

Nunam Iqua



Population: 193

Nunam Iqua is on a south fork of the Yukon River, 9 miles south of Alakanuk and 18 miles southwest of Emmonak on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. It lies 500 miles northwest of Anchorage. The climate is maritime, averaging 60" of snowfall and 18" of precipitation per year. Temperatures range from -25 to 78 degrees F. Heavy winds in the fall and winter often limit accessibility.

Nunam Iqua was historically the location of summer fish camps. In Yupik the name means "end of the tundra".

The population of the community consists of 94% Alaska Native or part Native. Commercial fishing and subsistence activities are the means of support in this Yupik Eskimo village.

Commercial fishing is the economic foundation of the community. Many residents hold commercial fishing permits. There are a few year-round positions with government organizations and the private sector. Subsistence activities and trapping supplement income. Salmon, beluga whale, seal, moose and waterfowl are harvested.

Nunam Iqua has easy access by boat and barge. It has a gravel airstrip. Float plane landing sites are available at Kwemeluk Pass. In the winter, snow machines serve as the primary mode of inter-village transportation.