



# Alaska Coastal Cooperative



**2024 Chignik Regional Resilience Symposium**

**6/6/2024**

**Presented by Chris Maio, George Anderson, Matthew Balazs, and Mike Willis**

**Who we are...**

# Alaska Coastal Cooperative 3-Fold Mission

1. **Enhance communication** to identify and act on shared goals
2. **Advance applied science** that addresses local priorities and delivers actionable products
3. Contribute towards **building technical capacity** through education and training

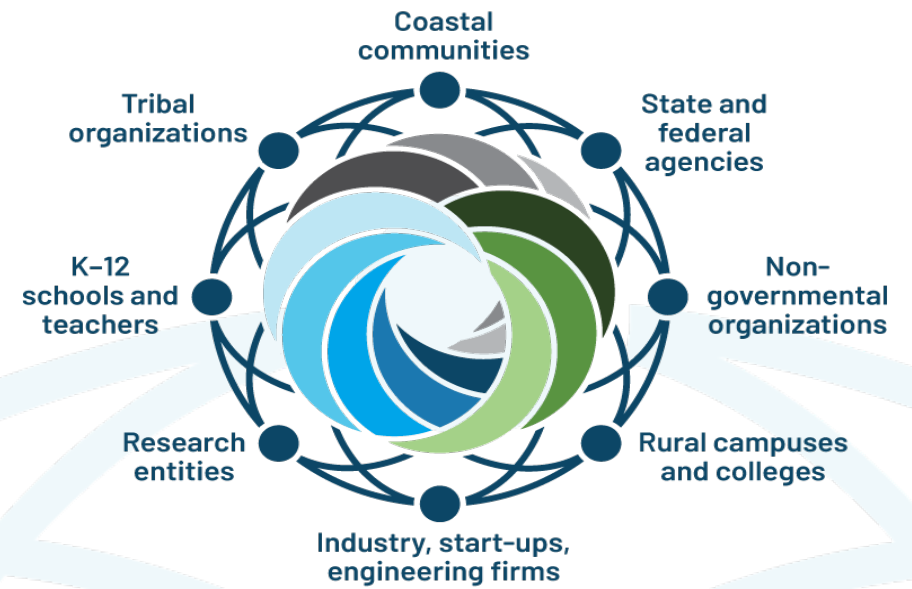


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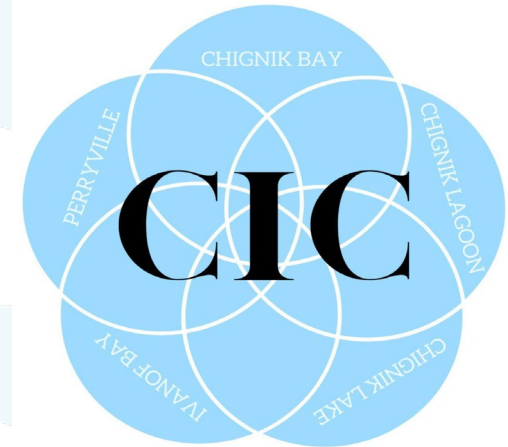
# Chignik Fisheries Project



*Advancing Resilience through community driven science, technology, and capacity building*

- **Motivation**

- Prioritize local needs in applied science
- Collect baseline data of the physical environment within the Chignik watershed
- Contribute towards the revitalization of the Chigniks







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## AC<sup>3</sup>TION Project

Alaska Coastal Cooperative for Coproducing  
Transformative Ideas and Opportunities in the North

