

PROFILE

W. "RON" ALLEN

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the Tribal Chairman, (serving 1977-present), Ron is responsible for representing the Tribe as the elected leader and for addressing political and policy issues and/or positions at the national, state and local levels. As the Executive Director (serving 1982-present), Ron is responsible for the administration of all the Tribe's programs including education, career development, social services, housing, health, economic development, natural resource management, and cultural/traditional affairs.

As Tribal Chairman/Executive Director, Ron continues to address a wide range of issues that affect the Jamestown S'Klallam people as well as Indian country as a whole. Ron is responsible for leading the Tribe from a zero resource base in 1982 to a current annual budget level of approximately \$6 million; and from a landless reservation base in 1982 to a land base of approximately 320 acres without federal assistance. Additionally, Ron has led the Tribe to establish business enterprises including a seafood operation, art gallery, real estate and tribal casino.

Ron remains passionately driven in the fight to-- first and foremost-- protect Tribal sovereignty, treaty rights and governmental responsibilities. As a proud and self-sufficient people, Ron believes we must work hard in our quest for self-sufficiency and to provide quality programs and services to address the unique needs of the Jamestown S'Klallam community. This remains Ron's goal and vision for his Tribe.

MEMBERSHIPS/ORGANIZATIONS

- **National Congress of American Indians** — First Vice Chair; 1999–2001; President; 1995–1999, Treasurer; 1989–1993, and Delegate; 1977–Present

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), founded in 1944, is the oldest, largest and most representative national Indian organization. NCAI serves the needs of a broad membership of American Indian and Alaska Native governments, organizations and people. Having served as President for 4 years, the Treasurer for 4 years and as the First Vice President for 2 years, Ron was responsible for facilitating national tribal leadership forums to develop tribal governmental priorities and strategic planning efforts in working with the White House, Administration and Congress. Additionally, Ron has provided numerous Congressional testimonies, keynote addresses at other national and regional tribal organizations and has actively engaged in media and public relations to educate the general public regarding Indian tribes.

- **Pacific Salmon Commission — U.S./Canada Treaty** - Tribal Commissioner; 1996–Present, and Fraser River Panel member; 1987–1996, and Tribal Representative on Finance and Administration Committee

Ron serves as one of four U.S. Commissioners on the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Commission which represents treaty Tribes from Washington and Oregon. Ron participated in negotiations between the United States/Canada, Alaska and the Tribes on international salmon management issues which resulted in an agreement in 1999. Actual implementation of this agreement (treaty) has required a tremendous

amount of time and additional negotiations to ensure that the terms are appropriately carried out by all parties. Additionally, Ron has been involved in the coordination of our Tribal fin and shellfish management program as it relates to Washington State and other Tribal interests.

- **Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians** — Treasurer; 1984–1990 and Delegate; 1977–Present

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a nonprofit organization representing 43 Northwest Tribal governments from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, southeast Alaska, Northern California and Western Montana. Representatives from the member tribes set the policy and direction through committees by way of resolutions during the three yearly meetings. A seven member Executive Board carries out the duties and directives of ATNI.

- **National Indian Policy Center at George Washington University** — Co-Chairman; 1990–1996

The National Indian Policy Center was a 6-year effort to establish a national Indian “think tank” to provide broad policy and research analysis as well as develop a national comprehensive database system of documents and materials to assist Tribal leaders in advancing the needs and interest of their communities. These studies included state/tribal relations and other policy developments.

- **Point No Point Treaty Council** — Delegate; 1981–Present

The Point No Point Treaty Council provides fisheries management, enhancement and enforcement services for all four PNPTC member tribes, including Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Lower Elwha S’Klallam Tribe, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe and Skokomish Tribe. Indian signers of the 1855 Point No Point Treaty made clear that they retained rights to fish, hunt and gather at their traditional sites as they always had.

- **Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission** — Treasurer; 1981–1986

The Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) was created in 1974 by treaty Indian tribes in western Washington as a result of the *U.S. v. Washington* litigation that affirmed fishing rights reserved by the tribes in treaties signed with the federal government in the 1850s’. The Commission’s role is to assist the tribes in administering orderly and biologically-sound fisheries and to provide member tribes with a single, unified voice on fisheries management and conservation issues.

