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Chachusen Way: A Potential to Rename Haxton Way

Submitted by the Chairman's Office

In 1855 the United States (U.S.) government and Lummi Nation entered into an agreement formally known as the Treaty of Point Elliot of 1855. Article 2 of this Treaty uses the word Chah-choo-sen to explain a section of land that established the Lummi Indian Reservation. The Treaty states that Chah-choo-sen was known as the island "situated in the Lummi River at the point of separation of the mouths emptying respectively into Bellingham Bay and the Gulf of Georgia." Our language clearly defines who we are and where we come from. Furthermore, the word "Lhaq'temish" translates to "people of the sea." The following paragraphs explain the history of Haxton Way.

Haxton Way was named after E.R. Haxton, who was a Whatcom County Commissioner between 1949 and 1967. The purpose of changing the name of Haxton Way is to express our sovereignty as the Lummi people.

Furthermore, the Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) foresees this as an opportunity to be proud of who we are and where we come from. Our ancestors fought hard to retain the culture and language of the Lummi people. The LIBC believes they have a responsibility to carry on the work of our ancestors and previous leaders.

On September 16, 1982 the Lummi Nation and Whatcom County entered into the Intergovernmental Agreement (Civil Action No. 79-682R) whereby the County acknowledged that Lummi is a sovereign nation and tribal government. The purpose of this Agreement was that the Lummi Nation and Whatcom County could retain, alter, or change the name of Haxton



Way, if mutually agreed upon. Since then, changing the name of Haxton Way became motionless until 2004.

Near the end of 2004, the Planning Commission of the Lummi Nation provided an opportunity for community members to offer their input in regards to changing the name of Haxton Way. By January 13, 2005 the Planning

Commission recommended to the LIBC that the new name for Haxton Way be changed to "Salish Way." Shortly after making this recommendation, the Planning Commission subsequently reconsidered changing the name and decided not to recommend any action to the LIBC and or using "Salish Way."

Changing the name of Haxton Way then picked up momentum near mid-2011. By 2012 the LIBC decided to move forward with this name change. According to Resolution #2012-171, the name of Haxton Way is now in the process of being changed to "Chachusen Way." In Xwlemi Chosen (Lummi Language) the word Chachusen (Chah-choo-sen) translates to "where freshwater and saltwater meet"

referring to the Lummi Indian Reservation. In 2014, Whatcom County amended the Whatcom County Code (WCC) Chapter 12.60 Road Naming System so that the Lummi Nation can change the name of Haxton Way (Ordinance No. 2014-045).

Although changing the name of Haxton Way to Chachusen Way is still in the process, the Lummi Nation and Whatcom County have until June 2026 to decide if Haxton Way will be retained, altered, or changed to Chachusen Way. For now, residents on Haxton Way do not need to change their address, as we have 10 years from now before any changes are finalized. The LIBC asks for your patience as we continually work with the County to meet the requirements outline in Chapter 12.60 of the WCC when changing the name of a road. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Tribes Win Culvert Appeal in Ninth Circuit

TAHOLAH, WA (6/27/16)—Twenty-one Treaty Indian Tribes in Washington were handed a victory today as the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a 2007 Federal District Court decision by Federal District Court Judge Ricardo Martinez that hundreds of state-owned, fish-blocking culverts must be repaired. The ruling, made by Circuit Court Judges William A. Fletcher and Ronald M. Gould and District Judge David A. Ezra, confirms that the State of Washington must invest \$2.4 billion to repair the culverts over the next 15 years.

"This is not just a victory for tribes. It's a victory for everyone," said Fawn Sharp, President of the Quinault Indian Nation and the Affiliat-

ed Tribes of Northwest Indians, and Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians. "We are delighted with this decision."

"This is a victory for tribal and non-tribal fishermen, and for non-fishers as well, because it will result in healthier ecosystems. It will help assure that salmon can reach their spawning grounds. Our Northwest salmon are keystone species. They are critically important to the survival of other species, healthy habitat, and an overall healthy environment," she said.



"This decision affirms that treaty tribes do retain off-reservation habitat protection rights," said President Sharp. "We have been waiting for this decision for a very long time."

In 1974, Federal District Judge George Boldt ruled that treaty tribes retain a

right to take 50 percent of the harvestable fish, based on 19th century treaties established between the state and the tribes in which the tribes ceded millions of acres of land. Judge Boldt's ruling was backed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1978.

In his decision Judge Boldt stated that Northwest treaty tribes clearly do retain a habitat protection right, though he deferred the specifics and concentrated on allocation. The habitat issue remained unresolved for nearly 40 years. In 1980 Federal District Judge William Orrick ruled that the habitat protec-

tion right is protected in the treaties, though the Ninth Circuit later decided that the habitat issue required a concrete case. For more than 20 years, the issue simmered as the tribes considered which case to pursue. During that time, the threat of a habitat-related suit helped support meaningful negotiations between the state and the tribes, resulting in such far-reaching cooperative agreements as the Timber-Fish-Wildlife (TFW) Agreement.

In 2001, the tribes, along with the federal government, finally initiated action against the State of Washington, alleging that the state's construction and

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Community Updates

Lummi Commercial Company

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 maintenance of highway and railroad culverts that block salmon migration violate the treaty fishing right.

“Judge Boldt’s opinion, the 2007 decision by Judge Martinez and today’s Ninth Circuit decision confirm, and reaffirm, that the treaties do apply to habitat protection. Tribes have known this all along, and I believe the state has as well. It is time for the state to step up and make the habitat-related investments necessary to protect and restore our great Northwest salmon resource. As co-managers of the resource, with clearly defined habitat rights, it is now very clear that treaty tribes have a legally mandated right that requires it,” said President Sharp.

The state Department of Transportation (WS-DOT) with the state Department of Fish & Wildlife has been identifying and repairing problem culverts since 1991 along some 7,054 miles of state highways. They counted 3,613 highway culvert crossings over fish-bearing streams. As of 2015, 1,976 of them still blocked upstream habitat.



BELLINGHAM TIDES JULY 2016

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F 1	1:49A	8.7	9:22A	-1.1	4:56P	7.3	9:11P	5.1
SA 2	2:33A	8.6	10:07A	-1.9	5:48P	8.0	10:12P	5.5
SU 3	3:19A	8.5	10:52A	-2.3	6:34P	8.5	11:10P	5.6
M 4	4:07A	8.3	11:36A	-2.4	7:17P	8.8
TU 5	12:07A	5.5	4:57A	8.0	12:19P	-2.2	7:58P	8.9
W 6	1:03A	5.3	5:47A	7.6	1:03P	-1.8	8:37P	8.9
TH 7	2:02A	5.0	6:39A	7.1	1:46P	-1.2	9:14P	8.8
F 8	3:03A	4.6	7:33A	6.5	2:29P	-0.3	9:50P	8.7
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SU 10	5:12A	3.5	9:37A	5.3	3:59P	1.7	10:55P	8.3
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Community Updates

Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa Employment Opportunities

Washington's Newest and Best Casino is currently recruiting friendly, outgoing people for the following positions. All positions require outstanding customer service. Please submit an employment application to the Human Resources Department at the address indicated below. All employees must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and be able to obtain a Class II/III Gaming License. All Salaries are Depending on Qualifications. The Silver Reef will offer a comprehensive benefits package. The Silver Reef Casino Practices Native American Preference in hiring according to law. **CURRENT AS OF JUNE 22, 2016**

Class II

Steward	Full-Time
Pizzanini Prep-Cook/Cashier	PT/FT
Host Cashier	Part-Time
Banquet Server	On-Call
Bar Back	Part-Time
Casino Housekeeper	PT/OC
Gift Shop Associate	Part-Time
*Massage Therapist	Part-Time
*Bartender	Part-Time
*Hotel Front Office Agent	Full-Time
*Banquet Captain	Full-Time
*Cook	FT/PT
*Steak House Lead Server	Full-Time
*Steak House Busser	Part-Time
*Hotel Room Attendant	OC/PT/FT



Class III

*Security Officers	Full-Time
*Casino Host	Full-Time
*Facilities Assistant Manager	Full-Time
*Promotions Specialist	Full-Time
*Cage Cashier	Part-Time
*Table Games Dealer	Part-Time

*Knowledge/Experience Required

All positions do not have closing dates. Open until filled.

If you would like more information call (360) 543-7185

Applications may be picked up at: Silver Reef Casino, 4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, WA 98248 Resumes may be E-mailed to: applications@silverreefcasino.com Completed applications and resumes may be faxed to (360)384-6425 You may refer to our Website address: www.silverreefcasino.com and click on the Employment option.

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POSITION OPENINGS

Open positions are posted on the NWIC jobs page at www.nwic.edu/jobs. Please review the complete job announcement for application instructions.

For further information,
Call 360.392.4230 or
Visit Human Resources

Electrical Trades Instructor,
Review Date: July 5, 2016; open until filled

Women's Head Basketball Coach;
Review Date July 11, 2016; open until filled

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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 July 14, 2016**

Job Title	Department	Closing Date:
Transit Operator/on-call	Lummi Transit	Continuous
Teacher	Lummi Nation School	7/15/16
SpED High School Teacher	Lummi Nation School	7/15/16
Social Studies High School Elementary Teacher	Lummi Nation School	7/18/16
Gifted & Talented High School Teacher	Lummi Nation School	7/18/16
Gifted & Talented Prevention Case Manager	Health & Human Services	7/20/16
Intervention Teacher	Lummi Nation School	7/21/16
Teacher Resource Room High School	Lummi Nation School	7/21/16
Exclusion Hearing Committee	Law & Justice	8/24/16
Transit Operator/on-call	Lummi Transit	Continuous

A few words from Lummi Dental

The Dental Department is adopting some new changes that will improve your oral health. We are opening up more slots for appointments, which will increase the amount of patients seen per day and decrease wait times for patients getting appointments. We are also changing our "Walk-In" appointments system to something similar to Medical. No more long waits in the waiting room, but

now you can call and set up your appointment the DAY BEFORE.

We have limited "Walk-In" appointments available and they will be first CALL, first served.

We want to be able to serve the community the best we can and believe this is how we start. The Dental Team will be working hard during these changes, so please be patient during this transition and call us

today to make your appointment!!!

At the moment we will be suspending Saturday clinic until all of the changes have been done and the transition is completed.

Have a question about your referral? Call Charlene Humphreys: 312-2463

Thank you,
The Lummi Dental Team

Lummi Commercial Company

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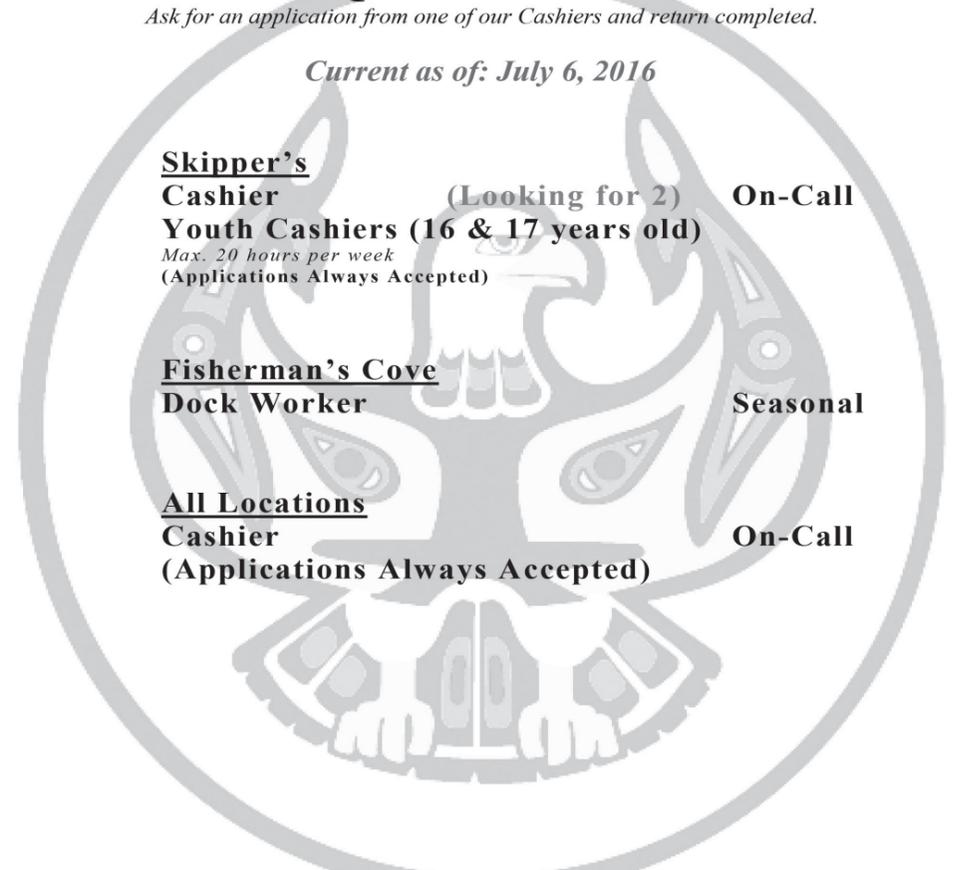
Ask for an application from one of our Cashiers and return completed.

Current as of: July 6, 2016

Skipper's
Cashier (Looking for 2) **On-Call**
Youth Cashiers (16 & 17 years old)
Max. 20 hours per week
(Applications Always Accepted)

Fisherman's Cove
Dock Worker **Seasonal**

All Locations
Cashier **On-Call**
(Applications Always Accepted)





Timothy Ballew II, LIBC Chairman

Greetings family and friends,

I want to take this opportunity and thank each and every one of you for the continued support. Your support allows the Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC), including myself, to carry out the work of the people. Throughout the month of June, the LIBC and I have continued the work of past leaders on various projects ranging from Treaty Rights, Economic Development, Health & Wellness, Public Safety, and Education.

This month, the LIBC held two regular meeting,

one on June 7, 2016, and the second one on June 21, 2016. The LIBC utilizes these meetings to establish the policy direction needed to preserve, promote, and protect our Schelangen. As a result of this work, we can make certain that the needs of our people are being met to the best of our ability. Thank you elected officials for taking this time to discuss, contribute, and work together as a team for the betterment of our people.

On June 2, 2016, we celebrated our future generation by honoring the Head Start graduates of the Lummi Early Learning Center. In addition to the Head Start graduation ceremony, the Head Start program also celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Thank you to all the administrators, staff, and teachers of the Lummi Early Learning Center for providing your expertise, time, and energy for our future generations. The Lummi Nation also held their High School graduation ceremony on

June 2. I was honored to have witnessed our Nation host two graduation ceremonies in one day.

We kicked off Stommish week by hosting the annual Kwina Mile on June 7, 2016. I was amazed at the number of people who participated in the Kwina Mile. Myself, I take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of health & wellness and partake in the Kwina Mile. Thank you to all the participants, from the youngest to the oldest, congratulations to all the runners who raced, and keep up the good work. The 70th Annual Stommish Water Festival was a success. I want to personally thank all the participants: canoe clubs that traveled near and far, sla-hal players, volunteers, veterans, and performers. Each of you contributed to making this event successful. I look forward to this event each year as we celebrate our previous ancestors and leaders who fought to keep our traditions alive.

On June 8, 2016, the Te'Ti'Sen Gateway Center hosted the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) meeting. As required by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the IJR is a document used to justify a new access point or access point revision on existing limited access freeways and highways. The IJR meeting was an opportunity for tribal and non-tribal members to provide their recommendation on which option best serves the Lummi Nation. As you know, the I-5 property has potential to be developed over the years. The IJR (Slater Rd. Improvements) will allow Lummi Nation to provide access to our property, if it is approved.

On June 10, 2016, a No Coal Community Celebration was hosted in Fairhaven. I took this opportunity and attended this celebration to express my gratitude for all the support we have received from the

local community in regards to protecting: Cherry Point, our treaty rights, and our village site. As part of our ongoing efforts of protecting our natural resources, the Lummi Nation also hosted the Washington State House Agriculture & Natural Resource Committee. This Committee visited the Lummi Nation and the Lummi Aquaculture. The purpose of this visit was to share with the Committee what Lummi Nation is doing to preserve, promote, and protect our natural resources. Many of our shellfish harvesting beds have been closed because of poor water quality. We hope this opens the door at the State level so that we can continue to work on enhancing our way of life.

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

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Lul-hal-mun
Tim Ballew, II
Chairman

Government Report

LIBC Regular Meeting June 21, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Timothy Ballew II, Cheryl Sanders, Celina Phair, Shasta Cano-Martin, Henry Cagey, Julie Finkbonner, Jeremiah Julius, Steven Toby, Rita Jefferson

Absent: Travis Brockie (travel status), Nickolaus Lewis (travel status)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 20-22: NW Indian Gaming Conference Expo

June 26: Community Breakfast at 9:00am @ Wexliem

June 27-30: NCAI Mid Year Conference in Spokane

July 4: 4th of July Holiday – LIBC Closed

July 5: Employee Choice Holiday – LIBC Closed

July 12: LIBC Meeting at 9:00am

July 17-18: Self Governance 3rd Quarterly Meeting, WA, DC

REPORTS:

NWIC Update: Dr. Justin Guillory

Hatchery Update: by Steven Toby. Presented a work plan for the rest of this year.

