



Central Council Stands with Standing Rock Sioux

In August, the Executive Council unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). As stewards of the air, land, and sea, who have respect for nature and property, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe who have been peacefully protesting to protect their way of life, water, people, and land.

“Tlingit and Haida are water people—it is the essence of our way of life in Southeast Alaska and why our hearts are hurting for our Standing Rock Sioux brothers and sisters,” said President Richard Peterson. “Right now our very own river systems, watersheds, and ecosystems in Southeast Alaska are being threatened by Canadian mining activities upriver from us. Standing in solidarity with each other is how we as Alaska



Canoes coming ashore at Sacred Stone Camp - Photo courtesy of Dean Dedman Jr. (Standing Rock/Diné Nations) DRONE2BWILD Photography & Video

Native and American Indian people can ensure our voices will be heard when our tribal sovereignty is not being recognized and treaties are being violated.”

Juneau Delegate Doug Chilton heard the call and answered an invitation to join tribes from all over the United States in a historic movement (a canoe journey down the Missouri River) in opposition of the DAPL. Central Council was pleased to support this journey and asked Doug to deliver the Tribe’s flag to the Standing Rock

Sioux. Emerging Leader Miciansa Hutcherson joined Doug and others in One People Canoe Society’s canoe where they paddled from Bismarck, North Dakota to the Sacred Stone Camp on the Cannon Ball River to show their support and stand with Standing Rock.

Continued on page 14

INSIDE

- Sudden Federal Cuts Significantly Impact Services
- US Department of State and EPA Officials Meet with Southeast Tribes on Transboundary Mining
- Southeast ICWA Workshop
- Tribal Transportation Manager Appointed to AMHS Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
- Strengthening Tribal Stewardship Conference Held
- Myrna Gardner Appointed to Juneau Commission on Sustainability
- NLR Awarded \$185K Under Climate Adaptation Grant
- Tribal Foster Care Recruitment
- NAGPRA Grant Awarded
- Tribal Representatives Attend IUCN World Conservation Congress
- BIA Awards Additional Funding for Baseline Water Quality Testing
- New Tribal ID with Enhanced Security Features
- 2017 AFA Negotiations Held
- Back to School Fair
- Native Artist Market
- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act
- Central Council Joins “A Year of Kindness” Challenge
- Mark Your Calendars
- Office of the President Promotions
- FHWA Associate Administrator Visits Central Council
- No Appeal from State of Alaska in Land-into-Trust
- AHSA Awards of Excellence
- GOTNV Key Dates & Southeast AK Initiative
- When Water Moves a Nation
- VPSO Coordinators Meeting Held
- Carmag Building Renamed to William J. Demmert Head Start Center
- Land-into-Trust Training

Sudden Federal Budget Cuts Significantly Impact Services

Due to sudden nationwide Federal budget cuts recently announced by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central Council's 477 Employability/General Assistance (EA/GA) program funding has been reduced by 20%. The reduction in funding will severely impact EA/GA client services for the remainder of the year.

In August, the EA/GA program stopped all support services and back-to-school clothing vouchers to clients, and froze all Work Experience contracts. The cuts will also affect EA/GA benefits provided to the Tribe's Higher Education and Employment & Training programs.

"Unfortunately, because we received no prior notice, these cuts take place immediately and some services will be temporarily discontinued. Regrettably, the impact will be felt over a four-month period instead of being spread over the course of a year. I extend my most sincere apologies to all tribal citizens affected by this reduction," said President Richard Peterson.

"Central Council is working hard to find a solution to this budgetary shortfall. In the meantime, EA/GA staff will provide clients with alternative resources that may be available to assist in alleviating the effects of this reduction," said 477 Director William Martin.

US Department of State and EPA Officials Meet with Southeast Tribes on Transboundary Mining



Federal Officials concluded their meetings in Juneau with a final visit with President Peterson and VPs Sanderson and Micklin

Senior officials from the U.S. Department of State and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) met with tribes and the State of Alaska August 9-11, 2016 on transboundary mining activities occurring in Canada. Serious concerns have been raised regarding the impact mining activities have on the headwaters of Southeast Alaska's four major river systems (Alek, Taku, Stikine and Unuk), watersheds, and ecosystems.

During the visit, the Department of State Director of the Office of Canadian Affairs Christopher Sandrolini, Consulate General Vancouver Lynne Platt, EPA Principal Deputy Administrator of the Office of International and Tribal Affairs Jane Nishida, EPA Region 10 Administrator Dennis McLerran, and EPA Director of the American Indian Environmental Office JoAnn Kay Chase participated in discussions focused on areas of mutual interests and collaboration necessary to identify, analyze, remediate, mitigate, and prevent harm to the ecosystem and watersheds of Southeast Alaska's major rivers.

Plans were also discussed for direct participation with the Dominion of Canada and the First Nations of the British Columbia (BC) and Yukon Territory provinces through a variety of mechanisms, including a Statement of Cooperation with BC led by Lt. Governor Byron Mallott. Efforts to establish international relations are being by Central Council. Strengthening our relationship with Canada's First Nations will unify our voice and help elevate tribal government relations within their provinces.

