



JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE

PROFILE

W. "RON" ALLEN, TRIBAL CHAIRMAN/CEO



As the Tribal Chairman, (serving 1977-present), Ron Allen 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 Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (serving 1982-present), he is also responsible for the executive 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/CEO, he is responsible for leading the Tribe from a zero resource base in 1982 to a current annual budget level of over \$80 million; and from a landless reservation base in 1982 to a land base of over 1,200 acres without federal assistance. Additionally, he has led the Tribe to establish business enterprises including Seven Cedars Casino, The Cedars Golf Course, Northwest Native Expressions Art Gallery, JKT Development, and Jamestown Health & Medical Supplies.

OFFICES HELD DURING TENURE AS CHAIRMAN:

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee's Transition Committee — 2013

Department of Justice Tribal Leaders Advisory Council — Delegate—2010—Present

US Health & Human Services (HHS) Tribal Leaders Advisory Council – NW Delegate - 2013- Present

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

Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium — Chairman of the Board— 2004—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

HHS - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Tribal Technical Advisory Group — Co-Chair 2007–Present; Delegate; 2003–Present

Dept of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - Tribal Leaders Budget Advisory Council – 1996-Present

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

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

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

Washington Indian Gaming Association — President; 2003–Present

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 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. Northwest Delegate on the Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (formed in 1996) which provides advice to the IHS Director on Self-Governance policy issues affecting over 323 Tribes.

- 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).
- Chairman of the Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium. This Consortium is the lead non-profit organization which provides education and communication services regarding the Self-Governance initiative ensuring that accurate information is provided to Congress, Administration, the federal government, tribal governments and the general public.
- Northwest Tribal Representative on the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Budget Advisory Committee since 1992. This Committee works with the Administration and Congress in developing Tribal budget priorities. This Committee 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. Also, Tribal Co-Chair of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Data Management Subcommittee Data to assess statutory and regulatory performance data reporting requirements and determine other program data collection needs. This assessment will take into account issues related to GPRA and PART.
- Served as 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.
- 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. 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. 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 since 1998. 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 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 – 2013
- National Indian Gaming Association's (NIGA) Wendell Chino Humanitarian Award 2015