Pramila Jayapal: Request for support for Congress

National Convention Update: Henry Cagey

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2016-097: Passed for Appointment of Economic Development Commission Seat A, B, and C. Motion made by Rita Jefferson, seconded by Shasta Cano-Martin. Presented by: Sunshine Fitzgibbon

Resolution #2016-099: Passed for Appointment of Commission to Seat H and Re-appointment of Commissioners to Seat G and Seat I of the Health and Family Services Commission. Motion made by Steven Toby, seconded by Rita Jefferson. Presented by: Nikki Finkbonner

Resolution #R2016-100: Passed for ratification of walk-around resolution for Authorization to Submit the Lummi Nation Early Learning Program's Cost of Living Adjustment for Current Staff. Motion made by Cheryl Sanders, seconded by Rita Jefferson. Presented by: Doreen Vargas

Resolution #2016-102: Passed for Emergency

Adoption of Amendments to Title 39 Eviction Procedures Code and Scheduling of a Public Hearing. Motion made by Cheryl Sanders, seconded by Rita Jefferson. Presented by: Diana Phair

Resolution #2016-066: Passed for Appointment of a Working Group for the Purpose of Developing Language for Amendments to the Lummi Constitution to take to General Council for Vote. Motion made by Rita Jefferson, seconded by Julie Finkbonner. Presented by: Sunshine Fitzgibbon

Resolution #2016-105: Passed for Appointment of a Working Group to Review and Develop Recommended Amendments to Title 34 (Enrollment Code) of the Lummi Code of Laws. Motion made by Rita Jefferson, seconded by Julie Finkbonner. Presented by Sunshine Fitzgibbon

MOTIONS:

Motion made by Henry Cagey, seconded by Rita Jefferson to accept the NWIC annual report.

Motion made by Henry Cagey, seconded by Jeremiah Julius to support Pramila Jayapal for congress.

Motion made by Shasta Cano-Martin seconded by Henry Cagey to financially support what Lummi can to the Lummi delegates, Barbara Lewis, Nickolaus Lewis and Julie Johnson to attend the National Democratic Convention through the use of Gaming Protection Fund.

Motion made by Cheryl Sanders, seconded by Rita Jefferson, to have the Chief of Staff bring a recommendation on the property on Marine Drive and Postal Way that were assigned to

Housing.

Motion made by Jeremiah Julius, second by Rita Jefferson to accept Hatchery Task Force work plan.

Motion made by Shasta Cano-Martin, seconded by Rita Jefferson to accept the General Managers proposed phase 1 of the re-alignment of the organization chart.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Next LIBC Meeting: Tuesday, July 19 at 9:00am

Public Hearing
Title 39
Eviction Code
5pm, Wed.
July 20, 2016
Council Chambers

Elders Silver Reef Luncheon

June 14, 2016



Upcoming Summer Events

Woodland Park Zoo Camps

Kinder Camp 3-5 Years Old
 School Year Camps 4-9 Years Old
 Zooper Day Camp 4-9 Years Old
 Discoveries Day Camp 5-7 Years Old
 Zoo U 10-14 Years Old

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

July 11Th:groundbreaking For New Aquarium
 July 22Nd: Hald Day For Half Price
 July 10-31: Wild Cat Weekend

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

Zoo Keepers Demonstration And Activities
 July 16Th: Zookeeper Academy Starts At 11:30Am
 Ends At 3:30Pm No Registration Required

Bellingham Martial Arts Summer Camp For Kids

Shayne Simpsons Martial Arts & Fitness
 Registration Has Already Begun
 Martial Arts Training, Games And Activities
 From 9Am-4Pm

Camp Firwood

Located On Lake Whatcom In Bellingham
 From Elementary School To High School
 Biblical message Of Jesus Through Instructions
 And Activities
 For More Information Call 360-758-2741

Whatcom Family YMCA Discovery Camp

Ages 4-5
 1256 N State Street Bellingham, WA 98225
 From June 20-August 26 From 6:30Am-6Pm
 360-733-8630

Bumbershoot Music Festival Sept. 2-4

Seattle Center
 Musical Line Up: Fetty Wap, Death Cab For Cutie,
 Pretty Lights, Byson Tiller, Third Eye Blind And
 More
 3-Day Passes Starting At \$180
 Gold Passes Starting At \$400
 Emerald VIP Starting At \$700

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.

On June 27-30, 2016, Kara Kuhlman, Frank Lawrence III, and Victor Johnson completed a four-day course entitled "Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments" developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The course was co-hosted by the Lummi Nation Police Department, the Washington State Department of Health, and FEMA Region X at the Silver Reef Hotel, Casino & Spa. The purpose of the training was to provide tribal representatives with the information and strategies to develop and improve the emergency management programs and systems within their tribal community.

Finally, Division staff would like to congratulate Lisa Cook on her recent graduation from Northwest Indian College with a Bachelors of Science degree in Native Environmental Science.

Forest Update

Fire Season

Lummi Natural Resources/Forestry program would like to remind all residents living on the Lummi Reservation to apply for a burning permit when burning vegetation and using fireworks in a careful and prudent manner. LIBC made a motion to ban all fireworks on Portage Island because of a 5 acre fire last summer caused by fireworks and the difficulty of transporting fire crews and resources to the island to contain fires.

Residents are encouraged to be on the lookout

for fires during the upcoming summer months. Report all fires to the Natural Resource Department at (360) 312-2319 or (360) 312-2325 and Lummi Nation Police Department at (360)312-2274. Call 911 during off duty hours and weekends.

Expect a burn ban sometime this summer. No burn permits will be issued during that time.

Lummi Shellfish Hatchery

Oyster Operation

The Lummi Shellfish Crew and the Americorps workers united and bagged 900 oyster bags. All 900 bags will be set with 40 million oyster setters before the end of June 2016.

Geoduck Operation

We completed our 2016 Geoduck season on June 7, 2016. We sold 150,043 Geoduck seed that generated \$68,942 in revenue.

Manila Clams

We have two groups of 1 mm+ Manila Clams seed this year. Our first group will have 8 million seeds and our second group will have 100 million seeds.

ESA Division:

Spring Tangle Net Fishery

On June 15th Lummi completed one more year of the pilot tangle net fishery to gather information on the status of the early Chinook spawning migration, the feasibility of conducting a traditional fishery in a manner that would protect ESA listed species, and provide access to surplus hatchery fish returning to the North Fork Chinook supplementation program at WDFW's Kendall Creek Hatchery. We were able to provide 112 Chinook for ceremonial purposes including the First Salmon Ceremony and Memorial Day.

The number of hatchery Chinook caught for each natural origin Chinook released was just under four. This is roughly half the number experienced during the previous 3 years of the fishery. Either the survival of the natural origin fish was better, or the survival of the hatchery fish

was poorer than it has been in previous years.

The fishery captured 18 Chinook with a coded wire tag only. These fish were externally tagged for later identification and released because the Skookum Creek South Fork Chinook captive brood program sub-yearling releases are only coded wire tagged, and this could be an early indicator of the success of that program. Tissues samples were taken for later DNA stock assignment to confirm their origin.

We were able to demonstrate the importance of this fishery to Sheida Sahanthy, the director of the Puget Sound Partnership, and Peter Murchie, the National Estuary Program manager for Region 10 of

the Environmental Protection Agency. They were able to see firsthand the deterioration of the lower river caused by land uses in the watershed that have accelerated to deposition of sediment that is filling in our traditional fishing places

Educational Activities for LNS students

The division has continued to develop and coordinate outreach efforts with the Lummi Nation School to connect Lummi Youth to their Schelangen by providing hands on activities and to provide a clear pathway to students interested in a future career in natural resource management.

The 2015-16 school

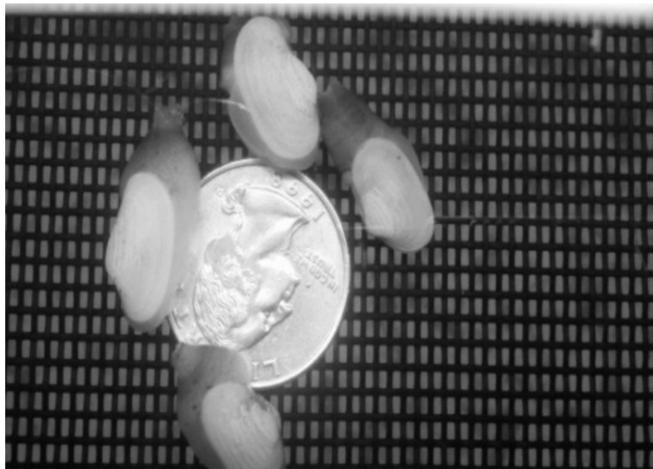
year was full of activities for LNS students:

- 1st graders toured the Skookum Creek Fish Hatchery with hatchery managers Bill Finkbonner and Marlon Dennis and their crew this past spring. They learned about the salmon life cycle and hatchery operations. The kids loved feeding the fish. The students also planted 'ironwood' seedlings which will be harvested and carved into fish sticks in the future.
- 2nd graders toured the Lummi Bay Shellfish Hatchery and Salmon Hatchery in the fall to continue to observe and learn about the salmon life cycle and salmon hatchery operations and begin learning about the shellfish hatchery.
- 3rd graders toured the Lummi Bay Shellfish hatchery to learn about shellfish and the importance of clean and abundant water for healthy shellfish beds.
- 4th graders raised salmon in their classroom and in a large tank in the school commons room. They learned about the salmon cycle and what salmon need to survive-healthy habitat and clean, cool water. Special thanks to our Lummi Tribal Conservation Corps intern, Eli Hulford, retired NWIC college staffer, Charlotte Clausung, as well as staff from Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association for their help making this program successful.
- 5th graders participated in hands-on salmon restoration work under the instruction of LNR Policy Rep., Frank Bob and with the help of the Tribal Conservation Corps interns.

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Hatchery Protection Task Force



By Steven (Steamer) Toby

(Upper Skagit and Tulalip) and together we have contracted with former Congressman Norm Dicks and Tim Thompson to assist us in strategy development and implementation. We have continued working on our multi-faceted approach to protect and maximize hatchery production to provide harvest opportunities and salmon for our community.

The Lummi Hatchery Protection Task Force (HPTF), created by LIBC in response to the frivolous lawsuits brought on by anti-hatchery organizations that sought to shut down hatchery production, has been very active since our last Squol Quol update in November. The Task Force, which is comprised of LNR Policy and Staff, LNR Fish Commissioners, Office of the Reservation Attorney, and staff from the Sovereignty Treaty Protection Office (STPO), has been working to protect and reduce legal and political risks to our hatcheries. We are also working in concert with other tribes

In May, we dogged a bullet against the legal attacks by anti-hatchery organizations that believe “the only good hatcheries are closed hatcheries.” The Early Winter Steelhead environmental review process was completed and juveniles from that program, including the Kendall Hatchery program on the Nooksack River, were released. The final approval and release this past spring was a welcome event after two years of no releases due to the failed legal tactics by the anti-hatchery groups. The attack was an eye opener as to the vulnerabilities of our hatcheries, the lifeblood of our salmon

harvest opportunities since the majority of fish harvested by our community in the terminal area are of hatchery origin.

While we have cleared this one legal threat, there are still several others looming that we are keeping under close watch.

One of the main tactics of the Lummi HPTF is to obtain NOAA Endangered Species Act (ESA) approval of Lummi Hatchery programs that are focused on producing salmon for terminal area fisheries to meet the treaty reserved right to take fish and also provide the mitigation for fishing opportunity lost from destroyed and under-functioning habitat. Lummi Natural Resources staff prepared five Hatchery Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) documents covering Coho, Chinook and Chum production at Lummi Bay and Skookum Creek, and we took the unprecedented step of engaging with the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG), an elite group of scientific experts on hatchery management issues that were convened by Con-

gress to implement Hatchery Reform policies.

The Lummi hatchery plans were reviewed by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and were awarded a letter of sufficiency in December 2015. Now those plans along with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (WDFW) HGMPs in the Nooksack basin will be reviewed by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which gives the public a chance to provide input on the proposed actions that will be defined in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The review process started with the Federal Register Notice that was published on June 20th, 2016 and will take approximately 66 weeks to complete. Upon successful completion, the hatchery programs will receive an Endangered Species Act (ESA) permit from NOAA covering hatchery operations. Our team will be working with NOAA to provide technical information and expertise to support the analysis and review process, and we will also

be prepared to defend our HGMPs from administrative or legal maneuvers by anti-hatchery organizations.

Our tribal coalition will also continue to work towards ensuring that the federal agencies prioritize HGMP review and approval and that Congress provides the financial support for this important work. We were successful in gaining \$4 million in federal funds towards HGMP approval last year, and will continue to work with our state and federal elected officials to ensure that funding for hatcheries and HGMP review and approval is a high priority.

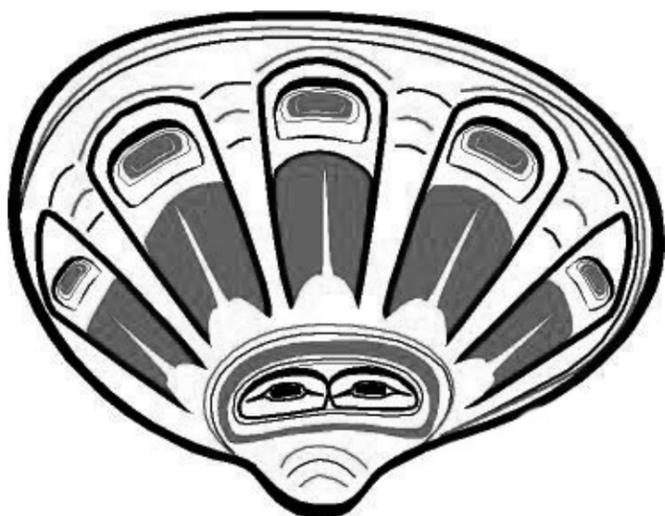
The Lummi Hatchery Protection Task Force will continue silheng kwenkwem (standing strong) and to fight for an abundance of fish to harvest so that our treaty rights are meaningful. By protecting and maximizing our hatcheries, we are working to ensure that our community – through the 7th generation – will be able to practice our Schelangen.

(Natural Resources continued)

- Middle School and High School students participated in the spring tangle net fishery.
- High School students were visited by tribal elders and council representatives to learn first-hand of the work Lummi has done to secure and protect Treaty Rights and the Nation’s Sovereignty in the past

and present.

At each of these activities, elders were on hand to speak to the youth and impart important stories and teachings. For the upcoming 2016-17 school year, we will continue to implement and expand these activities to provide a culturally based, scientifically sound (and fun!) Education curriculum in natural resources for the next generation of Lummi leaders.



COMMODOUS AND DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM PRESENTS...

AN 8-LESSON FOOD EXPERIENCE

You will learn about...

- Healthy eating and cooking for less
- Saving money at the grocery store
- Keeping food safe
- Being active



You will receive tasty food samples, nutrition information, recipes, and...

- Produce brush
- Grocery shopping list
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Food thermometer

Commods Squad Cooking Class

When?

Every Tuesday
June 28-August 23rd
10:30-12:00
Commodity Foods

Please join us

Monica Sulier, Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist
380-6936

Tina Julius/Verna Point
380-6958

Lummi Transit

(Planning and Public Works Department)

Submitted by: Matthew Jensen, Transit Manager/
Transportation Planner

Summer is here, so come ride with us in July and get out of the sun. In May, Lummi Transit provided 3,619 passengers a ride or averaged 117 passengers a day. Lummi Transit traveled 7,175 miles in and around the Lummi Nation during the month of May. We strive to offer a quality service to everyone in the community, and hope that our passengers agree.

During the month June Lummi Transit is welcoming additional faces to its team as On-Call Temporary Transit Operators during the summer. So say hi to Matt Ballew, Karen Miller, and Alva Victor as they help to keep Lummi Transit operating.

On the Topic if Safety:

The rate of Native American People dying in Washington because they aren't using their seat

belts is 7 times higher than everyone else in the State.

- Seat belts save lives. Among drivers and front seat passengers, seat belts reduce the risk of death by 45% and cut the risk of serious injury by 50%.
- Seat belts prevent drivers and passengers from being ejected during a car crash. Passengers who are not wearing their seat belts are 30 times more likely to be ejected from a vehicle during a crash.
- More than 3 out of 4 people who are ejected during a crash die from their injuries.

Buckle up even if you are just driving a short distance.



Blessing of the Fleet
Sunday
July 17, 2016

The Blessing of the Fleet will commence at the Fishermen's Cove following the 11:00 am work being done at the Cemetery.

After the Blessing, Commodity Foods will be hosting lunch at their building. All are welcome. This is a community event to bless and protect our fishermen as they journey into the upcoming fishing season!

Lummi TOTS2Tweens Study

Lummi Site PARTICIPANTS NEEDED Child between the ages of 11-12 (or was still 12 on December 31, 2015)

Parent of 11-12 year olds who are willing to take a 10 minute questionnaire will be provided a \$20 Winco gift card.

Child who completes the quick 15 minute dental screening will receive two pairs of Nike Elite socks and a water bottle.



Tam Lutz at 971 322 6385; Toddler Obesity and Tooth Decay Study investigator.
Cathy Ballew, Lummi site coordinator, cballew@stu.nwic.edu



Northwest Portland Area
Indian Health Board
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

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CTER • TERO Conference

SAVE THE DATE: August 1 - 3

Hosted by Lummi
Nation and the Pacific
Northwest Region at the
Silver Reef Hotel Casino
and Spa, Ferndale,
Washington, August
1-3. DRAFT Agenda and
Registration info now
posted.

Dislocated Fishers

Dislocated Fishers Project received a new grant and has been open for services since April, 2016. We are excited to report that as of April we have served more than 25 fishers and shellfish harvesters by assisting with job placement through work experience opportunities, short term training in diving certification, permanent job placement in construction trades, and assistance with professional work gear and tools. In order to best serve our people we partner and coordinate services with other support service providers. In doing so, we have been able to help participants work toward obtaining their GED, complete Career Inventory workshops, participate

in one-day trainings, and learn about the job force industry and the kinds of jobs available in their area of interest. We are also working hard to create and maintain strong relationships with local employers in order to open doors for our people to gain full-time employment.

We are currently accepting new applicants who meet the new criteria for participation.

- You must be a Lummi tribal member who is 18 yrs of age,
- You must have a 2015/2016 fishing ID
- You must be a FIRST TIME participant
- You must be willing

to participate in a training program to prepare for the workforce

- You must NOT be gainfully employed or engaged in a wage paying activity

The following employers have job openings and are hiring with little or no experience and offer paid training for positions that require knowledge and experience:

Zodiac Aerospace: Manufacture Labor positions. They offer a 2 week paid training period, flexible to work days, swing, and weekend shifts, starting pay is \$11.00 hr.