Throughout the discussions, it was emphasized that Central Council is not in opposition to mining projects in Canada or Alaska if appropriately designed, operated, and maintained under a robust regulatory regime. Efforts are underway to identify funding for an ecosystem-wide environmental assessment and adaptation plan to identify a baseline for environmental quality, establish key indicators, and apply appropriate adaptation measures.

For the full press release, please visit: www.ccthita-nsn.gov/info/press.

Southeast ICWA Workshop

Submitted By: TFYS

The Tribal Family and Youth Services (TFYS) department hosted an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) workshop August 30-September 2, 2016 in Juneau, Alaska. The annual ICWA workshop provides an opportunity to increase community partnership, inform partners of new Indian Child Welfare policies and guidelines, and enhance the courtroom skills of Southeast ICWA representatives.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and TFYS funded the workshop which was attended by 90 participants from the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services (OCS), Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC), Native American Rights Fund (NARF), Southeast tribes, Alaska Federation of Natives, community service providers, Southeast ICWA representatives, and TFYS staff.

Highlights of the four-day workshop included a keynote address from Central Council President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas on tribal sovereignty and the history of Central Council; special welcome from President Peterson via live webcast who stressed the importance of ICWA and the partnership between Central Council's ICWA caseworkers and their community partners, and a dance performance by students with the Harborview Elementary School's Tlingit Culture Language and Literacy (TCLL) program.

Several panel discussions were held during the workshop - the panel discussions covered ICWA in the courtroom by state and tribal judges; the new BIA ICWA regulations which go into effect December 12, 2016 and how they

will affect the work of all parties working on ICWA cases; Trauma Informed Care and how providers can learn about historical trauma to better serve tribal families; how the state and tribes can collaborate to find relatives of families to satisfy the placement preferences for children under ICWA; and an update on Central Council's Tribal Title IV-E maintenance program.

The final day and a half of the workshop was devoted to enhancing the courtroom skills of Southeast ICWA representatives. Attorneys from ALSC, Public Defender's Agency, and Office of Public Advocacy, and Tribal Court Presiding Judge Debra O'Gara provided small group opportunities for mock hearings for participants to practice engagement in the courtroom.

Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa to all who contributed to and attended the ICWA workshop!



Panel discussion with State and Tribal Judges



The mission of the TFSY ICWA program is to ensure that the Tribe's interest in children is protected if removal of an Indian child from their home by the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services becomes necessary. Minimum federal standards established by ICWA require state courts comply when an Alaska Native/American Indian child is taken into state custody.

Tribal Transportation Manager Appointed to AMHS Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee



Will Ware

Tribal Transportation Manager Will Ware was recently appointed to the State of Alaska's Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Will joins approximately ten other members from across the state that were selected by Southeast Conference in consultation with the Governor's Office. The committee will oversee and guide development of a long-term strategic plan for AMHS that includes a comprehensive operational and business plan that is financially sustainable and meets the needs of those it serves and should result in a 25-year plan. Phase One of the committee's work will focus on AMHS' governance structure, involve broad public engagement, and include a review of proposals submitted by firms with transportation and analytical services.

Will (*Lgeik'I Eesh*) was raised in Petersburg, Alaska and is of the Raven moiety and *Ta'k Dein Taan* clan. He was hired as Central Council's Tribal Transportation Manager in June 2013 and is responsible for administering all Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funding for Central Council and the Organized Village of Saxman, and contributing in the development of transportation system priorities for Southeast Alaska which are developed and incorporated into the Tribe's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Will also currently serves as the Chair for the Inter-Tribal Transportation Association, and Co-Chair of the National Congress of American Indians Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Strengthening Tribal Stewardship Conference Held

Central Council hosted a Strengthening Tribal Stewardship conference August 23-26, 2016 in partnership with the University of Alaska Fairbanks's Tribal Management program. The four-day conference brought together tribal staff from Douglas, Haines, Kasaan, Ketchikan Klawock, Klukwan, and Yakutat to explore various models of co-management of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources, Alaska's lands history, and fee-to-trust.

Central Council's Native Lands & Resources department, President Richard Peterson, 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe, and Emerging Leader Miciansia Hutchinson also attended the conference which included a special presentation by Douglas Indian Association Tribal Council Member John Morris Sr. who provided an elder's perspective on the connection we have to the land and animals, the inherent responsibility of stewardship, and the wellness associated with subsistence ceremonies that have been practiced for thousands of years.

Central Council will coordinate additional trainings to take place next year to continue to encourage further discussion on how communities and tribal governments can collaborate on co-management and strengthen tribal stewardship of traditional territories in Southeast Alaska.

"Advancing tribal self-determination and self-governance is always at the forefront of our priorities," said President Richard Peterson. "The current federal and state dual management system is ineffective and difficult to navigate. Co-management advances tribal self-determination, builds tribal capacity, and creates economic opportunities."



Myrna Gardner Appointed to Juneau Commission on Sustainability

Business & Economic Development Manager Myrna Gardner was recently appointed to the Juneau Commission on Sustainability. Myrna joins nine other public members along with the Planning Commissioner and one City Assembly member to promote the economic, social, environmental, and governmental well-being of Juneau and all its inhabitants. The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Assembly established the Juneau Commission on Sustainability in 2007 to research and advise the CBJ on community sustainability.



