



## BICAMERAL TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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**SHISHMAREF** is an Inupiat Eskimo village located on a small barrier island five miles from mainland Alaska. It is one of more than 30 Alaskan villages that are falling victim to climate change-related coastal erosion, permafrost melt, and flooding. About a dozen of these villages are in the process of relocating to less-vulnerable areas of Alaska.



**STANLEY TOCKTOO** is an Inupiat Eskimo from Shishmaref, Alaska. He currently serves as President of the Native Village of Shishmaref and is a member of the Shishmaref Native Corporation. Stanley is a former mayor of Shishmaref and has served on a number of other local and regional boards. Stanley also served on the Shishmaref Erosion and Relocation Coalition, which is working to protect the residents from flooding and erosion and move the community onto the mainland. For 19 years, he worked at the Shishmaref School as a bilingual teacher. Stanley and his wife Kara have two children: Harvey and Grace.

**FANNIE M. WEYIOUANNA** is an Inupiat Eskimo originally from Wales, currently living in Shishmaref. Fannie works for the Native Village of its alternate bingo coordinator and volunteers for Shishmaref Emergency active search and rescues. She previously worked for the Dog Musers Fannie and her husband Tony have four children: Tony Jr., Daphne Lee, and Clarence.



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**TONY WEYIOUANNA** is an Inupiat Eskimo from Shishmaref, Alaska. He currently serves as President of the Board of the Shishmaref Native Corporation. Tony previously worked for the Kawerak Transportation Program and provided assistance to the Shishmaref Erosion and Relocation Coalition, an effort to relocate Shishmaref to the mainland. He has served on several local and regional boards. Tony helps to raise his family's small kennel of dogs.

**PEGGY HERSRUD** is an Inupiat Eskimo raised in Alaska. Peggy works for the Shishmaref Village Council. She worked for the telecommunications company GCI, the Dog Musers and the Shishmaref Tannery.



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**DEBRA HERSRUD** is an Inupiat Eskimo, raised in Shishmaref Alaska. She is a 17-year-old high school senior and plans to pursue a culinary arts degree after graduation. Debra plays basketball and volleyball and loves outdoor activities.