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## Drug Tip Hotline



Since 2011, the Lummi Police Department (LNPD) has averaged 24 cases a year through the Drug Enforcement division. Majority of the cases were prompted by the use of the Drug Tip Hotline. The hotline has been a useful tool to combat drugs

and provides the community with a useful tool to put a stop to the drug dealings within the community.

Since the police department move in 2013 to the new Lummi Administration building in July, the calls into the hotline have decreased.

The police department is asking for the Lummi Community to help stop the drug dealings and provide information. The LNPD shared, 'We document the calls that the anonymous callers make and start an investigation. You do not need to iden-

tify yourself, we only ask for information that could be confirmed as we investigate.'

The Lummi Police Department hosted a drug identification class through Fox Valley Technical College and hopes to host another class in 2014. The class provided community members and employers with the first hand information as to what the substances look like and what a person under the influence looks like.

2011 -2012 we had 48 arrests from the Drug Enforcement Office of Lummi Police. Almost all of these arrests we had received information from the community on the drug tip hotline.

For 2013 we have arrested approximately 5 local drug dealers and still have approximately 23 open cases under investigation.

To report drug activity, please call 360-312-2279.; Text: 360-312-3052 email: [tiph hotline@lummi-nsn.gov](mailto:tiph hotline@lummi-nsn.gov)

## Attack of the QR Codes Advertising for the New Age

In various areas around town, you may have found some small strange images that look like blocky ink-blot tests. Don't panic! These are not tiny psychological experiments. Many smartphones today have high-resolution cameras which allow them to become impromptu barcode reading devices. These blocky images you've been seeing at the bottom of advertisements, billboards, Posters, and sometimes even on Television shows or commercials, as well as simply by themselves are ways to put extra information in a small, compact form.

QR codes are a type of barcode made especially for smart phones and other mobile devices to scan. These barcodes can have special coding in them that will have your phone automatically open a webpage to your restaurant, business contact information, coupons, article, poster, newspaper, and much more. Just that one little QR Code can hold a ton of information.

Do you have a flyer or brochure, but don't have the cash to print thousands of copies of your brochure, or just simply want to be environmentally friendly and not waste a ton of paper? You can create a single poster or piece of paper that has volumes of information in a small one inch by

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## "Being Frank" Good Relationships Don't Just Happen



By Billy Frank, Jr.  
Chairman  
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

OLYMPIA – Good relationships don't just happen. We have to work together to

build and maintain a strong foundation of trust and commitment to keep a relationship healthy and strong.

As we mark the 40th anniversary of the Boldt decision this year, the tribal and state natural resources co-managers met recently to re-dedicate ourselves to the principles of co-management.

At the core of co-management is a pledge to seek cooperation first and avoid litigation. The approach is based on a government-to-government relationship that respects the decision-making authority of

both the tribes and state. Its success depends on jointly planning and developing clear objectives with agreed-upon data to support consistent, coordinated natural resources management programs.

Trust and cooperation go hand in hand. In the first decade following the 1974 Boldt decision, the tribes and state did not trust each other as co-managers. We spent hundreds, perhaps thousands of hours arguing before a federal court about whose data was more accurate and whether this fishery or that fishery should be allowed at this place or time.

All that time and money spent in court was wasted. It

could have been better spent protecting and rebuilding the resource.

After a difficult first decade, we found a way to work together built on mutual respect and consideration for each other's needs. Co-management took giant steps forward.

In 1984 the tribes and state started the annual joint season-setting process called North of Falcon. In 1985 the tribes and state worked together to develop the Pacific Salmon Treaty that governs shared U.S. and Canadian salmon fisheries. In 1986 came the Timber/Fish/Wildlife Agreement that provided protection for fish and wildlife on private timber-

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# Community Updates

## You are never too old to get vaccinated!

Submitted by Maddie Smith, Public Health Nurse

Some diseases are preventable. As a Public Health Nurse my job is to assist community members to remain healthy. The Flu vaccine is just ONE vaccine that will prevent disease. At the Lummi Health Center we follow the "Standards for Adult Immunization Practices". These guidelines assist us in having high standards of care for our patients.

Anyone who needs to update their vaccines may walk in or schedule an appointment with Maddie Smith (380-6930) or Anneke Zwick (380-6944).

In order to determine if you need a vaccine the following are the Adult Immunization recommen-

dations:

- Flu Vaccine every year
- Tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis every 5-10 years
- Measels, mumps, and rubella 1 dose if you were born in 1957 or later (you may need a second dose)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) 2 doses; unless you had chickenpox
- Hepatitis A protection from food or water that has been infected
- Hepatitis B
- HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) if you are a woman and less than 26 years old. This vaccine

protects from cervical cancer.

- Meningococcal (Meningitis) if you are a young adult and going away to live in a dormitory
- Zoster (Shingles) if you are 60 years and older and have had chickenpox
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia) if you are 65 years or older or have a chronic medical condition

If you have questions about what vaccines you might need please call and talk to your Healthcare Provider, Maddie or Anneke.

Our goal in Public Health is to help you stay Healthy!

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one inch square. Are you a restaurant that wants to distribute coupons, but can't afford to put an advertisement in the paper, or print a bunch of coupons to mail out? You can create a QR Code that leads to a webpage that has a digital copy of your coupon!

The possibilities are endless with QR codes! Their efficiency knows no bounds, holding a limitless amount of information in such a compact space. You don't even need to create a bunch of copies of your QR code, because the user is just taking a picture of it, they don't need to take the physical QR code with them. For us here at Lummi Communications, we use the QR Codes so that people can download digital copies of the Squol Quol. That way, the reader won't have to carry around the newspaper with them if they don't want to. There are even a lucky few who have phones that are capable of reading digital material out loud to them, albeit in a very robotic voice with the occasional mispronounced word. So remember, if you see a really blocky ink blot test, don't try to analyze it, use your phone!

If you want to be a QR Reading extraordinaire, it's super simple!

1. Iphone users open the iTunes App Store. In the App

store, search for the QR Reader app. Or Android users open the Google Play store. In the Google Play store, Search for the QR Reader App.

2. Download the app onto your phone. Once it is downloaded, open the app.

3. The screen should look like a Camera viewfinder.
4. Ensure you have good lighting, then aim the camera at the QR code, making sure that it is in the center of the screen and in focus.
5. The Scanner will work automatically and will ask you



## SQUOL QUOL

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## News from the Lummi Tribal Court

Submitted by Sharmaine McIntyre, Court Administrator

The Lummi Tribal Court would like to wish a Happy 2014 and everyone on a prosperous new year.

The court continues to work very hard at processing cases and continue to excel in their training. Probation continues to provide excellent assistance to their clients with the results seen throughout the community.

The Lummi Jail Alternatives program is running efficiently. Should an elder be in need of outdoor assistance, please contact Bambi Solomon at 360-312-2104 with requests.

We would like to wish everybody with Birthdays in the month of January, a Happy Birthday.



what you want to do with the information it has just scanned! If it's a webpage, it'll Tell you it's a webpage and ask if you want to open it. If it's contact information, it will ask if you want to save it. You are now ready to go out and scan to your heart's content!

# Community Updates

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lands while also ensuring a healthy timber industry. Next came the 1989 Centennial Accord that further cemented the government-to-government relationship between the tribes and state.

All of these accomplishments clearly show the great things that can be done when we choose to work together. We can't afford to lose that.

That doesn't mean we agree on everything. We don't. Sometimes, no matter how hard we try, we can't come to an agreement. The case of fish-blocking culverts is a good example.

After many months of negotiations failed, the tribes were forced as a last

resort in 2001 to file a lawsuit against the state to fix fish-blocking culverts under state roads that closed access to hundreds of miles of good salmon habitat. The federal court agreed that culverts blocking fish passage violate tribal treaty fishing rights and gave the state 17 years to fix the problem.

While we are disappointed that the state has appealed the ruling, we will continue to work together for the health of the salmon and all of our natural resources. That's because we know cooperation is the way forward. It always has been and always will be.

Contact: Tony Meyer or Emmett O'Connell (360) 438-1180, www.nwifc.org



## 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: December 27, 2013**

**Class II**

*Steakhouse Host Cashier	Part-Time
*Lead Cook	Full-Time
*Lead Steward	Full-Time
*Bartender	Part-Time
Banquet Server	Part-Time
Prep-Cook/Cashier (Pizzanini, Graveyard)	Full-Time
Prep Cook	Full-Time
Restaurant Host Cashier	Part-Time
Restaurant Server	Part-Time

**Class III**

*Marketing Assistant	Part-Time
*Catering & Sales Representative	Part-Time
*TG Floor Supervisor	Full-Time
*Table Games Dealer	Part-Time
*Cage Cashier	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)312-0559  
You may refer to our Website address: www.silverreefcasino.com and click on the Employment option.

