

Ketchikan Indian Community Environmental Priorities

Approved unanimously at 8/15/16 Tribal Council Meeting

1. **Encourage** understanding and reverence for our traditional way of life; passing on traditional ecological and cultural knowledge to our children on how to coexist in harmony with the natural environment that surrounds our community.
2. **Protect** our pristine freshwater streams, rivers and lakes; which serve as both a drinking water source and are essential to the restoration of the traditionally abundant fish and wildlife resources of the region.
3. **Collect** baseline environmental information to identify potential issues; adapting as necessary to address changing environmental and social conditions to protect the wellbeing of tribal members.
4. **Promote** maintenance of a healthy forest ecosystem and the natural resources; that tribal members depend upon for multiple uses including, but not limited to: logging, hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering.
5. **Improve** the Health of the marine and coastal environment; keeping it free of pollutants, litter, discarded fishing equipment, etc.
6. **Engage** proactively with agencies and stakeholders on existing and future threats to regions natural resources. Striving towards co-management when feasible and as opportunities and program capabilities warrant.