Myrna Gardner

Myrna is Tlingit and Haida. Her Tlingit name is *Xieishxi*, she is *Yéil naax xat sitee*, *Duk'tool*, *Wéix' naax xat sitee*, *Taakwaaneidi Hi't* (Raven/Skulpin house) from the village of *Sxwaan* of the *Heinyaa Kwaan* (Klawock) people and is *Chankweidi Yadi* (a child of the Haida people on her father's side).

As the Business & Economic Development Manager, Myrna works with local, state, and federal governments to foster and improve the Southeast Alaska economy. She is responsible for creating partnerships with Native organizations and businesses, provides administrative support to the Tribe's business enterprise, and offers business development and marketing support services to tribally-owned businesses.

NLR Awarded \$185K Under Climate Adaptation Grant

Submitted By: NLR

The Native Lands & Resources (NLR) department was recently awarded \$181,946 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Tribal Climate Resilience program. The funding will be used to create a climate change adaptation plan template for Southeast tribes.

Last year, NLR hosted a Climate Change Adaptation training for Southeast Alaska tribes that provided an introduction to planning for climate change impacts and reviewed the adaptation planning work of Washington tribes. The Climate Change Adaptation plan template will be based on climate change priorities identified by tribes during the training and will be a living document for tribes to use and adjust based on their individual priorities.

For more information, please contact Native Lands Manager Desiree Duncan at 800.344.1432, 907.463.7186, or dduncan@ccthita-nsn.gov.

Tribal Foster Care Recruitment

Submitted By: TFYS

The Tribal Family and Youth Services (TFYS) department is actively recruiting Alaska Natives and American Indians to become foster parents. Currently, the percentage of tribal children in foster care in Southeast Alaska is 66%. There is a great need for culturally appropriate foster care homes for tribal children in legal custody of the State. TFYS strives to provide a culturally competent level of service to give tribal children a sense of belonging and acceptance while maintaining cultural connections.

Through a new Title IV-E maintenance agreement with the State of Alaska, TFYS is working on tribal foster care licensing in Juneau. Foster care licensing is not new; however, implementing tribal licensing standards is a new process. TFYS will host regular workshops to assist families interested in providing foster care. TFYS looks forward to identifying potential families while also holding up Native foster families who are currently providing safe, stable, and loving homes.



For more information on the Foster Care program, please contact TFYS at 800.344.1432, 907.463.7167, or lgallant@ccthita-nsn.gov.

NAGPRA Grant Awarded

Submitted By: NLR

The Native Lands and Resources (NLR) department is pleased to report it has secured a grant in the amount of \$88,000 from the National Park Service for Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) consultation and documentation.

The grant will be administered by NLR's Cultural Resources program and used to conduct research, documentation, and prepare claims for repatriation of cultural items located at the Birmingham Museum of Art in Birmingham, Alabama, and Denver Art Museum in Denver, Colorado. The funding will also allow Central Council's NAGPRA program to monitor the completion of pending claims.

The Cultural Resources program repatriates objects of cultural patrimony, sacred objects, funerary objects, and human remains in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 and the National Museum of the American Indian Act (NMAIA) of 1989. These Acts allow federally recognized tribes to repatriate from museums and federal agencies. To date, the program has successfully repatriated over 125 objects under NAGPRA and 30 objects under NMAIA.

For more information on the Cultural Resources program, please contact NLR at 800.344.1432, 907.463.7186, or [hjacobsc@ccthita-nsn.gov](mailto:hjacobs@ccthita-nsn.gov).

Tribal Representatives Attend IUCN World Conservation Congress

First Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. along with NLR Specialist Jennifer Hanlon and tribal representatives from the United Tribal



UTTMWG gathers at IUCN World Conservation Congress

Transboundary Mining Work Group (UTTMWG) recently traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii to attend and give a presentation at the International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress. The IUCN World Conservation Congress meets every four years and is the world's largest conservation event that brings together several thousand leaders and decision-makers from government, civil society, indigenous peoples, business, and academia, with the goal of conserving the environment and harnessing the solutions nature offers to global challenges. Over 190 different countries and 9,000 people attended.

The UTTMWG—a consortium of tribal governments working to protect the ancestral lands and waters of Southeast Alaska, was one of 188 proposals selected from approximately 1,500 to present during the IUCN's Knowledge Café sessions. UTTMWG's session, "Saving Southeast Alaska's Rainforest Way of Life," led discussions that reintroduced an ecosystem based approach to equitable sharing of resources and presented culture-based protections that prioritize traditional knowledge, development of a legal structure supported by international water law and the Boundary Waters Treaty to reduce the risk of fragmented habitat and promote inter-generational knowledge. Participants were led through an activity that demonstrated the burdens of over-accumulation of material goods, benefits of sharing knowledge and resources, and the importance of respecting ecological connections in the natural world. Although the session was designed as a discussion among 12 leaders, over 25 people attended.

