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## **ADVENTURER FILMMAKERS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

Arcata, CA – In homemade wooden boats, J.J. Kelley and Josh Thomas captured the 1,300-mile Inside Passage in high-definition. 2008 was the rainiest summer in 15-years in our continent's only rainforest. For three months Kelley and Thomas Paddled to Seattle facing the hardships that accompany a lifestyle predominantly removed from civilization. The adventure film documenting the project, titled "Paddle to Seattle", is a stunning display of the awe-inspiring landscape that is the Pacific Northwest. Taken from the perspective of an ancient craft the film speaks to the beauty of people-power over a great distance. The film is interjected with moments of humor that act as a shining credit to the lighthearted spirit of the young adventurers.

"Kokatat is the finest paddling wear company on the planet. The gear is very comfortable and remarkably functional. We are honored to represent Kokatat," said Kelley.

Kelley and Thomas are no newbie's to big expeditions. They have completed 3 independent 1,000 mile+ adventures. The rules have always been simple: Get there however you can, just no motors allowed. Hiking, biking, and kayaking, the two met on a 2,200-mile trek across the Appalachian Range. They have since branded a unique style of adventure media: Producing film memoirs that take audiences along on cross-continent adventures. Their freshman film "Pedal to the Midnight Sun" aired in August 2008, nationwide on PBS via National Geographic's Wild Chronicles. It is the first time a kayak journey of the Inside Passage has been brought to the screen. The adventure film is an independent project from Kelley and Thomas' production company Dudes on Media. The feature film "Paddle to Seattle" will premier in March of 2009, at film festivals across the country and air on PBS's Wild Chronicles with National Geographic.

Visit [www.dudesonmedia.com](http://www.dudesonmedia.com) for more information. Visit [www.youtube.com/user/PaddleToSeattle](http://www.youtube.com/user/PaddleToSeattle) to see clips from the project.

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