

# Carlos Frank fund

The Native people of Alaska have a message for Carlos Frank in Minto: WE BELIEVE IN YOUR RIGHT TO EXERCISE FREEDOM OF RELIGION, EVEN NATIVE RELIGION, AND YOUR RIGHT TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO FULFILL YOUR SPIRITUAL GOALS.

Convicted of transporting a cow moose killed out of season for a traditional Athabascan funeral potlatch, Carlos Frank now waits to plead his case before the Alaska Supreme Court. To date, Frank's legal fees have been paid by Doyon, Ltd. an indication of just how critical the case is in confirming or restricting the exercise of a cultural subsistence right.

In a unanimous show of support for Frank, the delegates of the Alaska Federation of Natives, meeting in annual convention last week created the Carlos Frank Defense Fund, acting on a resolution introduced from the floor by Clifford Black. During the one evening following creation of the fund, Black collected \$1,610 and pledges for another \$400. In a further show of strong support for the Frank case, presidents of the Alaska Federation of Natives, past and present, have joined with Black to become sponsors of the fund. Individuals and organizations may give their contributions or pledges to Emil Notti, Don Wright, Willie Hensley, Roger Lang, Sam Kito or Byron Mallott. If you cannot find them, contributions may be sent to the Alaska Federation of Natives, 550 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501. We strongly urge you to do so.

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