



# Jill Weitz

## People, Salmon, Water

I have been working with with communities and governments on legal and policy issues related to the management of shared US-Canada salmon rivers for nearly 15 years.

## Experience

### April 2023 - Present

Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

#### Office of the President, Government Affairs

- Coordinate natural resource policy priorities identified by Tribal Assembly and Executive Council of Tlingit & Haida;
- Serve as a policy advisor to T&H President and leadership team on natural resource policy priorities related to mining, fisheries, forestry, and governance / co-management;
- Cultivate strategic relationships with tribal, federal, state, and Canadian governments and regional partners towards improved governance of our lands and waters, workforce development and stewardship opportunities, data collaboration, etc.

### May 2022 - April 2023

Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

#### Natural Resource Department Manager

- Served as a policy advisor for T&H Native Lands and Resources Division and T&H leadership related to climate, transboundary governance, fisheries, forestry, philanthropy, and co-management of regional resources;
- Managed multiple Natural Resource Department staff and oversee projects, budgets, and deliverables;
- Cultivated strategic relationships with tribal governments and regional partners towards improved governance of our lands and waters, workforce development and stewardship opportunities, data collaboration, etc.

### 2018 - 2022

SalmonState, Juneau, Alaska

#### Salmon Beyond Borders, Director

- Led strategy, policy, and government relations in the United States and Canada for the SBB campaign and networked campaign for the protection of transboundary watersheds threatened by B.C. mining and associated development through multinational agreements;
- Led in the development of requests for federal appropriations related to water quality monitoring and coordination of U.S. agencies that comprise the transboundary interagency working group and who are directed to work in coordination with U.S. tribes;
- Served as campaign and issue spokesperson for national and international media, meetings, and conferences.

### 2013 - 2018

Trout Unlimited / SalmonState, Juneau, Alaska

#### Salmon Beyond Borders, Manager

- Secured support from Alaskans (and Americans) and Canadians for the protection of transboundary watersheds threatened by B.C. mining and associated development through multinational agreements;
- Coordinated engagement with State of Alaska officials, Alaska's congressional delegation and staffers, federal agency staff and support staff;
- Lead Salmon BeyondBorders legal and policy working group with partners and legal support staff (contractors), D.C. consultants, commercial fishing organizations, Tribal entities, and partner organizations throughout Alaska, B.C., and the Pacific Northwest;
- Conducted policy research options for the transboundary rivers; campaign, produced relevant briefing documents for lawmakers and regulators, and outreach materials for various communities and many diverse populations throughout the Pacific Northwest.

### 2010 - 2013

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Juneau, Alaska

#### Division of Water, Compliance and Enforcement

- Conducted inspections for facilities permitted under the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (APDES) and produced subsequent inspection reports;
- Determined the appropriate enforcement response to specific violations of an APDES permit and related state law with support from U.S. EPA;
- Provided compliance assistance to permittees throughout the state of Alaska.

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## Education

2010

**MA, Resource Law Studies**

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

2006

**BA, Environmental Studies and Political Science**

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

## Expertise

US-Canada Transboundary Governance

Mining Policy

Water Policy

Government Affairs

Community-Led Campaigns

## Language

English

Spanish