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Lummi Nation Accepts Obama's Challenge to Improve Children Success

Bellingham, Wash.—The Lummi Nation has signed on to President Obama's initiative known as My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge. In February 2014, President Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps facing boys and young men

of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.

The Lummi Nation provides many of the services as called out in the goals of the challenge that could lead to community and children success. Council Member Shasta Cano-Martin states, "The Lummi Nation knows it can improve internally on the government and administration level and plans to reach out to all stakeholders in the community to better achieve the goals in the challenge."

The collaboration with Obama ensures a joint goal of

success, not only for Lummi children but children across the United States. President Obama has called on tribal communities including the Lummi Nation to accept the Challenge which the Nation has accepted. Lummi Nation Chairman Tim Ballew II, stated, "We are happy to work with the Presidents administration to increase the success of our students. Education is a priority for Lummi."

The My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge seeks to inspire community leaders, and encourage their commitment to ensuring all

young people can succeed. The My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge encourages communities to convene leaders, identify effective strategies, and work together toward achieving these goals.

For more information on the challenge visit: <http://www.mbkchallenge.org/>

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Additional information will be available in the March Squol Quol.

President Proposes \$13.2 Billion Budget for Interior Department

02/02/2015

FY 2016 Request Reflects Administration Commitment to Core Missions, Investing in programs to protect important landscapes, responsibly manage energy development, honor Federal trust responsibilities to Native Americans, and help drive and sustain economic growth

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Obama's fiscal year (FY) 2016 budget request of \$13.2 billion for the Department of the Interior continues the Administration's strong support for Interior's core missions, protecting the nation's cultural and natural heritage, responsibly managing energy development on public lands and waters, investing in science, and honoring the nation's trust responsibilities to Native Americans and Alaska Natives and our special commitments to affiliated island communities.

The \$13.2 billion in current discretionary funding for the Interior Department includes a \$200 million cap adjustment available in the event of the most severe fire activity. A fact sheet on the Interior Department's FY16 budget is available here.

"This is a forward-looking budget that invests in Interior's key missions so that we can continue to serve the American people," said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "The President's budget provides targeted investments to grow our domestic energy portfolio, build climate resilience, and revitalize our national parks as they approach their 100th an-

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Highlighting Native American priorities for the 114th Congress

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"Our People continue to live sicker and die younger than other Americans,"

Said the National Indian Health Board Before Senate Committee on Indian Affairs January 28th Hearing -

Highlighting Native American priorities for the 114th Congress

NIHB Executive Director Testifies before Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

NIHB Executive Director Stacy Bohlen testifies before

the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on January 28, 2015

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Wednesday, January 28, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held its first hearing during the 114th Congress to gain an overview of American Indian and Alaska Native priority issues. National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Executive Director Stacy A. Bohlen (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa) testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in an oversight hearing to explore "Indian Country Priorities for the 114th Congress."

In his first hearing as Committee Chair, Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) noted in his introductory remarks that: "As Chairman, my top priorities are jobs, energy

and natural resource development, healthcare, education, juvenile justice, and tribal self-governance." New Committee Vice Chairman John Tester (D-MT) said: "I look forward to working with...everybody...on this committee to move Indian Country forward." The hearing clearly demonstrated the continuing bi-partisan, collaborative commitment to continue being the legislative nexus for the advancement of issues important to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"Our Peoples continue to live sicker and die younger than other Americans," said Bohlen. "Our lifespan is 4.2 years less than other Americans and on some reservations, like Wind River - home of the Northern Arapaho Tribe in Wyoming

- where life expectancy is only 49 years. ...It's more than time that we must stand together to change these realities." Affirming the federal government's trust responsibility for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, the NIHB set forth an agenda for change. NIHB will diligently work with the Committee to advance these Tribal objectives.

Ms. Bohlen set forth the Tribal Health agenda, including such issues as:

Mandatory and increased Appropriations for the Indian Health Service

Advance appropriations for Indian Health Service (like the Veteran's Administration)

Exemption for Tribes (Continued on page 2)

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Community Updates

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rescission cuts	per year	nization, provides a variety of services to tribes, Area Health Boards, Tribal organizations, federal agencies, and private foundations. The NIHB continually presents the Tribal perspective while monitoring federal legislation, and opening opportunities to network with other national health care organizations to engage their support on Indian health care issues. Please visit www.nihb.org for more information.
Medicare-Like Rates for Purchased Referred Care for non-hospital providers	Oversight on implementation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)	
Exemption for Tribes from the Employer Mandate in the affordable Care Act (ACA)	Long-term, sustainable methods to fully fund Contract Support Costs	
Correcting the Definition of Indian in the ACA	Investment into Indian Country's public health infrastructure	
5-year renewal of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians at \$200 million	Located in Washington DC on Capitol Hill, the NIHB, a non-profit orga-	



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Lummi Dental Fax: 360-384-2335 • Walk-in Urgent Care time: First come first served basis • Monday: 8:00 am;

Tuesday: 8:00 am; Wed. : 8:00 am; Thurs. : 12:00 pm; Friday: 8:00 am

Enrollment Office

Bellingham WA 98226
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. til 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Enrollment Committee Meetings, Every Second Tuesday of each month. Only Completed applications will be brought forward to a regular scheduled Committee Meeting.

Completed Application Is:

1. Application filled out completely. Blank spaces will delay processing.
2. Certified Birth Certificate is required.
 - a. Enrolled Mom's name must match

our records.

- b. Enrolled father must be on the birth certificate.

3. DNA of Indian Father is required. Test kits available at the Enrollment Office.

- a. Cost is \$25 per individual being tested. Bring in an LIBC Receipt of payment.

- b. Takes two weeks to get results.

- c. Longer if testing off site.

If you have any questions, call any staff members listed below.

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1-360-380-6977

Tribal Identification – Monday – Friday

Ages up to 17 years old \$5
18 to 61 years old \$10
62 and Older Free
Account Receivable accepts money up to 3:45 p.m. each day.

Located in the Administration Bldg. Lobby

Bring LIBC receipt of payment to the Enrollment Office for I.D.

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Community Updates

DEALER SCHOOL

Classes will be 4 hours a day 5 days a week for 12 weeks learning Craps, Blackjack and other various games. Closing date will be Monday February 2nd, 2015 to apply for the school:

- Must be 21
- Must be able to obtain class III license, clearing a UA and background check
- Excellent customer service
- Be able to attend class 100%

If you have any questions please call 360-543-7185. Apply online at www.silverreefcasino.com or in Human Resources Monday-Friday 9am to 5:30pm

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LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

How to Apply: Submit a complete application packet no later than 4:30 p.m. of the closing date. If you're enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, attach a copy of your enrollment card/verification to the application in order to qualify for the Native Preference Policy. Fax (360)380-380-6991. E-mail: LIBCHR@lummi-nsn.gov Mail AUN: HR 2665 Kwina Rd. Bellingham, WA. 98226. If you have any questions feel free to contact the HR office at (360) 312-2023. **Current as of January 27, 2015**

Job Title	Department	Closing Date:
Bus Driver	Lummi Nation School	1/29/15
Manager	Lummi Youth Wellness Center	2/6/15
Youth Mentor- 5 Vacancies(Revised)	Lummi Youth Wellness Center	2/6/15
Licensed Mental Health Provider	Lummi Behavioral Health	2/12/15
Leader- Healing Lineage Team	Lummi Behavioral Health	2/20/15
Pharmacy Technician	Lummi Tribal Health Center	2/27/15
Bus Driver	Lummi Nation School	Until Filled
Custodian	Lummi Nation School	Until Filled
Fitness Center Attendant	Lummi Tribal Health Center	Continuous
<i>*Temp-Part Time Fitness Center</i>		
Commissions/Board of Directors	Department	Closing Date:
Law and Justice Commissioner- Seat G	Law and Justice Commission	1/29/15
<i>*Management and writing skills</i>		
Position #1 & #2	NWIC Board of Trustees	2/27/15
Panel Members- 3 Vacancies	Exclusion Hearing Committee Panel	3/9/15
LNSO Board Member	LNSO	Until Filled
<i>*2 vacancies (Youth and Standard Member)</i>		

Food Handler's Card Training

Where: HR Training Room Date: February 12, 2015

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact Valerie Bob at

312-2211 or valerieb@lummi-nsn.gov to sign up

This training is open to all community members and LIBC employees

Bellingham Tides February 2015

Day	Time	Ft.	Time	Ft.	Time	Ft.	Time	Ft.
SU 1	4:49A	8.7	9:50A	6.0	2:18P	7.9	9:47P	-0.2
M 2	5:24A	8.8	10:32A	5.7	3:05P	7.7	10:22P	-0.2
TU 3	5:54A	8.8	11:08A	5.4	3:49P	7.6	10:56P	0.0
W 4	6:19A	8.8	11:43A	5.1	4:32P	7.5	11:30P	0.3
TH 5	6:41A	8.8	12:19P	4.6	5:16P	7.3
F 6	12:04A	0.7	7:02A	8.7	12:57P	4.2	6:02P	7.0
SA 7	12:39A	1.2	7:25A	8.7	1:37P	3.7	6:51P	6.7
SU 8	1:14A	1.9	7:51A	8.7	2:20P	3.2	7:44P	6.4
M 9	1:49A	2.7	8:20A	8.6	3:05P	2.8	8:45P	6.1
TU 10	2:26A	3.6	8:51A	8.5	3:54P	2.3	9:58P	5.9
W 11	3:07A	4.4	9:24A	8.3	4:46P	1.7	11:46P	5.9
TH 12	4:00A	5.2	10:01A	8.2	5:41P	1.2
F 13	2:05A	6.5	5:17A	5.9	10:43A	8.1	6:37P	0.6
SA 14	3:01A	7.1	6:39A	6.2	11:35A	8.1	7:30P	-0.1
SU 15	3:37A	7.7	7:48A	6.1	12:36P	8.1	8:20P	-0.6
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TU 17	4:38A	8.5	9:35A	5.3	2:43P	8.4	9:55P	-1.2
W 18	5:09A	8.8	10:23A	4.6	3:44P	8.4	10:40P	-1.0
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SU 22	12:56A	1.3	7:23A	9.3	1:47P	1.6	7:55P	7.4
M 23	1:44A	2.4	8:00A	9.1	2:44P	1.2	9:10P	7.0
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W 25	3:37A	4.6	9:22A	8.5	4:48P	0.8
TH 26	12:26A	7.0	4:52A	5.4	10:10A	8.0	5:54P	0.8
F 27	1:51A	7.5	6:25A	5.8	11:06A	7.6	6:59P	0.7
SA 28	2:51A	7.9	7:59A	5.7	12:13P	7.3	7:57P	0.7

Bellingham Tides March 2015

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Dislocated Fishers Receives Supplemental Funding to serve 150 new fishers affected by the disaster of 2014. Must be 18 years of age and have a valid fishing card.

Please call Verla (360) 312-2391 or Ginger at (360) 312 2388 to make an appointment and to find out if you are eligible for Employment Services



Tim Ballew II, Chairman

Now siam,

160 years ago our ancestors signed the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliot on January 22, 1855. It is a day we honor our ancestors, our past leaders for guaranteeing a future that included our own way of life. We will continue on with our Sche langen by practicing and exercising our Treaty Rights.

One of the biggest threats the Lummi Nation has faced regarding an attack on our Treaty Rights is the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal project (GPT project) at Cherry Point. The Lummi Indian Business Council has continuously announced its opposition to the GPT project and made a decision to unanimously request a denial of the permit for the GPT project from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in late December of 2014. We've made it clear to the proponents and Corps that the project cannot be mitigated. It will have adverse impacts to our treaty rights which our past leaders have fought to preserve and that our present and future leadership will continue to do.

The Lummi Nation

Chairman's Update

is not alone in the fight against the GPT project. Along with the Swinomish Tribal Indian Community, Yakama Nation and Tulalip tribes have strongly opposed the GPT project in a unified voice. It is important that tribes in the State of Washington unite in a unified voice to oppose any development not only at Cherry Point; but all the surrounding waters in and around our Usual & Accustomed treaty fishing, hunting and gathering areas. Furthermore, we gained support in our opposition to Cherry Point development from not only tribal communities but also other local officials. Dow Constantine, King County executive, and Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, have sent the Washington congressional delegation letters of support for the protection of our fishing treaty rights.

Travel

On January 6, 2015, I attended a Treaty Rights at Risk meeting in Suquamish for an update and report on progress from Federal Co-Leads and update on federal activities in reference to the Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative. It was an opportunity for Tribal leaders to provide input and recommendations on federal Treaty Rights at Risk (TRAR) activities. The main focus was to strategize as a group on a federal level and get attention from the executive level to call for action. The Lummi Na-

tion has taken a strong stand and we are providing recommendations and input as we move forward with the TRAR activities.

The following day in Olympia, WA on January 7, 2015, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee invited tribes for a briefing session on the legislative session, the Governor's proposed budget, and tribal leader priorities. We had some pressing issues that we discussed with the Governor including funding for the Youth Wellness Center. It is critical we maintain a relationship with the state for many reasons such as funding, budget impacts to our programs, etc.