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January 6th & 7th, 2014

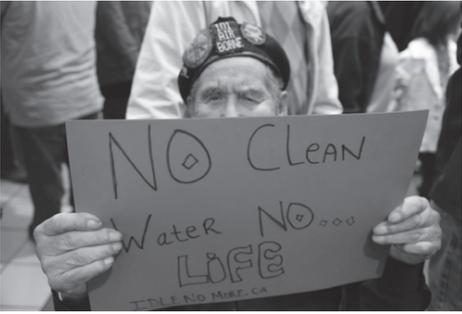
## LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

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) 380-6991, E-mail: Carol Veale at carolv@lummi-nsn.gov Mail ATTN: 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 December 31, 2013**

Job Title	Department	Closing Date:
Staff Attorney	Tribal Prosecutor (ORA)	1/8/14
Public Works Director	Planning	1/9/14
Weekend Part Time Dentist Level III	Dental	1/31/14
Teacher	Head Start	Until Filled
Transit Operator	Planning	Until Filled
<i>On-Call</i>		
Custodian	Lummi Nation School	Until Filled
<i>On-Call</i>		
Residential Assistant	Safe House	Until Filled
<i>On-Call</i>		
Caregiver Home	Care Agency	Continuous
Substitute Teacher	Lummi Nation School	Continuous
House-Keeper	Planning	Continuous
<i>On-Call</i>		
Fitness Attendant	Fitness Center	Continuous
<i>On-call</i>		
Commissions/Board of Directors		Closing Date:
LNSO Board Member	LNSO	Until Filled
<i>4 vacancies</i>		
Law & Justice Commission Seat E	Law & Justice	Until Filled
<i>"Knowledge of Administrative/Financial"</i>		
Law & Justice Commission Seat F	Law & Justice	Until Filled
<i>"Knowledge of Social and Health Services"</i>		
Law and Justice Commission Seat G	Law & Justice	Until Filled
<i>"Knowledge of Management and Writing Skills"</i>		
NWIC Board #5 & #6	NWIC	Until Filled
Planning Commissioner (3)	Planning	Until Filled
Exclusion Committee	Law & Order	Until Filled
Exclusion Panel Law & Order	Until Fill	

# Community Updates

## 2013 Year in review



**FIRST NATION CHIEFS DECLARE BAN ON PIPELINES, TANKERS**





## Chairman's Update

Members of the Lummi Nation General Council:

As we begin a new year in strengthening our community and economy we should acknowledge that we have a vested interest in the futures of our families, our people and the sovereignty of our nation. Though these sche-lang-en carries on. In charting the course of where we as a nation will go in the upcoming year, we do so with the acknowledgment of what we have done to get this far.

Over the past year we adjusted our national identity by formally adopting our Tribal Anthem: "Che Shesh Whe Wheleq". We are survivors of the great flood. With a sharpened sense of resilience and tenacity we carry on. We pursue the way of life that our past leaders hoped to preserve with the rights reserved by our treaty; and it has to be said, we are not a conquered people, and intend to keep it that way on all fronts whether it be health care, treaty issues and attacks on our sovereignty. We all are witness to the return and strengthening of our Schelangen.

I believe that each of

us can agree to some extent that our way of life is contained and reflected in the values and strength of our families. In order for those values to be shared we could and should promote forums for families to be strengthened the family unit; allow families to make family decisions and not encourage the overreach of government. A definite threat to the family unit is the displacement of our children to non tribal homes. You as members of the General Council in partnership with the Business Council, took action to reduce the chances of broken families by focusing upon reunification with amendments to Title 8 of the Lummi Codes of Law. During the last quarter of 2013 the LIBC added the Children in Care Unit to implement the new services that the new code facilitate

During this past year, we held witness to a significant court case that prevailed in our favor. The Culvert Case, which Lummi helped pursue, was ruled in favor of the treaty fishing tribes. The court asserted what we knew—the health of the salmon (and in turn our people) is linked to the health of our environment.

Our community and elected leaders were able to provide the opportunity for young and old to revive our gift from the Silh Siam: tse Sxwo'le (the reef net). Together with the commu-

nity the LIBC re-introduce the ancient technology and that brought our people seemingly unlimited resources. We hold the vision of utilizing technology and innovation to provide for our family.

Also, as empowered people, we completed the repatriation of Semiahmah. The ancestors were ready to go home and council supported completion of the work, and participated as individuals to the fullest extent possible. The completion of the work was a day that was waited upon for more than 13 years; I cannot thank each of those who came forward enough for helping us, whether it was shifting materials or policy development, we are a grateful tribal nation. We are also aware that pressures of development upon our cultural resources is a constant and ongoing threat, as such we need to continue to be diligent in our efforts to protect our ancestral burial sites.

You as General Council members entrusted, and requested, the Business Council to take on the sole responsibility management of the gaming facility. In turn the LIBC ended our contract agreement with Merit. The Lummi Commercial Company has been granted the authority, by way of a Management Committee, to operate the gaming facility. The LCC held its first stakeholder's meeting in the summer of 2013 in order to gather the interest and requests of GC

in relation to the revenue generating operations of the Nation. The second annual stakeholder's meeting is planned for the first quarter of 2014.

On a national level we pushed for federal tax exemption as well as recognition of our right to tax the economies in our territory. We are pushing congress to legislate the exemption of essential services for which we have the right to provide to our people through the General Welfare Exemption Bill. Also at the federal level, we are pushing congress to better or fully recognize our treaty right to harvest our resources from the Salish Sea. Our Ancestors have harvested from these waters since time immemorial, and we will continue to follow the direction of our elders in defending our right to carry out our Sche-lang-en in our waters.

With the support of the General Council and LIBC the Nation developed new buildings that will last for generations to come: a new administration building, a new head start building, a new gymnasium in the Mackenzie Village, and renovation of the neighborhood facility.

In the middle of the year, your elected leadership called for a reduction of the amount of back billing in our clinic. By doing so we prevent tribal members from being sent to debt collections on the Nation's account.

In January of 2013 the Nation drafted and submitted a trust application for 80 acres of the of our Interstate 5 (I-5) property. By October of 2013 the Regional BIA office approved the application. Additionally the tribe acquired 80 more acres near I-5 (totaling 160 acres over the last two years) and committed to put that property into trust.

We have a great many blessings from our past and current leadership to be thankful for; they include the original Head Start program and the new Head Start Facility, Lummi Housing, Lummi Nation School, Northwest Indian College, and our third and most successful casino thus far – the Silver Reef Hotel Casino and Spa.

Given the complexities our Council and General Council face on a continuing basis, it may be time to develop a Lummi Nation Strategic Plan to guide our growth in a manner that is true to our Sche-lang-en and maintaining our financial responsibility. Such a plan would recognize the opportunities created by our past leadership in pursuing Self-Governance and identify an agreed upon path for us to follow. I am a humble and grateful to be member of our tribe and thank the creator each day for the many blessings bestowed upon our people.

May all of us be blessed throughout the new year.

Che-shesh-whe-wheleq

# Reconvened General Council Meeting

Wednesday ~ 5<sup>PM</sup>

January 29, 2014

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# From the Office of the Vice Chair



Happy Holidays Lummi Nation!!

It's that wonderful time of year again!! We at the Office of the Vice Chair would like to extend our warmest and most sincere greetings as we round the corner into Christmas and New Years. Time is flying by as 2013 comes to a close and we gear up for 2014!

The wintery weather is also upon us. We've all been wishing for a white Christmas, but along with

that would come risky travels. Please take the necessary precautions if you need to venture out of your homes in this weather. The mountains are expected to receive an abundance of snowfall; even here at home in Lummi we've seen snowfall, so please be careful out there.

One focus of the Office of the Vice Chair this month has been to complete our 2013 Annual Report which covers our goals for the year and the accomplishments of our office including the departments that fall under the umbrella of the Vice Chair's office. The Annual Report will be reviewed at the LIBC General Council meeting on January 4, 2014.

Another major and collaborative effort in the Office of the Vice Chair has been the annual Commu-

nity Contributions. We are happy and excited to have the opportunity to work with staff from other offices and to give back to our community. Applications are accepted until December 31, 2013 at which point the selection of recipients will begin. We look forward to reviewing the applications from across the state!

This month LIBC held the annual Holiday Program on Saturday December 21st and it was a great success. There was great music and gift giving all around. It was great to see all the members of our community in attendance! There was a great comedian, Mitch Factor, who entertained everyone at the gathering and he was a big hit! Santa Claus was also there to take pictures with all the children and people had the opportunity to enter into a talent show

as well! We have been hearing rave reviews about the dinner provided by Lummi Commods as well. The prizes and gifts given out were the icing on the cake for this years LIBC Holiday program!!

The Journey to Wellness Center will be co-hosting the New Year's Eve Dance this year, in collaboration with several other departments from LIBC. We would like to extend a special thank you to Sharon Burton from Lummi CARE for the White Bison Christmas party which was a small, informal group gathering. For group members or anyone interested, we have a schedule for meetings and support groups available throughout the holiday season. The Journey to Wellness Center and Home would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and a very

happy New Year!! If you are interested in knowing more about the program or clean and sober community happenings and meetings please call Althea Wilson at 360-289-8486, or Alvin Cultee at 360-746-9906 and for the men's home you can call John Jefferson Sr. at 360-306-7124. They would be happy to fill you in on the goings-on and the availability for support within our community.

All in all, the year's end has been exciting in the Lummi community and we look forward to spending time with our friends and families throughout the holiday season. We all get very busy throughout the year and now it's time to slow down and take the time to spend our days with those we love and care for.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Lummi Nation!!!



Darrell Hillaire, LIBC Treasurer

I hope all our families are keeping warm this winter season. December started out with quite a north eastern cold snap and a few inches of snow. What a way to end this month! I am sure the kids enjoyed getting the extra day off and making snowmen and angels.

