

T-H to promote coastal management

In December, 1981 the Tlingit and Haida Central Council's Economic and Social Development Division entered into a \$129,000 contract with the Alaska State Department of Community and Regional Affairs to begin a Coastal Management Education Program for Southeast Alaska.

The program contract will extend to June 30, with T-H Central Council Forester, Steve Anderson, coordinating the program with assistance from Sandra Arca.

To date, several objectives have been outlined for the program: to increase public awareness of the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP); to motivate cooperation and coordination between communities in order to promote sub-regional and regional planning in Southeast Alaska; to

promote the exchange of coastal management information between private landowners, ANCSA corporations and the U.S. Forest Service and, to promote understanding, consideration and involvement of Native allotment grantees in the ACMP process.

To accomplish these objectives, the program is designed to produce various coastal management articles, public service announcements, brochures and a slide show. A Southeast survey and conference will be organized, both of which will be designed to identify and address issues, geographical areas of concern, and mechanisms for regional resource management.

Manager for the Economic and Social Development Division, Michael DeMan states, "This particular program is an excellent example of the movement of this division away from the ups and downs of

federal grantsmanship towards providing services that are of interest to Central Council members and the State of Alaska. This program, along with the recently signed \$90,000 contract with the Alaska State Department of Transportation to assist communities in capital improvement planning, represents the state's willingness to recognize Tlingit and Haida's ability to provide needed professional services on a regional level."

Anderson informs us that many communities are presently working on "coastal management district programs" and that the conference (planned for the end of April, 1982) will give all of the Southeast communities a chance to work together in planning.

Comments, suggestions and or questions about the educational program are welcomed: call Steve or Sandra at 586-1432.