

Alaska Natives
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Borough Assembly
Presentation



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Purpose of the meeting

- Respond to concerns from November 16 assembly meeting
- Outline history, Petersburg public outreach and community benefits
- Request support from the Assembly and advocacy in letter to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources



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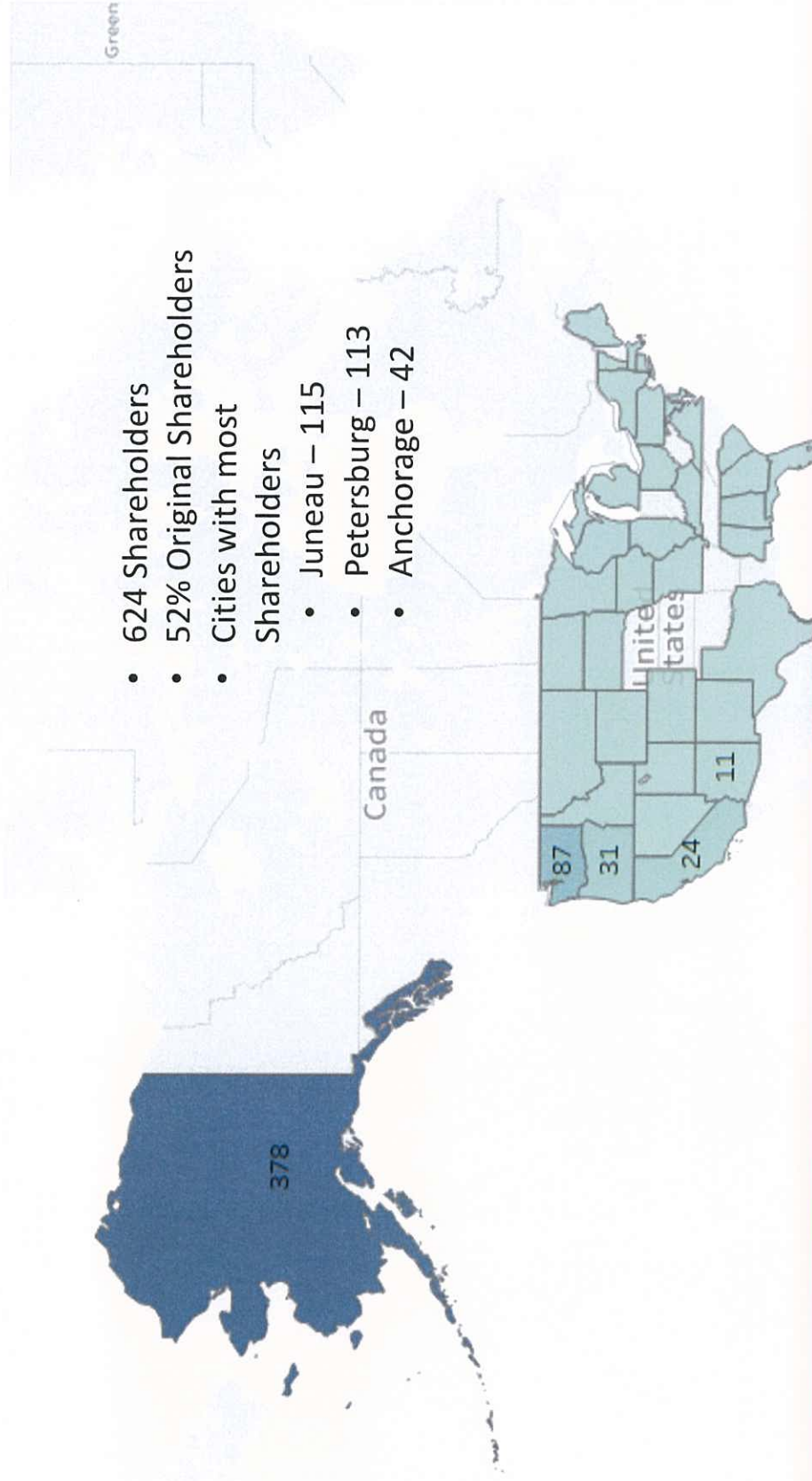