We have a lot to be grateful for this month: the Elder's Distribution, Angel Tree, LIBC Christmas Dinner, and Lummi's Christmas Program, just to name a few. We are truly blessed. In preparation for this upcoming year, our staff took annual leave during the latter part of this month. It's good for everyone to spend time with their families.

I am happy to report the Budget Committee and LIBC passed a final budget. Resolution #2013-148, Titled FY2014 Final Budget was passed at a special LIBC meeting on Wednesday, December 4th. The Budget, broken out by

division, is for operational funding only and excludes funding for travel, training and capital. Brian Genge, CFO, is reporting that all operating budgets will be entered into the system by the end of the year.

The travel and training items will be allocated from a separate pool as requests come forward and are approved by the GM or the Chairman. A Capital Pool for capital projects has been established. Those capital requests, to be prioritized by the council, will be funded throughout FY 2014.

On December 18 & 19, the LIBC met to consider its

own work plans and budgets. The top two priorities for 2014 are Wellness and Economic Development. The council will continue to meet over the next few weeks to specify which programs and projects will be enhanced under these priorities.

Next month, on January 4, our annual report will be made to the General Council. A Budget/Finance retreat for admin staff and Budget Committee members is planned for January. We hope to create a positive mindset and to recognize the many differing opinions. I'm also planning capital projects meetings to help develop a long

term capital improvement plan. And, finally, a Financial Plan will be developed that will help establish the Nations savings goals and debt capacity.

Please feel free to stop by and contact Justin Finkbonner or Rosalee Revey-Jacobs for the final budget or get an update on the events going on in the Treasurer's office. They can be reached at RosaRJ@lummi-nsn.gov, 360.312.2147 or JustinF@lummi-nsn.gov any time to discuss any concerns or questions.

Darrell Hillaire, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Update

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# LIBC & Lummi Clinic closed Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in Observance of Treaty Day

# General Manager's Corner



*Bobby Thompson, LIBC General Manager*

## **The General Manager's office provides a December update:**

The 2013 closed with many positive development in the LIBC administrative operations and program development. The following are some of the highlights for the month of December, 2013.

### **The Title IVE Project (Children in Care Unit)**

The Title IVE Project begun its full implementation with staffing and development started. The Health and Human Services Director provided the leadership and directions to staff the operation on the limited basis. The operation financial plans are being finalized as the LIBC is reviewing other support services operations budgetary needs related to the Title IV E operation. The Children In Care Unit, as it is called, will begin the prevention and intervention services while working to establish foster care licensing program and standards for Lummi tribal member families. This unit is in addition to the current Lummi Children Services. Both operations are collaborating, coordinating and communicating in every phase of the operations since they serve the same clientele, families and population. Under the revised Title 8, LCL, a CCT oversight and coordinator was appointed under council appointment structure. Penny Carol

Hillaire was appointed in that position to begin the CCT(Children Consultation Team) operation. This team is a replacement of the CPT(Child Protection Team) although the CCT services remain similar with enhanced approach to include parental and extended family participation in the CCT activities.

### **2014 Budget Planning and Development**

The final budget decision was made by the LIBC which allowed the Executive Directors(Chairman and General Manager) to finalize allocation of 2014 funding for program operation. Under the leadership of the LIBC Treasurer, this new funding mechanism became a reality before the year end. Most of the LIBC department operations will begin the 2014 with 2013 based funding level. Appropriate decision documents will be provided to the directors under the General Manager. This allocation will be monitored closely in relation to the 20214 Performance Based Budgeting and work plans in 2014.

### **Lummi Youth Academy**

The General Manager through an administrative review team recommended to the LIBC that the Lummi Youth Academy will need to suspend operations to begin reviewing the operation infrastructure, improve operation policies and procedures and

comprehensive staff trainings. This administrative review begun due to children behavior incidents at the academy resulted in police investigation, citations and the administrative review initiated by the General Manager. The planning and development is underway to help support improved infrastructure development, strengthen security measures and establish improved student safety before resuming operation. It was anticipated that operation may resume within 30 days. The General Manager allowed the LYA staff to remain in board in order to use their assistance in reshaping the operation. Appropriate staffing pattern and structure will be reviewed as well. The General Manager issued a written notice to the parents/guardians on this temporary closure with reasons identified. The Administrative Review Team with additional support members was charged with the responsibility to put together a plan on the type of facility the Academy will become. It will be presented to the LIBC as soon as it is completed. We hope we can complete the recommended plan within the next couple of weeks.

### **LIBC Salary Scale Administration Reassessment Project**

Under the leadership from the General Manager with support from the LIBC CFO, HR Director, Restorative Justice Director and Deputy GM, the salary scale administration reassessment process begun in November and continued in December, 2013. Outside professional consultant was engaged. This committee work will continue into the 2014 until a strategic plan can be developed to salary scale determination and further administration. The first goal was to establish the real principles required in job description development process. In line with the process, values clarification will be

required to use our guide us on how the job description will be rewritten and reassessed.

### **LIBC Scholarship and Grant Operation**

The General Manager in working coordination with the LIBC Appointed Committee recommended to the LIBC a revised Scholarship Policies and Procedures, Scholarship Board Charter and LIBC Resolution in December meeting. The Resolution was tabled until further meetings in January, 2014. One of the major issue and grant/scholarship award disparity came to light in the fall term period when student grant funding become inconsistent. Many former LCC scholarship students were complaining that they felt the LCC level scholarship level should have continued. When the LCC scholarship was allocated to the LIBC, the funds were consolidated into the LIBC Higher Education Program in a one line item budget decision which resulted in the LCC Scholarship lost its identity when placed in the HE grant line item. When consolidated, it resulted in a "needs based" funding structure and many students felt they were entitled to the full \$6,000.00 as provided by the LCC scholarship previously. However, in our Higher Education Grant administration process, to give those more to limited number of students would have also be unfair to all the other students. We have total of 157 plus students under the LIBC Higher Education Grant Program. The General Manager is recommending to the LIBC that we remove the "Needs Based" approach in the grant award. Rather, we are recommending that the grant award would be based on a yearly award of certain figures irrespective of the FAFSA system need analysis system. If this is approved, the GM office will be readjusting the grant award to support

all those students further and provide more funding, if eligible. It is concerning, however, if we go toward this recommended direction and grant award structure, additional resources will be required from the LIBC to establish higher funding level. We hope this decision can be reached in January, 2014. The General Manager and the Career Service Manager needs this policy level direction to change in the way we fund students. To do otherwise without policy changes would be inappropriate and that administration would be obligating the LIBC without proper authority.

The other area in scholarship or grant award has to do with student loan issue. The committee is still looking at ways on how we can support Lummi members who have outstanding student loans. The CFO and Legal department is providing support on we might best establish the loan repayment program. We hope we can finalize the student loan repayment program within January term of the LIBC meeting. This area is more complex since it has to do with the General Welfare doctrine issue of the Internal Revenue Service. We believe we can come up with a plan that would meet the test and support former students with outstanding loans.

Our December update is limited, the above areas were heavily concentrated on to ensure that (1.) Children Services receive proper attention (2.) Budget plans are done, (3.) Lummi Youth Academy issues addressed, (4.) LIBC salary administration revisited and the (5.) LIBC Grant/Scholarship Program revisited.

Bobby Thompson,  
General Manager  
Lummi Indian Business  
Council

## *Lummi Head Start & Lummi Nation School will be closed*

### *Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in Observance of Treaty Day*

# Community Updates

## Records & Archives

Submitted by Janice Jefferson, Director

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

### December Monthly Update

I want to take this time to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and very Happy and Prosperous New Year. 2014 look out here we come we can only get better in what we do for our community. It has been a great pleasure to work with all of you this past year and we look forward to even more progress and growth in 2014.

At the end of this month we will lose our work experience employee hopefully to a full time benefited po-

sition. She has acquired substantial training while working here in Records and Archives so will be able to fit in anywhere. Good luck Maxine, it has been fun working with you and getting to know you and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

The scanning project continues but have only been working 6 hours a day instead of the usual 8. They continue to make great progress and more and more is being added to the H:drive every day. Numbers are down this month though only because the scanner was down for a couple of days and all of the holidays.

### The numbers for December are as follows:

- 3 -2013 resolutions scanned and certified
- 3 Resolutions added to H:drive for elec-

tronic access

- 17 file requests from various departments
- 0 files returned
- CBC's charters, by-laws and policies are electronic and available on the H:drive
- 11 cubic feet council operations 2 disposal or 29% complete
- 18 documents Archived
- 291 documents scanned
- 8 cubic feet Treasurer's Office disposal 8/8 100% complete
- **247 documents scanned**
- 3000 unaccessioned photos accessioned and prepped for scanning
- 34267 pages scanned
- 4 memorial funeral books archived

- One withdrawal this month from archives
- One archival accession from a teacher at the Marietta school
- Budget is at 98% for the year

We had two employees attend the Census training this month. We also had one in office staff meeting and our end of the year wind up meeting off campus.