The week of January 19-22, 2015, I traveled to Washington, DC with Council members Jay Julius, Johnny Felix and Henry Cagey. Our schedule was full of meetings with federal agency officials, White House staff and 114th Congressional members. These meetings included: a meeting with Jodi Gillette, Special Assistant to the President, Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA), Office of Rep. David Reichert (R-WA), Roger Boyd from Housing and Urban Development, Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK), meeting with Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM), meeting with Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS), Rep. Denny Heck (D-WA), Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA) and a meeting with the US Army Corps of engineers. Topics

of discussion included various issues such as Cherry Point, education, and economic development, and taxation issues.

Conducting business at the Hill is important for moving forward with our agenda items and issues and these agency officials, White House staff, and congress members are vital in communicating and relaying our message. As we move forward in the year it is our goal that our issues be brought to the table with action on the federal level and that our voice is heard in the halls in DC.

Meetings and Events

The Northwest Regional BIA Director, Mr. Stanley Speaks, made a visit to Lummi Nation on January 8, 2015, and we gave him a tour of the reservation. The meeting with Mr. Speaks was important as we continue to gain his support to place our remaining parcels of fee-land by the I-5 into trust. Getting the land into-trust is a vital goal towards restoring our jurisdiction.

The General Council meeting was held on January 10, 2015, at the Wex-Liem building with over 50 tribal members in attendance. I encourage all tribal members of all ages to attend General Council meetings, Public Hearings and Special meetings. These meetings help set the agenda for the upcoming year but also a platform for issues and your voice

to be addressed. Also, there was a Public Hearing on January 14, 2015, to go over Constitutional amendments.

On, January 16, 2015, our leadership and tribal leaders from the Tulalip Tribes and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community visited for meeting to discuss Cherry Point. Also, we reached out to the Yakama Nation who couldn't make it to come together in a unified voice oppose any and all development at Cherry Point. This meeting was a reminder of past leadership and what they fought for in guaranteeing our treaty rights in the Boldt Decision; that we as tribes need to band together and share the same unified voice. Also, Joseph Downes, the Northwest Washington Director from Senator Maria Cantwell's Office made a visit to discuss the upcoming 114th Congress and update on legislation.

I look forward to serving our people along with the council members and working with administration and policy to achieve the goals and priorities of the Lummi Nation and General Council. Go HAWKS!!!

As always our doors are open and we encourage any and all tribal members to visit with their concerns and recommendations.

Che chesh whe wheleq,
Lul-hal-mun
Tim Ballew, II
Chairman



Pictured:

Glen Gobin, Treasurer Tulalip;

Tim Ballew II, Chairman Lummi Nation;

Herman Williams Sr., Tulalip Chairman;

Brian Cladoosby, Chairman of Swinomish Indian Tribe and resident of NCAI;

Johnny Felix, Councilman Lummi Nation;

Les Parks, Tulalip Vice-Chairman;

Jeremiah 'Jay' Julius, Councilman Lummi Nation



Cheryl Sanders,
Vice Chairwoman

Happy New Year and I'm hoping you all had a wonderful holiday season.

The LIBC entered into 2015 by meeting with the General Council on January 10th and the 2015 GC agenda has been set. We look forward to the future GC meetings and having open dialogue with our people. Thank you to those who diligently attend the annual general council meetings and we encourage

you all to participate in the discussions.

Let's break the record and have over 100-200 enrolled members attend these 2015 GC meetings.

As the Vice-Chairwoman of LIBC my job per the Lummi Constitution is to assist the Chairman when called upon to do so. In the absence of the Chairman, she shall preside, and when so presiding, have all the rights, privileges, and duties, as well as the responsibilities of the Chairman.

As a policy representative to HHS along with Council Members Steven Toby and Julie Finkbonner, we attend necessary consultations, regional, national and tribal meetings to keep the Government to Government protocol at the highest levels. I am very supportive of the younger leaders to get engaged

in the conversations and share the knowledge of what I was taught and holding the federal government to the "trust responsibility".

- January 5th – WHBE Consultation in Olympia
- January 7th – Tribal Court Draft Evaluation
- January 7th – HRTF
- January 8th – IPAC, (alternate attended for me)
- January 13th – HRTF presented strategic plan to LIBC
- January 15th – HHS Region 10 Quarterly Call
- January 16th – Suicide Prevention Panel Call (Delegate for WA Tribes)
- January 20-22nd NPAIHB (Chehalis)

- January 23rd – TAW Call
- January 27th – Health Commission
- January 28th – NACCWA Report to LIBC
- January 29th – Witnessing Our Future (Lummi)

The Tribal Court Evaluation site visit became a conference call with the evaluator's on January 7th; due to bad weather back east. The LIBC received the draft report along with the Law & Justice Commission. At that time there was a request of more information to get the evaluation completed. That was provided to them last week, so we will have the final report back to LIBC in late February or early March.

The NACCWA report was delivered to LIBC on January 28th, the final

recommendation and implementation of the review, will be forthcoming. This was a two year process to access our Child Welfare System from the community perspective and our laws.

This year has started off very busy and "finishing the work" of the past council is always a good start. I want to thank Darrel Hillaire and Bernie Thomas for their dedication to our great Nation as they served our people for many years in the capacity as LIBC Members. \o/ \o/ \o/

If you would like to have more information in regards to the policy meetings, please contact Rosalee Revey-Jacobs at RosaRJ@lummi-nsn.gov or 360.312.2147.

Cheryl Sanders,
"Takwiltsa"
LIBC Vice-Chairwoman



Rita Jefferson,
LIBC Treasurer

Greetings Lummi Nation! We at the Office of the Treasurer are very excited to see that our boys did it again this year. Seattle Seahawks are returning for Super Bowl XLIX as defending Champions. And what a comeback that was on the game against Green Bay. GO HAWKS!

The staff of the Treasurer's Office hopes that February finds our Lummi families and members to be on a path to good health and wellness. As Lummi people we are known for our hospitality (treating others with great care), reciprocity (sharing what we have and value with others), and being deeply rooted in providing for our

prosperous future. This year is a very pivotal time for us as Lummi people. We would like to challenge each and every one of you to be actively involved participants/ stakeholders in the financial planning and strategic planning for our nation for our great-grandchildren, just as our late ancestors envisioned and sacrificed for what we have today. This is one way we practice our Sche'Lang'en, our way of life, by working to secure a healthy and prosperous future for our generations to come.

Pursuant to Title 28 Budget and Finance Code we have an approved LIBC Divisional Budget (LIBC Resolution 2014-146). Any tribal member that would like to see the approved budget for fiscal year 2015 can feel free to stop by and pick up a copy from the Office of the Treasurer.

With the help of past efforts of our former Treasur-

er Hillaire, we were able to conduct a Financial Planning workshop conducted by Sovereign Finance with LIBC members and budget committee representatives. The purpose of financial planning is to develop a long term vision, financial policies, technically sounds analysis and forecasting, a collaborative and participative process, and connection with other plans.

As fiduciaries, the Tribal Council is entrusted to make decisions in the best interest of the Lummi tribal membership. We have heard that our people want accountability, transparency, trust, and best use of our tribal funds to the benefit of our people. The key to establishing a framework and process that aligns with best practices includes addressing: strategic planning, debt incurrence, investment of tribal assets and capital deployment and diversification. We will be working on policy development and revision

in the following areas:

- Debt policy development – in 2011 The LIBC passed resolution 2011-172 that would require LIBC to pay off all loans with Wells Fargo by midyear of 2016. We will work on policy to help us work towards this goal. We need to revise our debt policy to account for new debt.
- Investment policy development – We would like to develop a policy to dedicate a percentage of our annual LIBC budget to be invested for our future generations.
- Procurement policy development & revision – We would like to make it easier for tribal members to be contractors for LIBC.
- Meeting Policy development – decrease costs of meet-

ings and increase requirements for holding meetings at LIBC Administration Building, rather than external locations.

This year we will be re-instituting more regular reporting of our financial status and intentions to all stakeholders of the Lummi Nation, including LIBC, budget committee, other CBCs, LIBC Directors/Managers and staff and the Lummi community / general council. We look forward to the opportunity to work for our great Lummi Nation and for our future generations here in the Office of the Treasurer. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 360-312-2268 or stop by to speak with us.

We pray that everyone will keep each other close, keep each other healthy and stay Lummi Strong!!

**LIBC & LUMMI CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED IN
OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015**

General Manager's Corner



Bobby Thompson, LIBC General Manager

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Lummi Tribal Health Center

LTHC is slated to begin renovation in the first week of February, 2015. This renovation will be to expand the patient exam rooms to allow for service providers to work in close proximity to each other. This will allow better coordination and strengthen quality care for patients. The clinic also has seen improved staffing to provide quality out-patient services. New doctors were hired for this purpose. The LTHC and HHS director are working to develop infrastructure for coordination and oversight of professional nursing staff at the Lummi Youth Academy and other locations. This means the nurses will be provided professional medical supervision from the LTHC clinic physicians to ensure protection of patient med administration process.

The LTHC Fitness Center is also undergoing a complete renovation by

updating the facility with new sauna. It will be a steam room type rather than a dry sauna. An updated policies and procedures are written to ensure the safety and protection of the service users. Efforts are also underway to try to bring a Physical Therapist as part of the physical fitness planning.

HHS Operation

The month of January brought the opportunity to strengthen staff training and performance development for all Service Providers from the LTHC, Behavioral Health, Lummi Care and Youth Services. In a joint planning with the HHS Executive office, General Manager and Office of the Reservation Attorney. A comprehensive mandatory training on Lummi Standards for Quality Care and Services was conducted on the Post Medicaid Audit on January 8, 2015. This training included the identification of lack of uniform standards and major compliance deficiencies. These deficiencies needed corrections. To ensure that

Lummi community members receive meaningful health care and service intervention, Lummi decided to define those standards. As a result, a CAP (Correction Action Plan) was prepared and submitted to the State of Washington to address the Medicaid Audit issues. The CAP will address how the services providers will perform in the delivery of services going forward. The primary purpose is to create an internal quality control when services are delivered. The quality internal control also will support the development of an improved billing system which will be audit proof. Under the agreement with the CAP, there will be ongoing external audit conducted by the state of Washington. This ongoing audit process is a serious undertaking. If we do not follow the correction action plan as planned, the continuous Medicaid billing maybe jeopardized for the Lummi Nation. It would be devastating if Lummi Nation would ever lose the Medicaid billing opportunity for additional resources to deliver the quality health care services. We thank the participation of the Professional Service Providers in this one half day comprehensive training conducted at the Silver Reef.

Lummi Safe House

The Safe House will be closed as an independent operation and the planning team has determined the best course of action is to redesign the service and reassign the facility under the administration of the

Lummi Children Services. The facility will remain as an emergency facility for children who need this service. The Lummi Children Service will manage the facility and make determination for placement of the identified children. The facility will also be available as a place to provide parental visitation center for children/parental reunification. The facility will be licensed under the LCL Title 41 and designed under a HCA concept (Home Care agency). Staffing for this new approach is being developed. Some of the current Safe House employees will be reassigned to this new operation to provide support and mentorship for the new staffing and for parental mentorship. This new operation will also serve as a temporary Group Foster Home until the LCS can position itself to develop foster homes in the Lummi Community.

Lummi Indian Child Services

The Lummi Children Services under the leadership of the HHS Director completed its first Interim Policies and Procedures and implementing them temporarily. The final policies and procedures manual will be completed in February and presented to the LIBC for approval. This manual development is being scheduled in February LCS Staff Retreat specifically to finish the manual. After the approval further training to both staff and guardians will be conducted. The Lummi grandparents have been supportive on the new staffing and op-

eration realignment. The LCS operation manual has been long overdue.

LIBC 2015 Budget

The General Manager is working with the department operations directors to address the 2015 budget status. There is not a budget deficit currently but due to downward revenue trend, the LIBC leadership has requested the General Manager office to provide a recommended solution in case the revenue continues to slope downward that may require budget adjustments. The major area of consideration is that the LIBC debt repayment load is on fast track plan and may increase in the coming New Year 2016. When the debt repayment increases, available revenue and resources for program operation will be reducing. We are being proactive to avoid any major operation and service impact due to this anticipated budget reduction in 2016. We are working toward a phase-in approach in reducing expenditure in 2015 and hopefully look at duplication of services and eliminate any unneeded functions and positions this year. Reduction in funds seems to be unavoidable and we all must share the challenges.

The General Manager thanks the directors who have provided information for this monthly update.

LCC STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Thursday, February 26, 2015
6pm to 9pm

Wexliem Community Building
Dinner Provided

Join us for our 3rd Annual Presentation to discuss the 2015 projects and plans of the Lummi Commercial Company.

Lummi Tribal Members Only.



LIBC Special General Council Meeting

Re: Attorney Contracts Review

Thursday ~ 5 pm
February 19, 2015
Wexliem

To the Lummi Community



Shasta Cano-Martin, LIBC Council

Happy New Year!