The IUCN was an important opportunity for representatives to generate support and awareness on efforts to protect tribal communities and our way of life in the Southeast Alaska/British Columbia region from the downstream impacts of large-scale mining. UTTMWG made contacts with other tribes in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and other places where it became apparent that transboundary issues is a common occurrence. During the conference, UTTMWG had also been invited to share a presentation with high school students at Kamehameha School, a school funded by income generated from trust lands and serves over 1800 indigenous Hawaiian students.

To read 1st VP Sanderson's full Executive Council report, please visit: www.ccthita-nsn.gov/government/council/profiles/rsandersonjr.html

BIA Awards Additional Funding for Baseline Water Quality Testing

Submitted By: NLR

The Native Lands and Resources (NLR) department has received an additional \$120,000 in funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to continue collecting water samples on three major transboundary rivers (Sitkine, Taku, and Unuk) for baseline water quality testing. The baseline water quality testing is part of a three-year study that will measure the levels of dissolved heavy metals and other toxic substances associated with Canada's large-scale mining effort on the tributaries and headwaters of the three transboundary rivers that flow into Southeast Alaska. There is currently very little valid baseline water quality data available on the three transboundary rivers. The project goal is to produce a comprehensive, statistically valid, and scientifically defensible baseline water quality data set to help inform regulatory agencies on impacts from upstream development and to aid in management of these rivers to protect downstream communities.



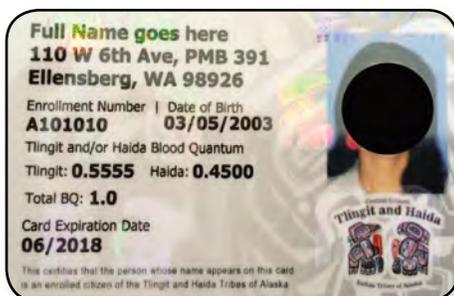
The data is critical to the establishment of future monitoring programs designed to assess and detect impacts of human activities to salmon habitat early enough to implement corrective actions and avoid undue disruption of the Pacific salmon stocks originating from these rivers. Tribal communities in the region rely heavily on these rivers for food security and cultural practices. The project will establish permanent sampling stations for future monitoring, a standard quality assurance plan and methodology, and will increase the ability of agencies on both sides of the border to implement watershed management plans. Data collected from the water quality testing will be shared with the State of Alaska, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, regulatory agencies in British Columbia, and be made available to the public.



Kai Environmental Consulting Services has been retained to complete the water sampling, which began last November and will continue on a monthly basis as weather and time permit. A total of six monthly samples have been collected on the Taku River (no samples in the winter months) and eight samples have been collected on the Stikine River. There have been no water samples collected yet on the Unuk River due to logistical challenges to access the sample sites. Work is in progress to get permission from the U.S. Forest Service to utilize a helicopter for collection of water samples or consider alternatives.

For more information on baseline water quality testing, please contact NLR at 800.344.1432, 907.463.7186, or deptnlr@cchita-nsn.gov.

New Tribal ID with Enhanced Security Features



Central Council is now offering tribally enrolled citizens a newly designed tribal identification (ID) card with enhanced security features. The new secure card includes background and foreground images, and a holographic image of Central Council's logo which will reduce risk of counterfeiting. Newly issued tribal ID cards will expire five (5) years after issuance, which will help the Tribe maintain Tribal Enrollment records and reduce the number of invalid addresses of tribal citizens.

For tribal citizens wishing to upgrade their tribal ID, please complete an affidavit or contact the Program Compliance department at 800.344.1432, 907.463.7359, or depttbe@cchita-nsn.gov.

2017 AFA Negotiations Held

Submitted By: Tribal Operations



2017 AFA Negotiations in Craig, Alaska

The 2017 Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) Negotiations were held in Craig, Alaska on August 4, 2016 at the Craig Tribal Hall. Matt Kallappa with the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) led the negotiations along with Keith Kahklen with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Alaska Regional Office. During the meeting, participants reviewed the 2017 Self-Governance Negotiations Guidance, AFA, Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 President's Budget, Reprogramming Request, Intertribal Distribution Worksheet, and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Central Council and the Department of Interior's Office of the Special Trustee. Tribal representatives also received reports from Central Council's management team with a question and answer period.

Through an MOU, Southeast tribes can authorize Central Council to enter into a Self-Governance Compact and AFA with the federal government to administer programs and services such as Burial Assistance, College Student Assistance, Tribal Enrollment, Forestry/Natural Resources, General Assistance, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Job Placement & Training, Johnson-O'Malley, and Realty. Allocation of funding is calculated based on the Intertribal Distribution Worksheet which distributes tribal shares based on population for most programs and services with the exception of the Realty program which allocates funding based on the number of Native allotments in each Compact community.

