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TRIBAL UPDATE

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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Enrollment Committee Meets

The Enrollment Committee met May 5-7, 2015 in Juneau, Alaska to review 296 tribal enrollment applications. All applications were approved bringing the Tribe's total enrollment to 29,937. The Enrollment Committee is comprised of five Delegates appointed by the president and is responsible for ensuring any person applying for tribal citizenship is eligible by reviewing all documentation relative to the enrollment application and certifying eligibility.

Enrollment Committee:

Ella Bennett, Chair - Juneau

Martha Johnson, Vice Chair - Ketchikan

Jolene Edenshaw - Hydaburg

Laverne Wise - Seattle

Bertha Karras - Sitka

Below is a list of new tribal enrollments by community:

Anchorage (13)
Angoon (4)
Craig (10)
Haines (3)
Hydaburg (2)
Juneau (72)

Ketchikan (5)
Klawock (2)
Petersburg (5)
San Francisco (9)
Saxman (1)
Seattle (87)

Sitka (5)
Wrangell (1)
Yakutat (2)
Other (73)

Transboundary Work Group Travels to Canada

Last month, members of the United Tribal Transboundary Mining Work Group (UTTMWG) traveled to Vancouver and Williams Lake, British Columbia (BC). The work group traveled with a broader Alaska delegation to promote awareness of tribal concerns in the rapid development of large-scale mining activities in northern BC near the headwaters and tributaries of the Taku, Stikine, and Unuk rivers which flow into Southeast Alaska waters. Tribal representatives who traveled to BC include: Richard Jackson, president of Ketchikan Indian Community;

Raymond Sensmeier, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe council member; Michael Hoyt, *Teeyhitta* clan leader of Wrangell; and Jennifer Hanlon, environmental specialist with Central Council's Native Lands & Resources department.



Jacinda Mack discussing fishing on the Fraser with Lt. Governor Byron Mallott.

The UTTMWG met with the United States and Canadian consular offices, and BC Ministry officials from the Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry of Environmental Assessment, and Ministry of Environment to advocate for mechanisms such as the International Joint Commission (IJC) through the Boundary Waters Treaty to ensure Alaskan and tribal interests and concerns are heard and addressed.



Work group members meet with First Nations.

The work group also met with several organized First Nations groups including the First Nations Energy & Mining Council, First Nations Women Advocating for Responsible Mining, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and the Tsilhqot'in Nation. The UTTMWG has been working closely with First Nations who are also concerned with the mining development in the transboundary region. While in BC, the work

group visited Williams Lake to meet with local First Nation leaders who were directly impacted by the Mount Polley tailings dam failure in August 2014. The UTTMWG is very concerned that a similar disaster could occur in the transboundary region with the recent opening of Red Chris Mine in the Stikine watershed which is owned and operated by Imperial Metals – the same company that owns Mount Polley Mine.

Central Council continues to work with the UTTMWG to raise awareness on transboundary mining issues and advocate for tribal interest. The UTTMWG looks forward to continuing its work with First Nations to push for an equal seat at the table to ensure tribes are consulted with prior to any decisions being made on projects that can impact our tribal communities in the transboundary region.

PROGRAM NEWS

19th Annual Spring King Salmon Derby Wraps Up



Derby winner Kyle Sage

Another successful salmon derby was held last month! Over 800 tickets were sold this year which brought in over \$27,000 for the Tribe's Alumni Scholarship Assistance program which provides annual scholarship awards to college bound, enrolled Tlingit or Haida tribal citizens.

Kyle Sage took first place this year with a 37.05 pound king salmon which was landed from the shore of False Outer Point. In addition to the top 20 prizes for the largest fish weighed in, there were several specialty prizes and ticket drawings. Derby sponsors and prize donors were very generous this year with over \$27,000 in cash, prize, and sponsor donations received. For a complete list of winners, donors, and sponsors, please visit:

www.springkingderby.org

This year President Richard Peterson challenged Southeast Alaska Native organization CEOs to match his personal donation of \$500. Thank you to SEARHC President/CEO Charles Clement, THRHA President/CEO Ricardo Worl, and Sealaska CEO Anthony Mallott for all stepping up and providing a match!

A special *Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa* to our Killer Whale sponsors – Ed & Cathy Thomas, Sealaska, SEARHC, and THRHA.



*Thank you to all who
participated in and supported the derby!*

Employer Recruitment for Work Experience Program

The Employment & Training department is recruiting local employers who are interested in partnering with Central Council under the Work Experience program. Providing training opportunities and work experience is key to helping our tribal citizens succeed in life and become self-sufficient.

The program is designed to provide Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other clients with work opportunities that will lead to increased employability through job skills, knowledge, and work behavior growth. Under the program, TANF recipients are placed in temporary, entry-level positions with partner businesses and organizations. During the employment term, the Work Experience program will cover a portion or all of a participant's pay.

If your business or organization is interested in participating as an employer, please contact:

Elizabeth Church, Manager

Employment & Training | Work Experience

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Funding Awarded for Climate Change Training

The Native Lands & Resources (NLR) department is pleased to announce it has received \$55,000 in funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to coordinate a training for Southeast tribes on climate change adaptation. The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative (NPLCC) will host the training December 8-10, 2015 in Tulalip, Washington.

The training will provide an introduction to planning for climate change impacts that will review the adaptation planning work and process of Washington tribes with the intent for Southeast tribes to develop a climate change adaptation plan for the region.

For more information on the upcoming training, please contact NLR Manager Desiree Duncan at dduncan@ccthita.org, 907.463.7183 or 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7183.