Once again we encourage you to submit pictures (we can make copies), birth announcements, death certificates, wedding photos or invitations, graduation announcements or photos, sporting events, class pictures, yearbooks or annuals, naming, etc. to begin or add to your family history. If you need to schedule us to come into your home to scan these documents please call us at 360-312-2061. And remember we

Director: Janice "Honetia" Jefferson  
360-312-2061 janiceb@lummi-nsn.gov  
Staff: 10 Lummi tribal members  
Staff: Cheryl Solomon, Records Tech 360-312-2063/2061  
Wilfred LaClair Jr., Scanning Tech Supervisor 360-312-2060  
Daniel Neil, Records Tech II 360-312-2062  
4 FT-Temporary Employees, 2 PT Temporary Scanning Project  
1 Work experience employee  
Contact Information:  
2665 Kwina Road N 1500  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
Fax: 360-312-8742  
Dept. Divisions: Archives & Records Management

are just a holding place for preservation unless you release them to us, you control who has access to them.

## Planning Commission 2014

Submitted by Kirk Vinish, Planning

The first regular meeting of the Planning Commission in 2014 will be January 8th. The agenda includes the appointment of three seats on the Commission, recommendations for the 2014 Commission priorities, recommendation for approval of plans reviewed in December.

The Commission recommended LIBC approval and adoption of the Fire District 8 Capital Facilities Plan. The 20-year plan proposes the construction of a new main station at Haxton & Kwina Roads and renovation of the Gooseberry station in the next 5-10 years—at a projected cost of over \$3million.

The Commission is taking steps to be the first CBC to go paperless for most of its business. This will allow the Commission to achieve more—to consider more issues and provide greater access to the

community. All too often members of the community are finding it difficult to make evening meetings and even members of the commission found it challenging. Therefore, the Planning Commission will be hosting virtual meetings so all members of the community can participate via phone or over the internet.

During virtual e-meetings, Commissioners will be able to review and discuss the current agenda with each other over a week's time. They will then convene a meeting, in real time, by email or via a web service like GoToMeeting, or via tele-conference to vote on official actions. More will get done, at less cost, and Tribal members who could not attend meetings in person will have another option and we think more public participation will be the result. The combination of a more productive, efficient, and accessible Planning Commission will better serve

the Lummi Community in 2014.

### Master planning continues

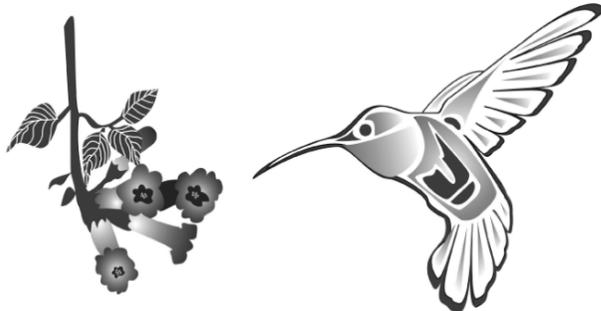
The Planning Department will continue to refine existing master plans to help guide development on and off the Reservation. Reservation-wide Master Plans from 2005 and 2009 and the Kwina Corridor Master Plan should be updated and approved by LIBC. For 2014, staff identified three target areas for master planning study, analysis and projected development:

- The 200-acre light-industrial zoned land along west Slater Road,
- 160 acres of mixed-use land along Ferndale Road, south of Slater, and
- The 80-acre "Aloha Property" between Chief Martin and Lummi Shore Roads.

Please Come and Join Us!!! Drum Making Class in the After School Program!!!!  
High School / Middle School Only Register for the New Year! :)  
Cultural Class with Denise Solomon !!!  
Dates: Monday - Thursday, January 6-16  
Time: 2:45 - 5:15  
Note: Students must attend the Academic Acceleration portion of the After School Program in order to be eligible to participate.



Each drum will be made from start to finish! You can draw your own design! Paint any color that you like! :) This class is not offered until the next school year! So Don't miss out! :) Sign Up now! :) and get a drum made! Learning to sing, and dance! And much more! :)  
If you have any questions: please free to contact Denise Solomon the Cultural Arts Teacher. Denise.Solomon@lummi-k12.org or phone 360-758-4416



# Community Breakfast

Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 9AM - 11AM ~ Wexliem

## Planning & Public Works

The Kwina/Haxton Roundabout has been completed by Taylor Excavator's. Landscape changes by the end of November will include the removal of the vertical trees. Carved Welcoming Figures will replace the trees.

The Haxton/Smokehouse Roundabout construction will start in the spring of 2014. The Lummi Nation received one million dollars from US DOT Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program to help with the construction of the project. Additional funding will come from the BIA MAP 21 funding, formally known as the Indian Reservation Road Funds.

Demolition of the former LNR Building has been completed. Funding is through Department of Defense grant. The Office of the General Manager provided additional project funding for the removal of interior FF& E and accumulated trash. Planning's

Maintenance Department managed the clean up and trash removal.

The former accounting building will be demolished by the end of the year. Department of Defense provided additional funding.

Strider Construction continues to work on the completion of the Sandy Point pump station improvements and the sewer extensions. Design is nearly complete for the second set of pump station improvements. Gray & Osborne engineers have been hired for the waste water treatment center renovation design. Construction of the pump stations and waste water treatment center will start next year.

With Youth Wellness Department, Planning is working with California Skate Parks contractor on the final skate park design. Construction is scheduled for December of this year. The Youth Wellness De-

partment received funding from the Tony Hawk Foundation for some of the construction.

Planning to supervised Lummi Nation Construction Company on the demolition of the gym floor in the former Council Ops/GM office building. New flooring was installed by Western Hardwoods. Barclay Dean was the successful bidder, providing the basketball backstops.

Carletti Architects continues to work on the design for the remodel of offices adjacent to the gymnasium which will be used in the future by Youth Wellness staff.

Architect, Jed Clark owner of Arbour North has been hired to work with both the System of CARE and the Health Clinic on the designs for each of their remodels.

Currently, the Health Clinic laboratory addition is being completed by Lum-

mi Nation Construction Company.

Tribal Transportation Infrastructure Projects, Olsen Road, Turkey Shoot and Grace Erickson Developments, which are the construction of roads in and out of the developments, will be aligned with Lummi Tribal Water and Sewer funding from I H S for water and sewer installation. Combining road construction with water and sewer installation will save time and funding.

With assistance from Lummi's Economic Development Department; Planning recently submitted a grant request for 400k from the EDA to complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Gooseberry Point Marina. Planning budgeted an additional 100k from their 2014 BIA MAP 21 grant funds to complete the permit process. Completing the permit process will allow Planning to apply

for additional grants for construction and be in a more competitive position having obtained the necessary permits. Funding will go for mitigation, biological evaluation, SEPA, JARPA permitting and Tribal environmental assessment.

The Lummi Nation in financial partnership with Whatcom County propose to construct pedestrian improvements that will enhance both safety, as there are no pedestrian facilities in the area now, and increase mobility by providing ADA compliant resources from the Lummi Nation K-12 School, assisted living facility, residential dwellings, commercial businesses and the Whatcom County Ferry Landing.

The project will reduce the number of conflict points between transit, trucks, vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians by simply removing the pedestrians from the road.

### *Are e-cigarettes harmless?*

E-cigarettes are being advertised as a safer alternative to smoking. E-cigarettes are still putting nicotine into the body. Nicotine is highly addictive.

Electronic cigarettes are battery-powered smoking devices designed to look and feel like regular cigarettes. Someone using

an e-cigarette still is getting an unhealthy dose of nicotine and other chemicals.

The electronic cigarette manufacturers claim they are a safe alternative to commercial cigarettes. However, the Food and Drug Administration

(FDA) has questioned their safety. When FDA analyzed the contents of the e-cigarettes they found variable amounts of nicotine and other cancer causing substances. Because of these findings, they have issued a warning about potential health risks associated with these products.

Until more is known about their potential risks, play it safe and say NO to e-cigarettes.

If you are interested in quitting cigarettes, there are many FDA approved products, such as the patch, nicotine gum and prescription medications. Lummi

also has an ongoing Quit Smoking Program.

Questions: Kathy Charles, Public Health Educator: 380-6952 or email: kcharles@lummi-nsn.gov

## *Increasing Numbers of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Sought in Whatcom County*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Date: December 20, 2013

Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence, 1407 Commercial Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 (360) 312-5700 X 202

The Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence (DV Commission) has released its tenth and most comprehensive benchmarking report, Domestic Violence in Whatcom County: 1998 – 2012. The report highlights select Whatcom County indices for domestic violence for the years of 1998 through 2012, with an emphasis on civil and criminal jus-

tice system data as well as domestic violence service provider data.

The report demonstrates that there still are significant levels of domestic violence in Whatcom County.

Perhaps most significantly, there were 427 Domestic Violence Protection Orders filed in Whatcom County in 2012; this number has increased each year since 2008, and is the highest number of protection orders filed in any year since 2004.

There were other notable increases in domestic violence indicators in 2012 as well: the percentage of domestic violence-related

jail bookings was nearly double the 2011 percentage, and the number of domestic violence misdemeanor charges filed in Whatcom County courts represented a large increase from the year before.

Additionally, the data on domestic violence offenses as a proportion of all criminal offenses in Whatcom County, as well as the data on the number of domestic violence felony cases filed by the Whatcom County Prosecutor's Office, were nearly the same in 2012 as in 2011, which represented a marked increase from previous years.

Moreover, in 2012 thousands of victims sought a wide range of sup-

portive services from one of the local domestic violence advocacy agencies.

Due to limitations related to data, the reasons for these changes are unclear. "Unfortunately, this report does not provide the type of analysis that would explain the reasons for the increases in certain domestic violence indices and rates per capita," stated Susan Marks, Director of the DV Commission. "Many variables can impact this change. We do know that domestic violence is a serious problem for the communities of Whatcom County, and can cause significant harm to our community members who are impacted."

