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**Peter Kaiser wins Bristol Bay Native Corporation Fish First Award**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Veteran Iditarod XLVII musher Peter Kaiser (bib #9), of Bethel, Alaska, is the first to reach the Kaltag checkpoint at 4:48 p.m. with 11 dogs.

As the first musher to reach Kaltag, Kaiser is the recipient of the Bristol Bay Native Corporation Fish First Award, which includes a certificate for 25 pounds of fresh-caught, wild Bristol Bay salmon filets, a check for \$2,000 and a wood-burned art piece by BBNC shareholder and artist Apayo Moore.

“Bristol Bay Native Corporation is excited to present an award that supports our Fish First value,” said Jason Metrokin, BBNC president and chief executive officer. “Both dog mushing and fishing are long-standing traditions in Bristol Bay. We congratulate Peter on winning the 2019 Fish First Award.”

Bristol Bay is home to the world’s largest wild sockeye salmon fishery and BBNC has endorsed a “fish first” priority for land and resource management in the area.

The Bristol Bay Native Corporation Fish First Award will be presented to Kaiser at the Iditarod awards banquet on Sunday, March 17, at the Nome Recreation Center.

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