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The Alaska Plant Materials Center (PMC)

Located in Palmer, the PMC supports the native seed industry in Alaska through the testing, production, development and distribution of agricultural materials to resource industries, commercial growers, or individual organizations who wish to meet environmental requirements. The PMC is a part of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture.

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Bringing native seed production to rural Alaska

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Rural Village Seed Production Project

Field of Fireweed—Aniak

Creating Jobs

- Promote the growth of small businesses in rural Alaskan communities.
- Provide training and guidance on low-tech agricultural practices.
- Create new job opportunities for Alaskans within their communities.
- Produce locally grown native seed for revegetation projects in the region and throughout the state of Alaska.

Community Involvement

Community knowledge and resources are the key to this project. The PMC is working with communities to establish a project that both provides an economic boost and incorporates the traditional values of each individual community.

- Establish lasting relationships with community members.
- Inform and educate rural communities about the native seed industry and the role of the Plant Materials Center.
- Connect interested communities in a region and help them work together to meet the revegetation needs of their area.

Currently the RVSPP is working with six cooperators in the following locations: Aniak, Chignik Lake, Hooper Bay, Manley Hot Springs, Metlakatla & Pedro Bay.

Field at Pedro Bay Spring 2012

Working the field—Metlakatla

Native Seed Production

As development occurs in remote areas of Alaska, there is a need to provide appropriate revegetation materials for the restoration of these sites. Natural resource development such as mining, the construction of rural roads and airports, and rehabilitation of military lands are all occurring throughout Alaska. This requires regionally specific plant material for effective revegetation. Costs can be decreased and more adapted revegetation materials developed if they are produced in areas near the site to be revegetated.

The goals of the Native Seed Production Project are to;

- Provide regionally-appropriate, native seed for revegetation of disturbed land.
- Produce native seed through field production or wild collections of existing plant stands.