

# Gathering of Tsimshians set

The Metlakatla Native Education Program will host an Elder's Gathering of Tsimshians on June 25-26.

Representatives have been invited from Prince Rupert, Kispiox, Kitkatla, Kitsumkalum, Old Metlakatla, Port Simpson, Hartley Bay - all from British Columbia - and Ketchikan, Alaska, to discuss traditions involving ceremonies, potlatches, chiefs and hereditary chiefs, foods and plants, adoptions, and other items of informa-

tion according to the culture of the Tsimshian Indians.

It is hoped that this first gathering of Tsimshian Elders will provide valuable information compiled in written form to become part of a larger document on Tsimshian traditions. The two day event will include lunch and dinners, and will feature Indian dancing by local dancers of the Git Lax Likshtaa Dancers, Mt. Tangass Dancers, and Fourth Generation Dancers.