It has been a year full of learning, change and growth. Upon reflecting on the past year (November 2013 to Present), it's recognized that with ever growing needs, demands, challenges and opportunities within Lummi Nation—communication is still an area that can be improved upon. Thus, I'd like to take the time to thank-you for allowing me the opportunity to provide an update on what I've been involved with over the past year, and welcome any feedback that will encourage continued improvement. Email: ShastaCM@lummi-nsn.gov or office phone # (360) 312-2282.

Council Work Groups

Throughout the year, Council members selected teams/work groups or task assignments to be a part of. Each work group set out to accomplish priority items and tasks, as it related to overall priorities set forth during the initial Council Retreat in November 2013. The following are areas that I was involved with:

- Higher Education Scholarship
- Judicial Review
- Schelangen Work Group

Higher Education Scholarship Committee: Community concerns highlighted the need to improve upon the Lummi Higher Education Scholarship. To improve fairness, structure and guidelines, a Scholarship Committee was formed to develop Lummi Higher Education policies. The committee reviewed history and challenges students experienced, and recommended the adoption of a resolution, which

was passed in 2014, formalizing the committee, charters and policies. In an effort to help hold committee members accountable to the work of the Grants and Scholarship, members' responsibility is listed in their job description.

The Grant and Scholarship Committee exists today with representation from the following areas:

- General Manager's Office (Deputy GM)
- Human Resources Director
- Northwest Indian College Representative
- Lummi Nation School Representative
- Lummi Finance Representative
- Lummi Commercial Company employee
- Recent student/Community member at-large

For more information about the status of the Higher Education, or for meeting times and dates, please contact the Deputy GM. If you are having a difficult time attaining this information, please contact me and I will do what I can to help.

Judicial Review:

Again, community concerns highlighted the need to review the Lummi Nation judicial system. Many of the comments that came forward prior to the review were regarding current operations and the need and desire to move away from punitive approaches to more traditional, cultural practices of justice, and fully embrace concepts in restorative justice. Council members Johnny Felix and Julie Finkbonner were a part of this work group. After interviewing and questioning potential contractors, a contractor was decided upon, and a full assessment was done by two Native American evaluator's whose backgrounds include: being attorneys, judges, peacemakers, and tribal council among their respective tribal communities.

The judicial assessment included surveys, a review of codes, listening group sessions with CBC's (Com-

missions, Boards, Committees) and greater community, and witnessing of court functions. This work occurred over the past year, and a full report, along with recommendations for changes, is expected very soon.

For more information on the status, please contact the Office of Reservation Attorneys. If you are having a difficult time attaining this information, please contact Johnny Felix, the Council Representative on Law & Justice, or any of the other Council Members involved in this work group and we will do what we can to help.

Sche lang en Work Group:

This work group included Council members Cliff Cultee, Jeremiah Julius, Johnny Felix and Julie Finkbonner, as well as support from key staff members and other community programs and entities. Direction for the work group emerged from discussions with elders and receiving guidance from elders on how to proceed, which resulted in:

Elder's Listening Sessions

- January 2014

3-day Community Peacemaking Circles

- January 2014 (New Year's Eve Resolution Circle/Seattle Training)
- March of 2014 (NWIC log building)
- May of 2014 (Lummi Neighborhood Facility)
- July of 2014 (Lummi Gateway Center)
- October of 2014 (Lummi Gateway Center)
- July-Nov of 2014 (2x/month leadership core team meetings)

Cherry Point protection and awareness (through art and culture)

- January 2014-Present (Monthly artists meetings)
- August 28, 29, 30, 2014 "Visions of Xwe'Chi'Exen" art show at Orcas Island, donated art pieces on the meaning, history, sacredness and protection of Cherry Point.

- 2-day Mobile Mural Project on protecting the environment at the Lummi Gateway Center

Continued Reef netting project

Collaborative discussion with Culture and other departments that focus on wellness

Community Wellness Events (New Year's Eve drug and alcohol free family dance, Spring teen dance)

More information can also be found in the Lummi Nation annual report.

Other Assignments

Lummi Fishermen Survey:

This survey was developed and distributed December of 2013 to see about fishermen's interest in retirement or unemployment programs. The report results will be presented to LIBC, the Natural Resources, and Commission or emailed or mailed upon request.

Lummi Day School:

During the Lummi Day School Reunion in November of 2014, some elders expressed a strong interest in utilizing the building for a museum or cultural arts center. As a Councilperson, I've been assigned the task of helping to update an agreement between the LIBC and Northwest Indian College in regards to the space, and providing options for the LIBC to consider. Several meetings and discussions have already occurred, including a meeting with elders who were present at the event. Updates will be provided as these discussions progress.

Meetings

Aside from regular LIBC meetings, Special Meetings, and retreats, I've also been involved with program meetings that I am invited to or special project meetings, and CBC

meetings.

Travel

When traveling on behalf of the Nation, I develop travel reports. If you'd like a travel report on any of the below travel, or would like future reports, please email me at ShastaCM@lummi-nsn.gov and I'd be happy to provide Lummi community members with these reports.

- Washington D.C. (Meetings established through lobbyist)
- Seattle (Community Learning Exchange, Women of Valor Event, and Senator meet & greets)
- Abbotsford, B.C. (Aboriginal Justice Strategy Annual Gathering)
- Washington, D.C. (National Congress of American Indians/NCAI)
- Atlanta, GA (NCAI)
- Olympia (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction/OSPI)
- Olympia, WA (Health)
- New York, NY (Finance)
- Bella Bella, BC (Canoe Journey) –Unofficial travel. Took time off to attend protocol ceremony.

Again, I'd like to thank the community for your trust and belief. It has been a learning experience in this role as tribal Council, and I am sincerely grateful to my Elders and fellow Council who take the time to work with me and have two-way conversations about Lummi Nation, past-present-and future. The guidance, help and support are very appreciated. Hy'Shqe.



Commod Squad Update

Submitted by Elaine Lane

The Community Services is pleased to be able to provide an update of services available to the Lummi Community.. It is our goal to enhance and improve services to the Lummi Community.



Commodity Foods

#1 Goal is to provide food through Commodity Foods while striving for better products from USDA. Our goals include compassion, care, and confidentiality when serving our community. We service an average of 170 households per month. The Lummi Nation Commodity Foods Area is a 50 mile radius. We also service Nooksack, Upper Skagit and Swinomish Tribal members for Commodity Foods.

Nutrition Education

Received 4th Annual reapplication, Funded through USDA – Commodity Foods Program.. It is very exciting to look forward to a fun and beneficial year with Nutrition Educa-

tion. This 4th Annual we have included a gardens for the Nutrition Ed Program.

Department Calendar: Upcoming Key Dates or Scheduled events

Watch for more cooking demonstration events

by Commod Squad. Watch for the info Flyers or the Facebook.

Diabetic Bingo will be held at 5:30 on Feb. 4th at the Commod Squad Building. Nice Kitchen prizes will be given to the lucky winners.

The Commod Squad has a 2015 Calendar available to Commodity Foods clients and Nutrition Ed clients. It is full of Nutritious Recipes of the Lummi Families.

Energy Assistance-

The Community Services has requested funding from the Community Contributions. We are maintaining a list of names and phone numbers for Energy Assistance needs. The Whatcom Opportunity Council is taking applications as well.....

Food Bank Program

The Lummi Food

Bank runs every Friday excluding the first of every month. The last Friday of the month is our basic needs fore the Lummi Families where Laundry Soap and Toiletries are distributed. There are 200+ households serviced through the food bank. Just a reminder that Homebound is strictly for 62 Years and older with no vehicle. We really appreciate the donation from Community Services from the state with a portion coming from our Lummi Nation and from Small Potatoes a Whatcom County Produce Grower and a big Thanks to Franz's Bakery for the Bread!!!!

Pampers and Clothing

50 HH Once a month there is a donation from the TANF office of Pampers for the Children of the Lummi Nation for Emergency use only. There are clothing and household goods donated to the Lummi Food Bank from outside sources. Any donations are appreciated and more appreciated if they are cleaned before donated. Hy'shqe!

'Commod Squad' Staff: Elaine, Ray, Dewey S, George L, Christopher C, George G, Tyrone S, , Alvin P, Joe P, Connie M, Stephanie M Christopher Jr. And all our Awesome Volunteers.....You know who you are...

Door Prizes
Good company
Good Food
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“Diabetic Bingo Night”
Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm
February 4, 2015
Lummi Commodity Foods Building 360-380-6962

NCAI White Paper Supported TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION INSIGHTS: Preventing Unintentional Injury and Death

**Tribal Traffic Safety Advisory Board
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(NCAI White Paper Supported continued)

wide. By way of example, in Washington State, we see that the traffic fatality rates of Native Americans are higher than the general population in several areas. To complicate this situation, researchers, traffic safety experts, and advisory board members agree that Tribal roadway crash data is under reported, making the death rates outlined above even more concerning.

Fatality Rate Disproportionately Higher for Native Americans by:

Type of Crash	
Unbelted	7.2
Pedestrian	5.3
Impaired Driver Involved	5.0
Speeding	4.5
Vehicle Occupants	3.8



The Behavioral Health Office has expanded hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Hours for Mental Health Counseling are as follows:

Monday	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Alexandra Gehring will also be scheduling evening appointments of her clients. Call 360-312-2019 to schedule an appointment.

2015 State of Indian Nations Address NCAI President Calls on Congress & Obama Administration to Act

PRESS RELEASE

To Improve Tribal Economies, Invest in Education, and Support Innovation;

Tribal leader offers plan to achieve greater “trust” between tribal nations and the federal government

Washington, DC – In an address to members of Congress, senior Administration officials, and leaders of tribal nations, the President of the National Congress of American Indians called on Congress and the Obama Administration to follow through on a policy action plan to improve economic opportunity, education, and innovation in Indian Country.

During the annual State of Indian Nations address, NCAI President Brian Cladoosby, chairman of the Swinomish Nation, also called for the federal government to modernize trust relations with tribal governments and remove barriers to economic growth. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs delivered the Congressional response.

“Indian Country is leading. Indian Country is innovating. Indian Coun-

try is growing. And the state of Indian nations grows stronger by the day,” said Cladoosby in the opening moments of the speech. Cladoosby is President of NCAI the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country.

“Today, I bring a simple message from the tribes of the 21st Century: We must tear down barriers to growth, simplify regulations that are limiting opportunities, and acknowledge that tribes have the capability as governments to oversee our own affairs,” continued Cladoosby during the address delivered to a studio audience at the Newseum in Washington, DC. “Congress and the Administration need to find ways to help bring federal agencies out of the 19th Century and into the 21st Century. We need them to be partners for growth and not barriers to growth.”

Remarking on the historic visit by President Obama to the Standing Rock Sioux Nation last year, President Cladoosby extended a personal invitation to Speaker Boehner, Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, and Mi-

nority Leader Reid – as well as every Member of Congress to visit Indian Country in 2015.

During the major policy address NCAI and Cladoosby outlined a clear plan and top-level priorities for Congress and the Administration that could attract bipartisan support:

FUNDING THE TRUST RESPONSIBILITY

The organization released a 130 page report The FY 2016 Indian Country Budget Request; Promoting Self-Determination, Modernizing the Trust Relationship, outlining a plan for funding the federal government’s trust responsibility through the budget process.

TAX REFORM

NCAI called on congress to advance tribal tax reform to enable tribes to raise tax revenue free from overlapping state taxation, and to create incentives for business and jobs.

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

NCAI proposed the federal government accelerate work to partner with the private sector to expand broadband connectivity in Indian Country and ensure

a comprehensive study of the digital divide facing tribal nations.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

NCAI proposed extending access to capital by recognizing the equal status of tribal governments to access tax exempt bonds and ensuring tribal inclusion in the New Markets Tax Credit Program.

ENERGY REFORM

NCAI urged Congress to pass Indian energy legislation like that proposed by Chairman Barrasso that would provide tribes with greater control and flexibility to develop their traditional and renewable energy resources.

GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

NCAI called on Congress and the Administration to ensure that tribal nations have a seat at the policymaking table by consulting with tribes on all policy issues such as the Keystone Pipeline, renewable energy, health care, and education.

EDUCATION REFORM

NCAI called on Congress to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act this year

with tribal provisions to encourage tribal-state partnerships, strengthen local control of education, and begin to help every school deliver a high-quality education.

NCAI proposed that Congress should enact legislation that supports Native language programs so education for our children is rooted in our history and culture.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

NCAI called on financial sponsors of the Washington DC football team to join “fair-minded Americans” by standing with NCAI, tribes, Native organizations, civil rights organizations, religious leaders, and others to change the mascot of the Washington DC football team;

NCAI applauded the President’s proposal to make the first two years of tribal and community college free. NCAI promised to work with Congress & Administration to make this investment in assuring K-through-14 education in America.

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Community Updates

Opportunity For American Indian, Alaska Native And Native Hawaiian Artists

(VANCOUVER, Wash.) – American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists nationwide have until April 6 to apply for the 2015 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) Artist Fellowship.

