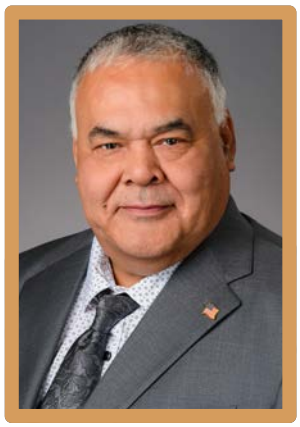
# AKHIOK-KAGUYAK, INC.

## Summer 2026 Newsletter



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Thank you to everyone who attended our informational meetings this spring. It was great to see so many shareholders in person and have the opportunity to share updates about AKI.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support and trust in our corporation. The Board's responsibility is to make sure AKI remains strong, is well managed, and continues moving in the right direction for our shareholders and future generations.

I am pleased to share that AKI is in a stronger position today than it has been in recent years. This progress comes from making thoughtful decisions, strengthening leadership, and staying focused on what matters most, our shareholders.

The Board is proud of the work being done under the leadership of President & CEO Sabrina Ben and the AKI team. Together, they have helped create a more stable organization that continues to grow and to build new opportunities for our shareholders.

Our Board of Directors remains committed to ensuring AKI operates with honesty, accountability, and transparency. We know that your trust is important, and we will continue working hard to earn it every day.

We look forward to continuing this journey together.

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Ernie Berestoff, Sr.
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Chairman of the Board

# Letter from the President and CEO

As summer is in full swing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support. It was wonderful to connect with so many shareholders during our spring informational meetings and share the progress we are making together.

Over the past year, our team has remained focused on strengthening AKI's foundation while positioning the corporation for long-term growth.

I am proud of what our employees have accomplished. Their dedication and hard work have helped us expand opportunities, strengthen our government contracting portfolio, improve internal processes, and continue delivering value to our shareholders. These efforts have resulted in another year of growth and have positioned AKI for continued success in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

This year has also brought exciting opportunities to enhance shareholder programs, improve communication, and increase engagement across our shareholder community. We are continually looking for ways to better serve you and ensure that AKI remains a source of pride and opportunity for all shareholders.

As we look ahead, I am optimistic about our future. AKI is well-positioned for continued growth, and we remain focused on creating lasting value while honoring the vision of our Elders and those who came before us. Together, we are building a stronger corporation and a brighter future for generations to come.

Thank you for your trust, support, and involvement. I encourage you to stay connected and participate in upcoming events.

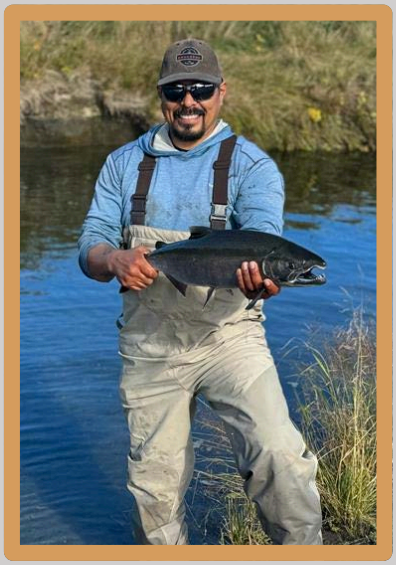
Wishing you and your families a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Sabrina Ben,
*Sabrina Ben*
President & CEO

## Management Team

**Sabrina Ben**, President & CEO
**Tim Lowman**, Chief Operations Officer
**Matt Pavlak**, Chief Administrative Officer
**Monica Wise**, VP of Shareholder Relations
**Stephanie Banach**, Manager of Shareholder Relations

# Shareholder Spotlight



Born and raised in Akhiok, Thomas Rastopsoff moved to Kodiak as a teenager and has spent his entire adult life commercial fishing. He and his wife, Sarah, have been together for 25 years and have built their life in Kodiak while raising their family. Thomas is proud of his Alutiiq heritage and values the community and traditions that have shaped him.

Thomas credits much of who he is today to the influence of his parents and grandmother. His father taught him the importance of hard work, kindness, and respect, while his mother provided unwavering love and support. Those lessons continue to guide him as a husband, father, fisherman, and AKI shareholder.

Recently, Thomas achieved a longtime goal by earning his U.S. Coast Guard 6-Pack Captain's License. He hopes to use it to offer fishing and sightseeing charters, sharing Kodiak's incredible waters with others.

When he is not working, Thomas enjoys sport fishing, boating, and subsistence activities. He believes strongly in helping others, supporting elders, and sharing the blessings he has been given.