- **Washington Indian Gaming Association --- President; 2002-present**

The Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA) is an organization of tribal government leaders of federally recognized Tribes in the state of Washington, committed to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare and interests of Indian tribes with respect to gaming in Indian Country. WIGA's mission is to advance and promote government-to-government relationships and effective communication between Tribes and the State of Washington, and to maintain, protect, and advocate Indian tribal sovereignty and Treaty rights.

As a trade association, WIGA's purpose is to educate and disseminate information to the Indian gaming community, federal and state governments, and the general public on issues related to gaming in Indian Country, and to provide the necessary support to preserve and protect the integrity of gaming conducted in Indian Country.

- **Washington Coalition for Tribal Self-Reliance --- Co-Chairman; 2002-present**

The Washington Coalition for Tribal Self-Reliance was created by tribal leaders to provide information about tribal governments and the importance of tribal government gaming in Washington State..

As attacks on Indian gaming in Washington State continue, Ron has united tribes across Washington and led the way in defeating measures that would adversely affect tribes in Washington State. Each year, as new measures are introduced, Ron continues to defend tribes' right to operate government gaming facilities.

- **Association of Washington Tribes --- Delegate;**

The Association of Washington Tribes (AWT) is comprised of tribal leaders from throughout Washington State whose objective is to protect treaty rights, tribal sovereignty, and assert government-to-government relations with the State of Washington as well as with the Federal government. Issues that the Association focuses on include water rights and natural resources, fish and wildlife, social, health and welfare as well as education among others. Ron's activity within the Association has helped

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

National Level:

- Leader in a 1994 historic White House meeting with President Clinton and Tribal leaders from across the nation. Ron served as the Tribal Co-chair of a meeting held one year later with Clinton Administration and Tribal leaders which resulted in the White House Inter-Governmental Office acknowledging tribal governments consistent with state and other local governments.
- Chairman of the DOI Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (formed in 1998) which provides advice to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Assistant Secretary on policy issues which affect over 200 Self-Governance Tribes.
- Tribal Representative on the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Budget Advisory Committee. This Committee works with the Administration and Congress in developing Tribal budget priorities.
- Tribal Representative on the Joint Department of the Interior and Tribal Leader Task Force on BIA Trust Management Reform. This Task Force was established in early 2002 to develop and evaluate organizational options to improve the integrity, efficiency and effectiveness of the Departmental (e.g. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Special Trustee, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) Indian Trust Operations consistent with Indian treaty rights, Indian trust law and the government-to-government relationship.
- Co-Chairman of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Self-Governance Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. This Committee is responsible for the drafting of regulations to govern the Self-Governance initiative within the IHS.

- Chairman of the National Congress of American Indians National Policy Workgroup on Contract Support Costs and Co-Chairman to of the 1987 publication entitled “Determining the True Cost of Contracting Federal Programs for Indian Tribes”. These Workgroups have developed an analysis of indirect cost recovery for Indian Tribes and have been responsible for working with the Administration and Congress on developing short and long-term recommendations on these related issues.
- Chairman of the Tribal Legislative Drafting Committee to develop Self-Governance legislation within both the Department of Interior (resulting in Public Law 103-413 in 1994) and the Department of Health and Human Services (resulting in Public Law 106-260 in 2000).
- Co-Chairman of the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Committee on the Government-to-Government Consultation Policy. This Committee developed a consultation policy within the Bureau of Indian Affairs consistent with President’s Clinton’s Executive Order on Tribal Consultation.

State Level:

- Chairman of an Ad-hoc team of Tribal leaders to design & develop the 1989 Centennial Accord between the 26 Tribes in Washington State. Also participated in the Annual State/Tribe Summit in November 1999 to develop a Millennium Agreement to institutionalize effective government-to-government relationships in Washington State.
- Co-Chairman of the National Congress of American Indians/National Council of State Legislators Advisory Committee. This Committee has worked to advance state-tribal governmental relations including the publication of various policy and educational documents

President of the Washington Indian Gaming Association. Uniting Tribes in Washington to protect and preserve tribal sovereignty and tribal government gaming.

Co-Chairman of the Washington Coalition for Tribal Self-Reliance. Leading the way in defeating state gaming measures that would adversely affect all tribes in Washington State.

Local Level:

- Olympic Memorial Hospital Foundation Board (1990- Present)
- Peninsula College Foundation (1996-1999)
- Peninsula College - Student of the Year Award (1981).

EDUCATION

- Peninsula Community College Accounting (AA) & Technical Engineering (AAA)
- University of Washington Political Science & Economics (Double BA)