

View of Kake and Keku Strait



World's Tallest Totem Pole

134 foot totem pole was carved from a tree cut from Kake. The pole itself was carved in Haines and was taken to the 1969 World's Fair in Japan.

It was brought back to Kake, AK and was erected in 1971



First BIA School in Alaska 1905

BIA School - Kalce
Name of Property



Photograph #7

Wrangell-Petersburg, AK
County and State



Photograph #8

- BIA School



Quaker Missionaries originally built this Presbyterian Church in the 1890's



KAKE CANNERY NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Located on property held in trust by the Federal government for the
Organized Village of Kake
Kake, Alaska

Built in 1912 by the Sanborn Cutting Company

Precursor to the Kake Cannery was a saltry built in 1901, owned
by Kake Trading & Packing Company

1950 the United States secured the cannery for the Tribe's economic
benefit and placed approximately 15 acres of land and the cannery
into Trust status for the Organized Village of Kake to help build the
village/tribal community

Designated a National Historic Landmark on December 9, 1997,
and is the only cannery in the United States to hold that honor

In 1947 The Kake Tlingits established themselves as the Organized Village of Kake (OVK) under the Indian Reorganization Act. Realizing the importance of the cannery to the community, OVK decided to purchase the facility from P.E. Harris. The reason of support for the purchase centered around the belief that it would restore economic livelihood to the community. The Tlingit Native had known fishing for most of their lives and believed owning a salmon cannery would provide them with an opportunity to base their economy on this important aspect of their lifestyle.

February 15, 1950 OVK now owned the “Keku Cannery”

Originally one of 134 salmon canneries built in Southeast Alaska between 1878 and 1949, the Kake Cannery retains architectural integrity, association with setting, and preservation of original machinery and equipment. Since the late 1980's neglect and lack of use and funding have caused many of the buildings to deteriorate.



MEN (RELOCATED)

KAKE SALMON

Kake Cannery 1950



48. Cannery at Kake - 29 Oct. 1950

Native Cannery Workers Housing, Skinnerville



Kake Cannery Complex



Kake Cannery Bungalows



Sorting Bins



Iron Chink and Processing Line



Machine Shop Door

“Chink
Machinist”

R J. Schauer



Shop Steward Door



Machine Shop



Looking from the Egg Room



Retorts



Packing Boxes



Net Storage Building collapse 2006



Office and Net Repair Warehouse Collapse 2010



After the collapse of the two warehouses the Kake Cannery was added to a less celebrated list: the “Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places” by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and “Ten of the Most Endangered Historic Places in Alaska.

The need for help was urgent. After years of working tirelessly with state and federal agencies, Kake’s call was finally answered on Christmas Eve, 2014. Gary Williams, the executive director of the Organized Village of Kake (which is the tribal government for the Kake area), was contacted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Funding had come through.

This story is about more than just a restored cannery. It is the story of a community coming together to persevere through economic hardship. The community of Kake has come together to ask: What makes our community unique? How can we develop these assets and opportunities in a way that maximizes benefits both locally and long-term? ? And, how can we keep our families and quality of life at the forefront of every step in the process

Rebuilt Board Walk



Pilings under Main Cannery Building



More Pilings



Cribbing under Southside of Main Cannery Building January 2015



More Cribbing



Footing for new piling



Superintendent's House, currently used to house overflow
from Keex' Kwaan Lodge



Watchman's House, currently being used as a rental home



Accountant and Bookkeepers Bungalows



Bungalow



Former Mess Hall, now OVK Office



Metalsmith Shop



Helicopter Removing Boiler Stack



Up Up and Away!!



Kake Historic Cannery “Adaptive Reuse”

- Museum & interpretive center
- Shop spaces for sales (which support year-round artisans) and services such as tours (e.g. kayaks)
- Food services
 - Food carts
 - Local shellfish
 - Restaurant
- Shipping service
- Exhibition area – e.g. carving
- Light industrial – e.g. millwork, wooden shingles, etc.
- Dancers’ performance area (potential year-round space for community functions)
- Limited food processing – e.g. small scale fish for shipment, berries, etc.
- Business center & printing
- Restrooms & other infrastructure
- Information & logistics center about Kake and other venues/services in Kake (promote other vendors and perhaps staging area for tours to begin)
- Child care
- ITF operations (including OVK TTP)
- emphasize “*Brand Kake*” throughout (historic cannery and community-wide)
- Historic architect involvement throughout on design & use planning
- Business plan needed for facility operation

- ~ more to come...

Kake Cannery at the end of the rainbow!