*A community-first approach to  
climate resilience*



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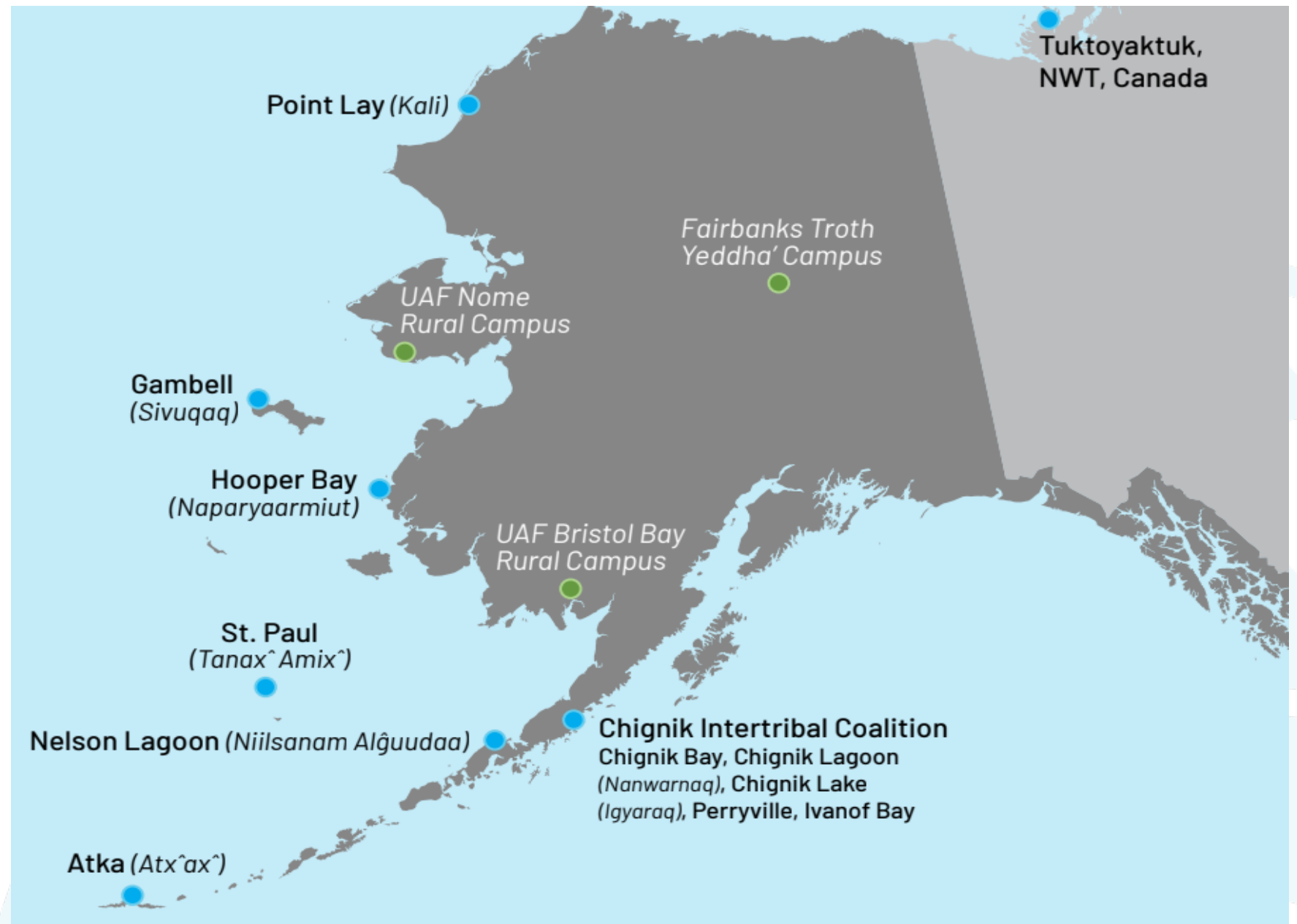


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# ACTION

- NSF Funded 4-Year project - \$14 million total
- 12 community partners
- Community Research Lead Network
- Contribute towards understanding coastal hazards and their impacts on communities



# The Visioning Process

Identifying community risks and priorities –  
matchmaking with researcher expertise