Bellingham Cold Storage: Fork Lift Drivers. They

offer on the job training, opportunity to join Teamster Union, starting wage is \$13.38 with overtime hours available.

Home Port Seafoods: Production/Manufacture positions: for more information please see Dislocated Fishers Project.

Radar Farms: Harvest Production Workers. They offer on the job training, starting wage of \$11.00hr, shift work, benefit package.

For more information on these jobs and any other employment services, please make an appointment at Dislocated Fishers Project by calling 360-312-2391 today.

Youth Build Update:

We are still recruiting youth between the ages of 16-24 to participate in the 2016/2017 Youth Build program. The grant will be submitted before July 6th with notification of funding given in September, 2016. Once the grant is received, start up will begin in October. If you have someone at home or know of anyone in this age group who left high school without a diploma and would like to get their GED, participate in hands-on construction trade training, and gain leadership skills, please contact Kathy Pierre or Vanessa Cooper at 360-312-2391 for more information.

News from the TERO Office

“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 ap-

plication can be filled out in our office or online at www.lummitero.org.

Temp Services:

Starting January 2016 we will be only referring flaggers through our TEMP Service. For any other positions the contractors will be asked to put our clients on their payroll. This means you will need to follow any guidelines asked of you to be hired with the company. If you are interested in getting on our TEMP Service contact Teresa Ray.

Qualifications

- Be available on short notice and have work 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 up-

dated 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.

2016 Projects:

Turkey Shoot Development (Started August 2015)

Housing Administration Building (started 2015)

Bus Wash

Finishing Up

MBR Plant

(Started January 2016)

Kwina Road Improvements

SRC Parking Expansion

Future Projects:

Gooseberry Sidewalk

Gas Station on I-5

Re-License Program:

NOTICE: FOR 2016 WE

WILL NOT BE ASSISTING WITH 2ND TIME HELP! WE ALSO DO NOT HELP WITH CAR REPAIRS (INCLUDES TIRES)! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE OFFICE.

This program is for enrolled Lummi Tribal Members only. We will assist one time, 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.

Contacting TERO Staff & Commission

Direct Line: 360-312-2245

Fax Number: 360-380-6990

Website: www.lummitero.org

TERO Staff

Ron Finkbonner Sr, Director ext. 2383

Rachel Phair, Compliance Officer ext. 2344

Alisha Pierre, Relicense Coordinator/Administrative Assistant ext. 2330

Teresa Ray Sanders Intake Specialist/Dispatcher ext. 2245

TERO Commissioners

Kathy Pierre, Chair

Andrea Johnson - Vice Chair

Clint Cagey - Member

Penny Carol Hillaire - Member

Jim Scott Sr. - Member

Steven Toby, Council Rep.

Darcilynn Bob, HR Rep.

Meeting are held every 3rd Thursday of the month. Come meet the TERO Commissioners!

**Elders
Birthday
Lunch
July 21st**

**Elders
SRC
Lunch
August 9th**

**Elders
Birthday
Lunch
August 18th**

Community Updates

Entrepreneurship Spotlight: Joel Ridley Sr. & Norbert "Norb" James Sr.

Written By: Lummi Economic Development Division

Joel Ridley Sr. and Norbert "Norb" James Sr. are Lummi Tribal Members and are also owners of Grade A Sealcoat and Striping. Joel, along with Norb, started their business by obtaining a business loan from the Lummi Community Development Financial Institute (Lummi CDFI). As their business grew, they had to hire on staff to meet the needs of their customers.

Grade A Sealcoat and Striping, founding in February 2016, is an asphalt maintenance business that provides the following services: cleaning, crack filling, painting, sealcoating and striping of asphalt surfaces. About 90 percent of Grade A Sealcoat and Striping's work has been done on the Lummi Reservation; however, Joel mentioned that, "we are looking forward to expanding our business to the rest of Washington State, including other reservations."

Prior to their peak season of doing business, Grade A Sealcoat and Striping received a loan from Lummi CDFI to buy their tools, equipment and work truck. Joel states, "Our business has been growing so fast from the get go." Joel and Norb had mentioned that they had only dreamed about starting their own business. For example, Joel stated, "We had started our business, and now our children are excited and wanting to do what we are doing." After receiving the loan, Joel and Norb are able to increase their productivity and quality of work.

The peak season for Grade A Sealcoat and Striping is from April/May through August/Septem-



Left to right is: Joel Ridley Sr. Joel Ridley Jr. and Curtis Swensen.

ber. Joel and Norb have expressed many goals. For example, their long-term goal is to "Grow our operations so that we can have work throughout the state and other reservations to preserve the asphalt while saving our customers money." They also suggested that "We want to grow into other specialties, including laying the asphalt and concrete; to provide jobs to tribal members; and provide Grade A services and quality work." Another goal is that Joel and Norb want to build a regular customer base so they can consistently provide their services. As we are well into spring and summer, now is the perfect time to contact Grade A Sealcoat and Striping for some cleaning, sealcoating and striping of asphalt surfaces.

The advice that Joel has for upcoming entrepreneurs is to "have a dream, and go for it, put in the time, sacrifice, and work to achieve those dreams. You will not believe what life can be, once you have achieved your dreams." Joel and Norb suggest that upcoming entrepreneurs should "know every angle of their business and have a business plan." The last

bit of advice from Joel and Norb is "Don't sit there and say 'what if' get out there, start your business and achieve your dreams. As a business owner you never know whether or not if a person you meet is going to be a new customer or someone who can help build your business. It is important to treat all people with respect.

If you are interested in learning more about Grade A Sealcoat and Striping, Contact:

Joel Ridley Sr. Phone: (360) 746-5442 Email: gradeasealcoat@gmail.com

Or find and like on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/GRADE-A-SEALCOAT-STRIPPING-LLC-2040505322841567/>

You may be an entrepreneur and do not realize it. All you need is something that will light that spark within you to own and grow

your small business. Think about how you can turn your hobby, idea, or passion into a profitable small business. If you don't know where or how to start, start by contacting the following resources that Lummi Nation provides: Lummi Ventures Program, Lummi Economic Development Department, Northwest Indian College Small Business Center, and Lummi CDFI.

Studies have shown that the number one way that people get themselves out of poverty is through micro-enterprises, which is basically starting their own small business by selling products they either purchase and re-sell or make with their own two hands. Micro-businesses can be started on your free time, away from your normal job, to subsidize your current income and possibly grow to a full-time profitable job for yourself and your family members.





Opportunity Council

Puget Sound Energy's Home Energy Lifeline Program (H.E.L.P.)

You may be eligible to receive help with your PSE electric bill. The H.E.L.P. program provides a one-time payment based on income, household size, and electric usage. The payment goes directly to your PSE account. This program is available to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) customers. If you have already received federal winter energy assistance (LIHEAP) this year, you can still apply for the PSE HELP program.

Opportunity Council is coming to Lummi Tribe for a Special Two-Day Outreach event for PSE HELP and will be taking applications on a walk-in basis!

When: Thursdays, July 21st and July 28th
Time: 9am-4pm (last client seen before 3:30pm)
Where: Lummi Commodities Office
 2830 Kwina Rd, Bldg Z-5

Please arrive prepared with following documentation:

- **Valid Photo ID** – for the person who will be signing the application. Government Issued IDs & Tribal IDs are acceptable. Cannot be expired!
- **Social Security cards for everyone in the home 18 years of age or older.** If a card is missing, bring W-2 form, pay stub, tax return, military or school records, or other official document with your full name and your Social Security Number.
- **Your most recent Puget Sound Energy bill**
Bring your PSE electric bill for your current address.
- **Proof of income received by all household members for April, May, and June**
Verification of all types of income must be provided for every member of the household. We count income in the month you actually receive it, which may be different from the month you earned it.

To qualify, your average household monthly income must be at or below the following guidelines:

HH Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	HH+1
Income limit	\$1471	\$1991	\$2511	\$2817	\$3046	\$3393	\$3826	\$4259	\$4693	\$5126	\$5559	\$5993	+\$433

Please arrive early, as clients will be seen on a first come, first served basis.
 All other dates are by appointment only at the Opportunity Council.
 For more information or to schedule a non-outreach or telephone appointment, please call (360) 255-2192.

Community Updates

Noon Walk June 16th



WA State Agriculture Committee

June 14, 2016



August Squol Quol Deadline
Wednesday, July 20th at 4:30 pm

Records and Archives

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.

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 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.

Well today is the first official day of Summer and it looks like the typical overcast first day of Summer. Stomach has come and gone for another year with a lot of memories captured. Headstart, Lummi Tribal School and NWIC College, and all outside school districts have all held their graduation ceremonies. Sports teams we ask that you bring a picture of your sports team into Archives so we can scan it and preserve for future generations. Graduation pictures and announcements if you have extras we would also ask for those too so we can

preserve for future generations. Now we will gear up for the Canoe Journey in July. We also ask you to submit pictures of your canoe families to Archives. Remember it is your children's children that we are making history for.

The numbers for May & June 2016 are as follows:

- 19- resolution scanned and certified 72 YTD
- 19- Resolution added to H:drive for electronic access
- 61-file requests from various departments 288 YTD
- 0 file requests from Behavioral Health
- 1 file requests from Child Support
- 1 file request from the Clinic
- 56 file request from Courts
- 0 Family Services
- 1 file requests from HR
- 0 file requests from Planning
- 0 file request from Prosecutors
- 1 file request from Public Defender
- 1 file request from Tribal School
- 2 file requests from ICW
- 51 files returned 230 YTD
- 0 file returned from
- the Behavioral Health
- 1 file returned from the Child Support
- 63 files returned from the Courts
- 3 file returned from LHA
- 2 files returned from HR
- 0 file return from law & order
- 0 files returned from Prosecutor
- 0 file return from Public Defender
- 0 files returned from Tribal School
- 26 boxes Accessioned 94 YTD
- 18 cubic feet from Clinic
- 8 cubic feet from Public Defenders Office
- 0 cubic feet from Tribal School
- 0 Records Coordinator Training
- 0 Departmental Disposal Authorizations 5 YTD
- 0 boxes (cubic feet) from Human Resources
- oboxes of Deceased Patient files
- 0 boxes from Communications
- oboxes from LHA
- 0 boxes from LITE (28 boxes complete)
- Planning picked up
- their boxes to review themselves
- Children Services picked up their boxes to review and scan themselves
- 0 pages scanned from BH files 44,665 YTD
- 191 Boxes have been prepped, scanned & verified

This project is complete just waiting for BH to do their verifying now

- 0 documents/0 pages scanned from Fisheries 3,621 YTD
- 1 book on Electronic Inventory almost complete we are working on cover pages and divider pages and then it will be ready for printing
- 1 History of Resolutions book almost complete, we are working on cover and divider pages and then it will be ready for print. I will provide total numbers for these two projects in my next report.
- 0 documents/0 pages scanned from LITE 20 YTD/ 1,377 YTD

We have put a hold on LITE scanning until BH Project is complete.

- 6 Archival Requests for tapes being converted 9 YTD
- *Oliver Wells Collection being converted by Cultural/tapes 1-10 are complete*
- 0 ORA packet for accession (14 codes and trust land Packet) 1 YTD
- 0 Family Archival Accession-photo 1 YTD

Department: Records & Archives

Director: Janice "Honetia" Jefferson (312-2059) janicej@lummi-nsn.gov

Staff: 4 FTE Lummi Tribal members (100%)

Staff: Wilfred LaClair Jr., Records Tech II Supervisor (312-2060)

Daniel Neil, Records Tech II (312-2062)

Nicky J Bob, Records Tech

Contact Information: 2665 Kwina Road - N-1500

Bellingham, WA 98226

Dept. Divisions: Archives & Records Management

All pages have been scanned and we are waiting to review with owner

6 Funeral books competed

18 YTD

14 Lummi tribal members

4 Other tribal

100-0160 Budget

39.65% spent \$82,778.06 out of \$208,753

150-0160 Budget

31.80% spent \$25,236.29 out of \$79,361

158-0160 Publications

Budget 0% out of \$5,568

We attended the following meetings this month:

2 HR Policy meetings

1 Director's Meeting

3 Head of Household Meetings

Safety Committee (no safety committee meetings held this year)

Lummi Higher Education

By Renee Swan Waite

Congratulations to the following Lummi Higher Education recipients attending Northwest Indian College and graduating with a 4-year degree:

Bachelor of Science, Native Environmental Science

Lisa Cook

Bachelor of Arts, Native Studies Leadership

Autumn Brown
Ray Charles, Senior
Brandon Morris
Destiny Petroske, accepted into The Evergreen State College, MPA Program
Karen Williams

Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business Management

Francis Jefferson, III
Jessica Phair
Carlene Toby

Bachelor of Arts, Community Advocates and Responsive Education in Human Services

Alexis Ballew, accepted into the University of Washington Master's in Social Work Program

Merisa Jones, accepted into The Evergreen State College, MPA Program

Vanessa Taubenheim

The following Lummi Higher Education Recipients earned an Associate of Arts degree:

General Direct Transfer

Alissa Ballew
Hillary Cagey

Victoria Cisneros
Mariah Dodd
Julie Finkbonner
Troy George
Theresa George-Greene
Crystal Lawrence
Michael Peters
Reyna Raymundo
Nicole Revey
Sarah Scott
Kathleen Solomon
Julie Torres
Judy Warbus

Native Environmental Science

Olivia Hamilton

Associate of Technical Arts Chemical Dependency Studies

Marie Washington
Althea Wilson

Information Technology

Christian Cultee



Community Updates

Planning Department Updates

Demo of the Old Care Facility - Henry Misanes contractor (Including adjacent YES Facilities, Daycare & Guard Shack) at 2530 Kwina Rd. Bellingham WA. Pre-construction

was held 7/13/16, mobilization week of 7/18, Construction to begin 7/25

Demo of the former HR building - Colacurcio Brothers contractor Pre-construction scheduled for 7/20, construction to follow.

Planning/Design/Construction of improvements to the JOM modular building Issuing RFP week of 7/18

Kwina Road Pedestrian Improvements awarded to Strider Construction funding from WSDOT Pedestrian/Bike Grant and BIA Transportation Grant. Construction to begin 7/25

Kwina Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase II in design and scheduled for construction this summer,

projected mid to late August start date. This project will tie to the existing project at the Kwina apartments and continue through to Lummi Shore Drive.

Gooseberry Point Pedestrian Improvements pending award funding from WSDOT Pedestrian/Bike Grant and BIA Transportation Grant. Currently out to bid, closing date of bid 7/27

Fitness Center awarded to Lummi Nation Construction Company with projected start date end of July.

Smuggler's Slough Culvert Replacement in conjunction with Natural Resources expected start date August 2016. Currently negotiating with low bidder. Project is over budget as bid.

Commodity Foods - Kitchen Upgrades & Freezer remodel Freezer to be awarded to Smith Mechanical, RFP for kitchen remodel to be posted 7/21

Youth Wellness - Surveillance Camera equipment installation

Stommish Underground Lighting Improvements completed by Lummi Nation Construction Company.

Stommish Playground Equipment purchase in conjunction with the Stommish Community. Equipment funded by Puget Sound Energy. Playground is complete.

Bus Wash is almost 98% complete. Grand opening scheduled for end of July

Lummi Tribal Water & Sewer MBR is on time and on budget with completion date of approximately 1st quarter 2017. Construction by Lummi Nation Construction Company.

Ferndale Road Fireworks site improvements completed by Lummi Nation Construction Company ... with continued clean up

Implementation of Lummi Police department's Records Management System and Washington State Patrol's SECTOR, data-collection system, providing Officers the ability to create and submit tickets & collision reports electronically.

Te'Ti'Sen New Signage RFP closed, award to The Sign Post.

PW submitted a grant to WSDOT Bike/Ped program this year for the Smokehouse Sidewalk.

Lummi Shore Road - Kwina To Scott received 615k in grant funds to complete this project from the WSDOT Bike/Ped program. Construction is scheduled for summer 2017.

Elders Birthday Lunch June 23rd



Nutrition Ed Grand Finale June 1st



Community Breakfast

Sunday 9^{AM} - 11^{AM}

July 31, 2016

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Subject to change Follow Lummi Communications for any changes or updates

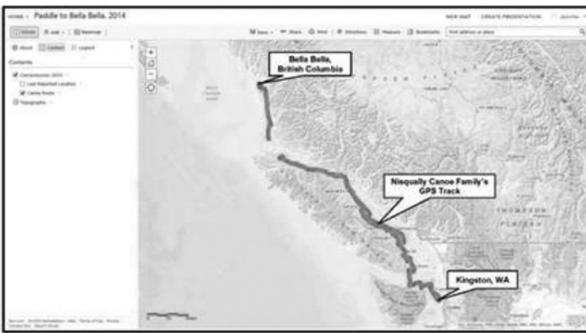
Paddle to Nisqually

Canoe Journey 2016 – Paddle to Nisqually Live Canoe Tracking Instructions

The Nisqually Tribe will be supporting the GPS tracking of canoes during this year's journey.

Please contact Jennifer Cutler at cutler.jennifer@nisqually-nsn.gov or 360-456-5221 x2139 by March 1st if you want to participate.

- We'll be using the Delorme inReach GPS devices that have been used for the canoe tracking the past two years. If you already have one of the devices, you will need to have an account set up with DeLorme and cover the monthly airtime charge (less than \$150).



- These easy to use devices emit a signal every 10 minutes that relay your location to a web map that your support team, family and friends can view on their smart phones, tablets or computers.

- All you have to do on the water is turn the device on and keep the batteries charged.

