

## Interview Questions for Traditional Place Names

Hello and welcome. I am \_\_\_\_\_, a Local Education Coordinator with the Chugachmiut Heritage Program. Today is \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 and we've invited \_\_\_\_\_ to contribute to the cache of Elder interviews we're collecting for the Heritage Kit "Traditional Place Names." This interview will be recorded using an Apple iPad Air 2 and a Zoom H4n audio recorder recording at 48 Ghz/16Bit.

Could you please introduce yourself?

*I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I was born in 19\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.* My father was \_\_\_\_\_ and my mother was \_\_\_\_\_.

Traditional place names reflect the history and importance of particular locations. Place names serve as a representation of the history of an area, a focus of culture and knowledge which was/is important for the maintenance of the physical and spiritual identity of a people. When a name is forgotten, more than a name is lost.

1. Traditional place names refer to abandoned villages, land marks, trails between villages. When you hear "traditional place names" what is the first thought that comes to your mind?
2. Can you share some information on the history of the community that you live in? What year was it established? Who were the main people who helped build the community? What is the population? What are some places that are an important part of the community?
3. Can you give any information of an area with traditional place names known within the area in which you live?
4. Do you know the Sugt'stun/Eyak names of these places?
5. What historic events happened that made this village a memorable place?

6. Please share some information especially important about an area where it may no longer exist due to disease and/or relocated? (Examples?)
7. Can you name some of the abandoned traditional villages around your community?
8. Do you know any stories or meanings of these abandoned places?
9. Why were they abandoned and where did the people relocate from these villages?
10. Have you ever visited any of the abandoned villages?
  - a. What did you see and what did you experience?
11. Do you know of any traditional stories, songs, about place names?
12. Was there different native traditional names?
  - a. Such as both Eyak and Sugt'stun names for the same place or if Tlingit names ever pushed into the region?