SAVE THE DATES

Alumni Scholarship Application Period



Mark your calendars! The Higher Education program will be accepting Alumni Scholarship applications starting **July 1, 2015**. The scholarship assistance program provides annual scholarship awards to tribally enrolled citizens regardless of service area, community affiliation, origination, residence, tribal compact or signatory status. Award amounts are based on how much funding is raised annually

through memorial donations, private donations, vendor/associate solicitations, and the annual Spring King Salmon Derby.

The Higher Education program promotes and fosters higher education by providing financial aid, education information, guidance, academic planning, counseling, and assistance to eligible tribal citizens who attend an accredited college or university.

To apply for the Alumni Scholarship, please visit: www.ccthita.org/services/education/higher.

Free Medicaid Mini-Workshop

Central Council's Elderly Services program and the Tlingit & Haida Elders and Caregivers Council will be hosting a free mini workshop on "Why Does Medicaid Matter to Me and What is a Clawback Provision?" Featured guest speakers will include legal attorney Vance Sanders and Alaska Legal Services attorney Holly Handler. The Elderly Services program is pleased to continue to provide valuable resources to elders, family members, and caregivers!

For more information on the workshop or services, please contact:

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SAVE THE DATE

The Tribal Family & Youth Services (TFYS) Elderly Services program and the Tlingit & Haida Elders and Caregivers Council is pleased to host the following:

FREE MINI WORKSHOP

"Why Does Medicaid Matter to Me and What is a Clawback Provision?"

This mini workshop will feature guest speakers Vance Sanders and Holly Handler, and will offer valuable resources for elders, their families, and their caregivers.

Date: Thursday, June 30, 2015

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
(Lunch served from noon to 1pm)

Location: Juneau T&H Community Council
3235 Hospital Drive, Juneau AK 99801

Topics Include:

Why do I need to understand Medicaid?

What is a Clawback Provision and how does it affect me?



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Co-sponsored by the TFYS Elderly Services program and the Tlingit & Haida Elders and Caregivers Council

VTRC Computer Classes & Distance Education Courses Offered



The Tribe's Vocational Training & Resource Center (VTRC) located in Juneau, Alaska is a State of Alaska authorized postsecondary institution. The VTRC provides opportunities for training and career advancement through high quality computer classes, distance education courses, and vocational training programs.

Upcoming VTRC Computer Classes:

- QuickBooks 2014 Beginner to Intermediate • June 24-26
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 Complete • June 30-July 2
- Introduction to Computers / Windows • July 7
- Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013 • July 9-10
- Advanced Microsoft Word 2013 • July 13-14
- Introduction to Microsoft Outlook 2013 • July 16
- Advanced Microsoft Outlook 2013 • July 20
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013 • July 22-23
- Advanced Microsoft Excel 2013 • July 27-28
- Introduction to Microsoft Access 2013 • July 30-31

The VTRC provides access to hundreds of distance education courses in partnership with the Penn Foster Career Academy. Over 40 distance education courses have been approved by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) and provide an opportunity for students to earn real credentials. For a full course description of classes offered, check out the VTRC's 2015 Class Schedule for a full course description: www.vtrc.org/PDF/VTRCCatalog20141210.pdf.

Distance Education Courses Available

- Accounting Essentials
- Administrative Assistant
- Artist: Comprehensive
- Auto Repair Technician
- Basic Electronics
- Bookkeeping
- Business Mgt. Essentials
- Business Security ***NEW***
- Carpenter
- Certified Personal Trainer
- Child Day Care Mgt. ***NEW***
- Computer Graphic Artist
- Dental Assistant
- Diesel Mechanic/Heavy Truck Maintenance
- Dog Obedience Trainer
- Drafting with AutoCAD
- Dressmaking & Design
- Electronics Technician
- Facilities Maintenance Technicians ***NEW***
- Furniture and Cabinet Maker
- Gunsmith
- Hotel/Restaurant Mgt.
- Human Resources Mgt. Technician ***NEW***
- HVAC Technician
- Jewelry Design & Repair
- Landscaping Technician
- Locksmith
- Medical Administrative Asst.
- Medical Coding & Billing
- Medical Transcriptionist
- Motorcycle Repair Technician
- Occupational Therapy Aid
- PC Maintenance and Repair
- Pet Grooming
- Pharmacy Technician ***NEW***
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Powerhouse Operator ***NEW***
- Small Business Management
- Small Engine Repair
- Teacher Aide
- Telecommunications Tech.
- Travel & Tourism Specialist
- Veterinary Assistant
- Web Page Designer
- Wildlife/Forestry Cons.

New Summer Walking Event in Partnership with SEARHC

The Elderly Services program is pleased to announce a new summer walking event to be held **July 13-August 10, 2015** in partnership with SEARHC's Lifestyle Balance program, *Kúx dei yaan tootéen haa kusteeyí* (Bringing Back the Strength of Our People).

The five-week walking event will focus on Juneau tribal citizens 18 years of age or older who want to improve their general health and wellbeing. As part of the event, presentations will be held every Tuesday in SEARHC's Lifestyle Balance Classroom that focus on setting personal goals and maintaining good health (July 21, July 28, and August 4).

Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for the walking event will be held on **July 10, 2015** from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM at SEARHC's Lifestyle Balance Office (1046 Salmon Creek Lane) and the Vocational Training & Resource Center (3239 Hospital Drive). Registered participants will receive a pedometer, t-shirt, and will have the opportunity to win a pair of Nike N7 shoes.

Kickoff Event

Don't miss the kickoff event to be held at Twin Lakes Shelter on **July 13, 2015** from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. The first 50 participants who register and attend the Kickoff Event will receive a gift bag.

Don't miss this great opportunity to challenge and empower yourself to take positive steps towards improving your health! Get outdoors and have some fun!

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