- The devices also have an SOS feature that is monitored 24/7 by emergency responders. Pressing the SOS button sends your location and a distress call to the nearest search & rescue.
- If you don't already have an inReach device, they can be purchased from DeLorme for \$299 plus the monthly airtime and activation (less than \$150). Canoes that are travelling together may want to just purchase one device and carry it on a support boat.
- Once you let us know that you want to participate, we will provide more information on what device and monthly airtime plan to purchase from DeLorme and will provide training on how to use the devices.
- When you have your device and your account is set up with DeLorme, we will work with you to direct the signal from your device to our GIS server so your canoe's location can be displayed on the map.

Canoe Journey Events

June 26th-Sept. 2nd Nisqually & the Tribal Canoe Journeys 20 Years of Photos

This event is open to Nisqually Tribal Members, Tribal Community and Public.

July 13th - Volunteer Orientation (Weekday)

This event is open to Canoe Journey Volunteers.

July 16th - Volunteer Orientation (Weekend)

This event is open to Canoe Journey Volunteers.

July 20th - Volunteer Orientation (Weekday)

This event is open to Canoe Journey Volunteers.

July 30th - Port of Olympia Landing

July 31st - Medicine Creek Treaty Ceremony

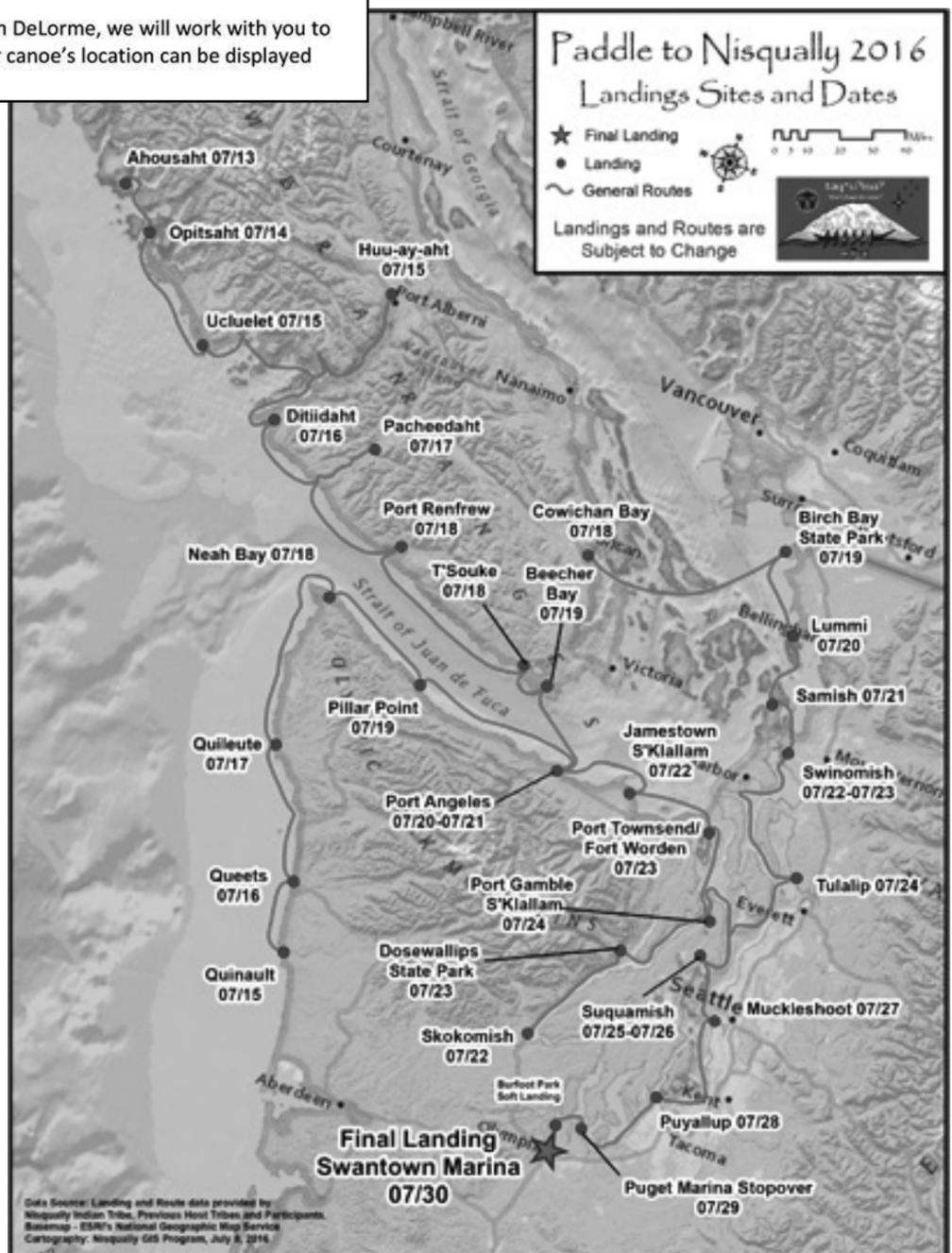
August 1 Nisqually Wave of Wellness (WOW)

This event is open to Nisqually Tribal Members, Tribal Community and Employees.

August 1st-6th - Protocol

Canoe Journey Heritage

The Nisqually Tribe has participated in the annual Canoe Journeys since 1994 and has used the Canoe Journeys to strengthen its culture, its community, and its families. Historical cultural practices, from carving techniques to gifting ceremonies, cedar weaving to regalia making, have been revived and rediscovered, while songs have resurfaced to be shared at Journey's end. The Tribe's pride of place and history are once again enriching the lives of young and old alike. The Nisqually Canoe family has learned and taught many of the older skills, and these practices are once again taken up by tribal community members.



Community Updates

2016 War Canoe Race Schedule

Month	Days	Race	Location
June	4 - 5	Cultas Lake Water Festival	Chilliwack, BC
	10 - 12	Stommish Water Festival	Lummi, WA
	18 - 19	Sasquatch Festival	Scowlitz, BC
	17 - 19	Cowichan Days	Duncan, Vancouver Island, BC
	25 - 26	Sasquatch Days	Harrison Hot Springs, BC
July	2 - 3	Ambleside	Ambleside Park, Vancouver, BC
	9 - 10	Whey A Wichen	Cates Park, Vancouver, BC
	16 - 17	Tulalip	Tulalip, WA
	23 - 24	Stz'uminus Bay	Chemainus, Vancouver Island
	29 - 31	Tsawout	East Saanich, Vancouver Island
	6 - 7	Tsartlip	West Saanich, Vancouver Island
August	13 - 14	Swinomish Days	Swinomish, WA
	13 - 14	Songhees	Songhees, Vancouver Island
	20 - 21	Chief Seattle Days	Suquamish, WA
	26 - 28	Makah Days	Neah Bay, WA



Blossomtime Parade May 28th



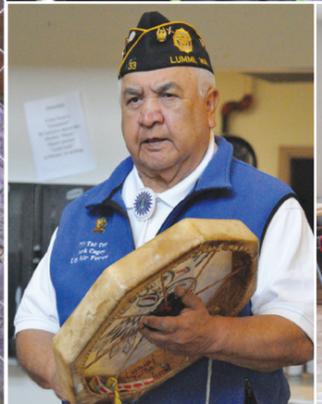


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Lummi Nation June 9



Stommish Water Festival

9 - 12, 2016



Whatcom Museum Celebrates 75 Years of Art, Nature, and History at Free Open House Event

For Immediate Release: Bellingham, WA, Wednesday, July 13, 2016—The Whatcom Museum celebrates 75 years of bringing art, nature, and history to Bellingham with an open house celebration on Thursday, August 11, 2016. All three buildings on the Museum's campus—the Lightcatcher Building, Old City Hall, and Syre Education Center—will be open, free of charge, noon-8pm. The celebration, sponsored by Peoples Bank, will include a variety of activities, including exhibition and building tours, art activities for adults and children, live music in the Lightcatcher and Old City Hall, a sidewalk chalk art contest, food trucks, cake, and more! Mayor Kelli Linville will make welcoming remarks at the Lightcatcher courtyard at 3pm. The Museum invites the community to celebrate its history, and welcome the next 75 years of community engagement together.

"The Whatcom Museum

is proud to celebrate this milestone anniversary," said Executive Director Patricia Leach. "We are committed to continuing the legacy of providing art and history to the community."

The Museum will also highlight newly designed history exhibits in Old City Hall. Using items from the Museum's collection and extensive photographic archives, these exhibits will tell the stories of Bellingham. Old City Hall will come alive through an orientation theater that will take visitors on an audio-visual journey spanning the building's 124-year history, as well as the city's early civic and political evolution. A new maritime history gallery featuring Bellingham's waterfront will give an overview of Bellingham Bay's history, from early steam ships, to fisheries, to notable schooners that sailed the bay.

"We've been working hard with a team of staff to prepare stories and items from our collection for

these new history exhibits," Leach said, "which we look forward to debuting at our celebration event."

The Whatcom Museum began as a way of saving Bellingham's vacant and decaying Old City Hall building, built in 1892. It first opened its doors as the Bellingham Public Museum on Jan. 23, 1941. The first exhibits consisted of historical items and curios on loan from community members. John M. Edson, the Museum's founder, was an eminent ornithologist. The hundreds of taxidermy birds that Edson collected were part of the Museum's original displays in 1941, which can still be seen today in the Syre Education Center.

Attendance that first year was 5,166, but the Museum had to close for most of the next two years due to a lack of funds during World War II. In 1944, a public vote made the Bellingham Public Museum a City department.

On December 10, 1962,

an electrical fire in Old City Hall destroyed the clock tower and much of the roof. This led to a twelve-year effort to fully restore the museum building that was crowned by replacement of the tower in 1974.

Through the years, the Whatcom Museum has grown and evolved to meet the interests of a changing community. From the opening of the Lightcatcher building in 2009 to the ongoing expansion of collections and programs, the Museum has continued to provide innovative and interactive educational programs and exhibitions to the community.

More than 5,000 visitors signed the first museum guestbook in 1941. Now, 75 years and a few name changes later, the Whatcom Museum has grown into the cultural center of downtown Bellingham. Its iconic buildings, first-class exhibitions, extensive collection, and varied educational programs serve more than 70,000 people each year.

For more information about the Whatcom Museum's 75th Anniversary Open House Celebration, including a schedule of events, visit www.whatcommuseum.org/75ann.

The Whatcom Museum's three building campus includes the Lightcatcher Building, 250 Flora Street, Old City Hall, 121 Prospect Street, and the Syre Education Center, 201 Prospect Street. For additional information about the Museum's hours, admission, membership, and offerings, visit www.whatcommuseum.org.

Christina Claassen
Marketing & Public Relations Manager
Whatcom Museum
121 Prospect St
Bellingham, WA 98225
Phone: 360-778-8936
Email: cmclaassen@cob.org
www.whatcommuseum.org
My incoming and outgoing email messages are subject to public disclosure requirements per RCW 42.56

75th Anniversary Celebration & Open House

Thursday, August 11, Noon - 8 Pm; Free

Lightcatcher, Old City Hall, & Syre Education Center

Join us in celebrating 75 years of bringing art, history, and nature to the community at our summer party and open house. All three of our buildings will be open for visitors to explore for FREE! From kids' art projects, to gallery and Old City Hall tours, to food trucks, cake, and live music, we're going to celebrate in a big way!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

General Activities

Noon - 5pm: Coloring contest (coloring sheets available at the Lightcatcher)

Noon - 6pm: Sidewalk Chalk Art contest on south side of Flora St. (Between Grand Ave. & Prospect St.)

Noon - 8pm: Self-led scavenger hunts in all three buildings

Lightcatcher Building, 250 Flora Street

11am - 2pm: Courtyard Studio activities for kids

Noon - 7:30pm: Family Interactive Gallery (FIG) art activities for all ages

1pm - 3pm: Clearbrook Dixie Band performing in the courtyard

1:30pm - 2:15pm: Docent tour of Colorfast: Vivid Installations Make Their Mark

3pm: Welcome by Mayor Kelli Linville, followed by free cake and popcorn (first-come, first-served)

5 - 7pm: Swing Connection Big Band performing in the courtyard

5:30 - 6:30pm: Curator tour of Just Women, with Curator of Art, Barbara Matilsky

6:30 - 7:15pm: Docent tour of Colorfast: Vivid Installations Make Their Mark

7pm: Chalk art & coloring contest award ceremony in the courtyard

Old City Hall, 121 Prospect Street

Noon - 7pm: Cubano Cubano and Simmering Tava food trucks in front of Old City Hall

1:30 - 2pm: Student music performance in the Rotunda Room

2 - 3pm: The Bellingham Community Band Ensemble performing in front of Old City Hall

2:30 - 3pm: Student music performance in the Rotunda Room

4:30 - 5:30pm: Curator tour of Nostalgic Saturation: Mid-Century Bellingham in Historic Color, with Photo Archivist, Jeff Jewell

7 - 7:30pm: Student music performance in the Rotunda Room

Syre Education Center, 201 Prospect Street

Noon - 7pm: Photo Archives open

3 - 4pm: Paul Woodcock, North Cascades Audubon Society, discusses history of the bird collection, and founding director John Edson

6 - 8pm: Local North Cascades Audubon Society member and birder Sue Parrott will be available to answer questions and provide resources

TAG US ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, & INSTAGRAM: Tag your photos and posts on social media #WM75ann.



President Signs Indian Trust Asset Management Reform Act Into Law

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NCAI to Hold Special Session to Discuss Implementation Tuesday, June 28 at the NCAI Mid Year Conference in Spokane, WA

Washington DC - Today, in a major step forward in tribal self-determination over trust land management, President Obama signed H.R. 812, the Indian Trust Asset Management Reform Act. The Act establishes an Indian trust asset Demonstration Project, in addition to other provisions empowering tribes to better manage their own trust assets.

The primary feature of the new law is a Demonstration

Project that empowers tribes to develop plans for trust asset management with tribal objectives and priorities. The tribal plan and regulations, when approved by the Secretary of the Interior, can authorize the tribe to engage in surface leasing, forest management, and appraisals without any further approval of the Secretary.

The new law also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to create the position of Under Secretary for Indian Affairs to supervise and coordinate trust functions that are now separate in the OST, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other divisions of Interior. Further, the Secretary of the Interior is required to

consult with tribes and develop a plan for the future of the OST.

"Tribal leaders want to move to a system focused on tribal self-determination and economic opportunities," stated NCAI President Brian Cladoosby. "This Act allows for tribes to have greater control over decision making and furthers tribal self-governance. It is a significant milestone for the modernization of the trust relationship between the federal government and tribal nations."

On behalf of Indian Country, NCAI would like to thank Representatives Mike Simpson (R-ID), Denny Heck (D-WA) as well as Representatives Cole,

Kilmer, DelBene, Labrador, Reichert, McMorris Rodgers, Pocan, Jones, Gosar, and Newhouse. In the Senate, we would like to thank Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID), who sponsored the Senate mirror bill, Senator James Risch (R-ID), Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), and the entire Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

NCAI will hold a special session at the Mid Year Conference next week in Spokane, Washington. This breakout will take place Tuesday, June 28 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm in the Spokane Convention Center - view the agenda here. The discussion will be led by Vice Chairman Ernie Stensgar of the Coeur D'Alene Tribe,

who has been in the forefront on the legislation for many years. In addition to the new law, this session will address other areas of the trust reform effort, including Department of the Interior's new Rights-of-Way Regulations; an update on the Land Buy-Back Program; Interior's goal of place 500,000 acres in trust; and discussion with Office of the Special Trustee.

For more information, please contact John Dossett, General Counsel, jdossett@ncai.org; or Colby Duren, Staff Attorney, cduren@ncai.org.

June 22, 2016
CONTACT
ncaipress@ncai.org

2016 Paddle to Nisqually

Canoe Landings:

Blaine

July 19

Lummi

July 20

Stommish Grounds

Departing: July 21 • 5:30 am

Volunteers needed contact Cynthia Wilson 360-310-2000

Food boxes will be prepared and given to each canoe family

**Sponsors: Lummi Commercial Company • Commods • Cultural Department
• Behavioral Health • Communications • Silver Reef Hotel Spa Casino**

Kwina Family Cinema

Family and Friends invited

Friday, July 15 - *A League of Their Own*

Friday, August 5 - *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

Friday, July 22 - *Jungle Book*

Friday, August 12 - *Kung Fu Panda 3*

Friday, July 29 - *Lion King*

Friday, August 19 - *Little Rascals*

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

Greetings from the Lummi Tribal Court:

You have been randomly selected to be a Juror for the Lummi Tribal Court for July and August 2016 Jury Duty.

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 a Juror questionnaire and return it to the Tribal Court 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.

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):
July 21, 2016 @ 8:00AM
August 4, 2016 @ 8:00AM
August 18, 2016 @ 8:00AM
PLACE:
LUMMI TRIBAL COURT
2665 Kwina Rd
Bellingham, WA 98226

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL SCHEDULED TRIALS DO NOT PRO-

CEED, 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 July & August is alphabetized by your LAST NAME! Thank you!!!

