



**JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE
PROFILE**

W. "RON" ALLEN, TRIBAL CHAIRMAN/CEO



As the Tribal Chairman, (serving 1977-present), Ron Allen is an elected leader whose responsibilities include protecting and advancing Tribal sovereignty and governmental authority and securing Tribal Self-Governance and self-reliance through active political engagement at the international, national, state and local levels of government. In these respective forums, Chairman Allen is a key advisor in helping to shape and address the Administration's policy/regulatory decisions and Congressional legislation that supports Tribal Governmental authority and Treaty rights. As the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (serving 1982-present), he is responsible for the executive administration of all the Tribe's programs and services, including, cultural and educational programs, career development and employment, social and community services, housing, health and wellness, economic development, natural resource management, and the Protection of Tribal Treaty Rights through cultural preservation and traditional affairs.

As Tribal Chairman/CEO, he is responsible for leading the Tribe from a zero-resource base in 1982 to a current annual budget level of over \$150 million; and from a landless reservation base in 1982 to a land base of over 2,000 acres without Federal assistance. Additionally, he has grown the Tribal business portfolio through the establishment of several Tribal Enterprises, to include, Seven Cedars Hotel and Casino, The Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course, Northwest Native Expressions Art Gallery, Jamestown Family Health Clinic, Jamestown Family Dental Clinic, Jamestown Seafood, Inc., JKT Development Inc., Jamestown Excavating, Jamestown Networks, Longhouse Market and Deli, Cedar Greens Cannabis, and Carlsborg Self Storage.

OFFICES HELD DURING TENURE AS CHAIRMAN:

U.S. Department of the Treasury/IRS – Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC) – Appointed Member 2015 - Present

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Council (STAC) – NW Delegate - 2013- Present

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Tribal Technical Advisory Group — Chair 2007– Present; Delegate; 2003–Present

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Indian Health Service – Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee – Vice Chairman – 2011 - Present

U.S. Department of Justice /Attorney General's Tribal Nations Leadership Council — Delegate–2010–Present

Western Washington University's Board of Trustees — Appointment–2006–2008

Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium — Chairman – 2004–Present

Washington Indian Gaming Association — President; 2003–Present

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) — President; 1995–1999, First Vice-Chair; 1999–2001; Secretary–2007–2009; Treasurer 1989–1993 & 2003–2007 & 2009–2013 & 2015–2019; and Delegate; 1977–Present

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians — Treasurer—1984—1990; Delegate; 1977—Present

United Indians of All Tribes Foundation (UIATF) – Board Member 2001 - Present

U.S. Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs – Self-Governance Advisory Committee – Chairman – 1998 - Present

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

American Indian Health Commission for Washington State — Founder and Delegate; 1994 – Present

U.S. Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs – Tribal Interior Budget Council, Tribal Co-Chair since 1992; Subcommittee on Data Management 1992-2019 Subcommittee on Budget – Chairman 1992-Present

U.S. Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs PROGRESS Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee – Primary Delegate and Tribal Co-lead – November 23, 2021 – January 10, 2025

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Chairman of the DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee formally sanctioned by the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) in 1998 to provide input on the implementation of the Title IV Amendments. The SGAC also serves as the liaison for Self-Governance Tribes providing advice to AS-IA on policy, legislative, budget and program discussion and decision-making actions which affect over 285 Self-Governance Tribes.
- Vice-Chairman of the Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (formed in 1996) which provides advice to the IHS Director on Self-Governance policy, legislative, budget and program discussion and decision-making actions affecting over 350 Tribes.
- Chairman of the Tribal Legislative Drafting Committee to develop Self-Governance legislation within both the Department of the 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).
- Chairman of the Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium. This Consortium is the lead non-profit organization which provides education, communication, and technical assistance services regarding Self-Governance to ensure that accurate information is provided to Congress, the Administration, throughout the Federal government, Tribal governments, and the general public.
- Tribal Co-Chair/Northwest Tribal Representative on the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Interior Budget Council since 1992. This Council works with the Administration and Congress in developing Tribal budget priorities. This Council provides an advisory Government-to-Government forum and process for Tribes and the Department to develop budgets that allow for the fulfillment of Tribes’ Self-Determination, Self-Governance, sovereignty, and treaty rights, as well as sufficient levels of funding to address the needs of Tribes and their Tribal citizens.
- Chairman of the Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Interior Budget Council Data Management Subcommittee (DMC) created as a partnership between Tribal and Federal Representatives to assess statutory and regulatory performance data reporting requirements and determine other program data collection needs. This assessment will consider issues related to GPRA and PART and Tribally driven data collection needs. The DMC has been tasked with advising the TIBC on strategies and data collection processes and systems to justify budget increases to meet unmet needs and fully fund budget priorities, support budget formulation, fund distribution, program management, and statutory and regulatory reporting requirements.
- Served as Chairman of the National Congress of American Indians National Policy Workgroup on Contract Support Costs and Co-Chairman of the Contract Support Costs Sub-Workgroup which in 1987 wrote the 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.

- Served as Chairman of an Ad-hoc team of Tribal leaders to design & develop the 1989 Centennial Accord between the 26 Tribes in Washington State. 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. There are currently 29 Tribes participating in this Accord.
- Served as Co-Chairman of the National Congress of American Indians/National Council of State Legislators Advisory Committee from 1998-2008. This Committee has worked to advance State-Tribal governmental relations including the publication of various policy and educational documents.
- Chaired numerous national workgroup committees and task forces for trust, contract support, etc.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:

- Peninsula College – Student of the Year Award - 1981
- University of Washington Distinguished Alumnus Award - 2001
- American Association of Community Colleges Outstanding Alumni Award - 2003
- (5th Annual) Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership - 2005
- Reservation Economic Summit American Indian Business Achievement Awards Committee– Public Advocate of the Year - 2007
- Named by the University of Washington’s Columns Magazine – one of the “Wondrous One Hundred” – the 100 most remarkable University of Washington alumni - 2008
- University of Washington’s Charles E. Odegaard Award for work on behalf of diversity - 2009
- Inaugural Drum Award Recipient for Defense of Sovereignty - 2010
- Forterra’s Lifetime Achievement Award - 2012
- Indian Gaming Magazine Eagle Visionary Award and induct into the Indian Gaming Hall of Fame - 2012
- Indian Health Service (IHS) Director’s Special Tribal Leadership/Partnership Award - 2012
- American Indian Leadership Award for American Indian Enterprise Development - 2013
- Native American Finance Officer (NAFOA) Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Financial Leadership - 2013
- National Indian Gaming Association’s (NIGA) Wendell Chino Humanitarian Award - 2015
- Indian Health Service Director’s Special Tribal Leadership/Partnership Award – 2015
- Dan Evans Environmental Award – 2018
- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Special Recognition Award – 2020
- Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium Tribal Self-Governance Vanguard Award - 2022