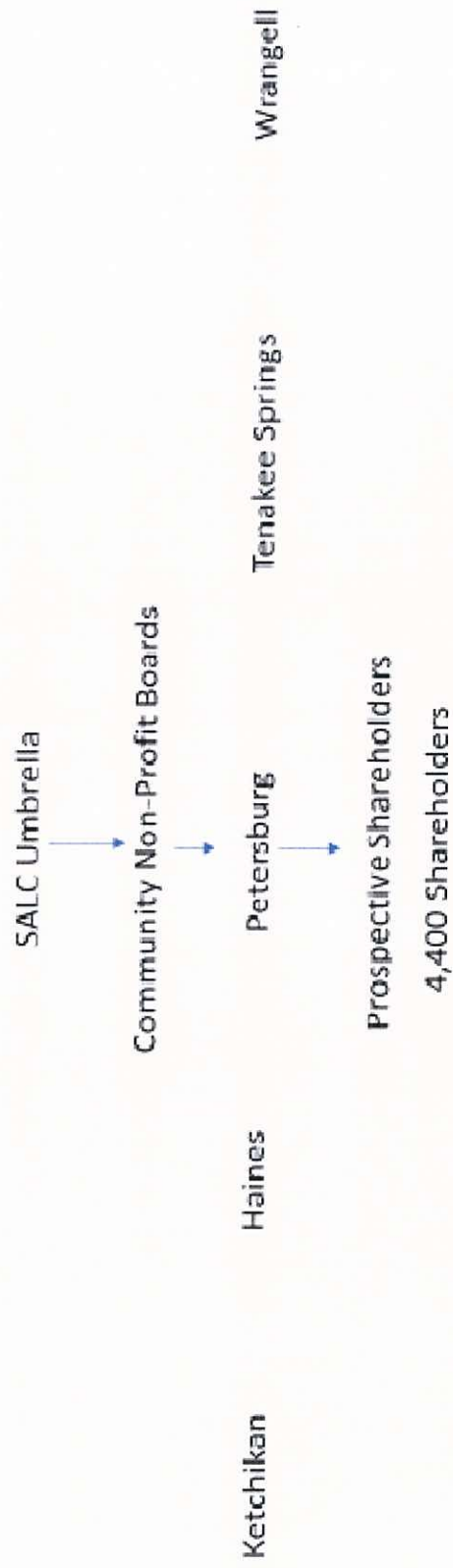
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Who are the landless?

- 2% of Alaska Native communities not included in ANCSA
- Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell
- Congress can't provide a reason
- All five communities are unified