Ackley, Janice Irene	Garcia, Jeremy David	Jefferson, Charles William	Legarde, Bernard Amos	Scarborough, Leo Lane
Alexander, Francis William	George, Brian Christopher	Jefferson, Alan Patrick	Lewis, Kimberly Ann	Scott, Celestina Elizabeth
Alvarez, Angel Mary	George, Cody Alexander	Jefferson Starla Ann	Little, Osceola Lawrence	Scott, John Aarold
Ballew, Jacqueline Marie	Greene, John Nathan II	Joe Laurie Louise	Long, Chai Kendalin	Scott, Paul David Jr.
Ballew, James Daniel	Gunnels, Thomas James	Johnson, Vernon Victor Sr.	Loyd, Bradley Ryan	Scott, Ralph Richard Jr.
Ballew, Rayleen Jo	Hanks, Ed Laverne	Johnson, Jodean Marie	Mamac, Joseph Zachary	Shanburn, Jeremiah John Sr.
Ballew, Waylon Joseph	Harper, Adam Brice	Johnson, Melvin Charles	Marquez, Antonio Evan R.	Siam 'El Wit
Ballew, Raymond Matthew	Hillaire, Elden David	Joseph, Aaron Charles Issac	Martin, Josephine A.	Silva, Milese Rose
Bellefeuille, Josephine Ann	Hillaire, Kendall Mark	Joseph, Leroy Charley	Martin, Margaret A.	Simmonds, Toshi Dawn
Bob, Johnnie Douglas	Hillaire, Mary Christine	Juarez, Barbara Arlene	Martin Marie, Tasheena Lee	Smith, Rachael Ann
Bob, Robert Dale Jr.	Hillaire, Bernie Allen	Jules, Prancing Bear Jerome James	Matthiesen, Anna Jean	Soliz, Sharon Grace
Bob, Russell Allen	Hillaire, Carla Rae	Julius, Elsie Marie	Mckinley, Kristopher Harold Bo	Solomon, Mitchell Scott
Boome, Ruby Louise	Hillaire, David James	Kamkoff, Alexander Felix	Mclean, Milton Neal	Solomon, Nathan Philip
Brockie, Jason Darnell	Hillaire, Priscilla Deeann	Kelly, Kevin Alvin	Misanes, Ryan Inauncio	Solomon, Ramon Aaron
Bunton, Shirley A.	Hillaire, Richard Raymond Jr.	Kiely, Leta Dixon	Misanes, Vincent Leroy Jr.	Solomon, James Michael Sr.
Bunton, Wildena Lorraine	Hillaire, Sarah Marie	Kinley, Mary Jo	Morris, Ramona Elizabeth	Solomon, Bobbie Sue
Cadiente, Richard Ludivico Sr.	Hillaire, Taylor David	Kinley, Randolph James Jr.	Morris, Brandon Ray	Solomon, Brenda Caron
Cagey, Curtis Martin	Holmes, Jan Marie	Kinley, Rebecca Rose	Morris, Cheri Rose	Solomon, Stephanie Sue
Charlot, Stephen Armond	Horne, Ralph Edward	Kinley, Scott Levene	Noland, Dana Lee Marie	Stanley - Hillaire, Renae Deann
Cooke, Donna Mae	Hoskins, Hank William	Kinley, Sharon Rose	Oldham, Nicholis Lee	Sutton, Donald Clinton
Cooke, Tony Gean	Humphreys, Althea Amonda	Laclair, Raymond Francis Sr.	Olsen, Darren Ray Sr.	Tait, Candice Joyce
Cooper, Rachel Amy	Jackson, Patricia Simone	Lane, Ernest Oscar III	Owings, Ramona D.	Taldo, Star Lynn
Cultee, Casie Rae	James, Darvine Anthony	Lane, Michael Sean	Parrott, Tony Dee	Toby, Latisha Nicole
Dodd, Mariah Jamie	James, Denise Gail	Lane, Patrick Dana	Peters, Michael A.	Tom, Jesse Newton
Druckrey, Danya Lea	James, Ariel Libby	Lane, Merrilee Sharon	Phair, Clarence Steven	Washington, Vendean James Jr.
Edwards, Richard Erving Jr.	James, Peter Joseph Sr.	Lane, Avery Makana Malakai	Phair, Thayer Alan	Washington, Antone Bennett
Estes, Jalen Anthony	James, Reynold Carl Sr.	Lawrence, Julian Anthony Sr.	Phair, Gordon Scott	Washington, Wilfred Darrell
Finkbonner, Ronny Owen	James, Sharolee Cordelia	Lawrence, Kelsie Doreen	Phair, James Ralph Jr.	Washington-Mamac, Victoria Lee
Finkbonner, Lawrence Frank Jr.	James, Isabella Jolena	Lawrence, Landry Louis Jr.	Phair, Lisa Robin	Williams, Dean Alexander
Finkbonner, Natasha Nicole Delrae	James, Cassandra Lee	Lawrence, Paul Victor Sr.	Plaster, Claudia Adeline	Wilson, Cynthia Marie
Finkbonner, Robert Landon Charles	Jameson, Ryan T. J.	Lawrence, Ashley May	Revey, Myron Eric	Wilson, Dana Gordon
Finkbonner, Bridgett Rae	Jefferson, Raymond Joseph	Lawrence, Curtis John M.	Revey, Carol Mavis	Wilson, Lindsey Rae
Finkbonner-Scott, Angel Renae	Jefferson, Levi Leslie Sr.	Lawrence, Sean Michael	Revey, Christie Sue	Wilson, Casara Leann
Garcia, Christopher Howard	Jefferson, Martine Verona	Lawrence, Tina Marie	Revey, Dennis Leroy Sr.	Wilson, Keo Mae Mae
	Jefferson, Dora Joan	Lawrence, Carla Michelle	Revey, Farren Michelle	Wright, Nathan Joseph David
	Jefferson, Andrew James	Leathers, John B Jr.	Richan, Kailee Sarafina	Yeubanks, Kara Diane
	Jefferson, Angela Amelia		Roberts, Casey Joanne	
	Jefferson, Boyd Matthew Jr.		Robertson, Rachel Rebecca	
			Sampson, Dimitri Jay	

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Elvis Castillo

Pursuant to the Lummi Code of Laws 3.03.040 and 8.05.070:

In the Tribal Court of the Lummi Nation

In Re the Welfare of A. J-C., A. C., T.C..

Case Number: 2014-CVDP-3935, 2014-CVDP-3936, 2014-CVDP-3937

NOTICE OF PERMANENT PLAN AND PERMANENT PLAN HEARING

A Notice of Permanent Plan was filed by the Lummi Nation in the Lummi Tribal Court to establish permanence for the minor children in which you are named the father. At this time it is recommended that the Permanent Plan for this child be Reunification with the Mother. If this plan is adopted by the court, pursuant to Lummi code of Laws 8.05.130, the Nation will seek permanency for this child outside of your care.

You are required to appear at the Lummi Tribal Court located at 2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226 for a Permanent Plan Readiness Hearing and Permanent Plan Hearing. The Permanent Plan Readiness Hearing will be on August 3, 2016 at 1:30pm. At this hearing all parties will be notified of their rights, the implications of the Permanent Plan, the parties will present their proposed permanent plan for the child(ren) and all discovery will be exchanged. The Permanent Plan Hearing is set on September 7, 2016 at 10:30am. Failure to appear at this hearing may result in an order of default against you and permanency for your child(ren) outside of your care. You can have an attorney appointed to defend you in the above matter, please call the Public Defender's Office at (360) 312-2228.

Office of the Reservation Attorney
 Child Welfare Section
 2665 Kwina Rd.
 Bellingham, WA 98226
 (360) 312-2349

**Elders
 Annual
 Luncheon
 Friday
 September 9,
 2016
 Wexliem
 Doors open at
 10 am
 Lunch served at
 11:30 am**

11.06.225 Obligation to Cooperate with Lummi Nation Child Support Program

(a) Upon the request of the Lummi Nation Child Support Program, the following shall provide to the Lummi Nation Child Support Program any information necessary to carry out its duties, including but not limited to locating obligees and obligors; determining their income and assets, locating their assets; determining their status and participation in employment, school, employment training, and job search; determining a child's participation in schooling after the age of 18; and determining custody placement:

- (1) Any employer operating within the boundaries of the Lummi Reservation;
- (2) Any utility, financial institution, or other business operating within the boundaries of the Lummi Reservation; and
- (3) The Lummi Business Council and any of its agencies, enterprises, or businesses, including but not limited to Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Accounting, Natural Resources, Lummi Schools, Family Services, General Assistance, and Human Resources.

Angela M. De Mattos
 Case Manager
 Lummi Nation Administration Building
 Child Support/ Enforcement
 2665 Kwina Rd
 Bellingham, WA 98226
 Phone: 360-312-2226
 Fax : 360-380-6988



Tribal ID cards that have been found and returned to Enrollment Office:

- Latonya Ballew
- Kimberly Cooke
- Sundrea Lopez-George
- Corienna Hagen (Greene) Coquitlam BC Issue
- Maureen Greene
- Ronald Kiely
- Darick Lane
- Nathan Oldham
- Leonard Morris
- Lisa Tom
- Edward Waller
- Garnet Ward Sr.
- Chicko Morris
- Ashlie Bewley

Nutrition Ed Grand Opening

June 23, 2016



Nutrition Ed Cooking Class

June 28, 2016



To the People of Lummi Nation...

These comments were collected over a short period, and represent only a small sampling of the deep gratitude of residents of Whatcom County, and stretching out to the State and the entire Country.

A file of this copy, with emails, will be sent to Tim Ballew's office. A separate file, without emails, will also be sent that could be distributed electronically to the Squol Quol, Lummi Indian Business Council, and People of Lummi Nation who might appreciate reading them.

As one contributor wrote, "We will stand by your side in battles to come..... You don't have to do it alone. We are here. Many of us."

Sincerely,
Beth Brownfield
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To the People of Lummi Nation

Things do work out sometimes for the common good. As we now know, the permit for a massive coal export terminal at Xwe'chi'eXen (Cherry Point, Washington) was denied outright by the Army Corps of Engineers on May 9, 2016.

Of the many critical climate, environmental and health reasons for the battle against that permit, one reason was most inspirational. It was that the sovereign Lummi Nation of Indians stood up for their inherent rights, their fishing rights under the Treaty of 1855, and their ancestral lands.

Neighbors, churches, organizations, all around, supported the stand of the Lummi people for their treaty rights. But it was the Lummi people themselves, with their shoreline water blessings, their dramatic check burning to demonstrate that sacred land and treaties cannot be bought; their awesome totem pole journeys to educate and unite from here to coal mining country and beyond; their sailing into a shoreline demonstration with non-Indian fishers in ceremonial unity; their theatrical plays and cultural presentations, their

clear demand to the Corps, and so much more, as they showed us what strength, creativity, dignity, and resistance look like in a battle for inherent rights.

I once asked Lummi violinist and story teller Swil Kanim what resistance is. He said it's when one person stands strong to hold up another who is falling. I say, thank you and hyeshqe to the Lummi people who are holding us up in the sacred battle for our Mother Earth.

Ellen Murphy

Dear People of the Lummi Nation

It was probably about two years ago that I was fortunate to first attend a presentation by members of the Lummi Nation at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship (BUF). These tribal members, Jewell James and Jay Julius among them, shared information about your cultural heritage, and your connection and sacred responsibility to Xwe'chi'eXen. I remember being welcomed and empowered by the kind and compelling words of the speakers. We were asked to bear witness to past struggles and tragedy that the Lummi people have suffered, and the perseverance and bold efforts that propel you forward in your sacred responsibilities to protect your culture, language, way of life, lands, and waters for the benefit of many future generations.

I learned much that evening. I was moved and inspired by the testimony and generosity of the members of Lummi Nation that were there.

But there is something that I was blind to then, and that I began, in the weeks, months, and years - from then to this day - to learn and bear witness to as well. As I attended other Lummi events, some of which were also at BUF, I began to recognize something about the people who were telling their stories.

Lummi individuals who were speaking, such as Hereditary Chief Bill James, Tsi li xw; Tim Ballew II; Jewell and Doug James; Jay Julius and Kurt Russo; Freddie Lane; Swil Kanim, were not simply magnanimous hosts of notable

credentials who were giving testimony and motivating the audience to go out into their community to bear witness to what they had heard and embrace their own sacred responsibilities to protect and preserve our lands, waters, and living creatures.

Among these people were those who, I began to realize, were heading into downtown Bellingham after working a long day fishing to provide food for their people and the greater community, who had just put down craftsman tools they were using to carve a totem pole to take on an epic journey to heal those who would gather around it. They were people who were organizing other events; researching plans and studies for their communities; consulting with engineers, lawyers, doctors and government agencies; filming, creating, and performing; educating their youth and fellow tribal members; handling the many tasks of running their nation; traveling across the country to educate those in Washington DC about the issues critical to Lummi Nation's Schelangen.

At the end of their busy work days, or after thousands of miles traveled, and endless lists of things to be done, they would invite members of the community, like me, to come and be ministered to by their words, hearts, spirits, history, and intelligence.

And with them, came others: family members, elders and children, also generously offering themselves, after their priceless efforts during their own busy and exhausting days, to an evening or afternoon that was being donated to people like me.

The example of individuals that I mention is just a fraction of the Lummi people. They are a portion of the breadth, complexity, and richness of your great Nation.

You hosted events on your tribal lands that inspired, elevated and enhanced those members of the Whatcom County community who came. You have welcomed us, shared with us, and fed us so generously. You have moved us into action to embrace our shared responsibility.

And so it is, that I write

to tell you that I am celebrating your victory of having your treaty rights upheld by the Army Corps of Engineers. I tell you that there never should have been a question that they would be. You gave up a massive territory and formed an agreement with the United States Government to retain your rights that are represented in the Treaty of Point Elliott of 1855. Promises were made in a circumstance that should, at the very least, guarantee that they will never be broken. They must never be broken. Thank you for your faith, will, and extraordinary efforts to reach out, speak out, and fight to protect what we all should be working with you to protect every day; what I will be fighting with you to protect every day.

Hy'shqe,
Dena Jensen

Words cannot express my gratitude for your nation's leadership in regards to maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Our capitalistic society sees nature as a resource for economic gain, and you are telling a different story. Crime upon crime has been committed against indigenous peoples in our region (and across the globe), and yet you continue to fight for the good of ALL people, for the good of all animals, for all sea life. It's truly stunning.

The prevention of yet more industry at Cherry Point has a positive impact that is impossible to calculate. Lummi Nation went to the greatest expense in this battle, and suffered the most slander on so many fronts, and yet did not give up. Did. Not. Give. Up.

As colonial settlers, we have a lot to learn from you. We have a lot we owe you. Thanks is not enough. I pray for systemic change that honors the original peoples of this land, and for your leadership in larger arenas. I hope to continue to learn better how to be in solidarity with Coast Salish peoples, and to educate fellow settlers on past and current injustices. May we stand with you, and clear the way for you.

This land needs you. Settlers need you. The whole freaking planet needs you.

Hy'shqe (times ten billion),

Rev. Charis Weathers

Dear Lummi Nation

I can't fully express with words my gratitude for your leadership, dedication and passion for protecting the sacred land at Cherry Point. I value your teachings over the years and knowing I am here for a short time (hopefully 80 + years) I am certainly compelled and moved to carry on your teachings to help our community understand the importance of protecting our mother earth for not just now, but future generations, for the next 7 generations. I am grateful for all of my relations with Lummi People. I will forever cherish the time I spent together with the Lummi Youth Canoe family in Paris, raising the voices of the world's Indigenous peoples.

Know that you can count on me, at anytime to help with anything. Please call or email me.

In your corner, in our corner. We are greater than fossil fuels and we are transitioning to a renewable energy future together.

Much love and Gratitude.
Jill MacIntyre Witt

I want to thank the Lummi Nation for its successful campaign to defeat the building of the Gateway Pacific Terminal. BNSF's and its allies' purported justification for the project was that it would create jobs. In the process, they overlooked the jobs that would be lost by members of your tribe, other fisherman, Taylor's Shellfish employees, and others whose livelihood depends on the sea. They ignored the havoc BNSF's trains would cause to the health, safety and economies of people living in towns bordering the tracks from Wyoming to Washington. Of course, irreparable damage would have been done to the planet which is already under assault from carbon dioxide caused by burning coal and other fossil fuels. Tragically, the Gateway Pacific Terminal would have turned Bellingham from a green town to a coal town in order to line the pockets of callous capitalists who don't care about the

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damage they cause to earn a buck. The entire world is indebted to your tribe.

Sincerely,
Mike Botwin

My heartfelt thanks to all in the Lummi Nation who worked so hard and persistently to defeat the proposed coal terminal. I have followed your efforts and activities this past four years. I and many others wrote letters, made public commentary for the environmental review, spoke at hearings and attended rallies. But it wouldn't have happened without the Lummi people. Thank you again for all that you did and for holding the line.

Sincerely,
Annie Prevost

I, for one, will be eternally grateful to our Lummi neighbors for their valiant struggle to protect the environment, their fisheries, their treaty rights, and therefore, this amazingly beautiful place we live and share...their homelands. They are indeed honored environmental warriors. Many of my great-grandchildren live in Minnesota, which as the prevailing Pacific winds blow inland here (and carry fossil fuel pollution to us), they then continue on their eastward journey toward Minnesota and onward. If it was not for the Lummi standing firm on their protection of their fisheries and way of life, our way of life (and that of our families) would have been destroyed as well. We could not have won this battle alone. They were so brave and heroic to stand between us and those who would line their pockets at the expense of all life on this fragile planet. The Lummi hold a special place in my heart, as do all native peoples (wherever they are) who fight the struggle to preserve their way of life against all corporate greed.

I saw the blackness of space, and then the bright blue Earth. And then it looked as if someone had taken a royal blue crayon and traced along Earth's horizon. And then I realized that blue line, that really thin royal blue line, was Earth's atmosphere, and that was all there was of it. And it's so clear from that perspective how fragile our existence is. Sally Ride, first American woman in space.

Sincerely,
Kay Witter
Bellingham, WA

Thank you again for all that you did, and for holding the line, and for trusting us to work with you. I feel honored to have the opportunity to work and celebrate with you and to call you friends.

Sharon Abreu
Eastsound, WA

My heartfelt gratitude to the Lummi people for standing up for our world. Your strong, patient leadership was pivotal and my hope is that you will continue this leadership role in our community. What a victory for the Salish Sea and all who live there.

"Yes! Another world is not only possible she is on her way. On a quiet day I can hear her breathing."
-Arundhati Roy

Stacy Neal
Everson WA

A few years ago, when the proposal for the coal terminal was made, I thought to myself, "this is already a done deal," because I have so little faith in our government to do the right thing, and even less in the coal companies and other corporations that wanted to impose their agenda on a community that didn't want it. I am stunned that the government did the right thing for once, and believe that this is mostly due to the efforts of the Lummi Nation to uphold those treaties that protected their lands, resources and sacred places.