2017 Compact Tribes and Tribal Representation:

- Chilkoot Indian Association (Harriet Brouillette, Tribal Administrator)
- Craig Tribal Association (Clinton Cook, President; Anna Guthrie, Tribal Administrator; and Millie Schoonover, Tribal Council member).
- Klawock Cooperative Association (Lawrence Armour, Tribal Administrator; Patty Rowan, Tribal Council member; and Pilar Mas-Aboudara, Tribal Bookkeeper)
- Organized Village of Kasaan (Paula Peterson, Tribal Administrator and Nannette Scamahorn, Tribal Bookkeeper)
- Organized Village of Saxman (Sylvia Banie, Tribal Council Vice-President)
- Wrangell Cooperative Association (Richard Oliver, President and Aaron Angerman, Tribal Administrator)

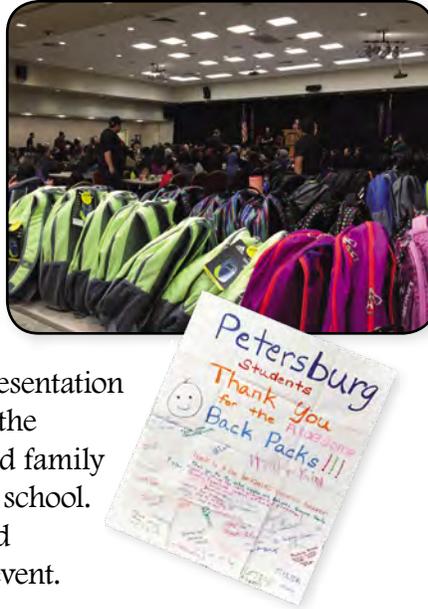
President Richard Peterson and Chief Operating Officer Corrine Garza are traveling to Compact communities this fall to meet with tribal councils and further discuss the Intertribal Distribution Worksheet and MOU.

For more information on the 2017 AFA Negotiations, please contact Tribal Operations Executive Assistant Helene Bennett at 800.344.1432, 907.463.7306, or hbennett@ccthita-nnsn.gov.

Back to School Fair

Submitted By: TANF

Central Council's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) department held another successful Back to School Fair on August 13, 2016 to help kick-off the school year for students in Juneau and communities throughout Southeast Alaska. The Back to School Fair is an annual event held since 2004. This year, over 1,400 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to tribal children.



The Back to School Fair was held in two sessions this year due to growing popularity and focused on encouraging students to make healthy choices that affect them as a whole (physically, mentally, and emotionally). A special presentation was provided by John Cryderman with the Juneau Police Department who discussed family values and the importance of staying in school. SEARHC Dental Clinic, AWARE Inc., and TANF all offered resource tables at the event.

Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa to First Bank of Alaska and the Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council for partnering to make this a successful event for the community and the Southeast region!

Native Artist Market

The Business & Economic Development department is pleased to host this year's Native Artist Market in association with Juneau's Public Market! The event will take place over Thanksgiving weekend (November 25-27) in the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall. If you're looking for unique handmade Alaska Native products, make sure to stop by! The market will feature a variety of sea otter apparel, jewelry, textile weaving, woodwork, Devil's Club salve, and other Native made goods.



Dates: November 25-27, 2016

Times: Noon - 5PM Friday
10AM - 5PM Saturday & Sunday

Location: Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
320 W. Willoughby Avenue
Juneau, Alaska

Vendor tables are available. If you're a Native artist interested in securing a vendor table, please contact Business & Economic Development at 800.344.1432, 907.463.7139, or emaass@ccthita-nsn.gov.

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act

Senator Lisa Murkowski introduced S.3004 – Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act, which would make technical corrections to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and settle both new and old issues with implementation of the 45-year-old law and other federal statutes affecting Alaska Native communities. Senators Murkowski and Dan Sullivan co-sponsored the bill which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Most importantly to Southeast Alaska Natives, the bill addresses both the Landless Communities and Native Veterans Allotments.

Under the ANCSA, more than 200 Native corporations were formed, but, Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell were unjustly left out by the terms of the original act. The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act would provide urban corporations to these five towns and award 23,040 acres of land to each Landless Community.

The bill will also improve the process for Alaska Natives who served between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 and are eligible to select land allotments under a 1998 commitment by the government to provide Alaska Native veterans 160 acres for serving the United States during wartimes. To date, only 432 Alaska Natives have received land, representing just 13% of those who served during the war.

Track this Bill: www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/114/s3004

Central Council Joins the 2017 “A Year of Kindness” Challenge

Submitted By: Public Safety

Central Council is pleased to join the 2017 “A Year of Kindness” Challenge along with the Juneau Police Department, residents, and other community groups!

The initiative challenges Juneau community members and groups to do one kind act a day in an effort to build bridges between different cultures, races, religions, and socio-economic groups.

JPD intends to measure changes in quality of life in Juneau between 2016 and 2017 based on the challenge and will compare statistics between the two years, including crime rates, police calls for service, suicide rates and other factors to determine if quality of life can be improved across the city if personal interactions between residents are more positive and more inclusive.

Are you ready to join the challenge? Here’s to a KIND 2017!



