

# TTCD Newsletter—Spring 2018

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**Subsistence is Our Agriculture.**

## Habitat Monitoring & Restoration Program

This summer, TTCD has the following projects planned to support healthy fish and wildlife:

- **Culvert replacements** on lower Indian Creek and at the Congahbuna Lake outlet and surveying for a road re-route project near Robert's Creek.
- **Invasive plant survey and control** in Tyonek and Beluga.
- **Invasive pike control** through intensive netting in Threemile lakes with NVT and ADFG, and CIAA.
- **Monitoring efforts** on salmon populations, stream temperature, and water quality.

To learn more about upcoming fish passage projects and to share your input, please come to the **community meeting on April 17 from 12-2** at the Tyonek Tribal Center.



Above: Invasive plant control in Beluga in 2017, a project that will continue in 2018.

Below: The lower Indian Creek culvert will be replaced in 2018 to provide salmon access to habitat.



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## Technical Assistance Program

This year, TTCD continues to address energy efficiency and waste issues in Tyonek in partnership with the Native Village of Tyonek Environmental Department.

If you are a Tyonek resident with electronic waste or lead batteries that you would like to get recycled, please drop off electronic waste at the Old Snack Shop and lead batteries next to the Fire Department near the stack of batteries. If you have questions, please contact the NVT Environmental Department at 907-583-2201.



Electronic waste is being stockpiled at the Old Snack Shop in Tyonek and packaged for removal.

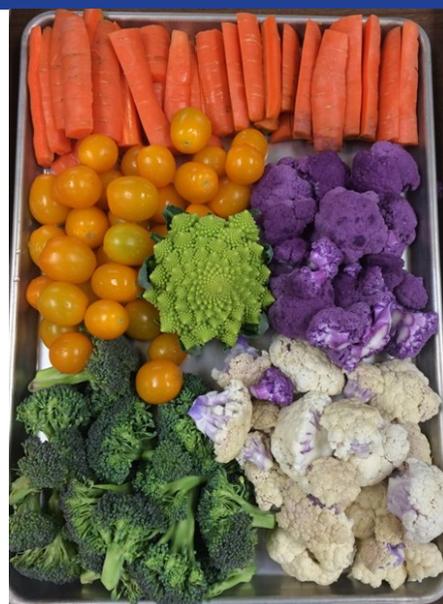
## Tyonek Grown Program

Spring is here, and that means it's almost gardening time!

**Garden Youth Employees:** Are you interested in a job at the Tyonek Garden this summer? TTCD is accepting applications for 4 youth employees (minimum age is 14). The position will run from May 23-Aug 17, 3 days/week, 6 hours/day. To learn more, visit [www.ttcd.org](http://www.ttcd.org) or contact the TTCD office at 907-646-3109. To apply, prepare a letter explaining your interest and experience related to this position and gardening and submit to [nswenson@tyonek.com](mailto:nswenson@tyonek.com) by May 4.

**Tyonek Garden Blessing Ceremony and Planting Day** is scheduled for Friday, May 18, at 1PM. Please join NVT, TTCD, and Tebughna School students as we kick off the 7th growing season in Tyonek.

**Summer Veggie Sales:** Tyonek Grown veggies will be available for purchase in Tyonek and Anchorage. Tyonek sales will take place starting in mid-June at two places: on Wednesday afternoons at the Garden and daily at the Tyonek Tribal Center. Weekly Anchorage sales will take place through the Anchorage food hub. Check the TTCD Facebook page for more info.



A large variety of Tyonek Grown produce will be available this year.

### It's not too late to Pick.Click.Give. to TTCD!

By contributing a portion of your PFD, you can support meaningful conservation work in the District. Pledges can be added online at [pfd.alaska.gov](http://pfd.alaska.gov) through August 31.

#### Other ways that you can support TTCD:

1. **Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program:** Earn donations for TTCD by shopping at Fred Meyer! Link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to 90037 at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

2. **Online donations:** Donate to TTCD through our website: [www.ttcd.org](http://www.ttcd.org)



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## Tyonek Youth Conservation Science Program

**Hydroponics:** This winter, TTCD worked with the Tebughna School, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, and Vertical Harvest to utilize a hydroponics system for education and vegetable production in the school. The system has provided fresh lettuce and basil in the school lunch and for the elders lunch program since January. Thank you to our partners for helping to make year-round fresh veggies in Tyonek a reality!

