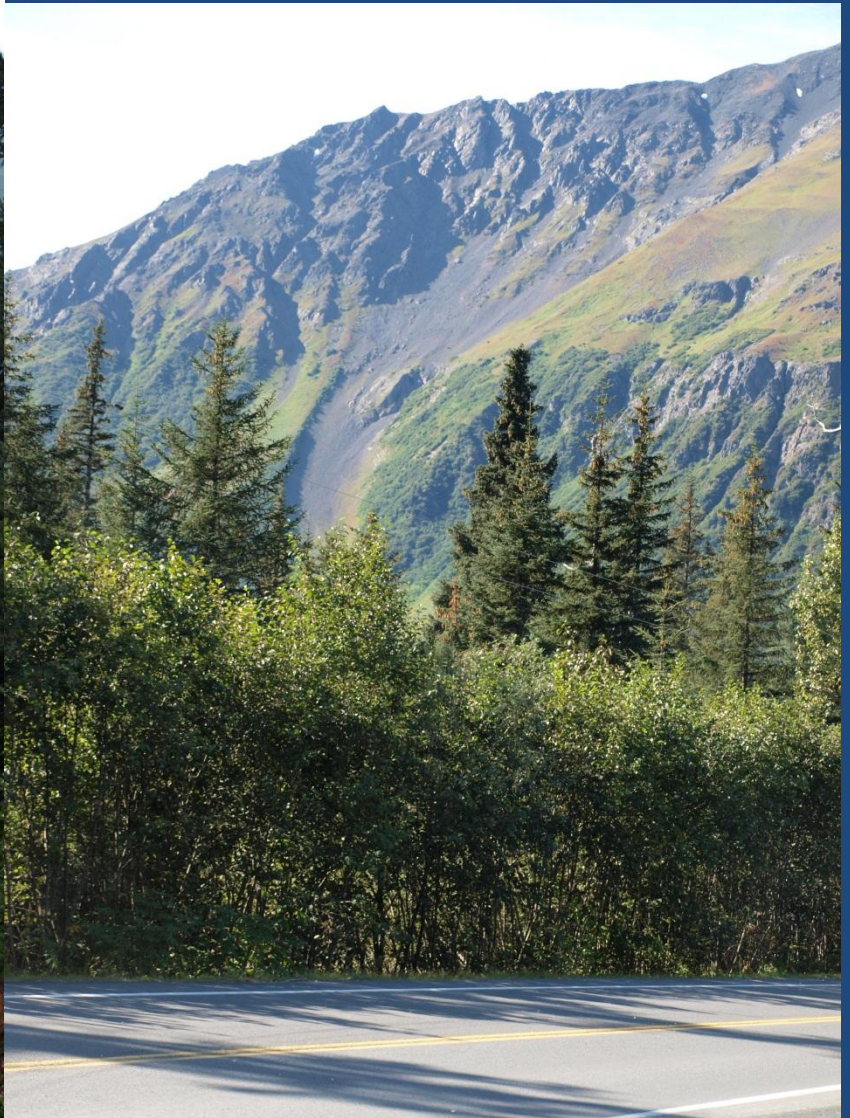


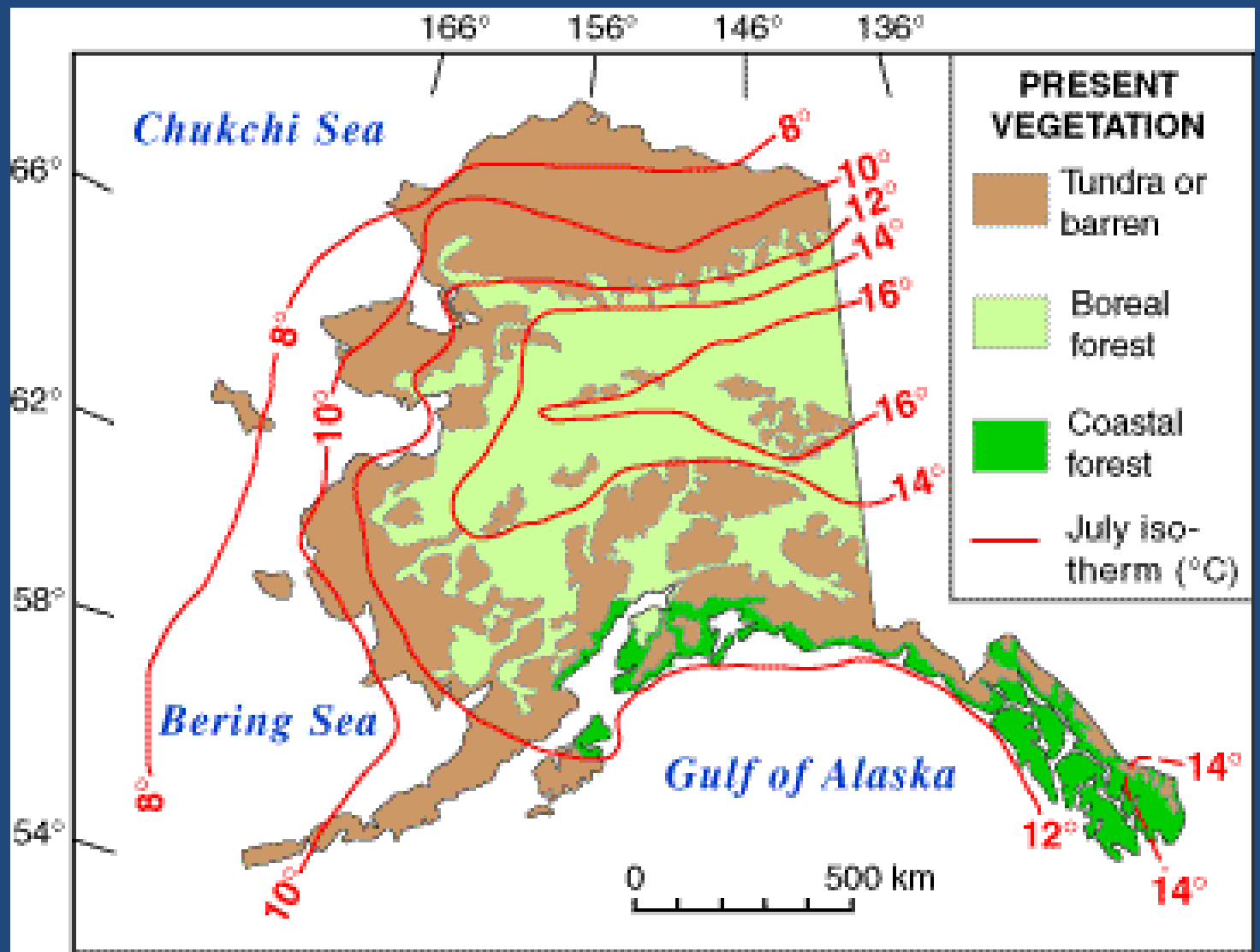
Alaska's Changing Ecosystems





Three Biomes:

1. Temperate rainforest
2. Boreal forest (taiga)
3. Tundra



Taiga

- Fairly wet
- Discontinuous permafrost
- Human impacts indirect











White
spruce



Black spruce



Birches,
willows,
aspen













Tundra:

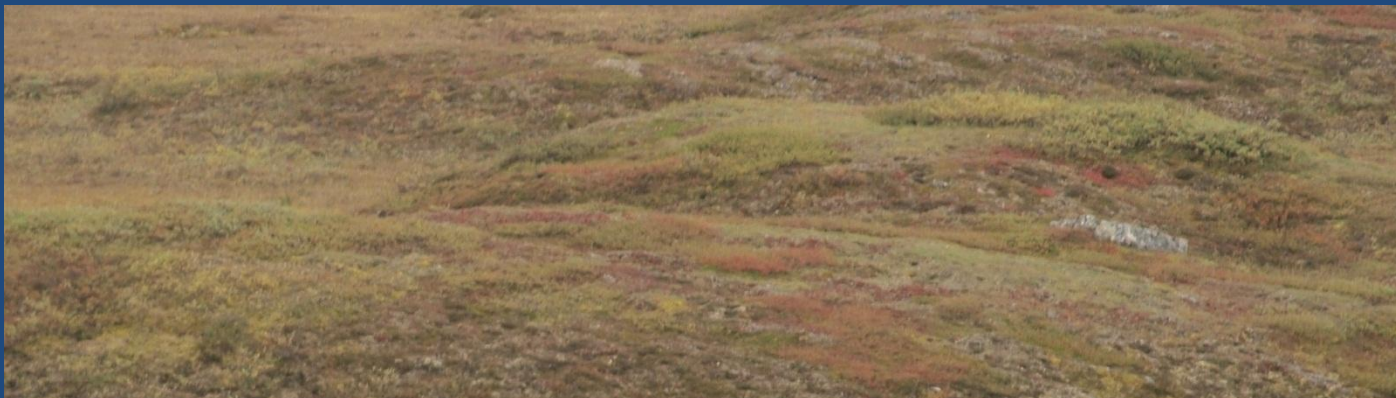
Alpine



Arctic

- Can be dry
- Continuous permafrost
- Both direct and indirect human impacts

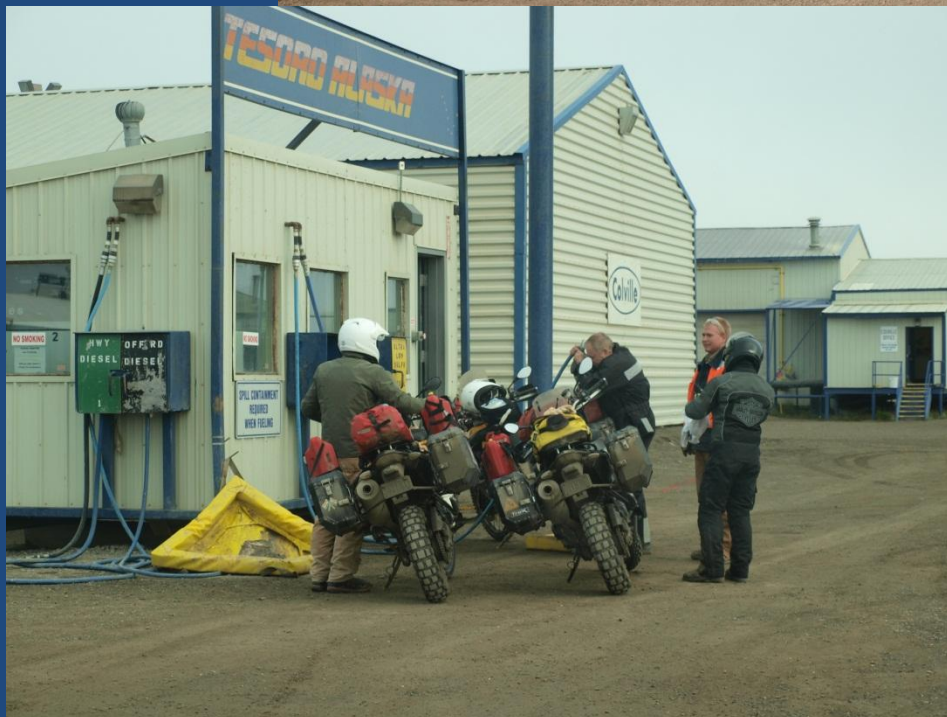






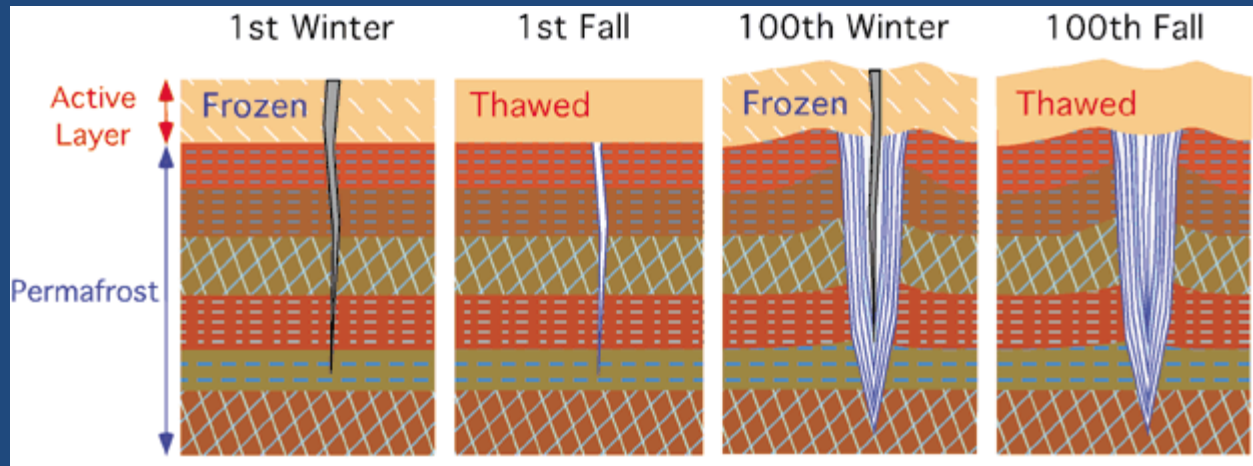








Low-center polygons







WE'RE CONNECTED

This is the living taiga. As our climate warms in these northern lands, we're experiencing larger forest fires, expansive insect infestations, more invasive plants, and melting permafrost. If our actions are contributing to this change, how can we lessen our impact and be responsible stewards of the environment?

RAPpers







Troy and Ethan Wilkinson connecting with their ancestors by learning the process of tanning bearded seal to be used to cover a qajaq in Kwigillingok.

believe that we should live our lives by these words and share the knowledge with our youth.

"I hope that the *Yupiiit* (Yup'ik people) and the *Kass'at* (Euro-Americans) begin to understand each other. If they learn about each other, they will accept who they are...If we integrate the teachings of the *Yupiiit* and the *Kass'at*, our knowledge will be greater."

— Paul John, Toksook Bay, November 1991

"If we do not inform our counterparts (aipait) how we want something done, they won't be able to help us even if they want to and can operate in a way we don't like. However, if we speak out and let them hear us, and if we come to them and face them with our problems, things can improve."

— Peter Jacobs, Bethel, November 2001

the *Kass'at* begin seeing the written information and they would begin thinking, 'Look: the *Yupiiit* for all. They apparently do have the intellectual aptitude.' "



The values that we focus on in this exhibit, as chosen by our Cultural Advisory Committees, are:



ATHABASCAN

Understanding & Adapting to What Life Brings –
You Cannot Control Many Things



YUP'IK & CUP'IK

See Connections –
All Things Are Related



IÑUPIAQ &
ST. LAWRENCE
ISLAND YUPIK

Honor Your Elders –
They Show You the Way in Life



UNANGAĀ &
ALUTIIQ (SUGPIAQ)

Share What You Have –
Giving Makes You Richer



EYAK, TLINGIT,
HAIDA & TSIMSHIAN

Know Who You Are –
You Are a Reflection on Your Family

