

Commission asks for money

Chairman and Board of Directors
Huna Totem Corporation

Mr. Chairman and Board of Directors:

I am writing this letter to ask for your financial and moral support for the Southeast Native Subsistence Commission (SENSC) and the Greg Brown Defense Fund. SENSC has risen to defend the subsistence rights of all Natives of Southeast Alaska, whether they live in villages or urban centers of Southeast. All Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts living in Southeast Alaska have a strong advocate in SENSC. Without strong voices and stronger backbones our future generations will have no where to stand. They will have nothing to eat - no pride to show. SENSC has shown such a stance for subsistence rights of all Southeast indigenous peoples.

Now is the time for the Huna Totem Board of Directors and its Chairman, to show the Tlingits of Southeast Alaska where they came from. For the Huna Totem Corporation did not arise out of nothing. The corporation exists only because the indigenous Natives of Icy Straits and Glacier Bay have lived there for generations, for thousands of years. It is the Huna Tlingits who are the Huna Totem Corporation and not the other way around.

You now know what I am asking, pleading for; financial support for the SENSC and its salaried president. You are paying a CEO approximately \$10,000 a month and we have yet to receive a huge dividend. At the annual shareholders meeting in Hoonah in June, the Board said the CEO salary and expenses are tax deductible, and that was why you had paid the CEO such a large salary; not because the CEO made huge amounts of money for the shareholders (the true bosses). Well, the SENSC president's salary is tax deductible and he is generating support for the Huna Tlingits, specifically concerning the Greg Brown vs. National Park Service issue.

In conclusion, it is time for the Board of Directors to remember where they came from. The Board must know who they are - Huna Tlingits of Icy Straits and Glacier Bay. The Board also must show concern for the shareless Huna Tlingits who were born after 1971 and are still being born today.

Please contribute to two great causes: SENSC and the Greg Brown Defense Funds; for your children and their children, the shareless Tlingits of Hoonah.

Sincerely,
Patrick G. Mills
Hoonah Native Subsistence Commissioner
HTC Shareholder and Veteran, U.S. Army

For those (like Howard and Tommy have) who have foregone Christmas celebrations:

Happy 21st ANCSA anniversary!