Thomas encourages fellow shareholders to stay engaged with AKI by staying informed, voting, and sharing ideas that can help strengthen the corporation for future generations. His message to shareholders is simple: take pride in your heritage, support one another, and remember that kindness can make a lasting difference.

# AKI Board Members Give Back

Members of AKI's Board of Directors recently came together to assemble care kits for individuals experiencing housing insecurity. The kits included essential items to provide comfort and support to those in need. We are proud of our Board's commitment to giving back and making a positive impact in our communities.

# Thank You for Joining Us at Our April Informational Meetings

AKI would like to extend a sincere thanks to all the shareholders who attended our April Informational Meetings in Anchorage and Kodiak.

These gatherings provided a valuable opportunity for shareholders to connect with AKI leadership, learn about recent company developments, receive updates on operations, and engage in meaningful discussions about the future of your corporation. Your participation, questions, and feedback are essential to helping us better serve our shareholders and strengthen our community.

Open communication and transparency remain important priorities for our Board of Directors and leadership team. Informational meetings provide an opportunity for shareholders to stay engaged, learn about ongoing initiatives, and have their voices heard. We appreciate the thoughtful conversations and perspectives shared throughout the meetings.

# AKI CLEANUP DAYS

AKI would like to thank our shareholders and families who participated in our 2026 Citywide Cleanup. Your willingness to give your time and energy to help clean our communities demonstrates the pride, stewardship, and commitment that make our shareholder community so special.

Throughout the month of May, shareholders of all ages stepped up to collect litter, beautify neighborhoods, and make a positive impact in the places we live, work, and gather. Every bag of trash collected and every area cleaned contributed to creating a healthier and more welcoming environment for everyone.

We were especially encouraged to see participation from multiple generations of shareholders, working together to care for our communities while setting a positive example for future generations. Your efforts reflect the values of responsibility, respect, and community that are deeply rooted in our culture.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos and shared their cleanup efforts. We enjoyed seeing the difference you made and celebrating your hard work.

# Why Burial Assistance and Stock Will Forms Matter

Planning ahead is one of the most important ways you can help your family during a difficult time. AKI encourages all shareholders to keep their Burial Assistance Designation and Stock Will forms current and on file.

A Burial Assistance Designation Form allows you to identify who should receive AKI's burial assistance benefit on your behalf. Keeping this form updated helps ensure funds are distributed according to your wishes and can help ease the financial burden on your loved ones.

A Stock Will Form allows you to specify how your AKI shares should be distributed after your passing. Having a completed stock will on file can help simplify the transfer process, reduce delays, and provide clear direction for your family.

Life circumstances change, so it is important to review these forms regularly and update them as needed. If you have questions or would like to complete or update your forms, please contact AKI Shareholder Relations for assistance.

**CONTACT US!**

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Scan to access Shareholder forms

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. offers our condolences to the family and friends of our precious shareholders who have passed away.

Audrey Lynn Coyle

## Important Dates!

- Shareholder Picnic (Anc.) - July 9, 2026
- Annual Meeting (Anc.) - September 19, 2026

# SHAREHOLDER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

SUPPORTING SHAREHOLDER-OWNED BUSINESSES

## NAUTICAL MARINE

Joe Hok, AKI Shareholder and owner of Nautical Marine, has built a business dedicated to serving commercial and subsistence fishermen throughout Alaska. With nearly 40 years in the fishing industry, Nautical Marine specializes in the production and repair of fishing gear, including gillnets, seines, crab and shrimp gear, and longlining equipment.

Over the past 15 years, Joe has overseen the production of hundreds of gillnets and worked with nearly every major fishery in Alaska. In addition to providing quality products and services, Nautical Marine is committed to sharing knowledge and helping prepare the next generation of Alaska fishermen.

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## TKO JUNK SOLUTIONS

Tiege O'Brien, AKI Shareholder is the owner of TKO Junk Solutions, a locally owned business providing junk removal and hauling services in Anchorage.

TKO Junk Solutions offers same-day and next-day service, helping residential and commercial customers quickly remove unwanted items and debris. The company prides itself on providing efficient, reliable, and affordable service while making the cleanup process as simple and stress-free as possible for its customers.

Whether it's hauling away household clutter, construction debris, or other unwanted materials, TKO Junk Solutions is committed to delivering prompt service and dependable results.

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KIDS CORNER

# Can you spot the differences?

HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?

Write or draw the differences you found!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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# DID YOU MOVE?

If you've recently moved, changed your mailing address, or updated your contact details, please notify us as soon as possible. Keeping your information up to date helps us stay connected and ensures you don't miss out on important shareholder communications. We are seeking your help in locating our missing shareholders. If you know the whereabouts of any of the shareholders listed, please contact Shareholder Relations at **(907) 258-0604** or email **info@aki-kodiak.com**.

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