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**Tribal Voice Radio Comes "Online" January 2010**

On Saturday December 5, 2009, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska's radio project received approval from President Bill Martin and Executive Council members to start the first internet radio station focused on creating a new venue for Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian cultures. The "Tribal Voice" radio station plans to launch in January 2010.

The groundwork has progressed over the past six months. Tribal citizen Simon Roberts, along with partners from other organizations, has been working diligently to study available technology options, set up broadcasting, and secure commitments and content. Hundreds of hours were invested into the Tribal Voice station. "None of this would be possible without the help and support from the Central Council Employment & Training Team. A big thank you goes out to them," said Roberts. "We faced many obstacles and it hasn't been easy putting it all together, but the benefits for the Native community are significant."

Tribal Voice radio will be the "Voice of Southeast Alaska's Native people." Future listeners can look forward to regional and national Native news, talk shows, Native traditional and contemporary music, cultural languages and much more.

As Tribal Voice takes its place in main stream digital media via the internet, it will reach tribal citizens in Southeast Alaska and beyond. With over 14,000 of Central Council's citizens currently living outside the region, they will soon be able to tune in and listen to the news from their homeland. Those who have access to the internet or use internet-enabled mobile devices such as iTouch and iPhone, will be able to listen to online broadcasts, and save podcasts for later listening and for their digital libraries.

The Tribal Voice radio station's goal is to bring Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian cultures into our daily life. Listeners will get one more opportunity to come in touch with our rich cultures every day.

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