The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) speaks as one voice for the many different nations in the four-state region it covers. Tribes such as the Flathead, the Yakama, the Nez Percé, and the Umatilla belong to the association, which brings together peoples from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. Such associations coordinate economic development, governmental relations, and health and education issues. A prime concern of ATNI is fishing rights.

The ATNI flag (sample flag provided by Elmer’s Flag & Banner, Portland, Oregon) is white, with a red border set just inside the outer edges on all four sides. In the center is ATNI’s circular emblem—an outline map in black showing the four states covered by the Association. The map is crossed by a peace pipe, symbolizing the cooperation among member tribes, with two white-and-black feathers attached. Below the map is the acronym “ATNI” in red. Surrounding the emblem are two red rings, then “AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS” in black, with red circles before and after “AFFILIATED TRIBES”. ✲