



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Petition Opposing State of Alaska's Appeal in Akiachak Native Community, et al. v. DOI

Central Council urges all Alaska Native tribes, organizations, corporations, and people to sign the petition opposing the State of Alaska's appeal of Akiachak Native Community, et al. v. Department of Interior.

The ruling made by the federal district court in 2013 granted the Department of Interior to issue a final rule allowing Alaska tribes to create trust land. This would give more than 200 tribes in Alaska access to additional federal funding for economic development and to address domestic violence, sexual assault and other social ills. The State of Alaska has appealed the decision and Governor Walker recently issued another stay on the appeal.

[Click Here](#) to Sign the Petition Now!

Annual Funding Agreement Negotiations with Compact Tribes

Central Council recently met with the Office of Self-Governance and will be scheduling its 2016 Annual Funding Agreement negotiations with an assigned lead negotiator and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Southeast Alaska tribes that compact with Central Council are invited to participate in the negotiation process.

Douglas Indian Association will manage its programs and funding beginning this year. The communities to be included in the 2016 AFA are:

- Craig
- Haines
- Juneau
- Kasaan
- Klawock
- Saxman
- Wrangell

Under a compact agreement, Central Council will provide the following services to participating Southeast Alaska communities: Burial Assistance, College Student Assistance, Enrollment, Forestry/Natural Resources, General Assistance, Indian Child Welfare Act, Job Placement & Training, Johnson O'Malley, and Realty.

Earlier this month, the United States Senate recently passed by unanimous consent the Self-Governance Act of 2015 (S. 286) which amends the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes. The bill would amend how contracts are negotiated between tribes and the Department of Interior and would establish new guidelines for administering federal programs. The bill awaits consideration in the House.

Executive Council Meeting Highlight



The Executive Council met June 23-24, 2015 in Juneau, Alaska. Below is an overview of important topics discussed during their two-day meeting:

Head Start Presentation: At each quarterly in-person meeting, the Executive Council receives a presentation from a member of Central Council's management team. Head Start Director Albert Rinehart provided a report on the challenges and accomplishments of Tlingit & Haida Head Start.

Halibut Bycatch: 2nd Vice President (VP) Rob Sanderson Jr. provided a report on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council's (NPFMC) recent meeting in Sitka, Alaska. Central Council has provided support to the Aleut Community of St. Paul and Nelson Island who have been advocating for the reduction of halibut bycatch in the Bering Sea. Testimony was provided by 2nd VP Sanderson. Disappointingly, the NPFMC decided not to reduce the bycatch limit to sustainable thresholds. Central Council authorized a letter of support in favor of the Aleut

Community of St. Paul and Nelson Island which requests further regulation from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).



2nd VP Rob Sanderson Jr. providing testimony at the NPFMC meeting.

Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) 100 Year Celebration: 5th VP Marvin Adams proposed donating \$1,500 to support the ANS 100 year celebration. The Executive Council approved a donation of \$2,000.



Marina Anderson
being sworn in.

Emerging Leader: Marina Anderson of Kasaan was sworn in as Central Council’s new Youth Representative. The Executive Council renamed the “Youth Representative” position to “Emerging Leader” to promote and encourage young tribal citizens to become more involved in tribal government activities. Marina will be redrafting the Emerging Leader application process and guidelines to streamline the nomination process.

Suicide Prevention: The Executive Council discussed the possibilities of partnering with entities to provide a united effort to promote suicide prevention in Southeast Alaska communities. 2nd VP Rob Sanderson Jr. recently attended a suicide prevention workshop in Juneau sponsored by the Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition and funded

by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health. Emerging Leader Marina Anderson reported she was awarded a \$10,000 grant to create a suicide prevention video and suggested collaborating with Central Council, SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), and other entities in Southeast Alaska. The Executive Council recently approved a letter to the White House and the Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services requesting a demonstration project in Southeast Alaska on suicide prevention.

Resolutions Adopted:

- EC 15-28, Authorizing Application for Community Service Block Grant Funding for FY2015
- EC 15-30, Express Authorization of Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Required for the SBA 8(a) Program Eligibility of T&H Services LLC, a Limited Liability Company Wholly-Owned and Controlled by THTBC
- EC 15-31, Boycott of FedEx Services Due to Association with Washington Redskins

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Office Moves

Andrew Hope Building (320 W. Willoughby Avenue – Juneau, AK)

We are pleased to share that renovations on the 3rd floor of the Andrew Hope Building are 98% complete and departments are moving into their new locations. The following programs/departments will now reside on the 3rd floor of the Andrew Hope Building:

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| • Employment & Training | • Property | • Tribal Court |
| • Human Resources | • Second Chance | • Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation |
| • Program Compliance | • Tribal Child Support Unit | |

Juneau Federal Building (709 W. 9th Street – Juneau, AK)

The Child Care department will be relocating from the Andrew Hope Building to the mezzanine level of the Federal Building in Juneau on July 23, 2015. The Distance Education program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) department are also located at the Federal Building.

Ketchikan TANF Field Office (25 Jefferson Way, Suite 201 – Ketchikan, AK)

The TANF field office in Ketchikan will soon be relocating from Dock Street downtown to a more centrally located building. The new lease and location offers TANF the best value with improved lighting and adequate office space. The new office location will open for TANF clients on Monday, August 3, 2015.