Mark Your Calendars

September Events

- 13: Coffee with a Cop – Juneau, AK
- 19: Tribal Council Meeting with Organized Village of Saxman – Saxman, AK
- 19-23: Southeast Environmental Conference – Ketchikan, AK
- 20: Tribal Council Meeting with Wrangell Cooperative Association – Wrangell, AK
- 20-22: Southeast Conference – Petersburg, AK
- 26-27: White House Tribal Nations Conference – Washington, DC
- 29: Voter Registration Rally & Candidates Forum – Juneau, AK

October Events

- 4-8: ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention – Juneau, AK
- 9: Deadline to Register to Vote
- 9-14: 73rd Annual NCAI Convention & Marketplace – Phoenix, AZ
- 10: Indigenous People’s Day (Offices Closed)
- 11: Client Service Informational Fair – Haines, AK
- 15: Client Service Informational Fair – Wrangell, AK
- 17-19: FAI Elders & Youth Conference – Fairbanks, AK
- 18: Executive Council Meeting – Fairbanks, AK
- 18: Alaska Day (Offices Closed)
- 19: Joint AFN/NCAI Tribal Leaders Conference – Fairbanks, AK
- 20: Joint Meeting with Sealaska Board of Directors – Fairbanks, AK
- 20: Southeast Alaska AFN Reception – Fairbanks, AK
- 20-22: Annual AFN Convention – Fairbanks, AK
- 24: Early & In-Person Absentee, Special Needs, & Electronic Voting Begins
- 29: Absentee by Mail Application Deadline

November Events

- 1-2: Land-into-Trust Training – Juneau, AK
- 2-4: Tribal Enrollment Committee Meeting – Juneau, AK
- 7: Absentee by Electronic Voting Deadline (5PM Alaska Time)
- 8: General Election Day
- 11: Veterans Day (Offices Closed)
- 14: Client Service Informational Fair – Kasaan, AK
- 15: Client Service Informational Fairs – Hydaburg & Craig, AK
- 16: Client Service Informational Fair – Klawock, AK
- 17: Client Service Informational Fair – Saxman, AK
- 24: Thanksgiving Day (Offices Closed)
- 25: Native American Heritage Day (Offices Closed)
- 25-27: Native Artist Market – Juneau, AK
- TBD: Alaska Legislative Candidates Forum – Juneau, AK

Office of the President Promotions



Madeline Soboleff Levy, Carley Jackson, and Grace Singh

The Office of the President is pleased to announce the promotions of Madeline Soboleff Levy to General Counsel, Grace Singh to Tribal Government Affairs Liaison, and Carley Jackson to Secretary to the President.

Madeline Soboleff Levy (*Shaa Xei di Tlaa / Gaayjuwaay*) formerly served as the Tribe's Child Support Attorney where she provided legal services and representation in all paternity and child support cases. In her new position, Madeline will provide professional legal counsel to the Tribe

in the areas of tribal government, federal-tribal relations, jurisdiction, employment, environmental and natural resources law and policy, economic development, and tribal business enterprise. Madeline holds a degree of Juris Doctor from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Puget Sound. She formerly served as law clerk for a superior court judge in Fairbanks and as an adjunct professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks where she taught law and policy courses in Native studies, federal Indian law, and tribal self-governance.

Grace Singh moved into the new Tribal Government Affairs Liaison position after serving over a year as the Special Assistant to the President. As Tribal Government Affairs Liaison, Grace will coordinate the Tribe's intergovernmental activities with federal, state, municipal, and tribes and work closely with the President, Executive Council, and General Counsel to promote tribal interest and achieve Central Council's mission, goals, and objectives. Grace holds a Bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in journalism from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Carley Jackson (*Gajint*) has been an integral part of all projects in the Office of the President since joining the team as an Administrative Assistant in 2015. In her role as Secretary to the President, she will coordinate the President's meeting schedule and travel plans, record the minutes of the Tribe's official business, and manage the department's incoming and outgoing correspondence. Carley's previous work history includes five years as the Receptionist for Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority, and almost a year with Couer Alaska Inc. working in the Human Resource department for Kensington Mine.

Please join Central Council in congratulating Madeline, Grace, and Carley on their promotions!

FHWA Associate Administrator Visits Central Council

Submitted By: Tribal Transportation

On July 21, 2016, the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Associate Administrator Timothy Hess visited Central Council. Accompanying him was Acting Director of the Tribal Transportation Program Brian Allen, FHWA Western Federal Lands Division Director Sandra Otto, and Project Management Branch Chief Brent L. Coe, P.E.

Yakutat Tlingit Tribe's Transportation Director Ralph Wolfe, Wrangell Cooperative Association's Transportation Manager Bill Willard and Planner Esther Ashton, and Chilkoot Indian Association's Transportation Manager Nick Kokotovich Jr. and Council President Les Katzeek also came to Juneau to participate in the visit.

The meeting was a casual meet and greet, but gave the representing tribes an opportunity to share projects that each tribe was involved with, as well as a time to ask questions and share concerns with federal officials.

No Appeal from State of Alaska in Land-into-Trust Case

Huge Win for Alaska Tribes

After a decade of litigation, the State of Alaska has announced it will not seek further appeal in the Akiachak Native Community v. State of Alaska. The State's decision followed a landmark ruling issued in June 2016 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit that rejected the State of Alaska's attempt to block the Department of the Interior (DOI) from taking land-into-trust to safeguard it for Alaska tribes.

