

WASHINGTON INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Bringing Civil Rights to Indian Country

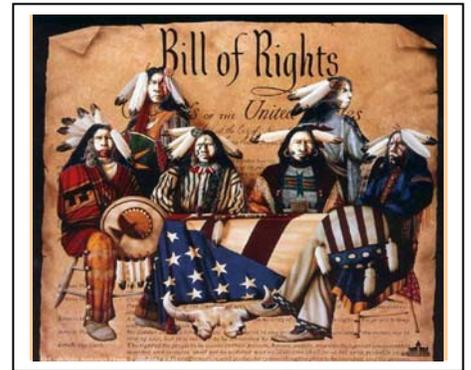
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PRESS RELEASE:

WHO: Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission, lead by and for the First Nations People.
WHAT: "The People's Council",
"Bringing Civil Rights to Indian Country"
WHEN: **September 7 – 10, 2008**
WHERE: Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA – 1-800-640-WOLF

Why:

The Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission (WICRC) in collaboration with the Blackfeet Nation will be hosting the **People's Council**, a four day conference on individual Indian civil rights. The mission of the WICRC is to uphold the sanctity of tribal sovereignty and guarantee our individual civil rights through education and advocacy in order to prevent and overcome injustices against us. We are proud of the quality of the **People's Council**, its plenary speakers and panelists. We respectfully request your attendance and participation.

Plenary Keynote Speakers:

Eloise Cobell (Blackfeet), Lead Plaintiff, Cobell vs. Kempthorne
Dennis G. Chappabitty (Comanche), "Forty Years After the Indian Civil Rights Act"
Billy Frank, Jr., (Nisqually), Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

Invited Guests and/or Panelists

Governor **Christine Gregoire**, Washington State
Senator **Claudia Kauffman** (Nez Perce), 47th District
Representative **John McCoy** (Tulalip), 38th District

People's Council Workshops on:

- Adequate Public Defense
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Education Discrimination & Protecting our Youth
- Historical & Generational Trauma, Residential School Injustices & Healing
- Indian Civil Rights, Tribal Leadership and Protecting Tribal Sovereignty
- Indian Child Welfare Act
- Law Enforcement and Jurisdiction
- United Nations Indigenous Rights Treaty

See our website for updates on panelists, panel topics, presenters at www.waicrc.org

**Washington Indian Civil
Rights Commission (WICRC)**



Deborah Sioux Lee, WICRC President

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This conference is sponsored by:

The Blackfeet Tribe

Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission

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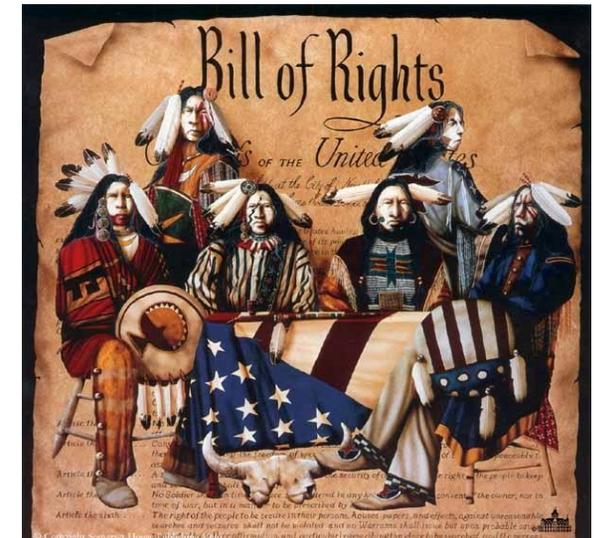
To:



**“Bringing Civil Rights to
Indian Country” & The Third
Annual National Border
Town Racism Conference**

The People’s Council

**A collaboration between the
Washington Indian Civil Rights
Commission and the
Blackfeet Tribe**



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Great Wolf Lodge

Grand Mound, WA



People's Council Focus

The focus of the People's Council is protecting civil rights in Indian Country and tribal sovereignty, as well as dealing with border town racism, hate crimes, racial profiling & discrimination against First Nations & Two-Spirit People.



Killer Whale, art by Israel Shotridge, Tlingit Carver

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Plenary Key Note Speakers:

Elouise Cobell, *Blackfeet*

Billy Frank, Jr., *Nisqually*

Alan Parker, *Chippewa Cree*

Dennis G. Chappabitty, *Comanche*

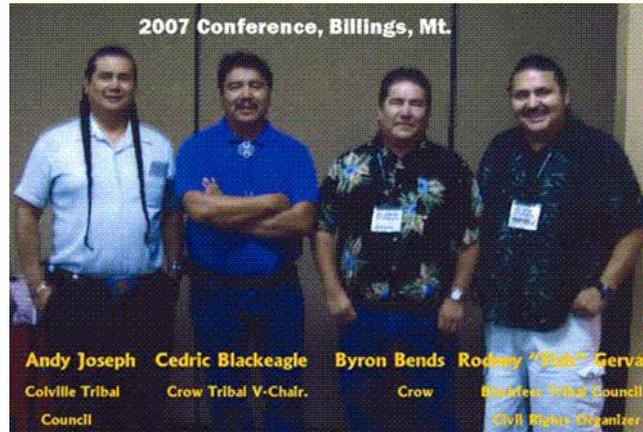
Rep. John McCoy, *Tulalip Tribes* (38th Legislative District)

Dee Koester, *Lower Elwha Klallam*

Professor Robert Anderson, *Bois Forte Band*

Who Should Attend?

- Tribal Leaders, Tribal Members & Urban Indians
- City & County Officials
- Civil and Human Rights Officials
- Educators and Attorneys (pending CLE credits)
- Tribal, State & Federal Agencies
- Tribal Employment Rights Officials (TERO)
- Social & Other Service Providers



For discounted hotel reservations call the Great Wolf Lodge 1-800-640-WOLF (reservations) and give the conference code "0809NORTHW." Reserve before August 7, 2008

For questions or vendor information contact:

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Registration Form by Mail

\$75 per person

(free admission for Elders 60 and over, and for Youth 12 and under)

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WSBA# _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

If you are registering on-line using PayPal, please go to the WICRC website at: www.waicrc.org

To register by mail: Make money orders or checks payable to WICRC and mail to:

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Payment must be received by August 22, 2008.

