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Tribe Hires New Government Affairs Liaison



Barbara Blake

Tlingit Haida Central Council is pleased to welcome Barbara Blake as its new Government Affairs Liaison. Under the direction of President Richard Peterson and the Executive Council, the Governmental Affairs Liaison will oversee intergovernmental activities that protect and promote tribal interest in alignment with the Tribe's mission statement, strategic plan, and values.

"Barbara brings to the Tribe a depth of experience in federal, state, and tribal governments. She will help guide our Tribe into the future by forging new relationships and developing new opportunities," said President Peterson.

Blake received her Master's degree from UAF in Rural Development with a project study on fisheries development in rural Alaska. She also holds a Bachelor's of Arts in Rural Economic Development (UAF), Associate's degree in Tribal Management (UAF), and certificate in Tribal Governmental Business Law (Seattle University).

Blake formerly served as Assistant Professor for the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development at the UAF, Technical Assistant Specialist for Intertribal Agriculture Council, and Program Assistant in the Office of the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Office of Tribal Relations. The many associations she developed through internships, fellowships, and public service will be a great asset to the Tribe.

Blake is of Haida, Tlingit and Ahtna Athabascan descent and belongs to the Yahkw 'Láanaas-Raven/Shark House. Upon accepting the position she shared, "My vision for the future includes the continued protection and cultivation of Alaska Native/American Indian rights to sustain environmental, cultural, social, and economic wellbeing for current and future generations. I'm excited to be returning to Southeast Alaska to work with our communities and tribal citizens to fulfill this vision."

We are excited to have Barbara join Tlingit Haida Central Council's administrative team and look forward to the great work she will provide the Tribe in her new role.

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