

Thank you Sisterhood and Brotherhood

Mrs. Mary Guthrie
President
Alaska Native
Sisterhood
Grand Camp
Klawock

Mrs. Guthrie:

On behalf of the Huna Traditional Tribal Council (HTTC) and the Hoonah Tlingits, we would now take the time to thank you Executive Committee members Selena Everson and Trudy Wolfe for coming to Hoonah and representing the Alaska Native Sisterhood, Grand Camp.

You have witnessed the Huna Clans expressing their concerns and teaching some Glacier Bay history to everyone present. Our people expressed their happiness to you personally by singing and dancing, feasting and the sharing of our Native foods and by the honorary presenting of the ANS "Spear."

It was very heartwarming to listen to Grand Camp representatives speaking and to see you dancing. When we Huna Tlingits heard you had filed Amicus Curiae to join Greg Brown and us in court, we knew then our hearts and souls were beating as one, for the grandchildren of Glacier Bay and Southeast Alaska. We are very, very proud of Grand Camp Sisterhood.

The HTTC is very happy to walk along side of the Grand Camp Sisterhood. It bothers the HTTC Alaska is one fifth as large as the rest of the United States and yet contains no tribes. History shows Alaska has been occupied and used for thousands of years by the Native people. Because the indigenous peoples of Alaska were not Western civilized, we have no right to own anything. Yet the laws in English say, "Possession is 9/10 of the law." These are just of the misconceptions the Huna Tlingits wish to change, for future generations. Our generation had fishing, hunting, gathering and preserving of our traditional life-sustaining foods. We are thankful for what we had and would like to share this cultural lifestyle with our young people, the future of the Huna Tlingits.

Again, thank you for taking the time to come to Hoonah to lend us your wonderful spirit, to assist our spirits in such a great time of need, for all the young indigenous peoples of Alaska.

Gunal cheesh,
Patrick G. Mills, President
George Obert, Chairman
Frank Wright, Jr., Secretary
Hoonah

Daniel Johnson, Jr., President
Marvin Adams, Secretary
Alaska Native Brotherhood
Grand Camp
Angoon

Mr. John and Mr. Adams:

On behalf of the Huna Tlingits and the HTTC, we thank you for coming to the village of Hoonah to hear our grave concerns about our homeland of Glacier Bay.

In one of the most trying of times, Grand Camp Brotherhood came here to Hoonah to help our people. Ever since the case of Greg Brown vs. National Park Service began, we could not get any help from any other organizations. Personal donations from people from many different places and letters of encouragement from far places have been our only help.

When both ANB and ANS Grand Camp representatives met the Glacier Bay People, along with Greg Brown's lawyer, Nancy Shaw, our Elders were most pleased to see someone who took the time to meet with us, to sing with us and to eat our traditional life-sustaining foods. Our Elders expressed their pride by showing nearly all the artifacts of our rights in Glacier Bay. Many times since we have heard the statement it has been a long time since we have seen this much regalia out at one time. And these were only artifacts pertaining to Glacier Bay.

Picture the Huna Tlingits standing on a rock, the tide coming in and it is dark, no help in sight . . . Our little light of self-determination, pride, culture and traditions of Glacier Bay was still alive, barely kept alive by the Hunas. Grand Camp ANB/ANS spotted our light and added its light, a very welcome light. Together, Grand Camp ANB, Grand Camp ANS and the Hoonah Tlingits will work hard to protect the very traditions, the culture and the customs of the People of

Glacier Bay. By doing this we will be protecting all the young indigenous people of Southeast and the rest of Alaska from complete expulsion from Glacier Bay by the National Park Service, of its indigenous Natives. The same people who practice their traditions, cultures and customary usage of the National Parks in Alaska.

Again, we cannot say "Thank you" enough. Our pride in Grand Camp ANB shines bright and strong, and will continue to grow. For our Native brothers and sisters to stand together is a strong statement about the Natives of Southeast Alaska who wish to retain their identity.

Gunal cheesh,
Patrick G. Mills, President
George Obert, Jr., Chairman
Frank Wright, Jr., Secretary
Hoonah

Shareholders get involved

Dear Editor:

Is Doyon, Ltd. being run by a handful of people, I'm afraid so.

A lot of people (Doyon shareholders) are asking how come the same old people, the ones that already have been on the Doyon Board of Directors, how come their names automatically appear on the ballot. Because of a so-called, Management Slate, we, all Doyon shareholders can call for a special meeting to have this changed.

We will include, all new Doyon shareholders, the so-called New Natives, a lot of them a high school seniors, I encourage and advise them to get involved. At this special meeting, we can have a new full board of directors voted in, or begin with these new candidates to fill in the five new positions. We shall let the shareholders decide. This

special meeting shall be held as soon as possible, the presidency also, will be discussed.

We will be at the annual Doyon convention, to be held March 20, seeking signatures, if a majority of Doyon shareholders sign this petition, we can see the end of the Management Slate practice, and see to it, everyone who runs or wants to run for a director's position will get a fair shake.

As it is, it only takes six people, five people plus yourself, that's six people, to get your name on the ballot. These same five directors who have voted for themselves to have their name on the ballot, also voted again to have their name on the ballot for the 1993 Annual Convention. One meeting was in Nov. and the other in Dec. of 1992.

We would like to see two Elders, two middle-age and two youth Doyon shareholders oversee the whole selecting, and who gets the name on the ballot for the board of directors. And we want all shareholders to vote for the President and all Doyon shareholders vote for the chairman of the board, for Doyon, Ltd. With these amendments, I'm sure everyone will feel a more positive and constructive change has been made in Doyon, Ltd.

Gordon Grover Riley
UAF student and a
Doyon shareholder
Fairbanks

Looking back: 1948

Mr. Frank Bingham
District Attorney
Nome

Dear Mr. Bingham:

A week or so ago, while Mr. Gray was still City Police Chief, he was requested to apprehend a Mr. Cornish and Mr. York, who had with them in Mr. Cornish's cabin two

minor girls, one of _____ daughters, some 14 years of age and a _____, whose age do not know.

Upon hearing about the incident, I checked with Mr. and Mrs. _____ and they questioned their daughter and were told Cornish and York had paid a sizeable fine to the City magistrate, Carrie McLain. In checking with Councilman Cavota, I learn after the above named individuals paid a fine of \$200, as established by the City magistrate, they were allowed to go free; whereupon our City magistrate clapped her hands and said 'Now we can buy a new motor for the patrol wagon.'

In checking police records, I can find no mention of these two men being apprehended.

It is my understanding, either rape or contributing to the delinquency of a minor, such as might be this case, is a Federal offense and I am wondering why this was not handled as such? Our City magistrate is a mother of three girls and I am wondering the equity of her justice in establishing a \$ 200 fee for anything so disgraceful. Certainly our civilization is worthy of more consideration than is presently being administered.

I would appreciate the contents of this letter treated as strictly confidential, but I know you are endeavoring to clean up our city and you have endeared yourself into the hearts of many by your apparent "one man" effort and you are to be congratulated wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,
C. Dewey "Andy" Anderson
Nome

