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Ryan Redington receives the Bristol Bay Native Corporation Fish First Award

Anchorage, Alaska – Veteran Iditarod musher Ryan Redington (bib #5), of Knik, Alaska is the first musher to arrive at the Kaltag checkpoint at 12:47 pm with 12 dogs in harness.

In doing so, Redington claims the Bristol Bay Native Corporation Fish First Award. BBNC employee and shareholder Christine Brandon traveled to Kaltag to present the award, which consists of 25 pounds of fresh Bristol Bay salmon filets, \$2,000 and a wood burned art piece by BBNC shareholder artist Apay'uq Moore.

"Bristol Bay Native Corporation congratulates Ryan and his team for a great race so far and for being the first into Kaltag," said Jason Metrokin, BBNC President and CEO. "Both dog mushing and fishing are longstanding traditions in Bristol Bay, and we're excited to honor both with the annual Fish First Award. We wish Ryan the best of luck and hope they enjoy the taste of Bristol Bay this summer."

Bristol Bay is home to the world's largest wild sockeye salmon fishery. BBNC has endorsed a Fish First value for land and resource management in Bristol Bay. In all land management and resource development decisions, adequate protections for fish and fish habitat will always be a priority.

The Fish First Award will be re-presented to Redington at the finishers banquet in Nome.

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