



Pedro Bay

COMMUNITY PROFILE

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Location:

Pedro Bay is located on the Alaska Peninsula, at the head of Pedro Bay and the east end of Iliamna Lake, 176 air miles southwest of Anchorage. It lies at approximately 59.787220 North Latitude and -154.106110 West Longitude. (Sec. 33, T004S, R028W, Seward Meridian.) Pedro Bay is located in the Iliamna Recording District.

Cultural Identity:

Learn more about the people of Pedro Bay at:

www.pedrobaycorp.com

The Dena'ina Indians have occupied this area historically. The Dena'ina warred with Russian fur traders over trade practices in the early 1800s. The community was named for a man known as "Old Pedro," who lived in this area in the early 1900s. A post office was established in the village in 1936.

Agricultural History:

Agriculture is a new concept and industry to Pedro Bay. Native plants and berries have been collected and used for food in this region for as long as people have been living there.

RVSP Initiative:

The Rural Village Seed Production Project (RVSP) is pleased to be working with the village of Pedro Bay. The RVSP crew on the ground in Pedro Bay certainly has taken the initiative. They have cleared land and tilled soil already, and are ready to plant in the spring of 2012. Necessary equipment has been purchased and is assembled. A building has been constructed to be used for equipment storage, seed cleaning, and as a working shop at the planting site.

It has not been determined what crop(s) Pedro Bay will plant. There are several species growing in Pedro Bay that are used for revegetation projects, including *Calamagrostis canadensis* (Bluejoint reedgrass) and *Chamerion latifolium* (Dwarf Fireweed). Based on the considerable progress so far, we are certain that the hardworking people of Pedro Bay will make their project a success.



Calamagrostis canadensis



Chamerion latifolium

Further Information:

For more details about the Rural Village Seed Production Project in Pedro Bay, and in communities across Alaska, please visit the R.V.S.P.P. website, at: plants.alaska.gov/rvspp.