

# Northwest Indian tourism council established, Booth named

METLAKATLA, AK -- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) has formed the "ATNI Northwest Indian Tourism Council," for purpose of establishing tourism among the member tribes of ATNI including tribes of Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Montana and Southeast Alaska Native Villages.

ATNI tribal membership selected two co-chairmen for the Council who include Rudy Clements, Confederated Tribes of

Warm Springs, Oregon and Terrance H. Booth, Sr. of Metlakatla Indian Community, Metlakatla, Alaska.

Three tribal delegates were chosen from the Council to attend the White House Conference on Travel and Tourism to be held October 30-31 in Washington, D.C. The tribal delegates selected are Antone Minthorn, General Council Umatilla Tribe, OR; Terrance H. Booth, Sr.; and Gail Chehak, ATNI Tourism Coordina-

tor. Alaska is going to be well represented at this important White House Conference on Travel and Tourism. Some Alaska Native organizations include the Alaska Federation of Natives, Tlingit and Haida Central Council and the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council and several other Alaskan delegates.

President Clinton calls for first-ever White House Conference on Travel and Tourism.

"This conference is a vehicle for developing a consensus public policy agenda for the near and long-term future," states the White House Conference *Sourcebook*. It further states, "this will be the first White House Conference on travel and Tourism. It comes at a time when lawmakers in Washington have just begun to appreciate the economic, cultural and social impact of travel and tourism."

Nine key issues will provide policy framework for the conference. These issues include production development; technology; facilitation/reduction of barriers; research; promotion; infrastructure development; education/training; environmental concerns; and traveler safety and security. Much information and several tribal delegates form all of Indian Country will be presenting policy position papers to move forward their issues and concerns about travel and tourism.

ATNI has been preparing its membership tribes about tourism. Since February of this year to this month of October, it had a series of workshops to prepare Pacific Northwest tribe on tourism. At the Annual meeting of ATNI, held in Portland, Oregon, Jerry Scudero, President of Taquan Airlines, gave a presentation on how his com-

pany is tapping into tourism. ATNI has already prepared a brochure which covers the Pacific Northwest Tribes and includes the Alaska Native Villages of Southeast Alaska. ATNI is in process of finalizing a traveler's guidebook to Indian Country in the Pacific Northwest which will be published and ready for the next tourism season March 1996. This guidebook includes all of the Tribes of the Pacific Northwest and the Southeast Alaska Native Villages. Much progress has developed the ATNI has taken the leadership role in developing tourism for the Tribes of the Pacific Northwest and Southeast Alaska.

ATNI is a Native American organization which is headquartered in Portland, Oregon. It plays an advocacy role, technical assistance to the tribes, develops semi-

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nars, workshops and symposiums to specifically address the issues confronting the Tribes of the Pacific Northwest region and has a leadership role in resolving national issues confronting all tribes. It lobbies the lawmakers in Washington, D.C. and the legislative bodies of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. In late summer or early fall of 1996, ATNI is planning to have a Tribal Leaders Economic Summit in Ketchikan, Alaska.

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