

Ebona named development council head

Andrew W. Ebona, executive director of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes, has been named executive director of the Alaska Rural Development Council.

Ebona will begin work with the council that is charged with helping develop rural areas of Alaska, on Aug. 31. He has been executive director of Tlingit and Haida Central Council since July of 1979. Prior to that he was the executive director of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C. He was responsible for the advocacy organization which represents 145 tribes and 1,700 individuals.

Ebona also had served as executive director of the United Indian Planners Association in Washington, D.C. and was a special assistant for Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. and



Andrew Ebona

was a special assistant for Indian Affairs Development Administration's Western Regional Office in Seattle. The administration is a part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Ebona replaces the council's first executive director, Kathleen

"Mike" Dalton, who resigned earlier this summer.

Hammond said he was happy to appoint someone with credentials as impressive as Ebona's to give guidance to the council. "Andy has had wide administrative experience and has a sound knowledge of the problems of rural Alaska and the aspirations of Alaska Natives. His appointment cannot but help the council perform its important task," Hammond said.

Ebona will supervise the day-to-day activities of the council staff to assure that the policies and activities of the council are carried out. The 13-member council was created in 1980 to recommend and devise ways to encourage development in ways compatible with rural lifestyles and desires.

Ebona also is a member of the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co. board of directors. EIAP is the parent company for the Tundra Times newspaper.