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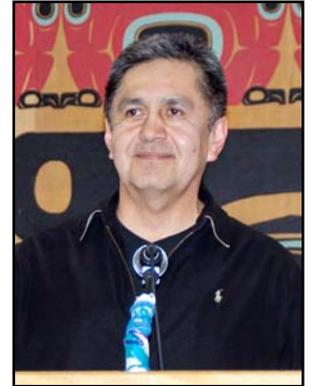
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### **Floyd Kookesh Appointed Subsistence & Sustainable Development Coordinator**

Floyd Kookesh has been named Subsistence & Sustainable Development Coordinator of the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council), Alaska's largest tribe representing over 26,000 active tribal citizens nationwide.

Kookesh, a tribal member and lifelong Alaska Native resident who has raised his family living a subsistence lifestyle in Angoon, was appointed Tuesday following the resignation of Carrie Sykes who held the position since 2007.

"Subsistence rights is an ongoing issue for the Tribe and a top priority of my administration," said Central Council President Bill Martin. "I am confident in Kookesh's abilities. His knowledge and experience in the subsistence arena will serve well in advocating important issues for the Tribe."



Floyd Kookesh

Kookesh, a self-employed charter boat operator, has served on the Southeast Regional Advisory Council on Subsistence since 1999. He takes pride in the fact that Public Service for the betterment of all is a value he holds as honorable and worthy of sacrifice. His past public service experience includes serving as Mayor of Angoon, Advisory School Board Member, and Chairman of the Angoon Indian Education Program.

"Subsistence rights continue to be threatened In Alaska, with dual management between State and Federal jurisdictions, regulations continue to be made that affect us daily," said Kookesh. "I plan to focus on expanding the subsistence program and strengthening our rights under Central Council. Now that the Federal Review is beginning its next phase, it's important that we be at the table to ensure our needs and rights are protected."

Central Council is pleased to welcome Floyd Kookesh as part of our team. He begins his new position today, and his office is located at 9097 Glacier Highway. Please join us in welcoming him.

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