Trust lands are a cornerstone of federal Indian policy and are the key to federal and private sector funding and investment. Given our State's fiscal challenges, tribal trust land is just one more solution to Alaska's budget crisis. The ability for Alaska tribes to petition for trust land acquisition maximizes tribal government resources, eligibility for federal programs and services, and fosters economic development. It will help address public safety and child welfare issues, protect historic homelands and cultural sites, and expand funding for services, education, and housing.



Juneau Indian Village Lots showing Central Council property and lots that are in restricted status.

Land-into-trust presents a multitude of advantages for the State and Alaska tribes, but overall it's about tribal self-determination and the right for Alaska tribes to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of trust lands for themselves and their communities.

Central Council's priority will be to restore the federal protections to land previously lost. The Tribe has submitted a fee-to-trust and reservation proclamation applications for property Central Council holds in fee and lands held in federally restricted status by individual tribal citizens of Central Council. All parcels are located within the historical and cultural area long known as the "Juneau Indian Village" and comprise the parking lot and subsurface of Central Council's Andrew Hope Building on Willoughby Avenue.

For the full press release, please visit: www.ccthita-nsn.gov/info/press.

"Like" Us on Facebook!



We have grown to over 6,500 "Likes" on our Facebook page. Our goal is to communicate relevant information to our tribal citizens on Central Council's programs, services, and activities. Our Facebook page is proving to be a valuable tool and we want to make sure it remains active. Help us reach our tribal citizens and don't forget to "Like" our Facebook page and "Share" our posts!

www.facebook.com/ccthita

AHSA Awards of Excellence

*Tlingit & Haida Head Start Parent, Staff, and Partners
Receive Alaska Head Start Association Recognition*

Submitted By: Tlingit & Haida Head Start



Head Start

Each year, the Alaska Head Start Association (AHSA) recognizes parents, staff, and community partners who go above and beyond in their roles and commitment to helping all of our children be school ready by the time they transition into kindergarten.

This year the Tlingit & Haida Head Start nominated several people and was notified that five of the nominations were selected to receive awards:

- Mother of the Year – Erin Andresen of Wrangell
- Lead Teacher of the Year – Sandy Churchill of Wrangell
- Administrative Support Staff of the Year – Bob Stevenson of Juneau
- Humanitarian of the Year – Kathleen Rhea
- Community Advocates of the Year – Linda Torgersen & Chris Thomas

Congratulations to our 2016 AHSA Awards of Excellence recipients! We are very proud of these individuals and of everyone who is a part of the Head Start Community. Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa for supporting our Tlingit & Haida Head Start program!

To view a complete list of the 2016 Awards of Excellence winners, please visit the AHSA website (www.akheadstart.org/awards/). More detailed information on our awardees will be available soon on Central Council's website (www.ccthita-nsn.gov/services/family/headstart).

GOTNV Southeast AK Initiative

Have you checked out the new Get Out The Native Vote (GOTNV) – Southeast Alaska Facebook page? GOTNV - Southeast Alaska is a non-partisan effort between Central Council, Sealaska Corporation, Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA), SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), and community volunteers to increase the Southeast Alaska Native voter turnout for the 2016 Election.

Alaska Native people constitute 14% of the statewide population and it is projected that if all Alaska Native people voted, approximately 25% of the electorate at the polls would be Alaska Native. That being said, take the challenge and exercise your right to vote in the 2016 Elections! Don't forget to also snap a photo of yourself at the polls and use the hashtags #GOTNV, #AKNativeVote, and #GOTNVSoutheastAKChallenge!

GOTNV - Southeast Alaska
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/GOTNVSoutheastAlaska

GOTNV - Key Dates

Please make sure to mark your calendars with these important dates!

- October 9: Deadline for Registration & Registration Updates
- October 24: Early & In-Person Absentee, Special Needs & Electronic Voting Begins
- October 29: 2016: Absentee By Mail Application Deadline
- November 7: Absentee by Electronic Voting Deadline (5:00 PM Alaska Time)
- November 8: Election Day (Polls Open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM)



Standing With Standing Rock

Cont. from Cover

The Dakota Access Pipeline requires the construction of an 1,100 mile pipeline, with a capacity of 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day, to cross the Missouri River immediately above the mouth of the Cannonball River on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

Although the pipeline will not directly cross an environmentally protected area or federally reserved indigenous land, under current proposals it will pass within half a mile of the Standing Rock Sioux reservation and traverse 209 rivers and creeks. The drilling required for the construction of the pipeline would disturb burial grounds and sacred sites on ancestral treaty lands.

Recent history demonstrates the danger oil and gas pipelines have had on downstream communities, fish, and wildlife. Between 2010-2015, 840,000 gallons of oil was released near Tioga, North Dakota; 51,000 gallons of oil was released into the Yellowstone River upstream from Glendive, Montana, resulting in the shutdown of the community water system for 6,000 residents; and 100,000 gallons of tar sand crude was released in Michigan's Kalamazoo River.