I hope that this decision sets a precedent for the other culturally-desecrating, polluting, earth-destroying, spiritually-void projects that will surely come up, and I'm full of joy and gratitude that this short-sighted project was derailed. It is such a positive, life-affirming decision that honors Earth and her creatures and systems. I hope that it inspires other communities to take similar stands.

Sincerely,
Becky Curtis
Bellingham

Dear Brave Lummi Nation,

I am a teacher but I find it very difficult to convey in words the depth of my gratitude to your people. You stood your ground and stayed true to your culture

and your people. In doing this, you stood firm for us all. Such courage and unshakable resolve is a rare thing in our world today. You are an inspiration to everybody who is fighting in their own way to save the planet and your example makes it much easier to have hope for a better world. When the powerful interests who would destroy mother earth for profit told you that you could not win, you kept the faith and proved them wrong.

Kurt Dunbar
History Instructor
Skagit Valley College

Thank you, Lummi Nation, for taking a stand.

Marian Exall

We thank you for your strong and principled stance on the proposed coal terminal. Your persistence to do the right thing in the face of what must have been incredible pressure is very impressive and a model for all of us.

We hope your action and leadership leads to similar steps as we together work to repair our damaged world. We hope you are rewarded in some way for your courage.

Steve Hansen and Karen Sheldon
Bellingham

Words cannot express my gratitude to all of you for your steadfast commitment to honor the earth and all its inhabitants; for your steadfast refusal to "take the money and run"; for your deep honor and respect for your ancestors; I have learned much from you about how to be in this world. I hope I can pass along your values and morals to my grandchild. You have taught me how to live an honorable life. I am grateful to have been part of the efforts to "Draw the Line" and say no to a coal terminal on your ancestral land.

In deepest appreciation,
Rev. Barbara Davenport
Bellingham, WA

From my family to the Lummi Nation, Thank you for standing up to the power of money for the sake of the wealthy. I am 70 yrs. old. More than a century and a quarter ago my grandparents came to the Salish Sea and found sustenance. My father was born

in Marysville and many of my family were born and lived on Whidbey Island. Salmon and clams were important foods for our family. I remember when there were tens of thousands of sea birds on Bellingham Bay and it was easy to go fishing for dinner. Thank you for saying no to coal and more ships to carry it. Thank you for protecting the Salish Sea.

Christopher Grannis

A heartfelt thank you to Lummi Nation for persistent, unflinching, courageous leadership in the struggle to protect Lummi Nation and all of this land and sea from the disastrous proposed coal terminal. Generations to come will know the truth of what has happened and they will be grateful and inspired as are we all today.

From my heart,
Diana Richardson

Thank you, Lummi Nation!

Your great, inclusive and thorough efforts have born the sweet fruit that will allow your ancient way of reaping nature's gifts for your sustenance. And when this occurs, all life benefits. Gratitude to you and to the Devine Presence that inspires our efforts to maintain the exquisite and essential harmony of life.

Esther Faber

I appreciate the work and sacrifice that it took to defeat the coal terminal. On a personal level, I live about a 10-minute drive from site of the proposed terminal. My health would have been greatly endangered both by the air pollution and the noise pollution, and so on a personal level, my gratitude knows no bounds. On a principled level, though, I am of the genuine conviction that in a perfect world the tribes would be in charge of everything, and I'm happy and, frankly, relieved that things worked out that way this time.

It is a relief to know that there is an organized and important political force working on the land in which I live to ensure that it's safe for everyone. I have to confess an ignorance as to what exactly goes on politically around here, but I trust you and support everything that you do and I love you.

Pearl Melodia

I started working against the G.P.T. Project about four years ago. I have attended most of the events the Lummi invited the public to attend. I have been very honored and touched that you included us in your very sacred ceremonies and events. I was very moved when you first came out and burned the check, saying, "No amount of Money..." I love all the Totem Pole journeys because you were able to educate and unite other tribes along the way. I also feel that art is a very powerful form of communication. I was moved and felt the sacred energy during the blessing ceremonies I attended in sending the Totem poles on their journeys. I know your tribe worked very hard and intelligently in all that you did to save your sacred place and our sacred planet from this project. I express my deepest gratitude to the Lummi Nation.

Sincerely,
Laurel Felber

To the Lummi Nation & relatives,

t'igwicid ~ Thank you for once again leading the charge to protect that which is sacred in the face of great adversity. Through your deeply held values in protecting this sacred site and your "usual and accustomed" place to fish, it is evident that you are united as one and are a strong people! It is obvious that your elders, prayer warriors and youth stand with you as leaders. And together you have created a path that will serve other tribal nations, to help them reflect on who they are as a people connected to a place where the presence of their ancestors remain. Next to creator are our ancestors, your actions give great honor to them and leave hope for the next generations. I raise my hands to your great nation and your compassionate leaders. Well done my relatives!

With respect,
Shelly Vendiola
Swinomish Enrolled Tribal Member
Community Alliance & Peacemaking Project

To our Lummi brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, grandfathers, and grandmothers,

We are indeed blessed to have you as our neighbors and friends. You have

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stood firm at a crucial point in the history of the land and water. That which I could only protest, you were able to defeat. I raise my hands to you for words fail to convey my gratitude.

With deep appreciation,
Loren Lundholm

Congratulations to Jay Julius and all the mighty warriors who stood up to the coal industry and the bureaucrats that supported them.

The Lummi Tribe is an inspiration to all of us fighting for justice and working to save our planet for our children and grandchildren. I feel honored and privileged to spend time with you, as part of the Unitarian group spending a week in which you shared your lives with us.

Power to the Indian Nation, and Power to all people who take environmental action.

Thanks also for supporting the Anacortes "Break Away" demonstrations.

Peace and Justice,
Dave Hyde

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Sincerely, Laurel Felber

Thank you, Lummi Nation. I'm back at my desk after spending Saturday at Break Free PNW in Anacortes. Thank you, Jewell James for speaking, along with other indigenous leaders. Thank you to those who

brought the Lummi Canoe to this gathering. I chose to spend my day, and volunteer my time, with the Indigenous Day of Action. Having recently participated in the UUCSJ Solidarity with Indigenous Nations week long journey, Lummi Nation was very much on my mind and in my heart. So while I was in full support of the blockade action, and trained for kayativism, I was particularly drawn to spending the day with the indigenous speakers and other participants. I spent the day with set up, support and clean up. Always with an ear to the speakers.

When I was involved with the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice journey (UUCSJ), there was word that the decision regarding Cherry Point might come at any time. I watched for it every day. In the end, it came, as I suppose I might have expected, at the due date. My understanding of that moment was enhanced by my recent trip. I fully appreciate that it is your work around pushing treaty rights that pushed this decision to its present conclusion. I hope, and anticipate, that conclusion will stand. I also recognize, as you reminded us, that there will be other efforts and always a need to protect those treaty rights.

With the deeper connection that I now hold, know that I will be beside you as you protect those rights. And that I will work to bring others to that same place. As a person who grew up with a strong connection to land and place, I don't see that the preservation we seek can happen in any other way. Again, my thanks for your enduring work.

Nancy Norman
Seattle, Washington

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Lummi Nation for its efforts to block the proposed coal terminal at Cherry Point. This a critical victory for our community, our environment, and the creatures that inhabit it. And, it is another landmark victory for treaty rights. Protecting the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, after so many decades of abuse, is the right thing to do and it is my hope that this effort will assist other communities engaged in similar legal and political battles. For our communi-

ty, this process has helped to advance a shared understanding of Indigenous perspectives on science and the environment. This new knowledge and wisdom enriches all of us who live in this remarkable region.

With deep gratitude,
Elizabeth Joffrion, Director of Heritage Resources/Associate Professor, WWU Libraries

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your unwavering efforts to protect this beautiful area from those who would take it for financial profits. Your lands and fishing areas are yours and I am so glad you stood up to those people, made such a clear case, and won over the decision-makers. I am humbled and grateful to have benefited from your actions. May blessings pour down on you.

Thank you so much.
Carol Brach

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for ALL your work, by so many of you, on saving

Cherry Point from that proposed coal terminal. It is hard to say in words the gratitude that I feel.

Big money does not always have the last word! Your endless hours of preservation work benefits the earth in so many ways. What a profound gift, a lasting legacy.

Blessings to you all.
Patrice Clark

Every day now since the decision I have woken up with a lighter heart. My concern about the coal terminal, despite the importance of the environmental impact, has always been one of social justice: your right to fish in order to make a living, your right to be able therefore to stay on your tribal land. Now you will be able to do this. Now our air will be cleaner and our lives healthier. Thank you so much for your long struggle and determination to succeed against all odds.

You drew the line, and in doing so inspire all of us with a renewed commitment to continue the longer environmental fight.

Caroline Balzer

I stand in awe of your wonderful accomplishment of stopping the coal train project in Whatcom County. Your dedication

to the environment and to your treaty rights has accomplished a benefit for all people, including future generations.

I read the judge's decision with joy as my dread of the proposed development faded to nothing.

I am sure that all of us who breathe the air here, cross the railroad tracks, and just don't believe in desecrating the environment are grateful.

I worried about the whales and the fish who are struggling for survival as it is. Now they will not have to contend with many more ships in the passage.

I am just an old woman, but I have a mate who has been a Sun Dancer for many years. We attend sweats every two weeks in Nooksack. We prayed for you. The Grandfathers must have listened to everyone's prayers.

We can never thank you enough for your dedication to the environment; your efforts to keep the earth sacred.

Sincerely,
Marcia Dewyea

Congratulations on your victory in getting the Army Corps of Engineers to uphold your treaty rights. Needless to say it wouldn't have happened without years of dedicated, persistent work from the leaders of your Nation.

You approached the conflict from several different fronts. You presented strong legal evidence. You brought the issue to the attention of a wide audience with your Totem Pole Journeys, documentaries, a play and numerous other events. You opened your meetings and events to non-tribal people so they could be educated about your way of life. I am especially grateful for the hospitality and friendship I witnessed recently at the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice event there. The way you take care of your people is remarkable.

Your victory benefited not only Lummi Nation but our whole country and planet. This victory should set a precedence for treaty rights throughout the country. It should also be a strong statement for keeping fossil fuels in the ground.

Martin Luther King

Jr. said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." That bending doesn't occur by itself. It results from dedication and determination of good people like yourselves. Your decedents will be very proud of you.

In solidarity,
Howard Harrison

My husband and I are both extremely grateful that Lhaq'temish – The Lummi People – are still here on their appointed land working hard to retain their sustenance way of life. These are a strong and noble people who are intelligent and who have managed to become a vital part of our community. Their passion for their beliefs and strength of spirit have made it possible for everyone else to rest at ease, knowing that SSA Marine will be restrained from building a coal shipping terminal at Cherry Point. We owe the Lummi People a lot and I hope the majority of residents feel the same and will continue to support and help them live the lives they choose.

First Nations peoples have lived in North America for so many thousands of years. It is nothing short of hateful genocide and bigotry that they were not able to be absorbed into the lifestyle which the Europeans brought. Their values are my values: simple reverence for life and supreme care of our resources. Humans all over the world must learn that resources are not infinite and living here requires all of us to never take or have more than we need. Unfortunately, we live in a time when so much damage has already been done and our enemies push ahead while we sleep, devising ways to enrich themselves no matter who or what they destroy.

We must all continue to fight as The Lummi People have done many times. For now, we still face fossil fuel intrusion into the Salish Sea, so we need to unite with indigenous groups to leave the fossil fuels in the ground. As delicate ecosystems become endangered and creatures face possible extinction, we can look to those like The Lummi People and become stronger against human encroachment and unabashed greed. Therefore, we must fight, with the Lummi People, every effort to further pollute and ravage our natural resources.

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Christine Westland & Harold Roper

Thank You Lummi Nation for this victory of cultural and environmental and humanitarian justice! I have been reluctant to celebrate fully just yet due to my past understanding of how corporate mean spirited people can overturn victories of this nature on appeal. Do I need to wait for the corporation to surrender officially? Thanks for now, and I am happy to announce that my two minutes of comments a long time ago were devoted to the Lummi People, including a moment of silence for all the past injustices by the European American people in this beautiful and sacred part of the world! Peace and Love Forever!

Bruce Andrew Kraig

Thank you Lummi Elders and Leaders,

Thank you for partnering with Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship's Native American Connections Committee. Thank you for protecting Northwest land, air and water, and for opposing the proposed coal terminal at Cherry Point. Thank you for your moral teachings and spiritual presence, for demonstrating how you honor your Ancestors and Elders and protect children and grandchildren. Thank you for sharing your history, language, rituals, music, and stories. Thank you for your generous offerings of wisdom and healing, spiritual groundings that transcend words.

Betty Scott

We were thrilled to learn of your victory in defeating the proposed coal terminal at Cherry Point. Still, we know that the struggle is not over--it never ends--and so we are grateful for your perseverance and competence in standing up for the rights of all living things and protecting us all from the depredations of fossil fuels.

Your commitment and effort inspire us! Stay the course and know that we remain ever grateful for all each of you have done in protecting our cherished land, waters and air. We hope we can support your efforts in future. Meanwhile, know that we fully recognize and appreciate all that you have done these many years.

With the deepest respect. Marilyn Mayers, kayaktivist
On behalf of all of us at East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue, WA

How much do I thank you, Lummi Nation, for your leadership in standing firm to protect your treaty rights: fishing, sacred land, protecting your ancestors, and all of us non-natives?

I return to my childhood memory that I share with my grandchildren about a story that says "How Much Do I Love You?" Arms stretched out and saying, more than the distance to the stars and back again. My grandchildren challenge me by saying more than all the stars in the universe. It goes on with us trying to say we love each other more, than the other can.

I have always taken refuge in the model of the Native American's way of life. I am trying to find a way to give a deep bow of appreciation to you because of your "Warrior Up" in response to the invasion of SSA's trying to take away that way of life at Cherry Point.

How grateful am I to you, Lummi Nation, for your determined leadership and commitment to keep Cherry Point as a sacred place for your ancestors that includes your way of life of fishing and honoring the Earth? More... than my arms, voice and the voices of my grandchildren can express. Saying thank you hardly seems enough... deep bow to you, Lummi Nation.

Brooks Anderson

Dear Lummi Nation Leaders,

Since 1975, I have had the pleasure of teaching Lummi children in the Ferndale School District and watched the growth of the Lummi Nation. From the re-learning of the Lummi Language through the work of Bill James, the development of the Head Start program with Ernestine Ballew to the strength and determination of your defense of your cultural rights. Your efforts to protect your Treaty Rights have given hope to all people who love the earth, respect the Earth Mother and have worked to end extractive desecration, climate destruction and environmental catastrophe.

It has been a long struggle, in so many ways. The integrity tenacity of the Lummi Nation deserves to be celebrated. Many people have participated in the traveling totem poles, demonstrations and plays, the legal fights, the trips around the world to work with other indigenous people, the expansion of Lummi College and the trips of your youth to Paris.

All of your work for the love what is right is to be commended. Please accept my personal, heart felt, thank you.

Donna Starr

My daughter, Summer, has written a congratulations poem, which I will hand deliver when she finishes the art work.

As a Midwest newcomer to Washington, but one who immediately appreciated its woods and ocean, and with deeper understanding of your stories through my involvement with UUCWI, I am sending you a heartfelt thank you. Your continued efforts to have your treaty rights upheld help all of us in the North West to have a cleaner environment and greater understanding of the connectedness of life. You inspire me to do my part and I will be forever grateful.

I am sending \$20 to Lummi Youth Academy for your Native Youth 2 College Program to help support your important work.

Thanking you deeply and with honor.
Sandy Shipley
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Whidbey Island,
Social Environmental
Justice Committee

When the Army Corps of Engineers turned down industry's request for a port expansion at Cherry Point, all of us in our environmental group here in Moscow Idaho cheered loudly. We also would like to send our many thanks to the Lummi's who led this fight. Without their leadership, it never would have happened.

Sincerely,
Pat Rathmann for the
Unitarian Universalist
Palouse Environmental
Sustainability Coalition
Moscow, ID

My thanks and gratitude to those of you that worked so hard and long with love and faith to prevent the Cherry Point Coal Port! With elegance and creativity you fought and saved the land, the sea and the air for all of us! It is the best news for our earth!

Thank you, thank you, thank you.
Dianna Deseck Piazzon

Word cannot express the gratitude I feel for what the Lummi have accomplished in defeating efforts to locate North America's largest coal export terminal in your fishing grounds, and critical waters for all of us who live in the Pacific Northwest. My family as far east as Minnesota has written me messages such as: "Is this really as big as I think it is?" "Sometimes David beats Goliath!" and "Since when do we [the U.S.] honor Native treaty rights?"

While a culture based on a belief in man's right to dominate our environment struggles to catch up with Native people's deeper understanding of mankind's relationship to the planet, know how deeply grateful I am for all the work the Lummi have done. You put so much you placed at risk to win a battle for all of us. You have bought us a chance to yet recover some hope for future generations chances for livable life on earth, if only we can rise to the challenge.

Ginny Wolff

Your effort to protect Treaty rights and our environment in general was masterful! I heard Preying Wolf James talk on Whidbey Island. You have spoken from the heart and created strong visual images by carving cedar, which is healing and life-supporting. Thank you for watching out for all of our interests!

Lee James
Coupeville, Whidbey
Island

Dear Lummi Nation,

What you have done to close the coal port is amazing, wonderful and inspiring. I thank you so very much. Our Mother Earth is greatly relieved that you are one of the leaders of the People's Movement toward a healthy future. I promise to send a check to the school for your young ones

very soon. They should be very proud.

In Tremendous Gratitude,

Judy Kaplan
In Gratitude
The Caretakers of land and sea, of water and sky are known as Lummi.

The Warriors fighting for the right to live in a way that is a blessing to the Earth are known as allies. The People have allied to say No to greed and to say Yes to respect for Creation. Cherry Point remains protected from molestation. The Caretakers remind the People: "The Earth is Alive!" and the People remember how to listen to her heart beat, to a drum beat and begin to dance. This Dance is the journey from the mind to the heart, sparking deep memory... The salmon return, and the People become Caretakers, like the Salmon People.

