

# Study of five southeast Alaska communities

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## **Landless Alaska Native communities continue push for recognition**

Don Young, all R-Alaska, today issued statements on new legislation they introduced to allow the Alaska Native communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, and Tenakee to form urban corporations and receive land entitlements under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 ANCSA.

## **Delegation's Landless Legislation Rectifies 50**

Resistance to past legislation has come from recreational users concerned about losing access to the land, and specific local concerns including two recreational-use cabins in potentially conveyed plots of land. Senator Lisa Murkowski who is on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. One last truck ride shuttles the garbage containers a short distance uphill to the landfill, where the trash is finally tipped out, compacted and buried.

## **Talking Trash: Follow the garbage we ship south**

Jim Walters, with Waste Connections, operates a front-end loader to push trash aboard a container van, staged on the lower level of the Sitka Waste Transfer Station.

## **Organization wants land, Native corporations for 5 Southeast communities**

Access to land is crucial, and will help bring economic opportunity and upward mobility to the Alaska Natives in Southeast. During the conference, activists, including members of Juneau-based Alaska Natives Without Land, recalled their parents or grandparents fighting for the right to own at least a small part of their ancestral homeland. Five Southeast Alaska villages were left out of the ANCSA settlement and never received their land claims; Haines, Tenakee Springs, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan.

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To read the legislation, click. The Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act, by Alaska Sen. The

current legislation will be the fifth attempt at legislation meant to address the issue, according to Richard Rinehart, Jr.

## **MySealaska**

Michael Penn Juneau Empire Any change to ANCSA would require an act of congress since the settlement was a federal act, and an event held Saturday was meant to build support for the cause and shed light on the specifics of what Alaska Natives Without Land hopes to accomplish. These projects are broken down by ethnicity. Our new legislation will help correct this historical wrong.

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