This is the only report in Whatcom County that compiles domestic violence data across multiple systems. The DV Commission hopes that this report will be used as a tool to inform policy and practice. The full report can be found at [www.dvcommission.org/resources](http://www.dvcommission.org/resources).

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, you can call one of the local domestic violence helplines at 877.227.3360 or 877.715.1563.

For More Information: Susan Marks, 312-5700 x 202

## Enrollment Office Request

Submitted by Vela Kamkoff

### 1. Updates on Addresses

a. If you move, Please give us a call

### 2. Updates on Phone / Cell #'s

a. If your number changes, please give us a call

### 3. Enroll your child.

a. From all births of 2013, we still have a few not enrolled

4. if it is your choice that the child be enrolled in a different tribe, Please give us a call so we can remove this child's name from our "Un-enrolled Listing"

We do not have a start date for new cards – however...Please keep your eyes and ears open for Free New Tribal I.D. Cards.

This will be Phase One Transition to a new function this card will play

#### Phase one:

1. Free replacement of all Tribal I.D.'s for Free

2. For 16 years and older to get a free card replacement

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Card function will be "PAY AT POINT"

1. You will be able to swipe your card at the pump.

a. this will automatically reduce cost by .28 cents per gallon

2. Enter in your ATM Card and start pumping.

a. If you are not using a card and need to pay cash.

b. you will need to go into the store but you will no longer need to go back .

3. The two stores are different.

a. Mini Mart, has the swipes on the pump.

b. the Fisherman's Cove, you will always need to go inside and have your card swiped.

4. The only reason you will need to go back into the store is if you are doing a full tank, with an unknown amount. But it will all be at a reduced price.

Watch for LUMMI COMMERCIAL COMPANY Announcements.

Call the Enrollment Office with any questions.

**Business Hours**  
**Monday through**  
**Friday from 8:00 a.m.**  
**to 4:30 p.m.**

Vela K. Kamkoff: 1-360-312- 2270

Christine Cultee: 1-360-312- 2265

Patrick Jefferson: 1-360-312 - 2286

Lisa Toby: 1-360-312-2398

## Silver Reef Wins Tourism Partner of the Year Award

FERNDALE, WA – Dec. 18, 2013 - Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa won the prestigious "Tourism Partner of the Year" award at this year's 9th Annual Awards Dinner hosted by The Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The Tourism Partner of the Year award is selected and presented by Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism in recognition of the flexibility and adaptability required to be successful in the ever-changing tourism industry. Silver Reef was awarded the title this year for being an aggressive and generous tourism marketing partner.

"We're honored to be awarded the 2013 Tourism Partner of the Year," said Harlan Oppenheim, Chief Executive Officer of Silver

Reef. "We look forward to continuing our commitment to excellence in customer service and our strong spirit of hospitality."

Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism is a non-profit association dedicated to improving the local economy through tourism and is the county's official tourism agency. It provides members, the community and the traveling public a variety of programs.

### About Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa

Owned by the Lummi Nation in Washington, Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa is a complete destination with 105 luxurious guest rooms and suites, a full-service spa, nine dining options including the multiple award-winning Steak

House and Wine Room, live entertainment and a world-class casino floor with a separate non-smoking gaming area where guests can get into the exciting gaming action with all the latest video slot machines and Las Vegas-style table games. Silver Reef also includes over 22,000 square feet of indoor event space with the Event Center, the newest event space in northwest Washington and The Theatre, a state-of-the-art, 154 seat tiered seminar theatre.

For more information about Silver Reef visit [www.SilverReefCasino.com](http://www.SilverReefCasino.com).

Aaron Thomas, Director of Marketing  
(360) 543-7108  
[aaront@silverreefcasino.com](mailto:aaront@silverreefcasino.com)

## Lummi Dental would like to wish you a Happy New Year!



Many of you are setting New Year's resolutions or new goals you would like to achieve by the end of 2014.

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\*All your treatment should be complete before braces are placed on your teeth



**Lummi Dental Contact Information:**

**Address: 2592 Kwina Rd. Bellingham WA 98226**

**Lummi Tribal Clinics Phone Number: (360)312-2494**

**Lummi Dental Phone Number: (360) 312-2481**

**Lummi Dental Fax: (360) 384-2335**

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**Tuesday 8am**

**Wednesday 8am**

**Thursday 12:30pm**

**Friday 8am**

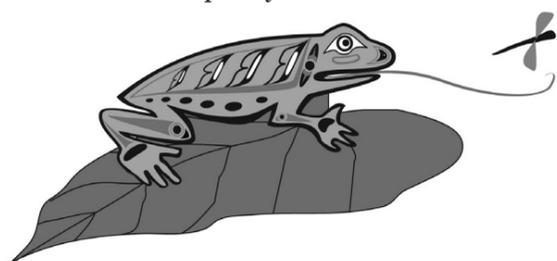
## Lummi Transit

The weather is still cold and wet; and Lummi Transit is going strong, so come and ride with us. In November we gave 4,549 rides, in and around the Lummi Nation while traveling 9,646 miles, which we gave rides to an average of 151 riders each day in November. We strive to offer a quality



service to everyone in the community, and hope that our riders agree.

Lummi Transit will be operating normal schedules on January 1st and January 22nd Treaty Day. If you have any questions please give us a call at 312-2122, we are ready to help.





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# Tribal Sovereignty and Treaty Rights

Submitted by Jewell James, STP Office 2013

We hear tribal leaders talk about sovereignty; but, do we know what we are talking about? It has been said, "sovereignty" is a French word. Do we care? There is a need for us, as tribal members, to recognize what is the foundation to tribal sovereignty? Do you want to know, in one word? The answer is "You." You, and all your family members, relatives, as tribal members, born and raised as Lummi Tribal Indians, are the foundation to tribal sovereignty. As a person, you have a mind, body, and soul. These three things make you a whole person. You have power from all three. You could use that power in a constructive or destructive way. But, it is power of the Individual person.

We are tribal people. We have a society, culture, and a common history. We have survived as a tribe, as a nation, in confrontation with US efforts to eliminate our identity as a tribal person and as Indian Tribes. The Termination Era was the time the US sought to wipe out our Indian identity. I believe it was effectively from 1868 to 1975. There was a short time (1928 to 1948) that it did not seek to wipe us out legally, politically, socially, and economically; that was during the Indian Reorganization Era. But, that reprieve from injustice was short lived. During the termination and assimilation time, the federal and church boarding school systems done extensive damage to our people's traditional knowledge of themselves. Our culture and spirituality, throughout all this, was under constant attack.

But, still, we would gather back together as tribal Indians. We refused to give up as a people, as a tribe. When we all come together, as individuals with our own power, we had

an agreement that is not written. This agreement is to work together, in peace, to defend our common rights, to address our common needs, to protect each other from our common enemies, to preserve our families, our tribalism, our sense of community. This working together, where we are not at war with each other, creates that peace we enjoy together. We come together, in peace. This makes us a society. We expect each one of us to give up the capacity to simply attack the other at will. We devise our form of government and make up the laws we need to assure all of us that the "strongest" does not rule but that all are equal and represented fairly- the women, the children, the elderly, and the sick. A strong person can be dominant for a while but the people can work together and if that person injures others, personally or their property, then we can hold them accountable by our laws.

We had inherent sovereignty at Lummi. But, in recent history, we came together and created a constitution that is a reflection of the powers we have but delegated to the tribal council. We have, today, a written, organized constitutional tribal government. We had this since 1948; but, before all that we governed ourselves based on our traditional tribal forms of leadership. Even back then, however, we held our leaders accountable. They were leaders, not dictators or persons with some right to hurt others, to dominate over others at will and whim. The people simply did not listen to or follow a leader that was aggressive or demanding more than they were willing to give- in peace or war.

We entered a treaty relationship with the United States in 1855 and that was ratified by the US Senate, as required by the Constitution. Our treaty is basically

equal to the Constitution and Acts of Congress. For the United States, the Constitution is first in line of supreme law of the land, the laws of the United State, then treaties made are all listed as "supreme law" of the land. We know that these three laws are higher in status than state constitutions and state laws. The individual state governments have to pay respect to the "Supreme law of the land."

But, do not get arrogant. The US laws can be drafted to take precedence over and above ratified treaties. We say, "Hey, that abrogates the treaty?" Yes it does! And, the Supreme Court recognizes that fact. So, our treaties can be compromised. It is up to us to always be vigilant to make sure the US Congress does not abrogate our treaty rights. We have to make sure, also, that other "treaties" entered into by the USA do not abrogate our treaty rights as well. When the US/Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty was being ratified, Lummi fishermen protested at the border. They knew the US was compromising our treaty rights for the benefit of a new deal with Canada. The US gave us up on the west coast and got a better deal for US interests on the east coast. President Reagan compromised our treaty rights then.

When we say that our "treaty rights are at risk" then we need to be aware that we have to be vigilant. We have to watch out. Be careful. The treaties are at risk in the US Supreme Court, in the Congress, and in the actions of the President. Here, in the Pacific NW, the tribes have been very busy suing each other. We treat each other as the enemy. We have to recognize that the Federal District Court Judge has warned the tribes to keep the intertribal disputes out of his court, or else. Remember, the Boldt

Decision was about legal conflicts between the USA and tribes (due to treaty guarantees secured from the USA) and the state. So, what is happening then?