2015 NACF Artist Fellowships

The coveted national award includes support ranging up to \$20,000 per artist. Awards will be made in six artistic disciplines, including: performing arts, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts. “To meet a broadening need in the arts community, this year we invite applications in the discipline of performing arts,” said NACF Program Officer Andre Bouchard (of Kootenai and Chipewa descent). “More Native artists than ever before are exploring performing arts through multi-disciplinary approaches. We are looking forward to seeing what Native performing artists have been up to around the country!”

DEADLINE: Monday, April 6, 5 p.m. P.S.T.

To apply, artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S.



To date, 41 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists and culture makers have been honored with a Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowship. NACF Fellows clockwise from left, work by Nora Naranjo Morse (Tewa), visual artist Sonya Kelliher-Combs (Athabaskan/Iñupiaq) in studio, work by Alan Michelson (Mohawk), performance by author Sherwin Bitsui (Navajo), still from documentary film by Christen Marquez (Native Hawaiian) and weaver Jeremy Frey (Passamaquoddy) in studio.

tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria and complete an application at <http://your.culturegrants.org> before the April 6, 5 p.m. PST deadline.

The foundation will announce award recipients in August 2015. For questions and technical support, contact Program Officer Andre Bouchard at andre@nativeartsandcultures.org or

(360) 314-2421.

One of the only opportunities in the U.S. of this magnitude dedicated to supporting Indigenous artists and culture makers, the foundation’s national fellowship has been awarded to 41 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists so far. Artists who have received the award in the past are ineligible to apply for the

2015 NACF Artist Fellowship. Past fellows include visual artist Nora Naranjo Morse (Tewa), recording artist Keola Beamer (Native Hawaiian), choreographer Emily Johnson (Yup’ik), author David Treuer (Ojibwe), multidisciplinary artist Shan Goshorn (Eastern Band Cherokee) and film director Andrew Okpeaha MacLean (Iñupiaq).

Since it began operating in 2009, the nonprofit foundation has invested \$5,113,574 in programs to support Native arts and cultures across the nation, including direct support for over 127 Native artists and organizations. To learn more about the foundation’s mission and past fellows awarded, visit www.nativeartsandcultures.org.

Moles Open House - January 17th



Dislocated Fishers Update

Dislocated Fishers is Funded for One More Year

Submitted by Kathy Pierre

We received the supplemental funding from Department of Labor for \$882,032.00 to continue to provide employment services for the active 123 participants and open enrollment to an additional 150 new participants.

WHO QUALIFIES AS NEW PARTICIPANT? As described in the grant we are enrolling fishers who have not received services or have been a participant in the last grant. Must have a valid fishing ID for 2014 and be at least 18 years of age, must be dislocated (unemployed, not in a wage paying activity). This funding is for one year so time is critical to achieve self-sufficiency. Please come in to see us we are located in the LIBC Administration Building on the first floor office number S5100. Or give us a call at (360) 312- 2391 or (360) 312-2388.

What Can We Help You With?

Assessing your interest and skills are crucial to planning out what you want to do for future employment and working through hardships that prevent long term self-sufficiency.

Through the Employment Services process you will be able to identify the appropriate pathway to work. For some it might mean attending the short term training to exploring your options, for others it might mean assistance with job readiness.

If you are ready for employment, Work Experience and On-the-Job Training are also available. Support services to assist in employment are also available.

We have worked with Northwest Indian College (NWIC) to develop short term classes to prepare for employment, career exploration and overcoming hardships to success. The workshops start February

2nd as described below.

Monday, Tuesday, 9-Noon: Employment Readiness

Resume and interview skills are not simply tools for obtaining employment. Rather, resume and interview skills help a person to articulate and understand a personal definition of indigenous identity and self-knowledge. Although you will complete a resume and prepare for a mock interview, this class will also focus on helping you to identify Creator's purpose for you and how you ultimately see yourself expressing this purpose in your life, including the workplace.

Wednesday, Thursday, 9-Noon Career Exploration

This workshop will focus on helping you decide on a career pathway. A career pathway is a road map for a specific life goal that will help you secure employment and advance into higher wage jobs. Although the term "career pathway" is a popular term right now in mainstream, Western society, indigenous communities have always embraced pathways. Indigenous culture is a pathway that informs us about a way of being. Culture and language provides the foundation for guiding us in securing employment, and caring for our families. While Western society will ask you to choose a career that gives you meaning, indigenous communities ask you to walk with others in a sacred manner. Choosing a career then is ultimately about knowing what is sacred to you.

Monday, Tuesday, 1-3: Indigenous Leadership Skills

We often hear about the importance of soft skills. These are the skills that employers value such as showing up for work time, communication skills, and team work. Although it is important to understand what an employer values, it's equally important to

understand what you value as a human being. Historically, our ancestors relied on these "soft skills" for survival and sustainable living. This class will focus on stories, and how stories inform us about what our people valued and what we value. Ultimately, these "soft skills" are the same cultural skills that are necessary to build strong children, families and communities.

Participant Success Stories

Celestina Scott



Hello. My name is Celestina Scott. I'm currently a client of the Dislocated Fishers Project, and have been since September of 2012. I came into the program ready to do what I had to do to become employable. I was tired of relying on fishing and clam digging as a means of income. The project staff helped me identify what barriers to employment I had, and we came up with a plan from there. My life has been turned around completely and those of you who know me, know what I mean. I'm now able to provide for my family and be a good role model to my children and the community. I'm currently a full time student at NWIC. I have 1-2 quarters left to complete my Office Professions Certificate and am continuing from there to pursue an Associate of Arts Degree. I also participated in a work experience for Restorative Justice. The work experience helped me get my foot in the door for other job opportunities. I'm now a full time employee and a full time student. Thanks to the Project staff, I have made it this far. I highly recommend our community to utilize your

resources.

Melissa Martin



The Dislocated Fishers Project has benefited me a lot. Before I became a part of this program, I was on TANF trying my hardest to find a job so that I could take care of my children. I was enrolled at NWIC pursuing a degree in Tribal Administration, but it did not pay the bills. After I had children, fishing and crabbing were so difficult because of the long hours. On this program, I was able to get funding, training, and care for my family while being a full time student. After completing an On-the-Job Training, I have a full time permanent position as a Receptionist for LIBC Council Operations. I'm almost done with school, and I am so happy to have this work opportunity that gives me experience in my major, while providing a stable income. I am able to follow my dreams and goals. Thank you! Melissa Martin

Kevin Cultee Sr.

My name is Kevin Cultee, Sr. Dislocated Fishers helped me pursue my educational/ employment goals. The program helped



me in college as I worked towards my AA in Chemical Dependency. My goal

is to become a chemical dependency counselor to help heal our people in the community.

I am currently in a work experience position as assistant cook at the Early Learning Center. While in this job, I have learned many things. I received my food handler's card; I have learned to run kitchen equipment, to be at work every day on time, and last, but not least, how demanding it is to be a cook. However, I really like my job and hope to gain full time employment soon. I want to encourage other people to get into this program so they can also reach their goals. I thank everybody in the program that helped me to get where I am today.

Kelly Warbus



The Dislocated Fishers Project helped me get back on my feet. I am currently in a work experience position as a Security Officer for the Early Learning Center. I enjoy all my co-workers, and I am so thankful to have this opportunity to protect our children as well. I wish that more of our people would participate in this excellent career experience. I am thankful for this program and pray that I will get hired full time. Thank you to the Dislocated Fishers Program and Early Learning Center staff.

Again, time is of the essence Please come in to see us we are located in the LIBC Administration Building on the first floor office number S5100. Or give us a call at (360) 312-2391 or (360) 312-2388.

**Community Breakfast ~ Sunday, February 22, 2015
9am to 11am at the Wexliem**



Lummi Community



Community Breakfast



Greetings from Lummi Tribal Court

If you did not receive your Jury Summons via mail, please update your address with both the Lummi Tribal Court and Enrollment

You have been randomly selected to be a Juror for the Lummi Tribal Court for January and February 2015 Jury Duty. Enclosed you will find a Juror Questionnaire, summons, and a return envelope.

You have been served with a Summons to appear for Jury Duty. All Jury Trials in the Lummi Tribal Court are scheduled on Thursdays. Jurors are required to call the Tribal Court the Wednesday prior to the trial to listen

to the recording, which will indicate whether or not any trials will proceed. If you fail to appear for a scheduled trial, you could be in violation of your summons.

Please fill out the questionnaire which has been mailed and return it in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. If you believe you have an excusable reason not to be a juror, please submit your request in writing to be returned with your questionnaire. The Court

will review your excuse and we will notify you if your request has been granted or denied.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire and returning it to the court. Also, thank you in advance for being a Juror for the Lummi Nation; we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
Patricia Jefferson
LUMMI TRIBAL COURT
2665 KWINA RD
BELLINGHAM, WA

98226
(360) 312-2239
(360) 380-6994 FAX,
YOU ARE HEREBY
ORDERED TO APPEAR
ON THE DATE(S) AND
TIME(S) AS INDICATED
BELOW.
TRIAL DATE(S):
January 15th 2015 @
8:00AM
February 5th , 2015 @
8:00AM
February 19th , 2015 @
8:00AM
PLACE:
LUMMI TRIBAL COURT
2665 Kwina Rd

Bellingham, WA 98226
**PLEASE KEEP IN
MIND THAT ALL
SCHEDULED TRIALS DO
NOT PROCEED, PLEASE
CALL THE COURT
AFTER 4:30 P.M. THE
DAY BEFORE THE JURY
TRIAL TO ENSURE THE
TRIAL IS STILL GOING
TO PROCEED.
(360) 312-2239 -
Lummi Tribal Court

Juror List for
January & February is
alphabetized by your LAST
NAME! See below. Thank
you!!!

Adams, Royce James
Adams, Joseph Arthur
Adams, Perry Melvin
Alaniz, Alician Leigh
Alexander, Francis
William
Alvarez, Angel Mary
Arntzen, Tony Wayne
Ballew, Marie Lynn
Ballew, Richard David Jr.
Ballew, Sarah Rose
Ballew, Elizabeth
Christine
Bewley, Gideon Thomas
Bill, Antonya Jo
Bob, Nicky Joe Sr.
Bob, Roger Timothy
Bob, Shirley Ann
Bob, Colette Renae
Boure, Amanda Rayann
Cagey, Mary Samantha
Casimir, Carlene Mary
Charles, George
Anthony Sr.
Chrisman, Ada Catherine
Christianson, Nanette
Edith
Cooke, Allen Richard
Cordero, Shane Kirk
Coss, Dennis Arthur Jr.
Cultee, Kevin Matthew Jr.
Cultee, Kitsap Solomon III
Cultee, Susan Deanne
Cultee, Christine Mary
Cultee - Yellowplume,
Lorissa Ann
Decoteau, Toby Lee
Dennis, Angela Rose
Diggs, Ravon Harold
Diggs, Tiffany Renee
Dixon, Elena Rose
Downs, Leona Henrietta
Edwards, Darrel Leo
Allen Sr.
Edwards, Richard
Erving Jr.

Egawa, Marie Yukie
Estes, Jalen Anthony
Felix, Jessie Elaine
Felix, Karly Brianna
Finkbonner, Ronald
Frank Sr.
Finkbonner, Tracy
Onawa Jean
Finkbonner, Bridgett Rae
Gallegos, Joseph Allen
George, Travis Allen Sr.
George, Brian Lee
Gilland, Elaine Laverne
Gray, Mary Margaret
Hall, Roberta Anne
Hanks, Ed Laverne
Harper, Edna Dorothy
Harwood, Nickiala Roselle
Helgath, Donna Marie
Hillaire, Justin Gilman
Horne, Ralph Edward
Humphreys, Matthew L.
Ides, Hamen Perry
Jackson, Anthony Ray
James, David Frank Jr.
James, Aaron Jay
James, Kermit Joseph
James, Harlan Clark
James, Christopher Revey
James, Colleen Mary
Jameson, Haylah Jolyn
Jameson, Vincent Jr.
Jefferson, Rita Nicolassa
Jefferson, Stacie Gaye
Jefferson, Kelsey Cyrene
Jefferson, Leonard
Patrick III
Jefferson, Diana Marie
Jefferson, Francis L. III
Jefferson, Gerritt Simmon
Jefferson, Harvy
Raymond
Jefferson, Bartholomew
Henry
Jefferson-Greene,
Bonnie Jean

Johnson, Vincent Angus
Jones, Lance Daniel Jr.
Jones-Phair, Ginger
Allison
Julius, Danielle Regina
Louise
Julius, Elsie Marie
Julius, Geoffery James
Julius, Melissa Diana
Maclean
Kinley, Jordie Thomas
Kinley, Mary Jo
Kinley, Steffan Michael
Francis
Kinley, Christian Thomas
Klein, Kelly A.
Kurtz, Alexander Joseph
Kurtz, John Paul
Laclair, Vanessa Martine
Laclair, Wilfred Ernest Sr.
Laclair, William Patrick
Lane, George Francis Jr.
Lane, Patrisha Darlene
Lane, Solomon Reynold
Lane, Vernon Adrian III
Lane, Brian Luke Eric Sr.
Lane-Pierre, Ayla Joy
Lane-Sutton, Cleo Rose
Lan
Lawrence, Jeremiah
David
Lawrence, Landry
Louis Jr.
Lawrence, Landry
Louis Sr.
Lawrence, Crayton
Santana
Leighton, Heather Honey
Lewis, Louise Gertrude
Little, Oba Peter Darvee
Mann, Angela Stephanie
Marquez, Antonio Evan R.
Martin, Floyd Francis
Martin, Heather Renee
Mccluskey, Donald
Neal Sr.

