Tlingits focus on economy

JUNEAU — Economic selfsufficiency was a key consideration here last week at the first joint meeting of the Economic Development Authority and Land Use Planning Committees of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

Chairman Robert Loescher and committee members Andy Ebona, Beatrice Halkett, Mary L. Lekanof, Robert Sanderson and Central Council President Edward Thomas hammered out the Economic

Development Ordinance.

It will enable the tribe to become economically self-sufficient and self-sustaining with the creation of a tribal development authority administered by tribal members as commissioners.

The ordinance will be sent to the Executive Committee for consideration.

The Land Use Ordinance was sent back to administration for a rewrite and will be presented to the joint committees for their review and approval at a meeting in Sitka Sept. 18.