

Overheard in Dillingham



Sen. Georgianna Lincoln and
Rep. Eileen Maclean.

"Alaska Natives and tribal governments generate close to \$400 million a year by congressional appropriations. Seems to me the State of Alaska needs to recognize us."

**Willie Kasayulie, co-chair,
AFN and chair,
Alaska Inter-Tribal Council**

"We feel there needs to be some high-level, maybe secretarial level, interagency coordinating group that could deal with the issues facing Native Alaskans and other Native Americans. We feel that if the secretary of one department is dealing with the problem then others would begin to understand that these are serious issues."

**Willie Hensley, co-chair, AFN
and senior vice-president,
NANA Regional Corp.**

"We are looking at the federal government to help us in protecting our right to our lifestyle, our culture and our heritage. Because it's very important for us, and without our culture, our subsistence lifestyle, we're not going to be able to survive. We really do have a lot of work ahead of us and we would like to work with you."

Rep. Eileen Maclean



Bruce Babbitt visits with reporters following the AFN Leadership Retreat in Dillingham.

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