



## Indigenous Women's Tongass Delegation to Washington D.C. Spokeswomen List – August 2020



### **Wanda Kashudoha Loescher Culp – Tlingit**

*Artist, Activist, and WECAN Tongass Coordinator*

Wanda “Kashudoha” Loescher Culp is an Indigenous Tlingit activist, advocate, and hunter, fisher and gatherer of wild foods, born and raised in Juneau, and living in Hoonah, Alaska. She is the mother of three children, and is recognized as a storyteller, cultural interpreter, playwright, and co-producer of the film *Walking in Two Worlds*. As of 2016, Wanda has united with WECAN as a Regional Coordinator, revitalizing initiatives to protect the Tongass Rainforest and the traditional rights and lifeways of the regions Indigenous peoples.



### **Rebekah Sawers – Yupik**

*Student and WECAN Tongass Representative*

Rebekah Sawers is an Alaskan Native Yupik Student and mother, daughter and aunt who lives in the Tongass and works with Indigenous youth in educational programs in Hoonah, Alaska. Her husband and daughter are Tlingit, and Rebekah is part of a collective of women who are working to protect the Tongass Rainforest.



### **Adrien Lee – Tlingit**

*President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 12, keeper of Tlingit cultural education, WECAN Tongass Representative*

Adrien Nichol Lee is Tlingit Chookenshàa living in Hoonah, Alaska year around. She is President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 12. Adrien and her family harvest from the Tongass to prepare for the long winters, and while she has spent the past seven years in management work, she has also dedicated herself to pursuing her grandmother's footsteps in cultural Tlingit education.



### **Kari Ames – Tlingit**

*Alaska Native Voices Cultural Heritage Guide, keeper of traditional life-ways, WECAN Tongass Representative*

Kari Ames is of the Tlingit Nation. She grew up and lives in Xuna Kaawuu (People of the North Wind) also called Hoonah, which is a small town of 800 people on Chichagof Island in Southeast Alaska. Her Tlingit name is Dee Yaa, and she is Yeil Raven moiety of the L'uknaxh.adi (Coho Salmon Clan) from the Frog House. Kari is currently working for Alaska Native Voices as a Cultural Heritage Guide in Glacier Bay National Park. She is deeply involved in her culture — weaving the past and the future together, living and learning as much as she can about her culture including traditional singing, drumming, hunting and gathering of plants.



### **Osprey Orielle Lake**

The Delegation is joined by Osprey Orielle Lake, Founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International and Co-Director of the Indigenous Women's Divestment Delegations. She works nationally and internationally with grassroots and Indigenous leaders, policy-makers and scientists to promote climate justice, resilient communities, and a just transition to a clean energy future. She serves on the Executive Committee for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and heads-up WECAN's advocacy work in areas such as Women for Forests, Rights of Nature and UN Forums. Osprey is the author of the award-winning book, *Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature*.