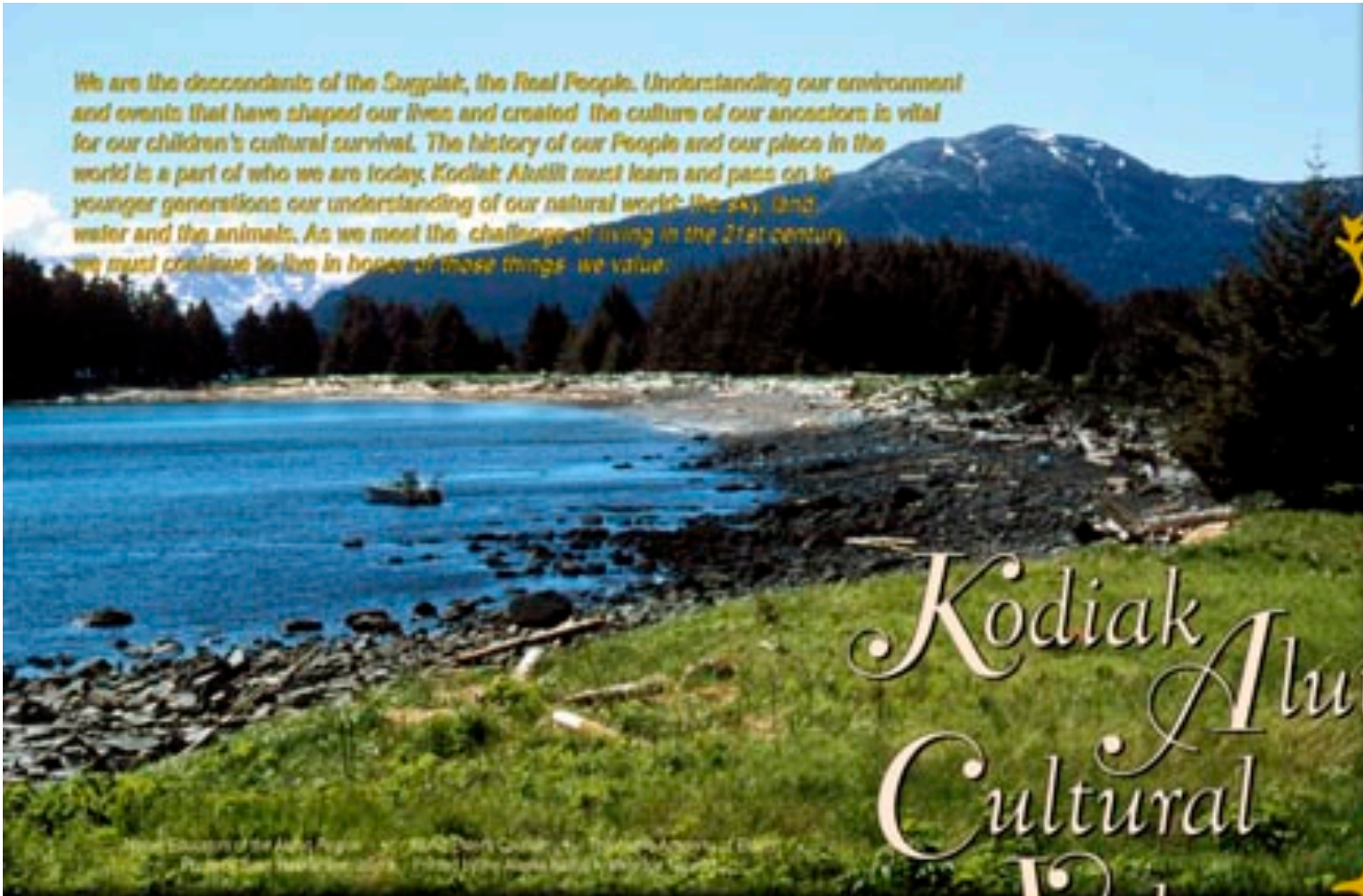


We are the descendants of the Sg̱g̱ish, the Real People. Understanding our environment and events that have shaped our lives and created the culture of our ancestors is vital for our children's cultural survival. The history of our People and our place in the world is a part of who we are today. Kodiak Alutiiq must learn and pass on to younger generations our understanding of our natural world: the sky, land, water and the animals. As we meet the challenge of living in the 21st century, we must continue to live in hopes of those things we value.



Kodiak Alutiiq Cultural Values

*O*ur people: we are responsible for each other and ourselves



*F*amily and the kinship of our ancestors and living relatives

A subsistence lifestyle, respectful of and sustained by the natural world.

*F*aith and a spiritual life, from ancestral beliefs to the diverse faiths of today

*O*ur Elders



*T*ies to our homeland



*S*haring: we welcome everyone

*S*tewardship of the animals, land, sky and waters

*L*earning by doing, observing and listening

*O*ur heritage language

*T*rust



*S*ense of humor

*T*raditional arts, skills and ingenuity



*R*espect for self, others and our environment is inherent in all of these values.

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