## Cenaliulriit Program Protects Way of Life

Cenaliulriit Coastal Management District represents 43 villages in the AVCP/Calista region. The District covers approximately 48,000 square miles, which include Nunivak Island and St. Matthew Island.

Cenaliulriit is trying to protect the environment, assuring that the activities of developers, miners, oil companies, and others will not conflict with the way of life in our villages. One of the district's goals is protection of our hunting and gathering environment.

Cenaliulriit staff look into resource development or management proposals that come to the office for comment. Our staff makes sure that the proposal complies with Cenaliulriit standards and villagers' concerns. By law, development may not occur unless it is consistent with the Cenaliulriit Coastal Management Plan which was developed over the last six years and approved by the State. Cenaliulriit also contacts villages and gets comments from them.

Cenaliulriit comments on such things as permits to miners, development in the villages, (i.e. road project airport, erosion control buildings, gravel pits) proposals for off shore development and management plans for National Wildlife Refuges.

This time of the year lots of proposals come in to the office for comments. The office is busy from February to May with proposals for summer projects.

Cenaliulriit will try to help any village that needs support from the office. We are here to help you live in the village as you wish. If you have

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problems with development that you think does not comply with your way of life or Cenaliulriit standards, please let the office know, we are here to help you.

Call us at 543-2243, or come visit us at our office in the AVCP building in Bethel.



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