



Tyonek

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June in Alaska is full of life — long days, green leaves, and wildflowers everywhere. The salmon are returning, and our team is energized for a summer full of projects, partnerships, and possibilities! Our Habitat Monitoring and Restoration team has kicked off Pike Camp to suppress invasive Northern pike, the Tyonek Garden is getting planted, and we've been engaging in king salmon fish sampling to help us better understand and protect the streams these fish rely on!



Dena'ina word of the month



Our Dena'ina word of the month is Qaggeyshlat Betnu, the creek at the main beach in Tyonek, also called "Indian Creek!" In 2018, TTCD replaced a culvert at this creek to improve access to salmon habitat. Building on that success, we completed another culvert restoration in 2021 at Qaggeyshlat (Indian Creek) near the cemetery to further support fish passage.

Qaggeyshlat
Betnu:
"Indian Creek" in
Tyonek

Tyonek Gather

The Tyonek Gather program is providing free of charge Alaskan-grown food to Tyonek residents. Ordering is open every Friday from 9 AM AKST - Sunday 11:59 PM. Pickup is always available the following Friday. Weekly orders of Alaskan-grown foods can be found on the online marketplace: <https://tyonekgather.localfoodmarketplace.com/Products>



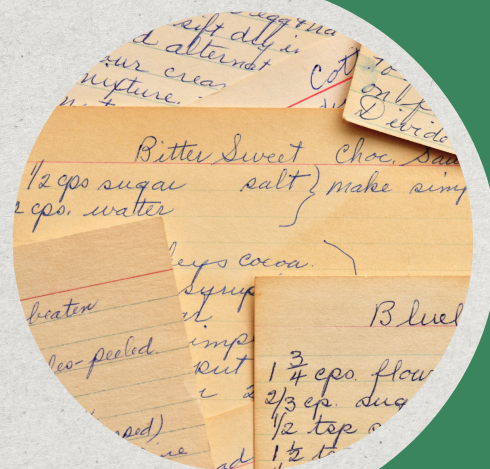
Tyonek Garden Club



Tyonek Grown is excited to be kicking off its second season of offering raised beds for the community! We have filled the 12 raised bed slots. If you haven't visited your garden bed yet, come by the garden any day Monday-Friday 10AM - 3:30PM to pick up your seeds.

Recipes

On our new TTCD website, you can find a collection of all of the TTCD recipes by navigating to the Resources page and then to Community & Culture. Check out the great recipes we have published over time and get cooking! ttcd.org.



A circular photograph of Erica, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a green baseball cap and a black long-sleeved shirt. She is smiling and holding a large orange equipment case. In the background, a sign for Tyonek Watershed Conservation District is visible.

Fish Sampling

Erica, our Grants and Projects Coordinator, has been collecting genetic data from king salmon caught in subsistence nets in Tyonek. This data will help us better understand where these fish are headed and protect the streams they rely on to support a healthy future for both the fish and the people who depend on them. You can learn more about genetic fish sampling by visiting the TTCD Facebook page!

Habitat Monitoring & Restoration

HMR began Pike Camp this month, our month-long field camp in June aimed at suppressing invasive Northern pike in the south-central region. The team will be putting in the rest of the weir equipment and taking turns running the camp all month!

A circular photograph of two people, a woman and a man, standing in a greenhouse. They are both wearing dark blue hoodies with the TTCD logo. The woman is pointing towards the plants in the greenhouse.

TTCD Store

You can order TTCD and Tyonek Grown gear on our website! Go to ttcd.org and click "Shop." Right now, we are highlighting a brand new product, TTCD hats - perfect for summer!

What's on the menu?

Recipe: Rhubarb Salsa

Rhubarb is growing everywhere right now! I've made a lot of sweet recipes with rhubarb, so I thought it would be fun to mix things up and share a savory one with our TTCD community. I hope you enjoy!



Ingredients

- 2 cups rhubarb, diced small
- 1 cup chopped apple
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 2 limes, juiced (can sub lemons)
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
- Salt to taste

Directions

- Bring a pot of water to a boil over medium heat.
- Stir in the rhubarb; simmer for 2 minutes to blanch. Drain in a colander set in the sink, and let cool.
- Stir together the cooled rhubarb, apple, green onions, lime juice, honey, jalapeno pepper.

- Add salt to taste and combine all of the ingredients thoroughly.
- Enjoy with tortilla chips or on fish tacos!

*Can add fresh herbs like cilantro or basil.

How's it growing?



Cilantro is in the ground at the Tyonek Garden, growing under one of our high tunnels! In addition to cilantro, we've planted other herbs like sage, thyme, and mint. We are looking forward to a very herbaceous summer ahead!