Petersburg Shareholders by State



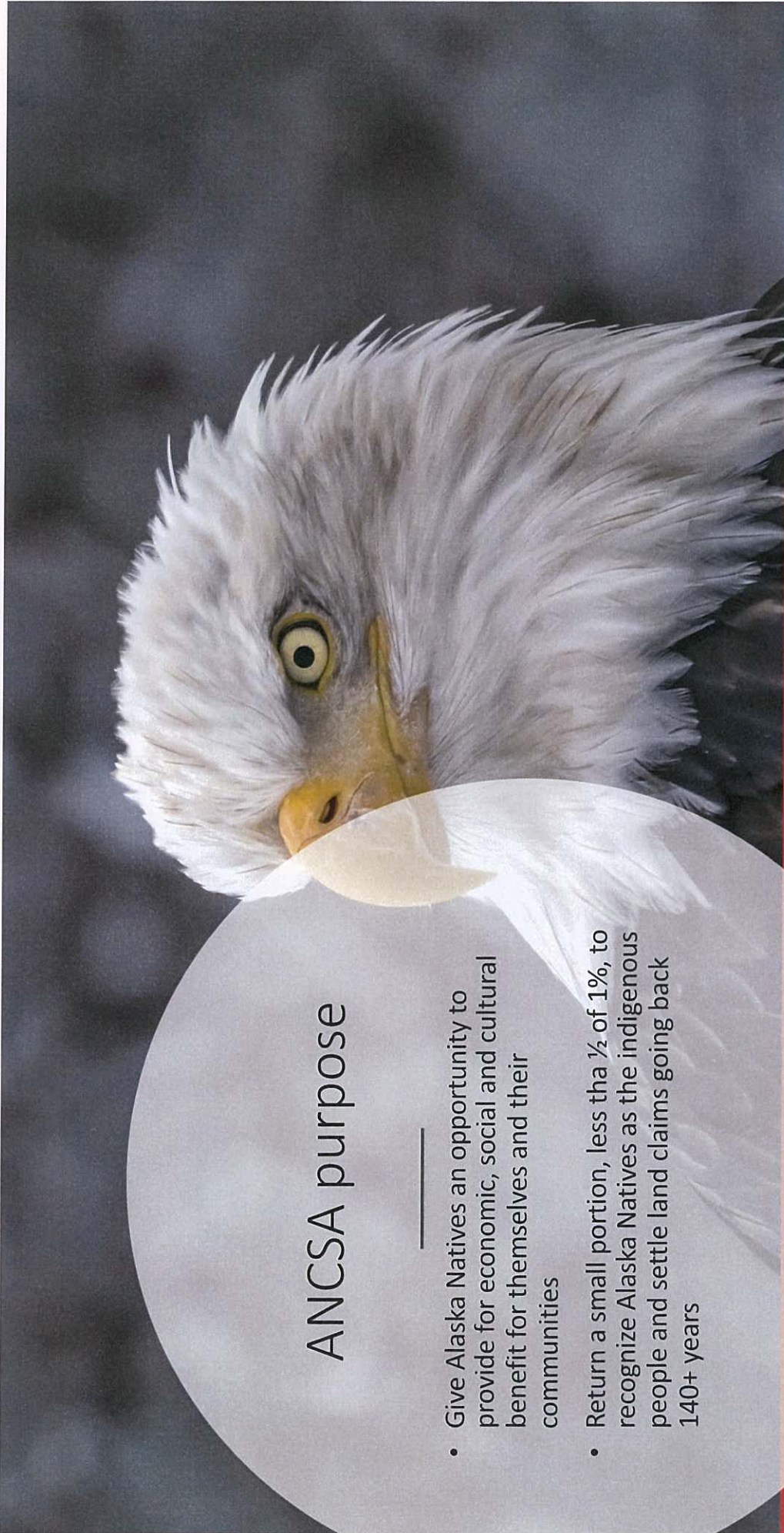


Campaign and Volunteer
Coordinators

Sealaska Board
and Officers

Washington DC
Counsel

Advocates



ANCSA purpose

- Give Alaska Natives an opportunity to provide for economic, social and cultural benefit for themselves and their communities
- Return a small portion, less than 1%, to recognize Alaska Natives as the indigenous people and settle land claims going back 140+ years



Can we amend ANCSA?

- ANCSA is a living document
 - Over 100 amendments have been made since inception
- Why continue to exclude these communities? With each passing day the inequity mounts.



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Impacts of ANCSA on broad community and state of Alaska

- Add new revenue stream into community: community spend, tax revenues, infrastructure, new economic development, use of professional services, employment opportunity
- Allow for balanced conservation and land use



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Legislation process

- Continue building a grassroots movement from the foundation of the last two years ANWL outreach and 49 years of battle for recognition
- Refine language with delegation based on community input - complete
- Alaska delegate will introduced Bills in House and Senate last week
- Hearing, markup



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If passed – Where are these lands?

- Petersburg's claim is **0.0013%** of total Tongass land and **0.010%** of ancestral lands
- Total of five communities' claims are **0.0067%** of total Tongass land and **0.005%** of ancestral lands



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What will be done with the land?

- Other Corporations have provided a template
 - Eco Tourism
 - Carbon Credits
 - Sustainable Harvesting Practices
- Low impact economic development can be achieved



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Impact on Petersburg

- Investment in business
- Jobs
- Scholarship opportunity
- Business development
 - E.G. Spruce Root in Juneau

How can I help?

- Talk to your brothers and sisters from the Native community
- Letter writing campaigns
- Volunteer Forms
- Follow and share our progress on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- Withoutland.org



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Questions?