RESEARCHER MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The Village of Wainwright has read and approved the research proposal submitted by __________________________ and attached to this memorandum of understanding and agrees to participate in and facilitate research activities.

The Principal Investigator, __________________________, verifies that all of the information contained in the proposal is current and accurate, and agrees to:

• Keep the community fully informed as the study progresses by posting fliers or holding brief meetings that summarize study progress and accomplishments and recognize and validate contributions of community members.

• Keep the Village of Wainwright Tribal Office current on how the results will be used.

• Provide research participants with informed consent protocols that are culturally appropriate and respectful of literacy needs. I will ensure that Tribal members interested in participating understand the goals of the research and how any information that they might provide will be used.

• Consult with the Village of Wainwright in advance to establish specific meeting times and general research schedules that are mindful of the cycles of the subsistence season and other ongoing community events.

• Honor Tribal Elders by:
  o placing Elders’ needs before those of researchers, by meeting with them at their preferred location.
  o providing transportation and translation services for interviews when necessary.
  o consulting with Elders before interviewing them regarding their preference for anonymity vs. direct acknowledgment. Some Elders prefer contributions to be attributed directly to them as a sign of respect for their expertise and knowledge, while others prefer not to be named.

• Acknowledge and give credit to the community for the scientific results from the study, and consider as co-authors those community members who participate in writing reports and publications.

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In addition, the researcher understands that study schedules and deadlines may not be in line with the Native community’s priorities, and any study done will be conducted on the Village of Wainwright’s schedule and can be delayed at any time for subsistence activities, Tribal ceremonies, or family gatherings.

Signature

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PRINTED NAME
President, Village of Wainwright Tribal Council

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Principal Researcher

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