

Cultural Resources Department Priorities

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

ENCOURAGE understanding
and reverence for our tradi-
tional and customary Way of
Life

PROTECT our pristine freshwater
streams, rivers, and lakes

COLLECT baseline environmental
information to identify and re-
spond to potential issues

PROMOTE maintenance of
healthy forest ecosystems
and natural resources

IMPROVE the health of the marine
and coastal environments

CO-MANAGE natural resources
with both federal and state

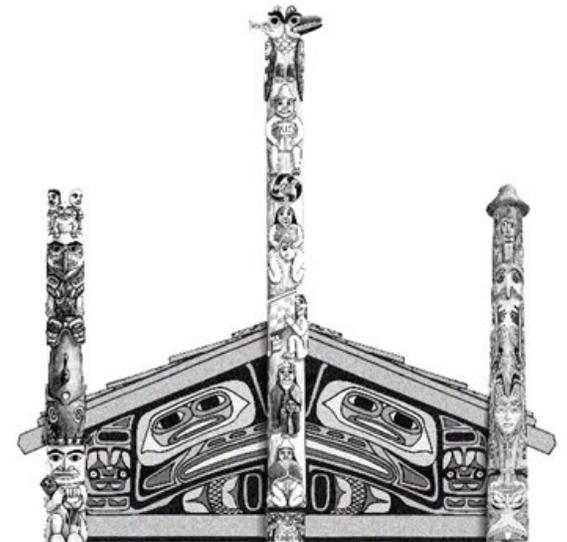
Ketchikan Indian Community

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Cultural Resources Department

*“Purpose: To maintain and enhance
the tribal cultures through the protec-
tion of subsistence and cultural re-
sources and tribal member access to
those resources.”*

(2016 Tribal Council Strategic Direction)



Newest KIC Department

KIC initiated an “Environmental Program” in 2005, under the Housing Department, addressing indoor air quality, water quality, household hazardous waste, pollution, underuse of recycling program, and lack of environmental education in Ketchikan.

Many of these original environmental program goals continue to varying degrees but have been expanded to additional program areas in the now stand-alone Cultural Resources Department.

In 2013, during an administrative reorganization period the Cultural Resources Department was formed to create the best structure to accommodate the Native Language Program and to assist the “Our Way of Life” Committee. In fall of 2014, the first Director for the program was hired to begin building-out the program. The Cultural Resources Department now consists of two staff members, a Cultural Resources Director and an Environmental Specialist., supported by BIA and IGAP funds respectively. With this base team the capacity to carry out projects and collect data will continue to expand and improve.



Departmental Goals

To steward, conserve, preserve, enhance, and protect those places and customs that are of significant historical, cultural, and environmental importance; using traditional ecological and cultural knowledge and science.



Community environmental specialist Nicole Forbes explain poisoning Feb. 17 at Settlers Cove.

Department's Three Key Program Areas

Cultural Resources Protection

Natural Resources Stewardship

Environmental Health

Why We Do This

Native Alaskans in southeast Alaska have always had a close and unique relationship with their surroundings. The deep connection to natural resources which are integral components of the social, cultural, and spiritual life of Ketchikan Indian Community members.

The Cultural Resources Department exists to assist the Tribal Council and the members they represent continue and enhance their access to and stewardship of the land, waters, and living things that indigenous people have enjoyed and depended upon since time immemorial.

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