

## Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®

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# FIRST TO GALENA - ALIY ZIRKLE WINS THE BRISTOL BAY NATIVE CORPORATION FISH FIRST AWARD

Galena, Alaska Friday-, March 7, 2014 - IDITAROD XLII musher Aliy Zirkle (bib # 10) of Two Rivers, Alaska, was the first to arrive at the Galena checkpoint at 6:10 a.m. with 14 dogs. In doing so, Aliy earned the Bristol Bay Native Corporation Fish First Award, which consists of a check for \$1,000.00, twenty-five (25) pounds of Bristol Bay salmon, and a commemorative jacket.

To help fuel her on the trail, Zirkle was also presented with a supply of Bristol Bay canned salmon and smoked salmon strips.

The award will be re-presented to Zirkle in Nome on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, during the Iditarod Awards Banquet at the Nome Recreation Center.