Learning  
about  
Chignik  
Bay's  
priorities

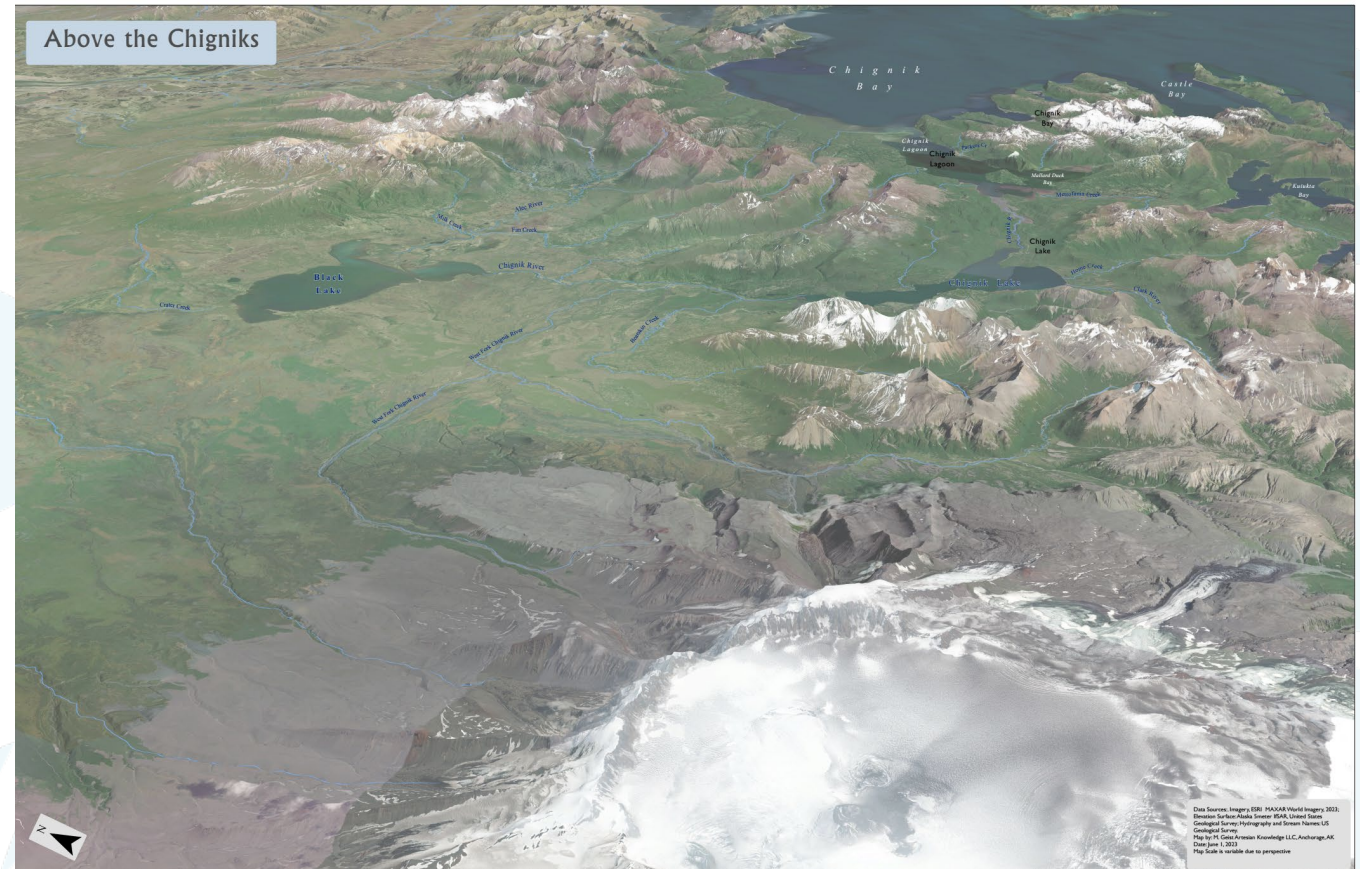




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## What we've accomplished in the past year

- **Elevation Collection**
- **Water Depth Collection**
  - "Bathy Fleet"
- **Water Level Monitoring**
- **Field School in Chignik Bay**
- **Documentary Film**



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# Elevation Data: LiDAR

- Lake and Peninsula Borough / USGS / Alaska Coastal Cooperative
- Half of the area collected in 2023
- Second half scheduled for this month