Please contact your members of Congress and the Administration to support the Standing Rock Sioux tribe:

www.house.gov/representatives

When Water Moves a Nation

A Report from Emerging Leader Miciansia Hutcherson

Emerging Leader Miciansia Hutcherson recently chronicled her journey to the Sacred Stone Camp to support the Standing Rock Sioux tribe who have been protesting the development of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). Miciansia was one of several tribal citizens who participated in the historical canoe journey down the Missouri river with Juneau Delegate Doug Chilton (One People Canoe Society). In her report, Miciansia shares her personal journey from first learning about the DAPL, attending rallies, and eventually traveling to Bismarck, North Dakota to join the Missouri River paddle and how this experience forever changed the way she looks at water and the world.



Emerging Leader Miciansia Hutcherson

Excerpt from Miciansia's report:

I call it a “perfect storm” because there’s no clear timeline or tipping point as to why this time, after all of the other struggles that Indian Country has faced, we’ve decided to come together in such a momentous way. It’s a culmination of connected issues that branch throughout our land even farther than the tributaries of the Missouri and Cannonball. Mauna Kea in Hawaii, transboundary mining in Alaska, coal trains in Washington—they were all the wave that carried us to North Dakota...

This camp is the epitome of environmental justice, suicide prevention, healthy lifestyles, alcohol and drug prevention, intertribal communication, and everything else we’ve been working for throughout Indian Country. This is where we practice what we preach and everyone has a part. This is where we take a stand and say “We are Idle No More.” Water is life and it is breathing life back into our people— it starts with Standing Rock.

To read Miciansia's full Emerging Leader report, please visit: www.ccthita-nsn.gov/government/council/youth.



VPSO Coordinators Meeting Held

Submitted By: Public Safety



For the first time in more than 10 years, the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Coordinators meeting was attended by the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety Commissioner and executive officers from the tribal organizations that administer the VPSO program. Tribal representatives and State officials met for two days. During the meeting, tribal presidents addressed concerns with some of the language in the the VPSO contract with the State of Alaska and the newly implemented Standard Operation Procedures manual. VPSO coordinators meet quarterly to review policy and procedures and discuss topics of importance relating to the administration of the VPSO program. The meeting closed with a renewed commitment among tribal and state representatives to meet annually to discuss important Public Safety issues.

The following tribal organizations administer VPSO programs and were in attendance:

- Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association
- Association of Village Council Presidents
- Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- Chugachmiut
- Copper River Native Association
- Kodiak Area Native Association
- Kawerak
- Northwest Arctic Borough
- Tanana Chiefs Conference

The VPSO program is designed to train and employ individuals residing in the village as first responders to public safety emergencies such as search and rescue, fire protection, emergency medical assistance, crime prevention and basic law enforcement. VPSOs reduce the loss of life due to fires, drowning, lost person, and the lack of immediate emergency medical assistance in rural communities. The presence of these officers has had a significant impact on improving the quality of life in the participating villages.

Carmag Building Renamed to William G. Demmert Head Start Center

Submitted By: Office of the President

Central Council is pleased to announce the Carmag Building has been officially renamed to William G. Demmert Head Start Center! The Executive Council unanimously elected to rename the building in honor of Tlingit scholar William (*KaaGooWu*) G. Demmert Jr., Ed. D., who passed away in 2010 at the age of 75. The property is located at 9309 Glacier Highway and is currently under renovation. It is expected to be the new location for Head Start's administrative office and two classrooms in 2017. Giving the building a new name that recognizes *KaaGooWu's* lifetime of dedication to Native education - it couldn't be a better match! .



William G. Demmert Head Start Center

KaaGooWu was born in Klawock to William and Florence (Allman) Demmert. He attended Seattle Pacific University, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, and Harvard University, where he received his Doctorate of Education in 1973. Dr. Demmert retired as an Adjunct Professor of Education from Western Washington University and was one of the original founders of the National Indian Education Association. He was also the first Deputy Commissioner of Education for the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Indian Education, and served as the Director of Education for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He held the position of Commissioner of Education for the State of Alaska, and served as a member of President Clinton's Education Transition Team.



Central Council

Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

9097 Glacier Highway

Juneau, Alaska 99801

www.ccthita-nsn.gov • www.facebook.com/ccthita

PRESORTED
STANDARD

PAID

Juneau, AK
Permit No. 139

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Preserving our sovereignty, enhancing our economic and cultural resources, and promoting self-sufficiency and self-governance for our citizens through collaboration, service, and advocacy.

Land-into-Trust Training

Submitted By: Native Lands & Resources

Central Council is pleased to offer a Land-into-Trust training November 1-2, 2016 at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall in Juneau, Alaska. The training will be taught by Craig Jacobson and Geoff Strommer, experts on Alaska Native land issues with the law firm Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker.

Dates: November 1-2, 2016

Times: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
320 W. Willoughby Avenue
Juneau, AK 99801

The placement of land-into-trust involves land use planning, real estate law and policy, environmental compliance, and a specific administrative process. The two-day workshop will provide background on tribal land tenure in Alaska, a discussion of the pros and cons of placing land-into-trust, and specific guidance on preparation of land-into-trust application materials.

To register or for more information, please contact Native Lands & Resources Manager Desiree Duncan at 800.344.1432, 907.463.7186, or dduncan@ccthita-nsn.gov.