

# BRISTOL BAY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE NEWSLETTER

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## **BRISTOL BAY TELEPHONE**

### **USDA Reconnect 3 Project Update**

The USDA Reconnect 3 Project is still making progress and village construction is projected to start this summer. The Grant award will be worked in two phases.

- PHASE ONE: Will replace all old copper communications cable and electronic equipment with fiber optic equipment to every residence, business, and anchor institutions in the villages of Ekwok, New Stuyahok, Koliganek, Levelock, South Naknek, Naknek, and King Salmon. This first phase will bring the most modern technology to our communities that will last many years into the future and eliminate many of the trouble tickets of the past.
- PHASE TWO: This work will connect all BBTC communities with middle mile transport replacing the slower speed of microwave and high latency/micro outages that comes with satellite. Special Note for DSL customers in Ekwok, New Stuyahok, and Koliganek - You will be moved off the Rural Broadband Internet piped into your communities on the older microwave system.

To summarize, when the work is complete, internet will be more reliable, faster, maintained by people that live in Bristol Bay, priced to compete with satellite, and you will always be able to call our office and talk to a live person that lives in Bristol Bay on your first try.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

- We are still accepting donations for the 2025-2026 school year. BBTC and BBBSD are partnering up to host our annual back to school drive. Scan the QR code listed below to find the Amazon list "Back to School 2025". All donations can be dropped off at the BBTC office or mailed to our post office box. For any questions please call 907-246-3403 and ask for Victoria or Breanna.

**Registered Name :BBBSD 2025**

**Gift List Title: Back to School 2025**



## **BRISTOL BAY CELLULAR**

We are excited to announce that on March 27th, we received our license to deploy 5G Tribal spectrum in Naknek. Deployment will begin as soon as the necessary equipment for each site arrives. Additionally, we are finalizing lease agreements for licenses in Igiugig and pursuing spectrum access in other Bristol Bay communities.

As a reminder, Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership (BBCP) completed a full system replacement in the spring and summer of 2023, upgrading every component of our network, only the tower steel remains of the old system. BBCP has roaming agreements with two national carriers outside our region, SMS and MMS texting work locally and nationwide. We offer eSIM, physical SIM's, and E911 services are fully functional and reliable. Our system supports alerts from the National Emergency Broadcast System, and the latest popular smartphones are compatible with our network. Our upgraded system is built to be second to none, and, most importantly, we remain deeply committed to supporting our community.

### **MONTHLY**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Happy Easter*

#### **BBTC BOARD MEETING**

April 1st, 2025 6:00 PM

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6:00 PM

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 15 - Deadline for BBTC Scholarship

#### **OFFICE CLOSURE**

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Memorial Day



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### **2025 SEASONAL RENEWALS**

- Seasonal Renewals are coming up for our existing customers, if you need to check your renewal date please give our office a call. Renewals were mailed the first week of March 2025, so keep an eye out for them in the mail.

## **ALASKA WEBNET**

Alaska WebNet INC. offers public Wi-Fi at various locations within the communities of King Salmon and Naknek. Plans are sold either by the hour, or by a 24-hour day pass. All plans are sold by units of time. The timer starts when the transaction is completed, and ends when the paid for time has lapsed.

### **Locations**

- BBTC Main Office, Eddies Fireplace Inn, King Salmon Airport, Alaska Air, King Salmon Mall, Katmai Air, Charlies Sport Shop, and Hadfield's Bar & Liquor Store.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **CPNI Renewal 2025**

- Customer Proprietary Network Information form was sent out with the March billing. Please fill in the form completely with requested information. Return the form back to our office by mail or email or bring it in personally. This form will help to give you or others you authorize, access to your account.

### **SmartHub Portal**

- Bristol Bay Telephone offers a online payment portal for all customers. SmartHub allows you to pay your bill, check your balance on your account, make an address change, trouble tickets and MORE! Sign up on our website: <https://www.bristolbay.com/bill-pay-log-in> or give our office a call and a CSR will assist you. On the back of this flyer you can find in depth instructions on how to set up your very own Smarthub account.

### **Featured Product of the Week Promotions**

- BBTC/BBCP is launching our new "Featured Product of the Week" promotion in order to bring more awareness to our wide array of products. Each week, we will highlight a different product with an exclusive promotion. Stay tuned to our Facebook page or visit us in-store to discover the weekly featured item and its special offer. Don't miss out - these deals are limited-time only and may not return! Act fast to take advantage of incredible savings.