I believe the tribes have gotten so caught up in "commercial fishing" as members "enrolled only in one tribe" (for fishery management purposes), that we forgot our intertribal ancestry. We have become a reflection of those people that forgot the other tribes were composed of "their relatives." In the past, we had peace between us by controlled intertribal marriages. Through those marriages we tracked inherited and inherent rights, as natives, for fishing, hunting, and gathering rights. We worked together and tribes allowed their "relatives" that were passing through their territories to harvest food. We had intertribal laws and customs and ceremonies that governed our conduct toward each other. We were not wild beasts. We had culture. We have spirituality. We had extended family that reached into the leadership of the other tribes. We had protocols that governed how we treaty each other intertribally.

So, we know we are individually sovereign. We know we form collective sovereignty when we come together. We know we delegate our powers to our chosen leadership. We recognize we had intertribal relationships. We know we have government to government relationships with the federal government. We know we lost a lot of history and culture due to the efforts of the government and churches to "Kill the Indian to Save the Man!" But, we still have saved a lot of our culture. We still exist. We now need to reorganize and figure out how to undo the damages done to us by them (the USA, the state, general society, and the churches). We have to "de-

colonialize." We have to undo the damages white society has done to us here in the United States and Alaska & Hawaii.

We have to "legally" protect ourselves in the courts. We have to "politically" protect ourselves in Congress. And, we have to make sure we "Administratively" protect ourselves in all our "Consultations" with any federal department under the control of the President (as Chief Executive). One area of concern today is how will we use the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (approved in 2007) to our advantage over the next twenty years. We (Lummi) and the Indian Law Resource Center were the ones that wrote the legal brief that convinced the White House to accept this declaration a couple years ago.

It addresses all the questions we raised here and much more. We need to understand how that document is a policy advisory to the United States- as regards how it treats and responds to us and our demands for rights protection. Yes, our treaty rights are at-risk; but, they have always been at risk since 1859. The question is whether young Lummi leadership have what it takes to not just represent Lummi on the reservation but locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. If so then it is only because they chose to educate themselves, to train themselves for the battle. Our treaty rights are at-risk when chosen tribal leadership fail to lead, fail to prepare for the battle, fail to engage the enemy, and fail to represent the rights of their people, and fail to remember who they are traditionally and culturally. But, we know that Lummi has a history of strong leadership. Let's keep that tradition alive and strong.

***Lummi Head Start & Lummi Nation School  
will be closed Wednesday  
January 22, 2014 in observance of  
Treaty Day***

# Community Updates

## 2013 Year in review





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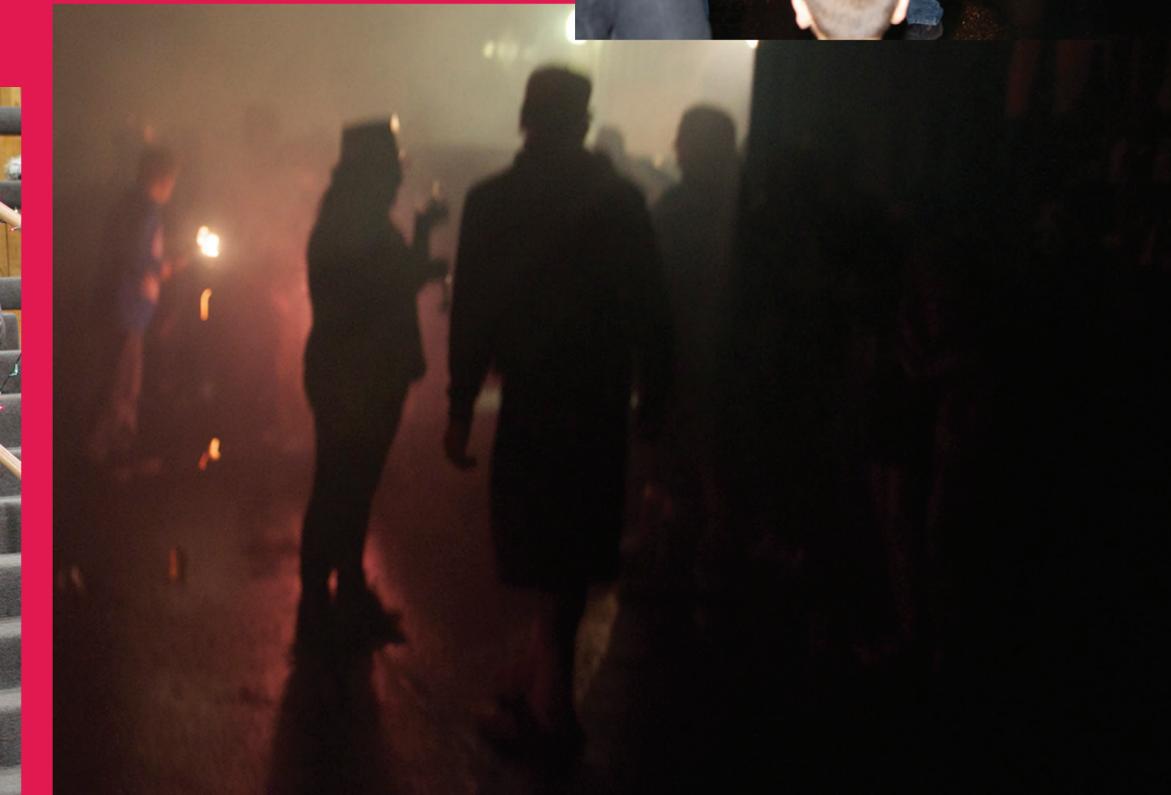
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# Lummi New Year celebration



# Nation's Year's Eve Celebration



# Natural Resources Department

## 2013 Annual Report

By Merle Jefferson Sr.

### LNR Mission

To enhance, manage and protect the natural resources into perpetuity for the benefit of the Lummi people in accordance with the policy and procedure of the Lummi Nation.

### Employment Status

Total staff is 50  
Tribal 31 (66%) Non-tribal 17(33%)

### Budget Status

\$1.55 Million LIBC Compact

\$1.52 Million Non-Compact

\$9.4 Million Grants

### Departments Percent Expended 12/4/13

Directors Office – 97%

Harvest – 85.77%

ESA Restoration – All Grants

Salmon Enhancement – 91.3%

Shellfish Enhancement – 98.97%

Water Resources – 83.87%

Forestry – 92.67%

TFW – 79.1%

### 2013 Goal: Directors Office

- Weekly meeting with managers to review goals, tasks, budgets and calendars.
- Continue opposing both Cherry Point development and the Sklallam boundary case, and encouraging feds to litigate instream water rights and tidelands trespass issues.
- Conducted boat reconnaissance on illegal water use in Nooksack River, arranged meeting with Ecology for actions.
- LNR staff worked on Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization language and Lummi fish disaster declaration.
- Cut and remove logs on jams by Lummi contractor and County. Dredged silt out at river pump house and modified pump intake. Secured CORPS study on river pump station relocation.
- Awarded \$15k from

Conoco, \$15k from Alcoa, and \$10K from BP to repair Sea Pond Dike in early 2014. Received \$15k from BP for the graveling of fishing access road on east side of river.

- Secured agreement from WDFW to incubate chum at Kendall for release from Kendall and Lummi Bay.

- Overall achieved 80% success on goal completion.

### 2013 Goal: Protect Water Resources

- Continued efforts to maximize and protect tribal water rights to instream flow – completed updated hydrology and instream flow models – work with DOJ litigation team continued (on-going project).
- Monitored water quality at 52 surface water and 19 ground water sites – sampling program evaluation completed resulting in the reduction in the sites and frequency of sampling after 10/01/2013 (100%).
- Wrote EIS Scoping letter, contracted with vessel traffic expert, reviewed and commented on draft vessel traffic reports for the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal Project (100%).
- Completed updated tideland boundary survey and Sandy Point Marina entrance channel survey, continued work with BIA and DOJ to file trespass lawsuit (100%).
- Conducted two oil spill drills with boom deployment and participated in two industry-sponsored table-top oil spill drills (100%).
- Continued enhancement, land acquisition, and operational activities of the Lummi Wetland and Habitat Mitigation

Bank – sold 4.913 credits for \$894,000 (on-going project).

### 2013 Goal: ESA and Treaty Fishing Rights Protection

- Working on Lummi tribal policy support for a fisheries treaty rights task force to develop and implement a strategy forcing the federal government to exercise its trust responsibility to protect treaty reserved fisheries rights. Past protection of treaty rights has only come through litigation.
- Lack of understanding the difference between setting and implanting policy has led to internal disagreement how to support our Schlangen and weakened Lummi's ability to lead in the protection of treaty reserved rights as was done in the Boldt, Rafeedie, Martinez Phase II (culverts), and IRS decisions.
- Preserved fishing opportunity, and added a Chum hatchery production program in the face of significant external opposition from, anti-hatchery, anti-harvest and habitat declination pressures.
- Successfully implemented a pilot early Chinook selective fishery yielding 206 Chinook, 300% over the previous 4 year average, for spring ceremonial purposes while protecting the traditional harvest methods.
- Released 156,000 South Fork Chinook sub-yearlings from 2012 captive brood and spawned 293 SF Chinook females from the 2013 Captive Brood to produce 600,000 sub-yearlings for release in 2014.
- Coordinated with Chairman's office on revisions to the Magnuson Stevens Act recognizing trib-

al parity with states and to recognize fisheries disasters resulting from a breach of federal trust responsibility.

