

Biography for M. Brian Cladoosby, Chairman Swinomish Tribal Senate

Brian Cladoosby has served on the Swinomish Indian Senate, the governing body of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, since 1985. He has served as the Chairman of the Swinomish Tribal Senate since 1997.

Chairman Cladoosby is one of our most senior tribal political leaders in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest and his experience is reflected in his numerous commitments. He is the President of the Association of Washington Tribes, Executive Board member of the Washington Indian Gaming Association, past President of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and two-term past President of the National Congress of American Indians. With respect to international affairs, he is the Co-Speaker of the Coast Salish Gathering, which comprises British Columbia First Nations and Western Washington Tribes.

In 2011, at the Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair, Chairman Cladoosby was awarded the American Indian Tribal Leader Award for his exceptional achievements. Each year this award honors an outstanding leader who supports American Indian business and economic development endeavors in tribal communities.

Chairman Cladoosby has been instrumental in the domestic and international emergence of the northwest Indian country salmon and seafood industry. Swinomish Fish Company buys and sells seafood products from tribal, national and international companies, continuing the “buy and sell Native” motto of Indian Country. He shares a vision with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members to have a strong economic development plan that supports a way of life for today and future generations.

Swinomish is located in the Pacific Northwest and has grown its gaming investments from the early days of bingo halls to the full capacity of a gaming enterprise and expansion into a new resort and golf course. Like many tribes across the nation, our tribal enterprises fund our governmental services and provide financial support for our community.

Brian and his wife of 41 years, Nina, have two daughters LaVonne and Mary, son-n-law Tylor, granddaughter Isabella and grandson, Nathanael.