

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet **Kenaitze Indian Tribe**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Kenaitze Indian Tribe

Project Location: Kenai, AK

Project Title: From Sea to Tree: Keeping our Luq'a in the Loop

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Highlights

- Creates 1 full time composting technician job.
- Establishes 2 volunteer Tribal youth environmental program internships.
- Produces an estimated 45,000 lbs of compost from salmon by-products, food scraps, and shredded carboard.

Grant Funding: \$978,782

The Kenaitze Indian Tribe will establish a community composting program to assist with the diversion of food waste from landfills and bolster community agriculture. The program will fund the replacement and procurement of recycling and composting equipment including trucks, side-by-sides, and balers to outfit the composting program and support other recycling operations in the community. The program aims to combat food insecurity amongst the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and promote clean air, land, and water.

SWIFR Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act provides investments in recycling to support the implementation of the National Recycling Strategy and build a circular economy for all. This funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing for more efficient resource use and less environmental impact from waste materials. The SWIFR grant funding can be used to develop or update post-consumer materials management plans; establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate, and quality of materials collected.

