

EXCERPT FROM RECORDED INTERVIEW OF VERA ANGASAN
TALKING ABOUT ANGELICA
CONDUCTED BY PAT PARTNOW AND MARY JANE NIELSEN
IN KING SALMON, ALASKA
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VERA ANGASAN: I think they call those other ones that they used, caiglluk. What's caiglluk? Different kind of stuff again.

PAT PARTNOW: That's not the chamomile, is it?

VERA ANGASAN: They really smell. You see them growing everywhere. It's a different kind. They smell like -- caiglluk, they call it. I don't know the meaning of it.

PAT PARTNOW: And they'd use that for medicine too?

VERA ANGASAN: They use 'em for medicine. You gotta be around Native, kids. You've forgotten all this stuff. They don't fall off, even in the winter. They stay on. I don't see them around here.

MARY JANE NIELSEN: Oh, you're thinking about those --

VERA ANGASAN: They have a little tiny thing on top.

MARY JANE NIELSEN: -- like the eye medicine? That the one you're thinking of?

VERA ANGASAN: No.

MARY JANE NIELSEN: Not that one?

VERA ANGASAN: The top is just like a -- maybe I got some other there. I picked some from down the beach.

MARY JANE NIELSEN: Is it like a wild celery at the top?

VERA ANGASAN: Yeah, just like a wild celery. I see some down by the --

PAT PARTNOW: It's not the Labrador tea?

MARY JANE NIELSEN: No, it's like the wild celery. Almost like the cow parsnip, but it's different. Angelica, maybe. I betcha, huh?

VERA ANGASAN: Is this ciwasaq?

MARY JANE NIELSEN: No. Different. I bet you that's the other one like the wild celery, but not the cow parsnip.

VERA ANGASAN: They got wild onions up there.

MARY JANE NIELSEN: That's what it is. The one you call caiglluk is the one like wild celery but it's a little bit different.

VERA ANGASAN: It smells.

MARY JANE NIELSEN: Yeah. Angelica is what the --

PAT PARTNOW: Angelica? I bet it's in there under --