Mccluskey, Eva Loreen
Miller, Charles Dale Leo
Minor, David Edward
Mireau, Phillip Kenneth
Misanes, David James
Mitchell, Cassandra Kay
Morris, Talin Lee
Oldham, Bruce Alvin
Owings, Irene Jo Vonn
Owings, Ramona D.
Parsons, Carol Laura
Paul, Johnny Edwin
Perkins, Vesta Elizabeth
Peters, Carolyn Marie
Phair, Margaret Ann
Phair, Renee Nicole
Phair, Tina Marie
Phair, William August III
Phair, Elaina Angel
Phair, Gail Alice
Phair, Gordon Scott
Phair, Gordon Stuart
Phair, Lorna Margaret
Phair, April M.
Pierre, Kathy Ann
Plaster, Michael E.
Plaster, David Lee
Plaster, Ernest L. Jr.
Point, Clifford Anthony
Porter, Laura Marie
Priest, Chad Barrett
Red Elk, Dominique
Marie
Redlightning, Inez May
Reeves, Brad Dell
Revey, Lisa Marie
Revey, Andre Reginald Sr.
Revey, Ernest Allen Sr.
Revey, George Jay Sr.
Roberts, Sharon Marie
Robinson, Sara Marie
Rodriguez, Stephanie Sue
Sanders, Karl Francis
Sands, Jason Justice

Scarborough, Bethany
Shane
Scott, Cameron Charles
Scott, Celestina Elizabeth
Scott, Charles Albert
Scott, Paul David Sr.
Shanburn, Misty Dawn
Shaquanie, Prudence
Nicole
Smith, Irene Rose
Solomon, Jesse Patrick
Solomon, Julieann Cyrene
Solomon, Christine
Jaline Marie
Solomon, James Michael
Solomon, Timothy Justin
Solomon, Tyrone Anthony
Solomon, Yvonne Annette
Stevens, Monica Jean
Sullivan, Rory John Jr.
Thomas, Michael Andrew
Thompson, Brandon
Maurice
Toby, Lucetta M.
Toby, Viola Mary
Tuttle, Lisa Lorraine
Washington, Ernestine
Frances
Washington, William
Louie
Webber, Koda Atreyu
Modoc
Weeks, Donald Monte Jr.
Weller, Linda L.
Wells, Misty Lee
Wilkinson, Cyrus August
Willard, Angelica Eva
- June
Williams, Bianca Marie
Williams, Dalenna Crystal
Williams, Darian Richard
Wright, Elaina Mary Kay
Wright, Nathan Joseph
David
York, Jacob Paul Scott
Young, Clara Rose
Young, Clarissa Isabell



LPD Arrest Activity Summary

Based on Drug and Alcohol related charges

CASE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	BLOCK/STREET	DATE	TIME	CHARGE
14I05071	Cooke	Richard	Sheldon	2500 Kwina Rd	12/27/2014	1:45:00 am	Driving Under the Influence
14I05080	Felix	Alfonso		3800 Haxton Way	12/27/2014	8:06:00 pm	Possession of Paraphernalia
14I05122	Lane	Darick	Ashelly	4100 Lummi Shore Dr	12/31/2014	1:22:00 pm	Driving Under the Influence

Lummi Police Department

Sex Offender Update

Submitted by Susie M. Coberly, Detective

Per resolution #2007-067 of the Lummi Indian Business Council, the Lummi Police Department, in coordination with the Office of the Reservation Attorney, was directed to be in compliance with the 2006 amendment of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. (SORNA)

In September of 2014, the General Council approved the proposed changes to Title 5 in the Lummi Code of Laws. Some of these changes affected the way in which the registered

sex offenders who live, work or attend school on the Lummi Reservation will be monitored. These changes are based on the federally mandated requirements of SORNA. We are currently in the final stages of being SORNA compliant. Please refer to 5.09C.06 in Title 5 of the Lummi Code of Laws.

The Lummi Nation now has its own Sex Offender Public Website, TTSORS (Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System). By using TTSORS, we are automatically participating with Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Web-

site, (NSOPW). To view the website, go to lummi.nsopw.gov. All registered sex offenders will be listed on this website, regardless of their rating.

Prior to becoming SORNA compliant, sex offenders were rated using a rating tool that took many factors into consideration and offenders were then rated (Level 1, 2, or 3) based on all of this information. SORNA uses a conviction based rating system which means that the only factor taken into consideration is what the offender was convicted of, regardless of which court they were

convicted in. This change in rating will affect many of the registered offenders on the reservation. Many of the previously rated Level I offenders will now be considered Level II or Level III offenders because of the seriousness of their conviction. We will also be referring to the rating scale as a "Tier" as opposed to a "Level."

We will be mailing out notifications to anyone living within a half a mile of a Tier II or Tier III registered sex offender.

Tier I/Level I offenses include all offenses classi-

fied as "Class C" offenses. Tier I offenders represent the lowest level of threat.

Tier II/Level II offenses include all offenses classified as "Class B" offenses. Tier II offenders represent an intermediate level of threat.

Tier III/Level III offenses include all offenses classified as "Class A" offenses. Tier III offenders represent the most serious level of threat.

Please refer any questions regarding these changes to Detective Susie Coberly at 312-2274.

Teri Neil's Retirement



Raquel Montoya-Lewis Swearing In: Superior Court Judge in Bellingham, Washington



Community Updates

(President Proposes \$13.2 Billion Budget for Interior Department continued from page 1)

approach their 100th anniversary. The budget also helps fulfill our Nation's commitments to American Indians and Alaska Natives, including a much-needed and historic investment to help improve education for Indian children."

The Interior Department's activities contributed an estimated \$360 billion to the nation's economy in 2013 and supported more than 2 million American jobs. Energy and mineral development on Interior-managed lands and offshore areas generated more than \$237 billion of this economic activity and supported 1.1 million jobs. An estimated 407 million recreational visits to Interior lands – including national parks, wildlife refuges and public lands – contributed \$41 billion and supported nearly 355,000 jobs nationwide. Water supply, grazing and timber activities, primarily on public lands in the West, contributed nearly \$63 billion and supported more than 400,000 jobs.

In FY 2014, Interior collected more revenue than its annual discretionary appropriation, disbursing more than \$14.7 billion during FY 2014 to various federal, state and American Indian accounts. In 2016, the Department will generate an estimated \$13.8 billion in receipts that are shared among state, local and federal governments.

The 2016 budget proposal is an increase of \$959.2 million, about 8 percent, over the 2015 enacted level. It includes \$11.9 billion for Interior programs funded by the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriation, and \$1.1 billion for Interior's Bureau of Reclamation and Central Utah Project Completion Act, funded in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act. The budget would generate \$5.6 billion in savings over 10 years through legislative reform proposals, including oil and gas management reforms to encourage diligent development of Federal energy resources while providing a fair return to taxpayers from royalty and other reforms.

Budget Highlights Include:

Land and Water Conservation Fund. On the

50th anniversary of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act, the budget proposes full funding for LWCF programs. The innovative, highly successful program reinvests royalties from offshore oil and gas activities into public lands, enabling access for sportsmen and hunters, protecting historic battlefields and providing grants to states for recreation and conservation projects. In 2016, the budget proposes a total of \$400 million in discretionary funding and \$500 million in mandatory funding for LWCF programs. From Maine to Kansas and up to Washington and Alaska, the FY 2016 request includes 105 projects in 39 states.

NPS Centennial Funding. The budget makes investments to launch a historic effort during the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service to celebrate and revitalize national parks and public lands, and connect a new generation to the great outdoors. The budget includes funding in 2016 to allow the National Park Service to make targeted, measurable upgrades over the next ten years to all of its highest priority, non-transportation assets, restoring and maintaining them in good condition. The budget also proposes \$150 million in discretionary and mandatory funding for a Centennial Challenge matching program to leverage private donations to parks, and \$100 million in mandatory funding for a Public Lands Centennial Fund that competitively awards funds to Federal land management agencies for signature projects and programs.

Commemorating America's Civil Rights History. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, the 2016 budget proposes \$50 million to restore and highlight key sites across the country that tell the story of the struggle for civil rights. State, local and tribal governments may also apply for grants to document and preserve stories and other sites related to the Civil Rights Movement.

Native Youth and Education. The Generation Indigenous initiative includes a \$1 billion investment in Indian education to support a comprehen-

sive transformation of the Bureau of Indian Education. This multi-year process will transform the BIE into an organization that serves as a capacity builder and service provider to support Tribes in educating their youth and deliver a world-class and culturally appropriate education across Indian Country.

Strengthening Tribal Nations. The budget maintains the Administration's strong commitment to tribal self-determination and strengthening tribal communities. It provides increases across federal programs that serve Tribes, including a proposed 12 percent increase for the Bureau of Indian Affairs over the 2015 enacted level. The budget includes a \$26 million increase to fully fund Contract Support Costs that tribes incur from managing federal programs, and a legislative proposal to make full Contract Support Costs mandatory in 2017 in support of self-determination. A total of \$244 million is requested to resolve Indian water rights claims and implement enacted settlement commitments – supporting sustainable water sharing and management, and providing critical infrastructure, jobs, and clean drinking water to some of the most impoverished communities in the Nation.

Building New Opportunities in Communities Impacted by Abandoned Mine Lands. In order to address the continuing legacy of abandoned mine lands (AML) on the health, safety, environment and economic opportunity of communities, the budget makes available to States and Tribes \$1 billion, over five years, as part of the President's POWER+ Plan. Funding would come by accelerating payments from the unappropriated balances in the AML Reclamation Fund, administered by the Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). The budget also includes reforms to strengthen the health care and pension plans that provide for the health and retirement security of retired coal miners and their families.

Prepares Communities and Ecosystems for the Challenges of a Changing Climate. As part of the Administration's effort to better understand and prepare

the Nation for the impacts of a changing climate, the budget includes targeted increases to strengthen the resilience of communities—including tribes and insular areas—and ecosystems to impacts, such as increased flooding and drought. The budget builds on the success of DOI's Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resilience Grant Program, proposing a competitive grant program that would restore natural coastal systems with a nexus to Federal lands to help reduce flood, storm, and sea level rise risks facing coastal ecosystems and communities. To complement that program, the budget proposes increased funding for efforts with partners to build resilience to inland threats posed by climate change, including drought, flooding, and wildfire. Proposed investments in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the USGS specifically address the changing Arctic landscape and offer support to Alaska Native Villages and other critically vulnerable communities in evaluating options for the long-term resilience of their communities.

Ensures Sustainable, Secure Water Supplies. As part of the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed \$1.1 billion budget for FY2016, the WaterSMART program would receive \$58.1 million to support water conservation initiatives and technological breakthroughs that promote water reuse, recycling and conservation, in partnership with states, tribes, and other partners.

Builds a Clean Energy Infrastructure. To enhance national energy security and create jobs in new industries, the budget invests in renewable energy development programs, providing about \$100 million to review and permit renewable energy projects on public lands and offshore waters.

Safeguards Communities and Ecosystems from Wildfire Damage. The budget renews the call for a new funding framework for wildland fire suppression, similar to how the costs for other natural disasters are met. The initiative proposes base level funding of 70 percent of the 10-year average for suppression costs within the discretionary budget and an additional \$200 million available in the event of the most severe fire activity, which compris-

es only one percent of the fires but 30 percent of the costs. The budget reflects an integrated approach to wildfire, proposing \$30.0 million for resilient landscapes to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and achieve restoration and other ecological objectives.

Revitalizes Important Landscapes. The budget continues efforts to manage and promote the sustainability and resilience of ecosystems on a landscape scale, such as the California Bay-Delta, the Everglades, the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, and the Gulf Coast. About \$78.2 million is proposed to protect and restore the American West's vast sagebrush landscape which supports abundant wildlife and significant economic activity, including recreation, ranching and energy development.

Supports Development of the Nation's Oil and Gas Resources. The budget invests in onshore energy permitting and oversight on federal lands, with the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) oil and gas program receiving a 20 percent increase in funding, compared to the 2015 enacted level. Coupled with implementation of a new automated permitting system that eliminates paper applications, these budget resources will strengthen the permitting program onshore inspection capabilities. The BLM's costs would be partially offset through new inspection fees totaling \$48 million in 2016, requiring the onshore industry to share in the cost of managing the inspection program, just as the offshore industry currently does.

Maintains Safe and Responsible Offshore Energy Development. The budget request would fund Interior agencies overseeing oil and gas development on the Outer Continental Shelf as follows: \$170.9 million for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; and \$204.7 million for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. The President's proposal also supports continued reforms to strengthen oversight of industry operations following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, with an additional emphasis on risk management.

