

NCAI announces mid-year meeting for Juneau

Juneau will be the site for the National Congress of American Indian's annual Mid-Year conference from June 8-11, 1997. This meeting will be the first of its kind in Alaska; more than four hundred tribal delegates and leaders from around the country are expected to attend.

The National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest, and the most representative American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization in the United States. It is comprised of over two hundred member tribes and more than two thousand individual members.

The conference will join tribal leaders, Native organizations, and government officials in six General Assembly sessions, to address issues such as Indian gaming, education, housing and welfare reform. The mid-year meeting agenda will also offer policy planning and strategy sessions for the tribal delegates;

guest speakers from local, state and federal governments; as well as a special potlatch celebration hosted by area tribes.

NCAI is working closely with its two host tribal councils, the Tlingit and Haida Central Council and the Ketchikan Tribal Council, to promote the conference throughout Alaska and the lower forty-eight states. Many Alaskan corporations and tribes have expressed interest in sponsoring the meeting, offering funds as well as special products and services. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact NCAI offices at (202) 466-7767.

The National Congress of American Indians, founded in 1944, was organized as a representative congress of tribal governments and individuals to address priority issues at the national level.