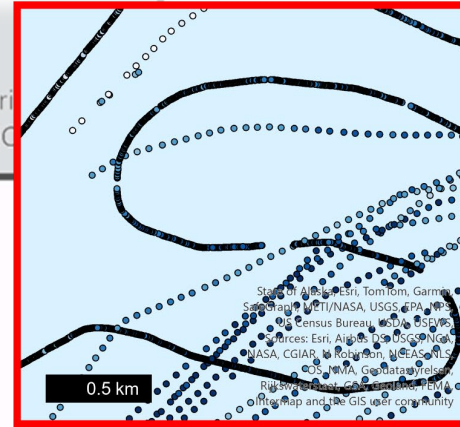
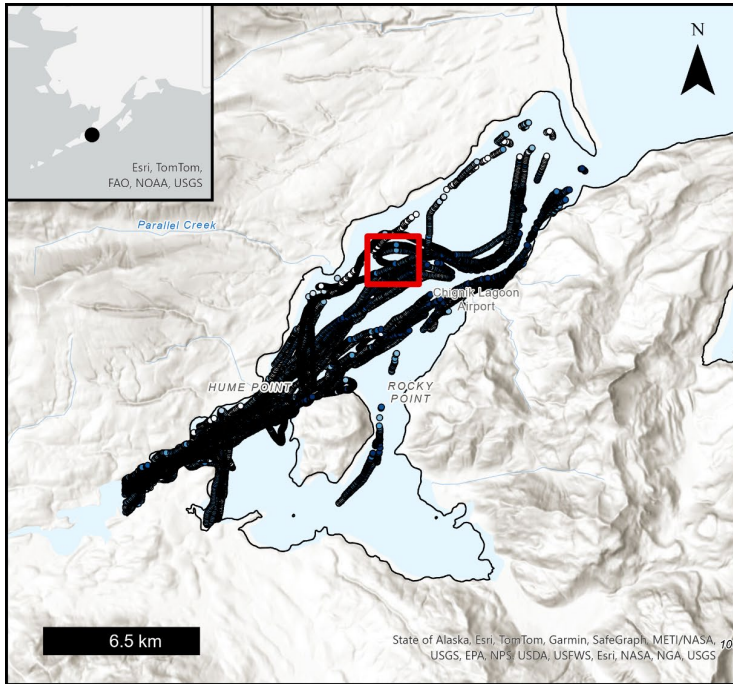
# Elevation Data: Drone Flights

- Years Collected:
  - 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Products:
  - Elevation Models
  - Aerial Images
  - 3D models
- Uses:
  - Monitor coastal change
  - Measure sediment in River
  - Useful for planning and engineering solutions
  - Hydro project