Accepting Bids for the Demolition of Old Tribal Court House



Central Council has issued public notice it is accepting bids until 11:00 AM on July 27, 2015 for the demolition of its old Tribal Court House (formerly known as the Little Brown House or Cropley House) located at 358 W. Willoughby Avenue in Juneau, Alaska. Demolition is scheduled for August and serves to expand the Andrew Hope Building's parking lot capacity. Although the building will be removed, the veteran's memorial area will be preserved in honor of our veterans. For a complete bid package, please visit our website homepage at: www.ccthita.org.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Community Outreach on Domestic Violence

The Tribal Family and Youth Services' (TFYS) Wellness program is currently conducting community visits on domestic violence. Program Specialist Roberta Johnson recently traveled to three Southeast Alaska communities (Petersburg, Angoon, and Haines) and will continue her visits over the next three months to six other communities to provide residents with educational information on domestic violence and its negative impact on the overall wellness of the community. While visiting Petersburg, the local newspaper (Petersburg Pilot) interviewed Roberta and wrote a wonderful [article](#) on her work outreach to communities in Southeast Alaska:

Key Presentation Points:

- Alaska Natives make up 61% of rape victims in Alaska.
- Alaska's child sexual assault rate is six (6) times higher than the national average.
- Destructive learned behavior from the "Boarding School Era" which continues to be passed down generationally.
- Assimilation and acculturation which introduced child and sexual abuse.
- Barriers of "social isolation" prevent reporting of violence and obtaining adequate medical care for female victims.
- Introduction to the "Power and Control Wheel" a concept developed by the Mending the Sacred Hoop program which is an integral part of presentation.

For more information on the Wellness program, please contact Wellness Coordinator Leonora Florendo at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7163 | 907.463.7163 | lflorendo@ccthita.org.

Training Services Accepting Applications

The Employment & Training department is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for educational assistance for the upcoming Fall semester. The Training Services program offers up to 24 months of supplemental assistance to eligible tribal citizens that reside in Juneau and lack specific training or certification for employability. In order to ensure applications are processed in a timely manner, completed applications must be received 30 days prior to the training program or higher education institution's start date.

For eligibility requirements or to apply, please visit our website: www.ccthita.org/services/employment/training.

SAVE THE DATES

Native American Entrepreneurial Empowerment Workshop



The Business and Economic Development Department is pleased to host a FREE 2-day *Native American Entrepreneurial Empowerment Workshop* in Juneau, Alaska from August 10-11, 2015. The training will be facilitated by RedWind, a partner of the Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Native American Affairs. Topics will include business planning, access to capital, bookkeeping, human resources, problem solving, and marketing. The instructors will also identify and help participants avoid common pitfalls. Class materials and refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested in attending this free training, please [register online](http://www.ccthita.org/info/events) or contact the Business & Economic Development department: 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7139 | 907.463.7139 | emaass@ccthita.org.

Back to School Fair

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) department will be hosting a Back to School Fair in partnership with the Juneau Tlingit and Haida Community Council on August 1, 2015.

The event is one way Central Council can ensure a successful start to the school year for our tribal children. In addition to lunch and door prizes, TANF will be giving away high quality backpacks filled with general school supplies.

If you are interested in receiving a free backpack and are Alaska Native or American Indian, reside in Juneau, and have children between the age of pre-school to grade 12, please make sure to complete and return the application by July 24, 2015. An application is available online at www.ccthita.org/info/events.



TANF will also distribute backpacks to clients who reside in our service area.

Gunałchéesh / Háw'aa to Juneau T&H Community Council for partnering with the Tribe to serve our tribal families in Juneau!

Fatherhood is Sacred 2nd Annual Picnic



Please join our Fatherhood is Sacred program for a day of fun, food, and prizes at their 2nd Annual “Community Appreciation & Awareness Picnic” on August 15, 2015. The program supports and challenges fathers to be more involved in the lives of their children, families, and community. Your support is greatly appreciated!

For more information, please contact Ian Petershoare: 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7737 | 907.463.7737 | ipetershoare@ccthita.org

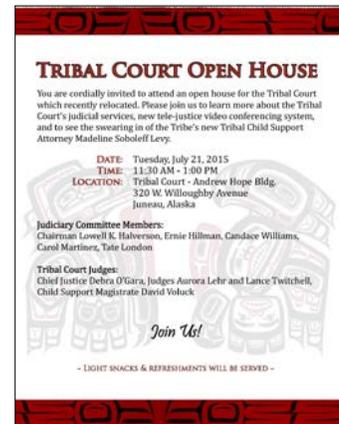
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Tribal Court Open House

The Tribal Court will be hosting an open house on July 21, 2015 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM following its recent relocation to the 3rd floor of the Andrew Hope Building (320 W. Willoughby Avenue – Juneau, AK). The open house will provide visitors the opportunity to learn more about the Tribal Court's judicial services and plans to expand its ability to handle child welfare cases. During the open house, the Tribal Court will swear in the Tribe's new Tribal Child Support Attorney Madeline Soboleff Levy and showcase its new Tele-Justice video conferencing system.

For questions, please contact the Tribal Court:

1.800.344.1432 ext. 7165 | 907.463.7165 | ljacobs2@ccthita.org



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