And then, we remember: we are all our relations, we have the same Mother.

In gratitude for Lummi leadership, for working together on common ground, for being resilient and kind—thank you, thank you.
Lisa Gruwell Spicer
May 18, 2016

It is with a grateful heart that I lift up my hands to the Lummi Nation for standing tall for our mother, Earth.

You are taking your rightful place as leaders of our nation and showing us the way to live and honor the ground we walk on, the air we breathe, and the water that nourishes and feeds us. You have shown us how a great nation acts when trying to be bought off by greed and corruption.

Lastly, I look forward to working with you as we travel together in our place and time. There is so much yet to be done and I ask you to continue to help us learn and listen to what needs to be done to restore our Earth to how your ancestors left it.

Sincerely,
Judith Akins

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For a long time, I have had an intuitive sense that it was time for the Lummi - time to gather their power and their wisdom. Time to assess and assert their rights. Time to rise in their own sense of standing in our community and in the eyes of others.

Although many have worked in many ways for this definitive decision, I am convinced that it would not have happened without the faithful and powerful efforts of the Lummi.

Thank you for all you have done to save us and our environment from what would have been an egregious and nonsensical move at this time in our environmental history.

Barbara Gilday

My husband met me on my walk home from work, the day that the news came out, with the words "We have something to celebrate!" What a gift the Lummi Nation has given us as a community and a nation. Your work, money and time have been so greatly appreciated as this process has taken place. I have been watching and contributing what I could as you peacefully and persistently carried the message that this proposed project would not happen on your lands. I only hope that we, as a nation, can follow your example of standing up for our wonderful planet and stopping the unnecessary destruction and abuse. Words do not adequately express my thanks. Please know that this comes from the heart with blessings and gratitude.

Amy Bruce and Richard Pickard

Wow! I find it absolutely incredible that the Lummi Nation could hold together and resist the tremendous pressure against them -- such solidarity and stamina is exceedingly rare (in my humble experience) -- you are truly inspirational!

I am extremely thankful to be able to live and breathe in this beautiful area, that once was all your traditional domain, and am very sorry that it was stolen from you. (I am ashamed of my European ancestry.)

I am humbled and proud, at the same time, to be your neighbor (even if I am an accident in our

relationship). You're great.

THANK YOU, LUMMI PEOPLE!

Your sincere cousin, Kerry Johnson
Bellingham, Washington

Dear Lummi Nation,

Congratulations on having your treaty rights recognized. I have been among those who opposed to licensing Gateway's proposed coal export terminal at Cherry Point. Now you have drawn the green line through that disastrous possibility.

I was at "It's in Our Hands" last Saturday, and I appreciated Lummi leadership and the dramatic arrival of the Lummi canoe. What with the traveling totems and the inspiring events of sending them off from tribal headquarters and celebrating them at St. James cathedral you have made it dramatically clear that our work of saving Mother Earth is a spiritual undertaking. Please regard Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, Anacortes, where we are developing a ministry of spiritual ecology, as a partner in prayer and action.

Sincerely,
Roger Ridgway, Mount Vernon, Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ (Anacortes)

Dearest Lummi Friends and Leaders,

I want to say that my heart sings with joy and with gratitude for your courage, openness, and grand efforts to oppose the coal terminal at Cherry Point. Your endless commitment to protect these lands and the Salish Sea for future generations has been an honor to watch and to be part of. Your generosity and openness to work with Bellingham community, other Nations, and the communities along the railroad is truly stunning and highlights the potential we have in standing together for the common good.

Thank you so much for your leadership, strength, and never ending steps along this road to uphold your sacred responsibilities and to share it with those of us who seek refuge from our reckless culture. Despite the ugly history on these lands and the abuses against your peoples; it is you who we have to thank for shining the light on a

sane and healthy future. I am honored and blessed to live here and hope to continue to work with you side by side for all of our children to protect this place for future generations.

May we continue to stand together, to pray together, and to live in a good way for the benefit of all beings. May your Nation continue to strengthen in your traditional ways and be a beacon of light to bridge worlds. Aho!

Kris Buettner

The Mt Baker Group of the Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club wishes to express our gratitude to you for your leadership in saying no to the Coal Port at Cherry Point. We are very pleased that your ancestors are safe in their sacred grounds and that you will be able to continue to fish in these beautiful waters; may they remain safe and secure for generations to come.

For over one hundred years the Sierra Club has been working to preserve our natural surroundings but that is such a short time to our native peoples. You have shown us how to listen to the earth and how to honor what is here for us to use as we pass through this time and place.

Our Sierra Club Group looks forward to working with you as we solve the many problems facing Whatcom County today.

Sincerely,
Judith Akins,
Chairperson, Mt Baker Group, WA State Chapter, Sierra Club
Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan Counties

Dear Members of the Lummi Nation. You are a joy and an inspiration to all for your work to keep your port free of fossil fuels! Cherry Point will be a rallying cry for all who need to care for our earth. You are our shining lights for sure.

We, the Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice, were so privileged to walk with your brother tribe to protest at Anacortes. Thank you.

Sue Craig,
Chair Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice

On behalf of the Dennis Lane-Kay Sardo family,

please accept our deepest thank you for staying with your truth regarding the treaties and maintaining the waters. We are blessed to have the leadership of generations of elders and everyone who has and is working so hard in our times. Thank you, dear Lummi and coastal Salish friends, and thank you especially for your bravery and generosity toward us who share your land.

Hy'shque
Kay Sardo

There are no words to adequately express our gratitude for your work to protect Xwe'chi'eXen and the health of our land, air, and water. We recognize that you have given a great gift to all the people who now inhabit this region, as well to all living beings that were threatened. We are in awe of your dedication to stopping the coal terminal and protecting your sacred land and culture. If it were not for your efforts, we recognize that no amount of opposition from non-Indigenous people was likely to turn the Corps of Engineers against this ill-conceived development. So many people came together to oppose the project—doctors, scientists, educators, lawyers, musicians, photographers, environmental activists, other tribes, children, and more—but it was your unwavering commitment and your articulate cries for justice that made the Corps wake up and do what was right.

Thank you for your wisdom. Thank you for educating us with the play "What about those Promises?" It has helped us better understand your history and the injustices you have suffered. Thank you for standing up for the protection of the Earth. With deep gratitude,

Jean and David Kershner
Lummi Island

Thank you Lummi friends for inviting my husband George and me to be with you in many places. Thank you for coming to us with a message of respect for each other and for Mother Earth. Thank you for inviting us to join you at the blessings of the totems, at the filming of "The Earth is Alive". Thank you for coming to us at the beach at the Tesoro Refinery with your beautiful, silent canoe with beautiful mental and physical unity.

Thank you for words from elders that model how to speak from our heads and our hearts.

Thank you for the complex work you have done to study the law and history to present just and fair reasons why this coal port should not be built to pollute the water, the sea life, the teachings of your ancestors, and of all future life.

Alyce and George Werke-
ma

Thank you for your courage and determination in this struggle. Your dedication and hard work is an inspiration and an invitation to the rest of us to get involved.

Kathryn Lindsay

There are no words significant enough to tell you how much we appreciate your consistent and important message to the larger community in trying to keep our world healthy and holy!

You have done a magnificent job and this would never have happened without you bringing the larger community to the understanding that we need our 'Mother' earth in all its integrity and glory!

Thank you,
The Rofkar Family

Leaders of the Lummi Nation,

Thank you for your leadership, your integrity, and your tenacity in the shared community effort to ensure that our air, land, and waters remain clean for generations to come. Grateful for the natural beauty and productivity of this place, I pledge to continue to walk with you to cherish and to protect the Salish Sea region.

Peace,
Rev. Paul Beckel
Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

To our Lummi Leaders,

We are humbled and deeply grateful for the vision, strength and determination of the Lummi People who tirelessly defended our Mother Earth, your treaty rights and made your voices heard by hundreds and hundreds of people across the land, even the Army Corps of Engineers!

There was a lot of work contributed by many peo-

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ple but it was the power of your voice that made the difference.

With our sincere and heartfelt appreciation, Lee Willis and Rick Hermann

I am a non-Native of European descent, born on Traditional Haudenosaunee Territory.

First and foremost, I recognize that I live on stolen lands. I also recognize that Lummi Nation is protecting and defending the Sacred in their actions.

I am so grateful to have an opportunity to support you in this most important matter. Thank you so much for allowing myself and fellow non-Natives to stand with you to do what is right for your Nation, The People, Mother Earth, and future generations.

I pledge to always support Indigenous Rights as long as I have breath in my body. ~~~~ HY'SHQE ~~~~

Sincerely,
Carolynn Cory

Hy'sh'que, hy'sh'que siam. We here in Washington and all who value the Salish Sea are in your debt. We who love the world are in your debt. Not just for your role in shutting down the expansion of the Cherry Point coal port but for demonstrating what courage, perseverance, sweat and love can accomplish. It gives us hope even as we this weekend battled another monster at March Point, stolen land trying to steal our future. Moreover you teach us how to be in right relationship by acting with humility, gratitude and reciprocity. It is a great victory for the present but more importantly as hope for the future. Therefore, it seems right that we include a donation to the Lummi Youth Academy.

Gary and Dianna Deseck-Piazzon
UUCWI Social Environmental Justice Council
co-facilitators

I just found out about this, and so am late, but regardless I wanted to profoundly thank the Lummi Nation for acting in a sane and spiritual way regarding land and sea. Your stance will hopefully put an end to any more speculation on deep water port issues, whether for coal, oil or

whatever else they think up. All of our children and their children will be grateful.

My best,
Paul Piper
Special Collections Librarian, WWU

I have had a heart felt connection to Native American Peoples since I was a very little girl. I am now 70 years old. When Alvin Ziontz, a retired Lawyer representing Washington Stzcate Indian Tribes on the issue of historic fishing rights, announced that he was giving a talk about his new book, A LAWYER IN INDIAN COUNTRY, I decided to attend. The talk was held at Village Books in Fairhaven a number of years ago. It was an eye opening revelation about the steps that native people, including The Lummi Nation, had to go through in the 1970's to retain their lands, and rights to areas they had been in possession of in Washington for hundreds or thousands of years. I purchased a number of Alvin Ziontz books and spoke to him about the future of Washington Indian rights. He assured me that these rights had been fought for over many decades and those rights were guaranteed through The U.S. Supreme Court. As we have seen, no rights are automatically guaranteed. The Cherry Point Coal Initiative was a slap in the face questioning whether these rights still stood the test of time. The Lummi people stepped up to demand those rights into the future. We can all learn a big lesson from assumptions that The United States peoples are all guaranteed the rights that we have come to expect. Thank you Lummi Nation and other Tribes who have fought a great fight and WON. You are an example to the rest of humanity that we must never rest in our quest to protect our lands for our future citizens. If we rest, we risk losing it all.

Georgia Johnson Carroll

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of our wider community of people, land & sea animals, plants and trees for your remarkable courage and dedication to fighting the harm of the proposed coal port. I know that you wanted to protect your own rights--so important, but from

the involvement I have had with the people of the Lummi Nation, I have no doubt you also took on this battle on behalf of all life and the future generations of people and animals to come as well. I don't think many in this County realize what a gift it is to all of us to live here with your Nation. I will never cease being thankful--for this victory and for the wonderful gifts of hospitality, creativity, thoughtfulness, history and insight you share with us all. May your people thrive and heal and be happy for countless generations to come. With deep respect,

Kara Black

Many thanks for your leadership of and for all our relations during this trying time! Lummi Nation has held a special place in my heart since I became a resident of Whatcom County. I am proud to support your efforts. I am proud that you lend support for the good of all. Hy'shqe Lhaq'temish!

Noreen Fujita-Sacco

I wish to express my abundant gratitude for the persistence and dedication demonstrated by the Lummi Tribe in stopping the coal port at Cherry Point. Your selfless efforts have benefited so many! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Joann Roomes
Member,
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Whidbey
Island

As a member of the Coupeville community and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation I wish to send my heartfelt thanks to everyone in the Lummi Tribe for your ongoing work to keep the big polluters from taking over our shared environment. Your voices carry great weight and we appreciate your using them in this cause.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Lohrer

With great gratitude and deep honor I celebrate The Lummi Nation victory for the sake of the Earth and generations to come. Thank you for your passion and perseverance. Thank you for your witness to how we are to be caretakers of this precious Land, and sisters and brothers to each other. May we humbly

learn from your wisdom.

Lutheran Deaconess April Boyden

Thank you Lummi leaders and peoples for holding fast to your beliefs, and in doing so protecting the local waters for all who call them home. I will continue to offer support in any way I can.

Rowena Donelson

I honor you and thank you for the courageous stand you took against the Cherry Point Coal Terminal, pitting your treaty rights against the behemoth corporation that would have destroyed the land, the water, the earth and the health of many living things all along the tracks to the terminal. You have performed a great service to the land, waters and ecosystem that we all love, and also to all your descendants -- and mine. I honor you, your history, your grief, your strength and your hope for the future. Thank you.

Virginia Herrick

Dear Lummi Nation: Lummi Indian Business Council, Sovereignty and Treaty Protection Office, Squol Quol, Lummi Youth, and all who stood up against those who would rather choose coal and money over what is sacred;

I stand with my arms open and my hands up, in deepest gratitude for you. Not only have your efforts protected our land, our waters, and our people, but you have sent a strong message to the rest of our country, and our world.

I truly believe that it is the indigenous wisdom that will play a huge role in saving this planet. I am not Lummi, but my heart feels like you are family. My deepest gratitude. Blessings on you and your house.

Warmly,
Victory Lonnquist

I was elated that you were able to stop the proposed plant in Bellingham. Each new success makes you stronger and restores your power. You deserve to regain what has been taken away from you, and you are on a spiritual path to make that happen. I so admire that you have been able to retain the wisdom of the ancestors, and hope-

fully will be able over time to pass it on to those of us who have either lost it or never had it. With honor and respect,

Pat Perry

Thank you for caring about the impact that the decisions we make today will have on the quality of life for our children and our grandchildren. You have set a extraordinary example of what it means to care for the earth with godly stewardship. Also you have honored our ancestors who would want us to use the wisdom and foresight you displayed. May you walk Creator's path always.

Kathy Waters

Your persistent and incredibly hard work around the coal trains, coal terminal, around preserving our Salish waters and planet earth, around upholding your treaty and sovereign rights is appreciated beyond words. You are truly an inspiration to me and so many of us. THANK YOU.

Peace,
Shirley Osterhaus

I raise my hands in gratitude for the many generations of Lummi who have lived with deep awareness and love for the lands and waters of the Salish Sea. Thank you for honoring all our relations -- the diverse peoples, plants and animals with whom life is shared. Thank you for standing up for treaty rights, for protecting the sacred shores, and for seeking a path for living well on Earth. Thank you for the generosity, determination and vision through which you honor those who have come before, and who are yet to come. And thank you for gifting me understandings for over twenty-five years, through gatherings, learning together, and friendship.

James Loucky

Huge appreciation is due to the Lummi Nation in the struggle to stop the Gateway Pacific Terminal. But all of us need to commit to continue the fight against oil trains, coal trains and environmental disruption in general.

It is my profound hope that the Lummi will consider a clean and benign energy development on Cherry Point land. Either wind turbines or a solar

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photovoltaic installation would be ideal, and clearly would provide educational and work opportunities for Lummi members.

Again, many thanks to all who participated in this struggle. Warrior up.

Sandy Lawrence

To the Lummi Nation: Thank you for protecting all of us, all species with your knowledge, kindness and love. I am humbled at your hard work and fortitude. It is my hope that there is greater interaction with your Nation and the larger community. We all have gifts for one another. Love, Phyllis Shacter

So many years as neighbors...from my heart, thank you for always having that open door, for your humor, your shared celebrations, your dear friendships and most recently the fight against moving coal. With deep gratitude this neighbor remains close and always will. Thank you for all you have given and taught to keep the human circle in continual and close movement.

Sharon Grainger and Pamela Pakker-Koziki; Lummi Island

Dear People of Lummi Nation,

Congratulations and thank you for your amazing work to turn back the assault on your ancestral lands and treaty rights by the proposed coal terminal.

Congratulations are in order because it is no easy task to oppose the corporate interests of coal companies and their allies.

Thanks are due because the benefits of your efforts stretch far beyond the immediate damage the coal terminal would have done to your treaty rights. These benefits include protection of the land, the air, and the sea. Even more profoundly, the turning back of this project can stand as a watershed event marking the turn of the wider society toward better stewardship of the earth. And a turn toward appropriately honoring your ancestors' lives – lives that so gently treated the earth.

We acknowledge that many twists and turns likely lie ahead to secure the protection of your rights and of the earth. We will endeavor to continue to be

allied with you in this historic quest for justice.

Sincerely,
John C. Hilke
Woodinville Unitarian Universalist Church,
Board Vice President
Northwest UU Justice Network, Secretary

DD Hilke
Northwest UU Justice Network, Executive Director and Board Member

TRANSCRIBED
FROM PERSONAL LETTERS & CARDS

Collected from Village Books and ReSources

(Transcribed)

To the Children of the Lummi Nation: All those who are born, and those who are not yet born.

I join you in honoring the elders of your Nation who have stood, strong and courageous, against those with the money and power who have threatened your way of life and very existence.

Because of their dedication to you, their intelligence, strategic actions and willingness to join in solidarity with others, an act of destruction of the many, by actions of the few, has been prevented.

I write with the deepest feelings of respect, brotherhood and gratitude. The seeds of a much deeper healing have been sown. I pledge to continue to stand by your side in the battles to come. As you honor the ways of your 175 generations, I will stand back and give you space but always be nearby to celebrate and support. I know there is a long way to go to ensure protection of the land, water, forests and salmon. You don't have to do it alone. We are here. Many of us. In deepest gratitude,
Anastacia Lundholm

To our friends and neighbors, (Transcribed)

Thank you so much for your efforts to protector world. It's still the only one we have.

