

THE 2012 RISE TO THE FUTURE
NATIONAL HYDROLOGY, SOIL SCIENCE, AND AIR AWARDS

Tribal Accomplishment

Tony Christianson of the Hydaburg Cooperative Association is recognized for bridging Traditional Ecological Knowledge with western management for fisheries and subsistence management benefits on the Tongass National Forest in cooperation with the Alaska Region, the Federal Subsistence Board, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

As the Natural Resources Director for Hydaburg Tribes, Tony, whose traditional Haida name is “Saanh_K_ingwaas,” is a leading fisheries scientist in the Pacific Northwest. He is respected for his leadership and wisdom on recreation, forest, watershed, heritage, and subsistence resource management of the national forest lands of Alaska. He has dedicated himself over the past 10 years to engaging local tribal members in fisheries resource management and is responsible for the creation of many fisheries and natural management jobs for his Tribe and the surrounding community that also provide invaluable data to the Forest Service Subsistence Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program (FRMP). Among his many accomplishments is his critical role in the resurrection of an important sockeye salmon run to Hetta Lake.