Supports Quality of Life in the Insular Areas

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The FY 2016 request bolsters programs in the insular areas aimed at improving K-12 public school facilities and confronting energy security challenges. The budget includes an increase of \$3.9 million to improve health and safety conditions in insular school facilities, and an additional \$1.5 million to implement sustainable energy projects identified by the territories.

PILT Payments. The budget also calls for legislation to extend the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program for another year as mandatory funding with an estimated cost of \$452 million in 2016 to help counties that have nontaxable federal lands within their boundaries.

The Budget is online: www.doi.gov/budget and <http://www.doi.gov/budget/appropriations/2016/highlights/index.cfm>.

Native Americans and Heart Disease

Submitted by Yvonne Thomas-Miller, Community Outreach Counselor

During the month of February, Americans see the human heart as the symbol of love. February is American Heart Month, a time to show yourself the love. Learn about your risks for heart disease and stroke and stay “heart healthy” for yourself and your loved ones.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among American Indians and Alaska Natives. In 2003, heart disease caused 2,712 deaths. Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm> (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>).

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death among American Indians and Alaska Natives. In 2003, stroke caused 552 deaths among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Heart disease and stroke are also major causes of disability and can decrease a person’s quality of life.

Try out these strategies for better heart health. You’ll be surprised how many of them can become lifelong habits!

Work with your health care team. Get a checkup at least once each year, even if you feel healthy. A doctor, nurse, or other health care professional can check for conditions that put you at risk for CVD, such as high blood pressure and diabetes—conditions that can go unnoticed for too long.

Monitor your blood pressure. High blood pressure often has no symptoms, so be sure to have it checked on a regular basis. You can check your blood pressure at home, at a pharmacy, or at a doctor’s office. Find more informa-

tion at CDC’s High Blood Pressure Web site.

Get your cholesterol checked. Your health care team should test your cholesterol levels at least once every 5 years. Talk with your health care professional about this simple blood test. You can find out more from CDC’s High Cholesterol Web site.

Eat a healthy diet. Choosing healthful meal and snack options can help you avoid CVD and its complications. Limiting sodium in your diet can lower your blood pressure. Be sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables—adults should have at least five servings each day. Eating

foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, and cholesterol and high in fiber. For more information on eating a healthy diet, visit CDC’s Nutrition page and ChooseMyPlate.gov

Want to retain or get a job with health conditions? Learn about accommodation ideas to continue to be employed by calling 360-312-2072 at the Lummi Vocational Rehabilitation Program to make an appointment.

Happy heart health!

Resources

http://www.cdc.gov/DHDS/data_

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/heartmonth/>



New Recycling Stations throughout the Tribal Administration Building

Submitted by Natural Resources Department staff

The Lummi Natural Resources Department and the Maintenance Division of the Lummi Planning Department are pleased to announce the arrival of 15 new recycling stations that are being placed throughout the Tribal Administration Building. These recycling stations are part of the recently adopted Lummi Nation Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (2014) implementation. During the plan review and adoption process, several commissioners stated that the LIBC needs to do a better job providing an example to the rest of the community on the importance of recycling.

Each recycling station has three bins – one for solid waste, one for mixed paper, and one for glass, cans, and plastic. As noted above, the new recycling stations are part of efforts to improve solid waste management on the Res-

ervation, which includes improving opportunities for and maximizing participation in recycling. Not only will there now be more recycling bins throughout the building, but the stations are designed to make sorting recyclable materials as easy as possible. Together, the signage (e.g., “waste only”, “paper only”, “glass, cans, and plastic”), color coding (e.g., black, green, blue), and distinctly shaped lid openings (e.g., rectangle, slot, circle) make proper sorting quick and simple. Look for the new recycling stations in the lobby, conference rooms, and selected department offices and please use them.

Recycling plays a significant role in reducing the waste stream and minimizing the amount of land required for future waste disposal, which were two goals identified in the recent update to the Lummi Nation Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (2014). However, it is important to note that recycling is not the only way to



achieve these goals. In fact, the most effective way to stop the trend of increasing solid waste generation is by simply not creating as much waste. Choosing to reduce the amount and toxicity of products that you purchase can significantly reduce the type and quantity of waste generated in your household. An-

other important action for waste reduction is to reuse as many containers and products as possible.

In summary, although waste reduction and recycling are two different concepts, both have the same goal of reducing the amount of solid waste being disposed of in landfills. Waste reduction refers to

not creating waste or minimizing waste at its source of generation, while recycling diverts materials from the waste stream for processing into new goods. Waste reduction and recycling are necessary to improve solid waste management on the Reservation. So remember the “Three R’s” and reduce, reuse, recycle.

Community Updates

Lummi Transit (Planning Department)

Submitted by Matt Jensen, Transit Manager/Transportation Planner

The weather is all and Lummi Transit is going strong like the HAWKS', so come and ride with us in whatever type of weather we have. In December we averaged 121 rides every day, in and around the Lummi Nation while traveling 9,259 miles. We strive to offer a quality service to everyone in the community, and hope that our riders agree.

In February, Lummi Transit will be reaching out to the public again by doing an "Origin & Destination" Survey. We are including the survey on each bus during the month of February. A completed survey will need to be turned into Lummi Transit, and that can be done by giving it to

one of our drivers, or turning it into the Planning Department front desk. For more information see the "Origin & Destination" Survey announcement for prizes and survey ending time

On a general transportation note, I want to share a WSDOT News Release from the Tribal Transportation Safety Advisory Board (TTSAB) in support of NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) publication: TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION INSIGHTS: Preventing Unintentional Injury and Death. (Can I get the News Release on the same page as Lummi Transit stuff) As background information, in 2000 Native Americans were 2.4 times more likely than the general public to die in traffic accidents, in 2010 it went

up to 3.3 times, and in 2013 it went up again to 3.9 times more likely. The WSDOT News Release uses Washington specific data and types of crashes. NCAI has a great idea for improving Indian Country, and I support their stance, because we are capable of self governance, and have been for a long time, that is why the Lummi's have a treaty and celebrate "Treaty Day" our inherit rite as a government.

Lummi Transit will be operating normal schedules on the only holiday in February Monday the 16th, President's Day. If you have any questions please give us a call at 384-2307, we are ready to help.

Qe'ciyew'yew (Thank You),

LUMMI TRANSIT

Survey Announcement and Prizes:

During the month of February, When you ride Lummi Transit fill out our Origin/Destination survey and submit it for a chance to WIN one of...

2 - \$150.00 Gift Cards (Adults)

OR

2 - \$50.00 Gift Cards (Youths)

Drawing to be held at the Planning Dept. on

March 6, 2015.

Questions Call Lummi Transit 384-2307

Surveys can be submitted to any Lummi Transit Driver, or

The front desk of Planning Department.



Responsible Gaming Program

For: For all persons, regardless of age, whose gaming practices lead to loss of money, time, self-respect, and family trust. Individual and group sessions led by trained counselors.

When: Now

Where: Lummi Behavioral Health
Lummi Administration Building, North Wing
2665 Kwina Road

Call: Lummi Behavioral Health - (360) 312-2019 to set up an appointment with a counselor.

Lummi Responsible Gaming Program

Low Risk Gambling is done:

- As a form of recreation, not to make money or make up for previous losses.
- With limits on time, frequency, and duration.
- In a social setting with others, not alone.
- With money you can afford to lose.

High Risk Gambling – Situations when you are:

- Coping with grief, loneliness, anger or depression.
- Under financial pressure or stress.
- Recovering from mental health or substance use disorders.
- Using alcohol or other drugs.
- Under the legal age to gamble.

Call Lummi Behavioral Health at 312-2019 to set up an appointment with a counselor. Call 312-2216 to speak directly with Brad Galvin, our responsible gaming counselor. We work with all people seeking help when gambling losses become too large to take. We also work with family members of gamblers.

Community Updates

Don't Miss the Annual Housing Forum Saturday, February 28th

Submitted by *Cristie James, Resident Services Project Leader Lummi Nation Housing Authority*

Mark your calendar. The Lummi Nation Housing Authority (LNHA) will host its annual Housing Forum on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28th at the Silver Reef Casino/Resort--- all are welcome! The Housing Forum is free and provides Tribal members with an opportunity to learn about opportunities for housing, how Housing programs work, and the Housing Authority's plans for the future.

At the Housing Forum, management, staff, and Housing Commissioners are available to listen to your comments and opinions, discuss issues, provide information, and answer questions about housing opportunities and housing services available to tribal members. All this and much more will be on display at the Housing Forum, including information stations on various aspects of the Housing Authority's activities including resi-

dent services, planning, development, homeownership assistance, repair and rehab, maintenance, security, and collections. The Housing Forum will also provide an opportunity to determine if you are eligible for housing benefits. Information on construction job opportunities associated with the Housing Authority's upcoming projects will also be available.

Of course, the Housing Forum would not be the Housing Forum without a little fun! To that end, there will be gifts for all who attend, plenty of refreshments, and great door prizes to be given away every half hour.

Once again, the Annual Housing Forum will be held in the Event Center at the Silver Reef Casino/Resort on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. For information regarding the Housing Forum, contact Diana Phair, Housing Director, Cristie James, Resident Services Project Leader, or Tom Black, Housing Development Planner at 312-8407.

Attention Lummi Community Members!

You are invited to attend the annual

Lummi Nation Housing Authority HOUSING FORUM



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015
10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
SILVER REEF EVENT CENTER**



A great opportunity to learn about the programs available and to see what new things are happening at Housing; light snacks & refreshments will be served!

For more information, please call: 360-312-8407



Lummi CDFI New Member Orientation

Wed. Feb. 4th 2015 @ 5:00pm

Lummi Gateway Center

Meet LCDFI Staff, learn about the program, and ask questions about getting business loans.



To sign up please call or email **Elizabeth S.** (360)594-6005 / elizabeths@lummicdfi.org

News from the TERO Office

Submitted by Alisha A. Pierre

"To Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche Lang en

Contact Number: 360-312-2245

TERO MISSION ~ Develop and maintain a cooperative working relationship with contractors and subcontractors while working under the guidelines of the TERO Ordinance. Referring qualified tribal members for employment and training.

The TERO Office is here to enforce tribal law in order to insure that Indian/Native people gain their rightful share to employment, training, contracting, subcontracting, and all other economic opportunities on or near the reservation.

If you are interested in jobs, training, or services with the TERO Office please fill out our Referral Application. It is important that you keep phone number, address, etc updated with the TERO office for job opportunities. This application can be filled out in our office or online at www.lummitero.org.

If you have not come into the office yet, January all applicants must re-submitted to be registered for the TERO Office.

TERO assist in funding for tools, union dues, and work clothes. This is a one-time assistance, contact the office for further information.

Temp Services:

If you are looking for on-call work and have an open schedule, we are looking for more labors. The Silver Reef Casino has started, and we will need Labors throughout the project.

We refer laborers and flaggers through the TEMP SERVICE. If you are interested in getting on our TEMP Service contact Teresa Ray, this is to be referred for one or two day jobs at the various projects on/near the reservation.

Qualifications

Be available on short notice and have work boots (steel toe or rubber boots), clothes, and safety gear.

Have an updated referral application
Read & Sign a Job Description.

Pass a Background and Drug & Alcohol Test

Check In weekly for jobs and keep updated address and phone numbers on file with the TERO Office.

A majority of our temp positions are 1-2 weeks. For our temp Flaggers, if the job is longer than 3 months they will be rotated out to give our other flaggers work as well.

2015 Projects:

Kwina Apartments (ongoing – Apply with Pete Powless)

SRC Hotel / Parking Space – (ongoing)

Turkey Shoot Development (ongoing)

Grace Erickson Development (ongoing)

Olsen Phase 1 & 2 (ongoing)

Youth Academy

Lummi Health Center

Transition House – (pending)

Various Small Projects

Re-License Program:

This program is for enrolled Lummi Tribal

Members only. We will assist up to \$500 for traffic fines, DOL Fees, and SR-22 insurance in order to get your WA State Drivers License Reinstated. If you have any questions or would like to apply for this program please contact Alisha Pierre to assist you. If available please bring the following information with you to the office:

Washington State ID

Tribal ID

Documents from courts or collections for fine amount.

Training

TERO has partnered with NWIC, BTC, and Safety West Coast to offer training opportunities to our Tribal Members. Training opportunities have been offered for Flagging Certification, Core Carpentry, Metal Stud, Asbestos, and more.

Contact NWIC to see when the next class with start for Core Curriculum & Blueprint Reading, Carpentry #1, and Electrical #1.

Contacting TERO Staff & Commission

Direct Line: 360-312-2245

Fax Number: 360-380-6990

Website: www.lummitero.org

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Ron Finkbonner Sr, Director ext. 2383

Rachel Phair, Compliance Officer ext. 2344

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Teresa Ray Sanders Dispatch/Referral ext. 2245

TERO Commissioners

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Penny Carol Hillaire - Member

Jim Scott Sr. - Member

Steven Toby, Council Rep.

Darcilynn Bob, HR Rep.

Records & Archives

Submitted by Janice Jefferson, Director

Mission Statement: To serve the Lummi Nation by preserving and protecting the historical and business records of the Tribe, and to provide records management services to LIBC and Tribal Community.