Be well.
(Signature can't be read)

My gratitude can hardly be expressed. I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

(No signature, transcribed)

Dear People of the Lummi Nation, (Transcribed)

I am honoring and thanking you from my heart for being who you are, for upholding, learning, teaching, and practicing your way of life. I don't know much in detail about the Lummi way of life, but I do know it is full of love and deep wisdom and richness, because I, and countless other beings, have received some of it. For that I am very grateful.

I began to learn about your ways about four years ago while I was living in Victoria, Canada. I'd begun attending, increasingly, events focused on learning about and supporting local First Nations. Something hit home in me. Recognition. I recognized a source of life-supporting beliefs and practices that develops and honors sacred relationships among all life forms in First Nations and Indigenous People worldwide. To really view and cultivate connections with other spirits, plants, people, animals...this is what I recognized is a critical key to harmonious life. I felt the truth of the words I heard, but more importantly is the connected way I felt among the people of numerous First Nations, the incredible actions generated and sustained that I was becoming aware of, the caring and warmth among the extended families of First Nations I witnessed. I knew I had much to learn from you, knew you are leaders of healing, protectors of life.

I attended the Totem Pole Journey by the Lummi Nation when some of you came to Esquimalt (near Victoria) a couple years ago and listened, received. The stance taken by the Lummi Nation to wake up the rest of us was powerful. The welcoming of all by the people of several first Nations there was real and demonstrated in many ways—once again, the practices I'd begun experiencing were becoming familiar.

Ten months ago I moved to Bellingham. I've been attending more events, ever learning, feeling my way to how I can support, how I need to evolve.

Today I offer you my thankfulness and celebrate rightful victory of your treaty rights upheld by the Army Corps of Engineers. The impact will be major on many levels, while the

impact of the Lummi Nation way of life is massive.

Respectfully
Kathy Chen

Transcribed from note:

To the People of the Lummi Nation,

Thank you for your work these last few years to see now that your treaty rights will be held and for saving the Salish Sea for all of us.

Paul Reskasich and Family
A commercial fisher, retired

Dear Neighbors, Members of Lummi Nation, (Transcribed from Note)

I cannot rehearse or compose these words in advance; they must simply flow from my heart. Please accept this one person's, this one nature-loving individual's heart-felt thank you for standing strong to protect your way of life, the results of which are clean air and water, abundant marine life, and a beautiful Salish Sea for all of us to enjoy and cherish. With immense and sincere gratitude,

Jamie K Donaldsen,
Fairhaven

My Neighbors, (Transcribed from Note)

Congratulations and thanks. This has been one good battle. There will be more, as always selfish and short sighted vs. long-visioned conservatives, a human battle.

Now Indigenous cultures are elevated again as a spiritual oasis for refugees of modern capitalism. Thank you to the ancestors who made the treaty. Thank you to the ones who KEEP the deep Earth Values. I think there will be financial and resource challenges ahead but, in good company! The Indigenous Traditionalists are the ones who have stood the test of time. Thank you for the gathering of hearts to protect our true home. Thank you! Thank you!

Kathleen Gallagher and Grandsons
Lummi Island
Signed by grandsons:
Thank you, Jackson,
Thank you, Edmonds

Dear People of Lummi Nation (Transcribed from letters)

The name of this piece (card), "Homeward Bound", makes me think of one of the values that you uphold that may have given you some of the strength needed to win this fight; you are bound to your home. Your place has meaning: the land, and especially the water, I learned from several presentations I heard at Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship and at the Martin Luther King conference, are integral to who you are and how you live. Thank you for safeguarding your traditions, and your ancestors, and your home.

I, who may have been free to leave if environmental conditions had gotten too bad, am now free to stay. Thank you very much, Hy'shque

Sincerely,
Miale Jose

(Transcribed)

Thank you very much for all the outreach you've done over the past several years to share your values and culture with the white folks around you. I have appreciated reading about the totem pole journey in Whatcom Watch, and hearing Jewell James, Jay Julius, Swil Kanim and others speak at Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship (Shasta Cano-Martin). I especially appreciate Darrell Hillaire and "What About Those Promises?"

I am sad to say that I was afraid (our) the U.S. Government would break yet another huge promise and ignore the treaty rights that the people of your nation invoked. I am so glad the U.S. Government acted correctly in this case.

Thank you again for knowing what is most important for your people and for saving the rest of us in the process. May we all be inspired to take better care of our home because of your example.

Sincerely,
Miale Jose

Photo of snow geese in the fields flapping their wings; "Did you hear the news? Now we won't have to fly the people over the tracks like we thought we'd have to! Let's do a fly-over Lummi Nation to thank the people!" card of bears looking to be in conversation: "Yeah! I heard! What a relief! I'm so glad the people of the Lummi Nation took

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care of their home and all of us!"

These two conversations transcribed from pictures and text by Mialee Jose

(Transcribed from letter)

In today's world of greed and corruption your actions to fight for your treaty rights and protect the water and local fisheries from destruction by these forces are a beacon of hope for me. I have lived in Whatcom County since 1975 and only in the past 5 years, since the current struggle for your treaty rights began, have I realized the global ramifications of the momentous decision to honor these rights just granted by the Army Corps of Engineers.

While it might seem appropriate to thank the Army Corps of Engineers for their decision it was merely the correct decision based on the treaty of 1855. The biggest Thank You goes to the entire Lummi Nation for your actions, films, theater, totem poles, educational teachings and demonstrations of solidarity over the past 5 years. Especially the strong leadership in showing the way forward during these stressful times.

As a white settler, I suffer the karmic burden of what was done to the Lummi Nation and all indigenous people before my time. Now I have been granted the opportunity to overcome this burden by being invited to participate in many of your activities. I have been blessed to become an ally in your struggle for justice. I've met leaders from the Lummi Nation and other tribal members, all teaching the stories of the Lummi Nation, challenges conquered and those existing today. I've learned from the Lummi Youth how good it is "to be home" to a vibrant, loving, resilient and sustaining culture.

There are no words

sufficient to express my deep, profound gratitude for you all, your presence in my life.

Sincerely, Ronna Loerch

Thank You! Thank you all for your strength, wisdom, fortitude, perseverance, community and LOVE for your land. We honor you all.

Marcia Pelbey

Thank you for your acts of courage and selflessness. The entire State of Washington owes the Lummi tribe our gratitude.

Thea Stephens

To our esteemed Lummi Leaders,

Eternal and deep gratitude to you for your vision, passion, strength and determination in protecting your land, fishing rights, treaty and ultimately benefiting the Earth and all of its/her inhabitants. Bless you and thank you.

Lee Willis

It is with GREAT JOY we witness your clarity and leadership, your clear path to the truth. What a great victory. What great Leadership. There is great Reverence for you. Thank you does not even begin to touch it.

Mary Ann Kelly

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THANK YOU, LUMMI

An open letter to Lummi Nation leaders and community members:

I cannot begin to express my gratitude to the Lummi Nation, for the gift you have given this community in your successful fight to protect Cherry Point from the Gateway Pacific coal terminal.

In protecting your treaty rights, you've also pro-

tected each and every one of us who call Whatcom County home. You protected us from what could have been irreversible damage to our collective communities, our health, our fisheries, our tourism industries, our marine waters, and even our climate.

The miles of trains that were predicted to roll through our communities daily will never come. The dirty coal piles that would have been stacked on the shores of Cherry Point will not smother the wetlands. The thousands of marine vessels that would have snaked through the San Juan Islands will never threaten the Salish Sea with spills or accidents. And the vulnerable marine life that relies on the already threatened Cherry Point herring will not be impacted by another pier. For all of this, our community owes our deepest and most sincere gratitude to you, the Lummi Nation.

Not only am I thankful for your act of leadership, but I am also thankful for the personal opportunity to learn more about the Lummi Nation, to build friendships with your tribal members, and for the first time, to truly understand the importance of the rights in the Point Elliott Treaty. Rights that are not for sale. Rights that are binding, and not negotiable. Rights that do, and always will, take precedent over all state and federal laws.

But now, I'm also keenly aware of one additional fact about these rights. A fact illustrated by this single sentence from the document issued by the Army Corps in their decisions:

The rights defined in Indian treaties were not a grant of rights from the United States to the tribes, but were instead a reservation of rights held by the tribe as a sovereign people from time immemorial.

The notion that sticks with me is that these rights are "rights not granted,

but reserved." The right to health and medical care. The right to an education and schools. The right to hunt and gather on open and unclaimed lands. The right to fish in the waters that were fished by your grandparents, and their grandparents' parents.

It is these rights that were so important, the signers of the Point Elliott Treaty took care to include them. And it is these rights I am so thankful you have successfully defended.

I've been asking myself how to offer this thanks. How to make a statement or a gesture that is commensurate with the impact that you've had on this place.

So while I, like many others, am deeply grateful for the outcome that stemmed from your leadership, I remain without words that can express my gratitude and appreciation for your strength. I can only leave you with a sincere and heartfelt, Hy'shque.

In solidarity,
Crina Hoyer, Executive Director
RE Sources for Sustainable Communities

Congratulations to the Lummi Tribe for success in standing up to corporate greed and demanding recognition of their tribal rights. It is beautifully ironic that a treaty that was notoriously unfair to the tribes could stop the coal train. I am grateful for the wisdom of native culture's that can help us understand and cherish the natural world. It is time for us to hear the heartbeat of their drum and give thanks.

Brett Bauton,
Bellingham

Let the Indians lead (see footnote) May 10, 2016,
Rev. Charis Weathers,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
<http://echoesbellingham.org/blog/2016/5/10/let-the-indians-lead>

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Colonial settlers have a lot to answer for. And let's face it, any non-native person in the United States is a colonial settler. That's just about everyone who might stumble across this blog post.

I haven't kept up this blog like I thought I would – a story common to so many bloggers. It's being taken up now because yesterday the Army Corps of Engineers made an extraordinary, precedent-setting decision. This decision has the potential to be a game-changer for thousands of people, if not the entire planet. It's been in the news (even covered by the NY Times), and yet I think we cannot stop talking about the larger implications, and the larger incriminations.

Echoes (the funky, experimental church that is hosting this blog) is situated in Whatcom County, Washington. Our county is comprised of the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples, who have lived here since time immemorial. The two principal remaining tribes here are Lummi Nation and Nooksack, who both have reservations on the tiniest fraction of their original territories.

Bellingham Bay (See below)

In 1855 a treaty was signed between the US government and many Coast Salish tribes in Western Washington. In exchange for vast amounts of land, tribes were granted rights for fishing, hunting, and gathering, along with monetary compensation, schools, and access to medical care. They were told to sign the treaty, or "walk knee deep in blood." Tribal members were relocated to small reservations, and those tribes that were not granted their own reservation were ordered to move to the reservation of



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a neighboring tribe. Over the years both the amount of land and the rights to fish were restricted well beyond the limitations of the 1855 treaty. (For a well-written, super helpful article on history of the treaty, its context, and local treaty encroachments, see Jewell James' work in the Whatcom Watch.)

Close to a year and a half ago, Lummi Nation asked that the Army Corps of Engineers reject a permit to build the nation's largest coal terminal in the deep-water port known as Cherry Point (Xwe'chieXen in the language of Lummi). At this terminal, coal from across the mid-west would travel to Cherry Point, and be put onto cargo ships for transport to other nations.

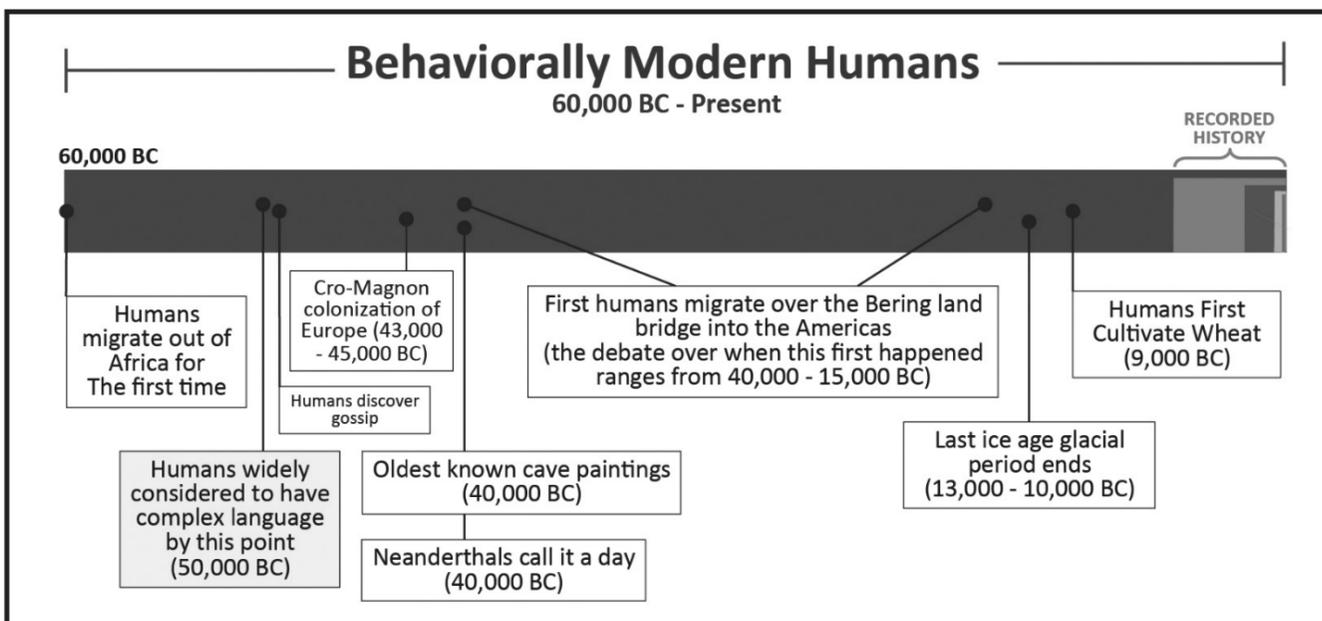
To boil it down, the problem is that Cherry Point is located in Lummi fishing waters. They have rights to fish here, and the terminal will further degrade the water quality, and reduce the number of fish and other harvestable marine life such as crab. A terminal would be yet another major violation of their treaty rights, not to mention a desecration of a supremely important historical Lummi township site that is also a major burial ground.

Xwe'chieXen (Cherry Point) See below left

It seems like this would be a no-brainer. Not only would a coal terminal further accelerate worldwide climate change in favor of corporate gain for the few, but a terminal on this particular land would continue a horrific history of racism, paternalism, and downright subjugation of indigenous peoples in our area.

Yesterday the Army Corps of Engineers did the right thing: they denied the permit.

To say this is a decision worthy of a party is an understatement of epic proportions. Lummi Nation



has been fighting tirelessly to stop this coal terminal, as they have with every treaty-encroaching permit proposal that is put on the table where they have to prove their rights over and over again. Another proposal for a gas pipeline IN the Salish Sea is already underway, and they will again have to argue for both their rights, and the rights of the planet. They see this as a never-ending battle of which they will never retreat.

Salish Sea (See below right)

The Army Corps of Engineers decision might just make it a little bit easier down the road for them and for countless other tribes in their efforts to keep out fossil fuel extraction corporations from taking their resources, running through their lands and historical sites, and polluting endlessly as they go.

My God I'm thankful for Lummi.

I'm thankful for this stalwart, committed group of men and women who know that they are fighting for the ultimate good of all of us in Whatcom County, and for the ultimate good of the planet (who is more appropriately termed Mother Earth by many indigenous peoples).

I actually believe that we should give most of our energy decisions to our native brothers and sisters. The primary reason being that they have a sacred obligation to the land, whereas corporations that are over-extracting natural resources have an obligation to make money. The whole concept of money was completely foreign to our original peoples. The uninhibited, maniacal grasp for land and resultant money (undergirded by the hideous theological error of the Doctrine of Discovery) was the cause behind the near extermination of this country's indigenous peoples, and money acquisition continues to destroy our planet's ecosystems.

Two weeks ago I had the huge privilege to spend a few days with a variety of Lummi members who spoke of their history, struggles, trauma, and amazing fortitude and resilience. One tribal council member said, "It won't be an Indian that takes the last fish, or cuts down the last tree. It's impossible for us."

This internally-wired, ancient ideology-driven stance is what we need for the bigger-picture in environmental leadership. Not that we don't have some amazing, effective leaders from the colonial settler clans (many are here in Whatcom County), but we surely don't have enough

from the Native American communities.

Let's look at it from a time-line perspective. Tim Urban of the ever-interesting website Wait But Why, has given us a handy tool for visualizing humanity's presence on our planet. In addition to some mind-blowing, colorful diagrams, he writes, "If the Earth formed at midnight and the present moment is the next midnight, 24 hours later, modern humans have been around since 11:59:59pm—1 second." Humans have actually been on this planet for the merest of mere blips. An. Itty. Bitty. Bitty. Blip.

The beginning of animal life on this planet puts this diagram into its own teeny slice!

(See chart above)

But look at the time-line of human history alone, and we find another shock. Urban states, "If human history itself spans 24 hours from one midnight to the next, 14 minutes represents the time since Christ." If you look at it that way, industrialization has only been around for a few minutes of the 24hrs that humans have been on the planet, and it's THIS particular era that has screwed us up so badly.

Indigenous persons are not responsible for industrialization, or capitalism,

or theology that wreaks havoc on the earth. Their "minutes" on North American more than quadruple the 14 minutes since the time of Christ (earliest traces of peoples in this region date back to 10-12,000 BC). In their proportionately substantial minutes of human history prior to colonial contact they contributed not one iota toward the downward spiral of climate change.

We need their voices. We need their earth-honoring values. We need their leadership. They surely don't need us, but we surely need them.

The term "Indian" is used here as a result of hearing Whatcom County tribal members refer to themselves as "Indians." It is in no way meant as pejorative.



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