- Reviewing Salmon Recovery Plan implementation to evaluate progress toward goals and recommend changes in strategies where necessary to meet Lummi harvest objectives.
- Informed Lummi and the wider community about strategies and actions required to produce the harvest through hatchery production while restoring and protecting habitat creates harvest surplus to sustain the Lummi Schlangen at the Skookum Creek Hatchery open house, the First Salmon Ceremony, and regular updates and articles in the Squol Quol.
- Provided fishing opportunities that resulted in more than 12,000 commercial landings by 547 fishers, covering over 330 calendar days.
- The harvest volume for Lummi's commercial fishing fleet total over 8.3 million pounds of fish and shellfish, valued at approximately \$11.7 million.
- Processed over 200 requests for the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of fish and shellfish, and issued the necessary permits.
- Secured grant funding to strengthen LNR's salmon harvest sampling efforts with personnel, supplies and equipment.
- Completed, or in the process of completing, biomass surveys for geoduck (Eliza Island and Alden Bank), manila clams (on-reservation, Drayton Harbor and Birch Bay) and

sea cucumbers (San Juan Islands).

- Prepared annual harvest management plans and fishing schedules for crab, shrimp, geoduck, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, halibut, clams, steelhead, and sockeye, pink, Chinook, coho and chum salmon.

### 2013 Goal: Habitat Restoration

- Obtain grant funding to support habitat restoration.
  - Five grants awarded: 100% goal met.
- Preserve and restore Nooksack and Lummi River estuarine channel and wetlands habitat to support salmon recovery and water quality/shellfish objectives.
  - 160 acres acquired: 52% goal met.
  - 60 acres of riparian plantings maintained: 100% goal met
- Assess impacts from restoration projects
  - Three projects monitored with report: 100% goal met.
- Advance public education and stewardship efforts in environmental issues and support the formal education and training
  - Staff is provided at least one training opportunity per year: 100% goal met.
- Ensure that grants meet deliverables within timeline provided.
  - At least 20 grants managed: 100% goal met.
- Provide technical support for ESA Recovery in salmon recovery assessment, planning, prioritization and inter-agency coordination.
  - Attend at least 12 WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery Staff Team meetings: 100% goal met.

(Natural Resources continued)

### 2013 Goal: Shellfish Enhancement

- 8 Full time employees
- \$250,661.18 in Geoduck Seed Revenue (100.26% of Goal)
  - o Planted 250,000 GD seed outside of Sea Pond.
- Planted 749 Oyster Cultch Bags (24.9% of Goal/3000 bags)
  - o Shell Washer beyond repairable (Replacing Unit in process)
- Did not enhance Lummi Tidelands with manila clam seed (planting 20 million seed was the goal)
  - o All setters for tidelands died during setting stage (50-60 million setters)
  - o Planted 200 million setters inside Sea Pond for enhancement.
- 60 bag Algae Bag System is complete & ready to put online for 2014
- Budgets

- o Hatchery budget 061.2610 (81.83% of \$734,173.00 used)
- o BIA Cyclical Maintenance 200.2225 (54.18% of \$219,957.00 used)
- o Enhancement (Ed Hillaire) 200.2030 (86.83% of \$79,346.00 used)

### 2013 Goal: Salmon Enhancement

- Skookum Creek and Lummi Bay Hatcheries released 2,017,819 yearling Coho.
- Lummi Bay Hatchery released 863,000 Fall Chinook into Lummi Bay and Bertrand Creek areas.
- Skookum Creek Hatchery released 155,732 Spring Chinook into S.F. Nooksack River.
- Lummi Bay Hatchery released 73,000 Chum in April for the first release group of the new chum program at the hatchery.
- 19,045 adult Coho returned to Skookum Creek and

Lummi Bay hatcheries, with 2.2 million eggs taken; 457 captive adult Spring Chinook brood were transferred to Skookum Creek with 659,800 eggs taken.

- 750,000 eggs taken from wild Chum in the Nooksack River system for a chum program at Kendall Creek Hatchery. Maritime Hatchery is supplying 270,000 or more chum eggs for the new chum program at Lummi Bay Hatchery.
- Skookum Creek Hatchery had a major improvement for juvenile rearing capacity and water efficiency use in conjunction with the expanding spring Chinook program. Lummi Bay Hatchery received a major upgrade to the Coho acclimation pond which will improve survival and acclimation.

### 2013 Goal: TFW

- Reviewed, cataloged, mapped, and responded via written, verbal and field reviews to 525 Forest Practice Applications on state-regulated forestlands in WRAs 1 (Nooksack), and 2 (San Juan Islands) (100%)
- Monitored in-stream temperatures in WRIA 1 Nooksack River forks and tributaries (100%)
- Participated in inter-tribal and tribal-state Culvert Case post-ruling proceedings and technical negotiations for state-owned fish barrier corrections per the permanent injunction (100%)
- Coordinated departmental review and response to state's revising process to its Hydraulic Code to assure that the updated Code provides equal or superior protection to fish, habitat, and water quality (100%)

- Integrated departmental hunting policy and technical duties with new hire (in 3rd quarter, so 25%)
- Developed additional off-reservation gathering opportunities for Lummi community (N/A, needs not yet quantified)

### 2013 Goal: Forestry

- Competed 80% of Forest Development Projects
  - o 20% was not completed because the Balch Logging Unit failed to sell.
  - o Completed Vegetation Management on 108 acres on tribal member's property
  - o Completed Forest Management Plan and Reports for 2013
- Prepare and Administer 80% of BIA Timber Sale Contracts
  - o 20% was not completed because the Balch Logging Unit failed to Sell.
  - o Completed the Forest Officers Report, Appraisal, Road Design, Timber Sale Contract for the Balch Timber Sale.
- Prepared and Issued 100% of forestry permits.
  - o Completed 8 Fee Timber Cutting Permits
  - o Completed 13 Residential Timber Cutting Permits
  - o Completed 14 Burning Permits
  - o Completed 33 Beachwood Permits
- Reviewed 100% of Lummi Planning Land Use Permits to maintain protection of Bald Eagle Nest.
  - o Reviewed 102 applications
- Provide Professional Assistance and Technical Support 100% of the time to other LIBC Departments.
- Educate the Public on the Permitting Process, monitor forest activities, Advertise Forestry Division Projects, and enhance public relations 100 % of the time.

## Lummi Children's Services Update

Submitted by Amy Finkbonner

Happy New Year from all of us at Lummi Children's Services!

### Highlights from 2013:

- 17 children reunited with their parents
- 6 children entered into 3rd party custody with a grandparent
- Transferred 31 cases to LCS
- Hired 2 new Caseworkers
- Moved LCS office to the old Planning Building
- LCS is no longer under the Family Services Department; Council approved a new organizational chart and LCS is now under the Health and Human Services Executive Director

Also, LIBC contracted with the Native American Community & Child Welfare Advocates (NACCWA) in order to complete a comprehensive review of the Children's Services program. From what I understand, the program review will be given to LIBC on December 30th.

Personally, I'm thankful for this opportunity to provide this information to an outside assessor and we're looking forward to receiving the information they'll provide to Council. The Lummi Children's Code has always said "Our children are our highest priority"; our kids deserve the best services we can provide. There are always ways to improve and sometimes it's helpful to get an outside perspective.

Please stop by and visit us in our new location – 2828 Kwina Road!

## Healing Spirit Clinic/Lummi Counseling Services

Submitted by Kevin Murphy, Mental Health Counselor

Last January the Healing Spirit Clinic was given a provisional certification to open an opiate treatment program (OTP). The clinic offers medication to assist people in their journey of recovery from heroin and prescription painkiller dependence. It is part of Lummi Counseling Services (also known as CARE), which provides education and counseling to individuals, couples, families and groups to help in recovery.

We are pleased to announce that state and federal regulators recently performed a review of the Healing Spirit Clinic and approved the program's work. This means that the program is fully certified and was granted a license for the next three years. Lummi Counseling Services was also reviewed and passed with a 95%

rating which will hold for three years.

The abuse of heroin has a huge effect on families and our community. The Lummi council recognizes the impact and made Journey to Wellness the number one priority the last few years. They also set up the Journey to Wellness building which houses 12-step meetings (AA, NA) where people can go for support. The help of families and leadership has been invaluable as we continue to work together to realize the hope of a community living in sobriety, wellness and having safe and healthy relationships.

Thank you for your voice, sacrifice and support in this continuous effort. We are honored to do this work and humbled to be a part of peoples' journey of recovery and wellness. We look forward to continuing to work together to realize the hope of that journey.

## Understanding the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004

### Introduction And Overview

The American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA) was enacted on October 27, 2004. The Act amends the Indian Land Consolidation Act and amendments made in 2000 and this notice replaces the notice provided in 2001. This Act affects your ownership rights in trust or restricted land, unless the land is located in Alaska. Most of the provisions do not take effect for one (1) year.

AIPRA changes the way trust estates are distributed to your heirs after your death. This increases the importance and benefits of writing a will or doing an estate plan. AIPRA also improves your ability to consolidate your interests in trust or restricted land.

