

Council to have first convention

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The Alaska Inter-Tribal Council (AITC) is holding its first annual convention Dec. 8-10 in Anchorage at the Egan Center. This is an historic moment in the history of Alaska Native affairs.

The AITC was formed to promote tribal government and tribal government affairs in Alaska. The AITC is a statewide consortium of Alaska tribes similar to existing tribal confederations in the Lower 48. Membership is limited to legitimate IRA and traditional tribal governments.

AITC exists to promote

issues of common concern to Alaska Native tribes, such as sovereignty, subsistence and equitable funding.

The convention is open to all Alaska Natives. Delegates must have written authorization to represent their tribal councils. Only delegates will be permitted to vote. Delegates will consider resolutions.

This convention will concentrate on the development of a treaty between tribes wishing to become AITC members, the formation of a constitution and by-laws and the election of an executive council.

See you at the Egan Center.