

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet **Kokhanok Village**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Kokhanok Village

Project Location: Kokhanok, Alaska

Project Title: Kokhanok Community Recycling Center and Solid Waste Management Plan

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Highlights

- Creates 6 temporary construction jobs.
- Backhauls 120 tons of accumulated materials, including scrap metal, white goods, batteries, electronics, and other recyclables.

Grant Funding: \$1,491,468

Kokhanok Village Council will increase recycling and diversion in the remote community of Kokhanok, Alaska, by constructing a new, fully enclosed recycling center and backhaul staging area. The project will enable year-round recycling operations by investing in a powered, enclosed, and insulated recycling facility as well as crushers, balers, trucks, forklifts, and other equipment supporting the recycling operations. By strengthening local infrastructure and launching a sustained backhaul program, the project intends to reduce landfill disposal, extend the projected useful life of the small remote landfill, improve the quality of materials collected, and protect environmental and subsistence resources.

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.