January 2015 Monthly Update

WE would like to wish a Happy New Year to all of our Lummi Indian Business Council employees, LCC, NWIC and to the community that we work with. It was of great pleasure that we had the opportunity to work with you in 2014 and lets all have a more productive and safe 2015.

The numbers for January 2015 are as follows:

Resolution scanned and certified YTD 0 YTD

Resolution added to H:drive for electronic access

7 file requests from various departments 7 YTD

1 file requests from Behavioral Health

5 file requests from Court

1 file request from Public Defender

3 files returned 3 YTD

1 file returned from Behavioral Health

1 file returned from

Courts

1 file return from ICW

4 Records Coordinator Training

1644 documents scanned or 30,577 pages

2544 documents verified

719 Photos scanned 719 YTD

3 Funeral Books and 2 others not documented 5 YTD

It has been a slow month for the start of 2015 but on the other hand it has been overwhelmingly busy with funerals again. We had visitors from the Belnap reservation in northern Montana this month. They

are just beginning the process of applying for funds to get a Records Center built on their reservation so they wanted to visit with us to see our building and get some ideas.

3 employees took the Performance Evaluation training that was offered this month.

Once again we encourage you to submit pictures (we can make copies), birth announcements, death certificates, wedding photos or invitations, graduation announcements or photos, sporting events, class pictures, yearbooks or annuals, naming, etc. to begin or add to your family history. If you need to schedule us to come into your home to scan these documents

Director: **Janice "Honnetia" Jefferson** 360-312-2059 janiceb@lummi-nsn.gov
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please call us at 360-312-2061. And remember we are just a holding place for preservation unless you release them to us, you control who has access to them.

Scheduling photo and/or video taping of events with the Communications Department:

5 days ahead of time for weekend shoots

3 days ahead of time for week day shoots

To schedule a shoot email: julieaj@lummi-nsn.gov or call 360-312-2134.

Natural Resources Department

Submitted by Natural Resources staff

Water Resources Division

The Water Resources Division staff continued the surface and ground water ambient water quality monitoring activities on the Reservation, reviewed storm water pollution prevention plans and conducted associated inspections for several tribal development projects, conducted site visits to evaluate proposed projects as part of the Lummi land use permit process, and continued the development and maintenance of several databases.

France Lawrence III and Victor (Turtle) Johnson started winter quarter courses at the Northwest Indian College and Western Washington University, respectively. They are each attending classes full-time.

On January 7-8, 2015, Jeremy Freimund and a vessel traffic safety consultant attended the Washington Department of Ecology sponsored Salish Sea Workshop that was focused on vessel oil spill risk assessment and management. The goals of this technical workshop were to assess risk factors for Salish Sea vessel spill incidents based on previous studies; consider and rank risk reduction options for the prevention of vessel spill incidents, and to develop implementable action items on risk reduction options on a transboundary basis.

Division staff are in the process of selecting a consulting firm to (1) conduct an independent economic impact analysis that evaluates both market and non-market goods and services associated with the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) project and inter-related Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Custer Spur Rail Expansion project and (2) review and comment on the adequacy of the economic impact analysis conducted as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed GPT project. The Lummi Natural Resources Department (LNR) will manage the Economic Impact Assessment Services contract on behalf of

the Xwe'chi'eXen (Cherry Point) Operational Team appointed by the LIBC to evaluate the proposed GPT Project.

In addition, grant applications were completed for EPA funded activities during 2016, annual reports were completed documenting work completed during 2014 for an on-going wetland inventory update project, a well decommissioning project, and oil spill prevention and response efforts, and work progressed in the development of a Lummi Reservation climate change impact assessment and development of a strategic energy plan.

Please see the article titled "New Recycling Stations throughout the Tribal Administration Building" for information regarding the expansion of recycling opportunities at LIBC.

Restoration Division

Restoration Division staff have been busy monitoring restoration projects and providing analyses of our findings. We are currently in the midst of planning, designing, and permitting projects for next summer, which will include engineered logjams at Larson's Reach in the South Fork Nooksack River and at Porter Reach in the Middle Fork Nooksack River, as well as replacing two culverts on Smuggler's Slough that are considered juvenile fish passage barriers.

We are recruiting short-term members for the Lummi Nation Tribal Conservation Corps (LNTCC)! The LNTCC is a program of AmeriCorps, which provides service opportunities for people across the United States. We are extending the age range for participants to include individuals between 17-30 years old. Please contact Chris Phair at 360-384-7127 for more information.

Shellfish Hatchery

Staff at the Shellfish Hatchery have been busy this month. Here are some updates:

The Geoduck Operation for the 2015 season has begun. We have been feeding and conditioning the adult Geoducks since December 2014 and will

begin spawning the Geoducks in January 2015.

The newly insulated roof for the Shellfish Hatchery is now complete and should result in significant energy and cost savings in 2015. (Contractor: Esary Roofing)

An additional sea water line and a new fresh water line for the Shellfish Hatchery are scheduled to be plumbed in by the end of January 2015. (Contractor: Lummi Nation Construction)

We would like to welcome the Shellfish Hatchery's two newest staff members:

Tyson Oreiro, Hatchery Biologist, Lummi tribal member

Timothy Schmertz, Shellfish Technician II, non-tribal member

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division

The map this month shows the continuing efforts of the Water Resources

and Harvest Management divisions to define the most recent shellfish harvest closure areas in Portage Bay. The Geographic Information Systems Division assisted in these efforts by using datasets that Division staff have created, managed and archived (e.g., water quality monitoring stations, roads, addresses) to help create an easy-to-understand description of the closure areas. Having a clear description of closure areas helps harvesters stay outside of the closure areas and prevents the harvest of shellfish that are unsafe to eat.

Harvest Management Division

Salmon

We have begun the pre-season planning process for the 2015 salmon fishing season. The process includes co-manager collaboration on forecasting the number of Chinook, coho, chum, sockeye and pink salmon returning to the Puget Sound and Fraser River, modeling proposed

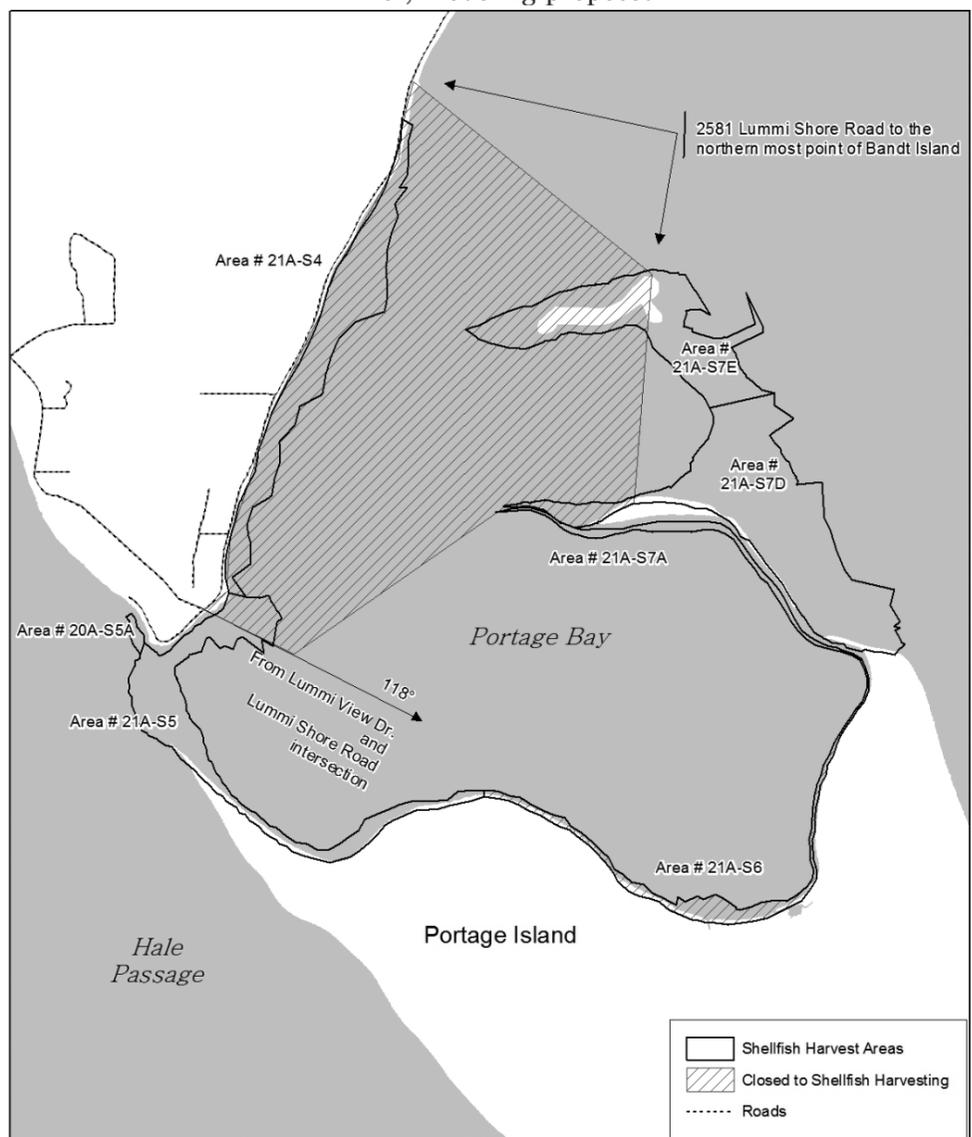
fisheries and determining catch limits and harvest restrictions. The process concludes in early April with a List of Agreed Fisheries that guide salmon fishing throughout the season.

Crab

For the 2014-2015 crab management season, Lummi fishers have harvested 1.53 million pounds of crab, valued at \$5.8 million dollars. By mid-January there were approximately 280,000 pounds remaining in the tribal quota, which should keep the fishery open through late March or early April.

Manila Clams

Through mid-January, approximately 55,000 pounds of Manila clams had been harvested from on-Reservation beaches, valued at just under \$95,000. A portion of Portage Bay has been closed by Lummi Natural Resources as a result of high fecal coliform counts in near-shore waters. While the closed area is in effect, no commercial, ceremonial or subsistence harvest shall occur in the restricted area.



Portage Bay Shellfish Harvest Closure Areas

Community Updates

(Natural Resources continued)

Maps of the closure areas are available in the LNR office.

Sea Cucumbers/Dive

Lummi's commercial divers have harvested about 150,000 pounds of sea cucumbers, valued at approximately \$600,000, since the season opened August 1. All of Lummi's harvest has been in the San Juan Islands district. Lummi's geoduck quota at Apple Cove Point was harvested on October 27-28 and December 22, with approximately 14,000 lb were harvested. Lummi will target their geoduck quota at Alden Bank sometime in the early spring.

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Division

Education and Outreach

Given the importance of ensuring that Lummi youth understand the treaty reserved fishing right and its importance to the Lummi Schelangen, ESA Division staff continue to coordinate and implement an outreach program at the Lummi Nation School to provide students in K-12th grade hands on experiences to practice their Schelangen. The focus for the last couple months has been to provide guest speakers to Mr. Fox's Pacific Northwest History class where students are learning about important issues such as the Signing of the Treaty, the Boldt Decision, and subsequent court decisions. The guest speakers that have participated so far include GI James, Leroy Deardorff, Steve Solomon, Randy Kinley, Rab Washington, Angie Jefferson, and Dana Wilson. They have been providing the students with first-hand accounts of the Lummi perspective on these historical occurrences. At one of the visits, a fish ledger book from the 1960s was shared by one of the elders, and the students were enthralled with looking through it and finding their family members names scribed within. The division encourages community participation in this endeavor. We anticipate some women elders to participate in the near future. If you are interested in participating, please contact Randy Kinley or Frank Bob in Natural Resources.

Protecting Salmon Hatchery Production

The ESA Division continues to move forward with the Lummi Fisheries and Natural Resources Commission and the Council on a strategy to ensure hatchery production as required to support treaty right salmon fisheries. Hatchery production is threatened by declining state and federal funding levels and litigation threats under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) from third parties who consider hatchery salmon to be inferior to and jeopardizing the existence of natural stocks. In administering the ESA, NOAA requires a Hatchery Genetic and Management Plan (HGMP) describing hatchery operations and assurances that the hatchery production will not impede the recovery of listed species. The process for evaluating HGMPs has dragged on for a decade, and the absence of agreed HGMPs has spawned a number of lawsuits by wild fish supporters based on process rather than science. In evaluating hatchery programs NOAA, appears to consider only the risk of hatchery production to listed and natural stocks without any consideration of the risk to natural production and listed species resulting from habitat loss associated with development in the watershed.

At a Joint Commission/Council meeting with consultants assisting in the development and implementation of a hatchery production protection strategy there was a coming together on how to proceed:

- 1) Develop a consolidated hatchery position from all tribes emphasizing the need for hatcheries as mitigation for habitat loss and ensuring recognition of the risks to natural stocks from habitat degradation.
- 2) Develop a legal position on the federal treaty trust responsibility to protect the habitat required to support meaningful treaty right salmon fisheries.
- 3) Work with the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) responsible for restrictive hatchery

evaluation protocols, to review those protocols in light of new information to support Lummi HGMPs based on sound hatchery practices treaty trust obligations.