# Water depth and bottom mapping



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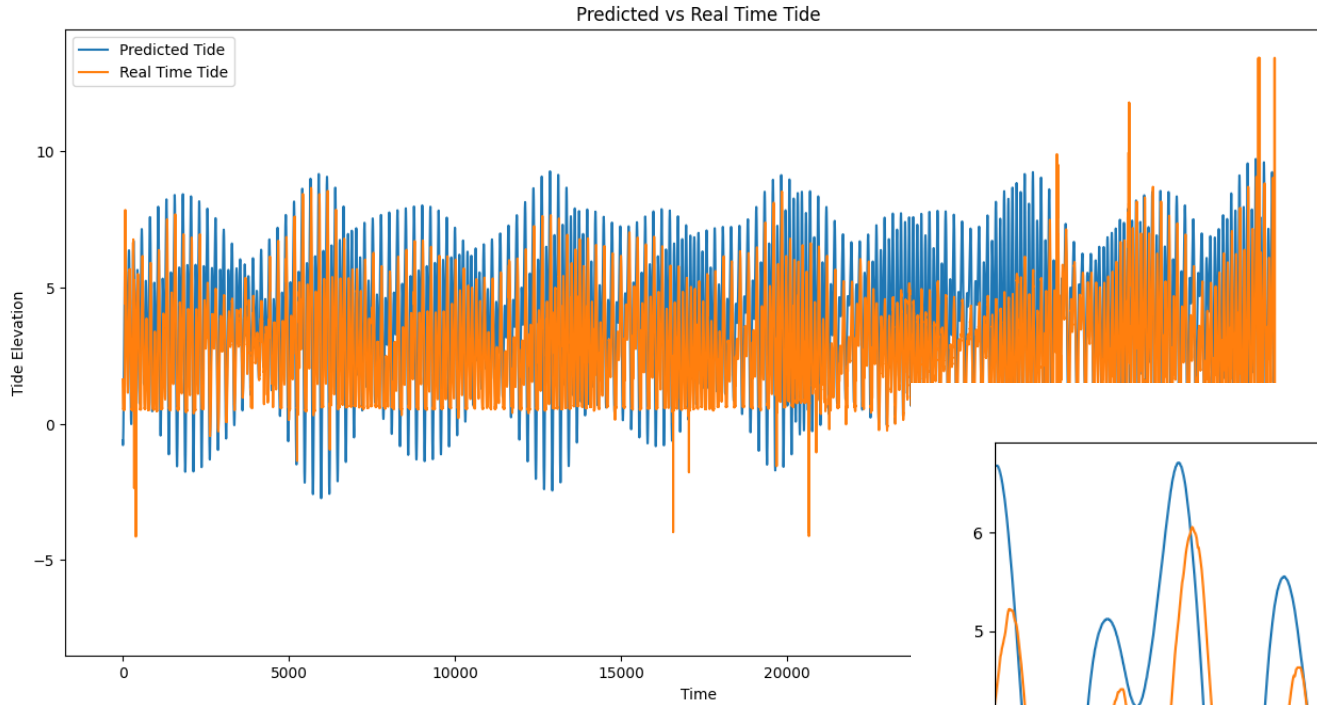
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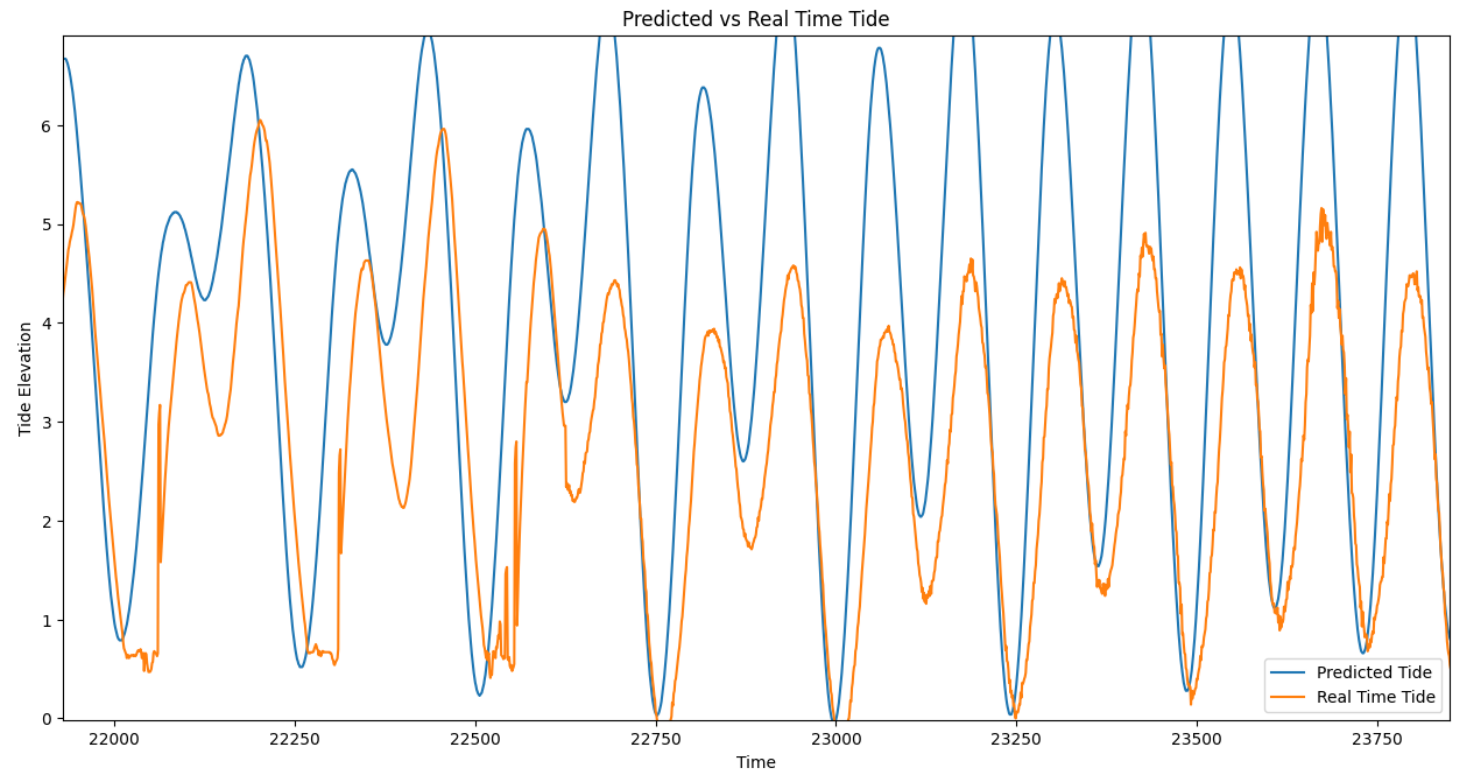
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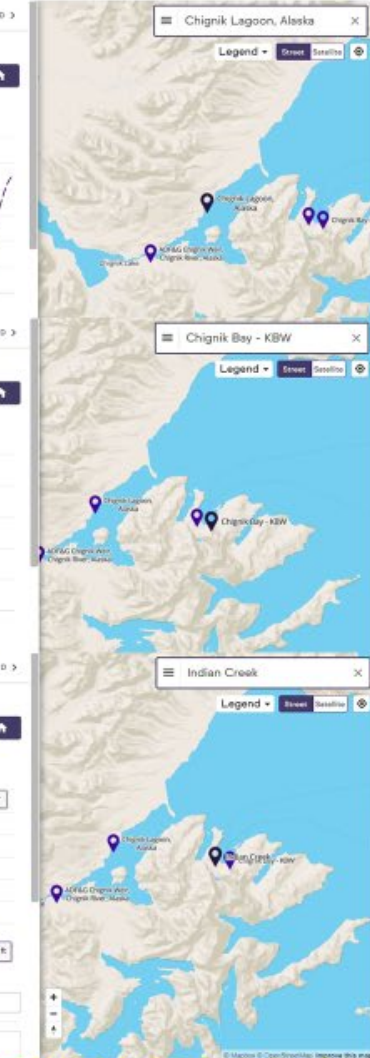
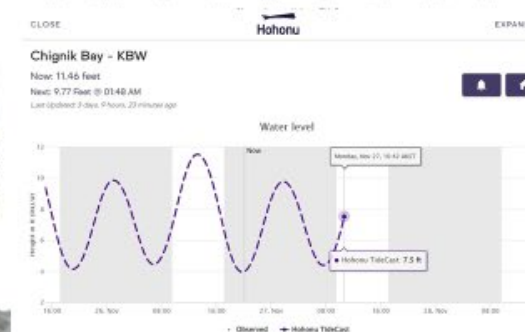
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# Local tide and water levels



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# Chignik Bay Teacher Training Field Course and Family Camp

***GOAL: Leverage the environment and local expertise of the Chigniks to provide a rich educational experience for current and future teachers in rural Alaska***

- 12-14 people visiting
- July 25 to July 29
- Will arrive on the Tustamena
- Includes 2 day family day camp



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# Chignik Bay Family Day Camp



**July 27+28 • 10am–2pm**  
**Chignik Community Hall**

Children under 12 must be  
accompanied by an adult.



**Free for all!**  
**Lunch included!**

**Learn about coastal science,  
Indigenous knowledge, and  
the place we live through fun  
indoor and outdoor activities.**

**Share, create, and enjoy!**

**See you there!**



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Discussion:

How can we show off the Chigniks?

Who wants to take part?

How to get participants for the family camp?



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# Draft Chignik Bay Video Premier and Discussion

- **The film was produced by Ryan Peterson**
- **The goal was to highlight the strength of the Chigniks**
- **We welcome your feedback and discussion**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPNFosqq3Xo>



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# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION



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