- 4) Develop co-manager and NOAA agreed HGMPs for Lummi Hatchery Programs based on:
 - a) Harvest contribution targets based on the terminal area salmon harvests in the mid 80s;
 - b) Maximization of natural production of salmonids consistent with current habitat capacity; and
 - c) Minimizing risks to listed species without jeopardy to Lummi treaty right fisheries.
- 5) Identify the appropriate organizational levels in NOAA to ensure consideration of hatchery risks to listed populations relative to risks to treaty right salmon fisheries.
- 6) Develop a strong coalition of treaty tribes, sport fishers, and commercial fishers to focus education of state and federal government executives and legislatures on the need for responsible hatchery production of salmon to mitigate for the harvest potential lost through development activities that have degraded habitat
- 7) Identify the resources required to meet salmon production goals to supporting treaty rights harvest targets and gain support at all levels of government.
 - a) Ensure that the Governor, the Legislature, the White House, CEQ, NOAA, and the Congressional delegation understand that if the hatchery/treaty rights issues are not resolved soon, it will be an issue in the 2016 elections. The problem has to be raised to a crisis level amongst at all levels of government above the plethora of other demands on

existing resources.

- b) If hatcheries are not appropriate mitigation for habitat destruction then many HCPs will need to be revised.
- c) Restore the co-manager relationship established by the Boldt Decision and the Puget Sound Salmon Management Plan that has been neglected by WDFW in recent years.
- d) Identify resources required to support state hatcheries supplying treaty right fisheries or develop other options to ensure continue critical salmon hatchery production.
- e) Change the NOAA approach to evaluating HGMPs and identify sufficient resources for a speedy approval of Lummi HGMPs.
- 8) Develop a briefing document to ensure that all Lummi policy representations in Olympia and Washington DC reflect the same priorities in the support of hatcheries.

Lummi has engaged Norm Dicks and former congressional staffers to assist in charting the course that will end with successful protection of the treaty right salmon fisheries. Norm was instrumental in creating the HSRG and supporting hatcheries that would meet harvest objectives. He can ensure that Lummi concerns are heard and respected, and that action is taken where action is required.

If you are not aware of the importance of hatchery production to your ability to participate in a treaty right salmon fishery, please contact the ESA Coordination folks at Lummi Natural Resources.

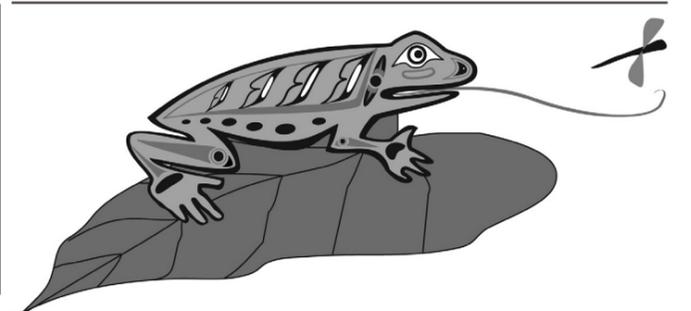
Salmon Recovery Conference Proposals

The Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, which serves as the

primary administrator of all salmon recovery projects in Washington State, is organizing a Salmon Recovery Conference in Vancouver, Washington in late May. The ESA Coordination Division has developed a proposal for a presentation describing the Lummi Tangle Net Selective Chinook fishery that has allowed Lummi to harvest 260 Chinook for the community in the spring, which is more than was possible under the previous management regime that limited harvest to 60 Chinook. This pilot program allowed retention of hatchery fish surplus to program requirements without mortality on natural origin Chinook required for recovery that are released relatively unharmed to continue their spawning migration. The Division also coordinated all partners in the South Fork Chinook Critical Chinook project to provide a Conference session with presentations on the genesis of the South Fork program, the collection and identification of juveniles to start the brood stock, innovations in genetic analysis supporting the project, freshwater and marine rearing to maturity, and the maturation, spawning, incubation and rearing to sub-yearling release from Skookum Creek. We have submitted a similar proposal for consideration for the Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Portland this August.

Forestry Division

The Erickson Logging Company from Gig Harbor, WA completed logging operations on the Sandy Cedar Timber Sale located on Lake Terrell and Balch roads. Reforestation operations will take place this spring on 56 acres. First Dawn Restoration (Wilbert LaClair) was awarded the contract to plant approximately 30,000 Douglas-fir and western red cedar seedlings. The Forestry Division is in the process of planning another timber sale on Lake Terrell Road and Sucia Drive for approximately one-million board feet of timber in 2015 or 2016.



Lummi Elders - Senior Scene

By: Kwoselwet, Diana Dixon

Beloved Elders, after a brief hiatus over the holidays, I am ready to hit the keys and write the stories and articles you requested. I have a lot of requests so let's get with it. I didn't change the title you selected. It's still Lummi Elders - Senior Scene

Holiday's Over

Did everyone have a spectacular holiday with all the goodies and nice big family dinners? I'm not a killjoy but did you watch the carbs and sodium? Carbs and proteins are digested and release sugar into the bloodstream. So it's a good thing that the holidays come just once a year. Just remember, eat and drink in moderation. Nuff said.

It's really February, the month of love. It was added to the Roman calendar in 713 BC. At one time it had 23 days. When Julius Caesar redid the calendar it was given 28 days and an extra day on leap year. The birthstone is amethyst, the flower is primrose and the zodiac signs are Aquarius and Pisces.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Saturday, the 14th! Named for a Christian martyr. A priest named Valentine, attracted the disinclination of the Roman emperor around 270 AD who prohibited marriage for young men. He summerized bachelors made better soldiers. However, Valentine continued to secretly perform marriage ceremonies but was eventually apprehended by the Romans and put to death. Wa-la... the day of romance.

Mardi Gras Indians

Mardi Gras begins with Fat Tuesday on the 17th in New Orleans. The Mardi Gras Indians named themselves after Native Americans to pay them respect for their assistance in escaping the tyranny of slavery.

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday the 18th. In Christianity, the beginning of the Lenten season. It's exactly 46 days before Easter and falls as early as February 4 and as late as March 10.

Depression

Depression is a common in many senior adults. The symptoms affect every aspect of life. You might notice changes in your energy level, appetite or sleeping habits. Depression is not part of the aging process. There are many steps to take to overcome the symptoms. Many seniors fail to recognize the symptoms or don't seek to get the help they need. If you have concerns, please call your health care professional.

Know the Elders

Annie Washington Fields

She grew up in a family of three brothers and three sisters. She was a tom-boy, no girlie stuff for her. She loved deer hunting especially poaching a few along the way. One of her favorite things to do was logging. She and her dad logged many a tree including behind the cemetery. Back in the day they used horses to pull the logs out. They had two horses, the mare was named Annie. There wasn't anything she didn't like to do as long as it was outdoors. She was quite the fisher and cannery worker. She spent many hours shaking crabs and food processing at Alaska Packers in Blaine. This gal was a farmer when not fishing. She worked on farms clipping potatoes, cutting cauliflower, corn and beans. She swiped milk cans to fill with water for home use. There was a water spigot at the old Lummi Day School located next to the road. She was often seen filling her milk cans. At one point, she managed a care center but enjoyed her tenure at the Arco refinery. Annie did a stint at DSHS and at Western Washington College. Her work from WWC is in archives at Olympia along with her beautiful picture. For a while she lived in Oklahoma where she was known as "Lovey Lummi". When she started her family, her babies wore cloth diapers and rubber pants. Absolutely no disposable diapers touched her kids. A natural environmentalist and ecologist, Annie believes in protecting our natural resources, fisheries and shellfish beds for the sake of our grandchildren and our grandchildren's children. Hy'shqe Annie for sharing with us. \o/

Honoring Veterans

Today we honor US Army MSGT James R. Alexander, Oct 5, 1919 - Jan. 5, 1980. He was a WWII and Korean War Veteran. He was one of four Lummi boys who landed on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, June 6, 1944. He received numerous decorations, including the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, European, Middle East, African Campaign with 5 Battle Stars, Unit Presidential Citation with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, America Campaign with 5 Battle Stars. At the time of his passing, MSGT Alexander was the most decorated Native American to date. Hy'shqe Shauna Alexander for sharing with us. \o/

We honor WWII Lummi Veterans wounded in action: Howard A. George, Germany; Benjamin W. Hillaire, Germany; Anthony Jefferson, France; Bert H. Jefferson, Philippines and Forrest L. Kinley, Philippines. Our hands are raised to all Veterans for your courage, bravery and sacrifice. Hy'shqe \o/

Ancestral Smokehouse

Many generations ago there was a large longhouse located on present day Smokehouse Road. It belonged to Kwelschemisten and families. It was a huge structure made out of red cedar housing many families. It had lots of rooms, a dirt floor and three fire pits. Meats and fish hung in the rafters to dry. Deer was cooked underground in a pit covered with cedar boughs, hot rocks and moss. During the winter dance celebrations, one could hear the singing throughout the night. During the severe winters of the 50s, the heavy snows and north wind took its toll on the longhouse as it collapsed to the ground. Hy'shqe Jack Cagey for sharing with us. \o/

Outreach

The Senior Program welcomes Dr. Chris Hawk joining the Outreach staff. The staff makes home visits, checking on elders and their needs. The focus is assisting, in all areas of need, to keep our Elders healthy and happy. Outreach is ready to begin this service on 03/01/15. If you would

like a home visit to discuss your health concerns, call the Outreach Office at 758-3500.

New Employee

Little Bear Creek and the Senior Program welcomes Theresa Jones joining the staff as Transportation Assistant. She has 15 years experience in bus operations. Theresa is happy to work with the Elders. She is from the Morris family. Her father, Tom Morris, Sr. Her mother, Juanita Placid. Her mate, Clyde Jones whom she married 29 years ago. She happily states they have been together for 36 years. Senior Advisory Council

The first meeting of the 2015 Senior Advisory Council is tentively set for the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning February 18th at Little Bear Creek. Election of officers is the first order of business. Officers must attend each monthly meeting utilizing the Robert's Rules of Order. If you miss three meetings, you are dismissed and replaced. Consider who would best serve the Elder community and nominate that individual for office. This is not a popularity contest. This Council makes recommendations to LIBC for further study and/or implementation

Elder's Hotline

Cas Ballew, Transportation Coordinator, is working on an "Elder's Hotline" via SMS. This enables you to receive a text message apprising of all travel activities. You will be informed about shopping trips, out of town events and other points of interest. If you would like to participate in the SMS Service, provide Cas with your cellular phone number. You may contact him at Little Bear Creek 758-3500.

Healthy Heart

February is American Heart Month. Lummi Health Center has a Healthy Heart Program. Learning how to eat healthy and getting the proper exercise is important to your heart health. Contact the Health Center for Don Ligocki, Diabetes Case Manager, Healthy Heart Project for more information. You can reach him at 312-2492.

In Remembrance

Yesterday is a memory,

today is a gift and tomorrow is not promised. In Memoriam of those we lost in 2014. May all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

Glen Henry Lane - Jan 6
Errol Conroy Jansen, Sr. - Jan 10
Vincent Jameson, Sr. - Jan 14
Janice Lee Edwards - Feb 1
Lynnette Joy Humphreys - Feb 2
James Redstone - Feb 8
Isabelle Evelyn McCluskey - Mar 9
Alma Marie Chastain - Mar 26
Laverne Marcus Morales - May 15
Karen Marie Tait - May 20
Ernest Oscar Lane, Jr. - Jun 3
Alvira Blanche Pulsifer - Jun 28
Eileen Ann Cordero - Jun 30
Evelyn Rose Sanchez - Jul 1
Arthur Francis Howell - Jul 2
Barbara M. Hartman - Jul 6
Al Norman Noland, Sr. - Jul 9
Henry Abraham Hillaire - Jul 26
Dean Larry Williams - Aug 11
Verle Anthony Toby, Sr. - Aug 16
Gloria Fay Grant - Oct 2
Richard Allen Finkbonner - Oct 12
Rosalie Esther Solomon - Oct 24
Linda Onita Savage - Nov 1
Sidney Charles Phair, Jr. - Nov 9
Melanie Lou Casimir-Tobey - Nov 25
Jeannette Joyce Lawrence - Dec 24
Alta Georgia Phair - Dec 31

Bless our Beloved Elders on their journey to the Ancestral side. We will never forget the wisdom taught us or the stories they shared. We suffered in pain and sorrow for our loss yet the memories made us smile as we marveled knowing it was an honor and a privilege to have shared this time with them. We will join them again some day taking our place at the Ancestor's table.

Groundhog Day

February 2nd if it is cloudy when the groundhog comes out of his burrow, spring will come early. But, if the sun's out, he'll see his shadow and go back in his burrow and winter will last another six weeks. Buster indicated he took care of that rodent. I didn't ask.

Seahawk Blue Fridays at LIBC