### SECTION 1: PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION, WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

The Act creates a new nation-wide probate code that changes how your trust property will be distributed among your heirs if you die without a will. Other changes include amended definitions of "Indian" and "eligible heirs" for purposes of inheriting in trust. The changes also provide opportunities for Indians or the tribe to purchase your interest in trust or restricted land at probate. In order to give you time to plan, the inheritance changes take effect after one (1) year. To help you understand some of the most important changes, you need to know what happens if you do not have a will or an estate plan.

### SHOULD YOU WRITE A WILL?

The new law protects your rights as a property owner to transfer your property by will. By writing a will, you can designate how your trust land will be transferred in trust to any Indian person or to your descendants even if they are not tribal members. You can control how your trust property is passed by creating an estate plan, such as a will or deed. There are also new provisions on wills. If you have already written a will, you should review it to make sure the will says what

you currently want.

### Who Can Receive Your Property At Death In Trust?

#### Without a Will:

- If you do not write a will, your trust property will pass under the new federal probate code or approved tribal probate code, rather than under the state laws that currently govern Indian probate. Your trust land will continue to be inherited by your immediate family – first to your children or grandchildren or possibly great grandchildren, and if you have none, then to your parents or brothers and sisters. All of these people will be eligible to inherit your trust property as long as each meets the definition of Indian below, or are your descendants within two generations of an Indian, or they already are co-owners in the same parcel. Land not passing to one of the people above will then pass to the tribe where the land is located.

- If you have a spouse and other eligible heirs, your surviving spouse will inherit 1/3 of any money in your IIM account at the time of your death, and all of the money produced from your interest in trust or restricted land during your spouse's lifetime. Your other heirs get the remaining 2/3 of any money in your IIM account at the time of death, and the remaining ownership interest in the trust or restricted land. Your spouse may also continue to live in a family home located on allotted land.

- If your spouse but no other eligible heirs survive you, the spouse gets your IIM account, and during the spouse's lifetime, the money produced from your land interest. The spouse

may also continue to live in a family home located on allotted land. The remaining ownership interest in land goes to the tribe where the land is located.

If you do not write a will and your ownership interest is less than 5% of the total, your spouse may continue to live in the family home on the parcel and then the new probate law will limit inheritance to the oldest eligible child, and then oldest eligible grandchild or oldest eligible great-grandchild.

Additionally, the Department of the Interior may purchase interests in land that are less than 5% of the total, for fair market value during the probate proceeding without the consent of the heirs. However, this authority to purchase small interests without the heirs' consent DOES NOT APPLY IF THE INTEREST IS PASSING THROUGH A VALID WILL, or if the heirs were living on the land. Spouses living on a parcel also are protected.

#### With a Will:

- By writing a will, your land can be transferred in trust to any Indian person, the tribe that has jurisdiction, or any Indian co-owners. You can also transfer your land in trust to any of your descendants (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren) even if they are not Indian. You can control how your trust property is passed by creating an estate plan, such as a will or deed. You can transfer your interests out of trust to anybody.

- Even if your spouse is not mentioned in a will, your spouse may inherit some of your trust property.

### WHO MAY INHERIT LAND IN TRUST UNDER AIPRA?

There is an amended definition of Indian that helps determine who can inherit an interest in land

in trust, particularly where there is no will. Under AIPRA, an "Indian" is a person who:

- is a member of an Indian tribe, or
- is eligible to become a member of an Indian tribe; or
- was an owner of an interest in trust or restricted land on October 27, 2004; or
- meets the definition of "Indian" under the Indian Reorganization Act, or
- in California, any person as in 1, 2, 3, and 4, or who owns trust or restricted land in California.

This will not affect your eligibility for other federal Indian programs. Your heirs who are not Indian may be able to inherit in trust if they meet the statutory requirements for "eligible heirs." If you have heirs who are non-Indian, be sure to seek information at the toll-free number below or at your local agency office. The provisions of AIPRA are complex. Be sure to seek information for any questions you may have.

### SECTION 2: CONSOLIDATING OWNERSHIP INTERESTS

One of the main purposes of the Act is to preserve the trust status and reduce the number of small, fractionated interests in Indian lands. The Act does this by providing individuals and tribes with more opportunities to consolidate fractionated interests and by removing some restrictions on what tribes and individuals can do with their lands.

### WHAT IS THE PURCHASE OPTION AT PROBATE?

Certain people can purchase your interest in the parcel during probate. Your heirs, other co-owners, and the tribe where the land is located will be able to purchase your interest in the parcel. The purchase price must equal or exceed the fair market value. Your heirs would receive the money paid for your interest in the parcel instead of a share of your interest

in the parcel. If your heirs are to receive 5% interest or more in the parcel, or if they live on the parcel, your heirs' consent to the purchase is required.

### WHAT ARE CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENTS?

Heirs can decide how they want the trust estate distributed at the probate hearing. For example, they may decide whether they wish to inherit their share, or sell it to other co-owners or the tribe where the land is located. Heirs may also give their share to another named Indian person instead of inheriting it.

### HOW CAN A PERSON ACQUIRE OTHER FRACTIONATED INTERESTS?

The Act contains a number of provisions that are important to Indian landowners. Some examples are:

- Land consolidation options for landowners,
- Partition by sale of Indian lands,
- Continuation and expansion of the federal "buy back" program, and
- Greater flexibility for landowners to consolidate and acquire interests during the probate process.

### HOW CAN YOU TRANSFER AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY DURING YOUR LIFETIME?

Please seek information from your trust officer, your local BIA office or the toll free number below for information on estate planning options during your lifetime such as:

- Negotiated sales,
- Gift deeds,
- Land exchanges, and other transactions.

For more information about this notice or the Act, call 1-888-678-6836 x 888

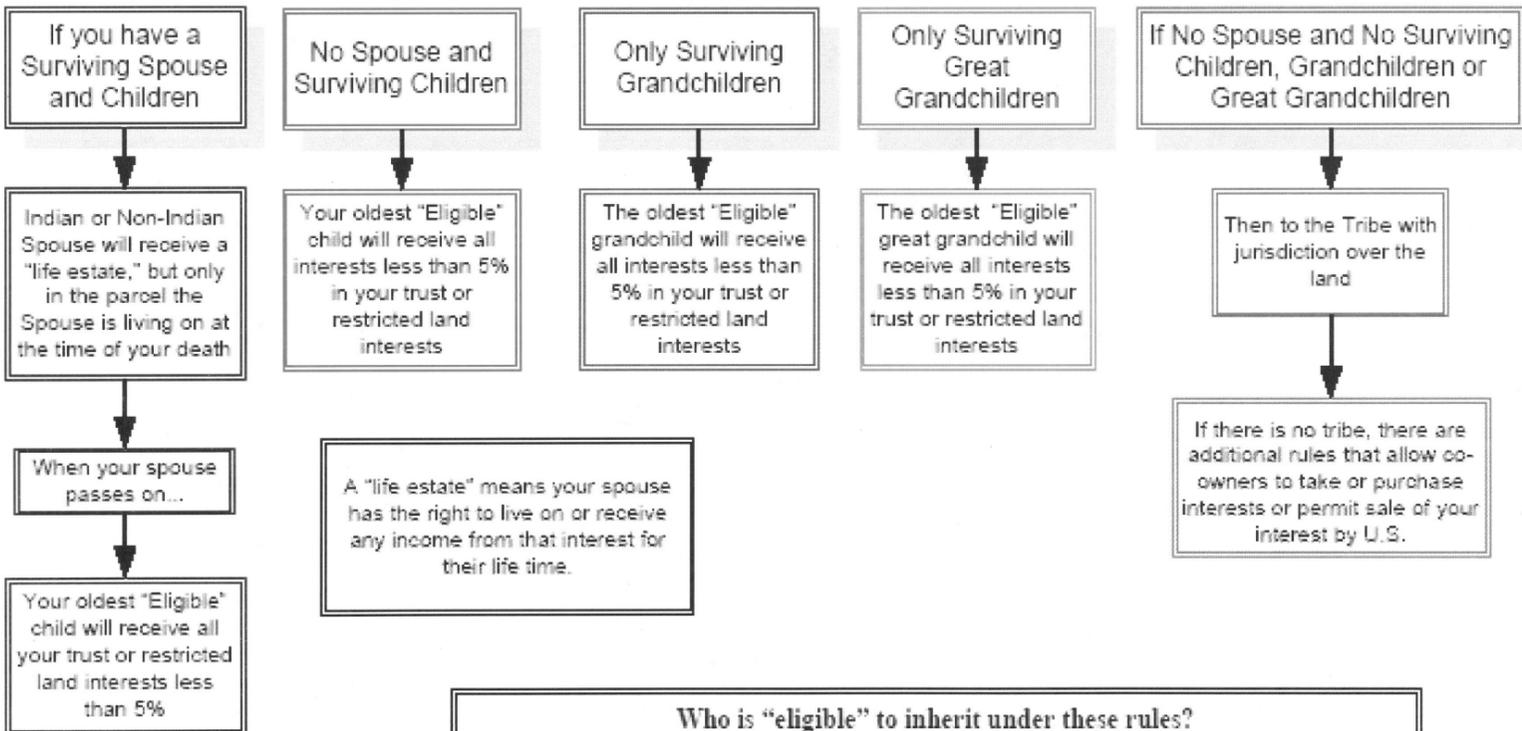
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**A SINGLE HEIR RULE**  
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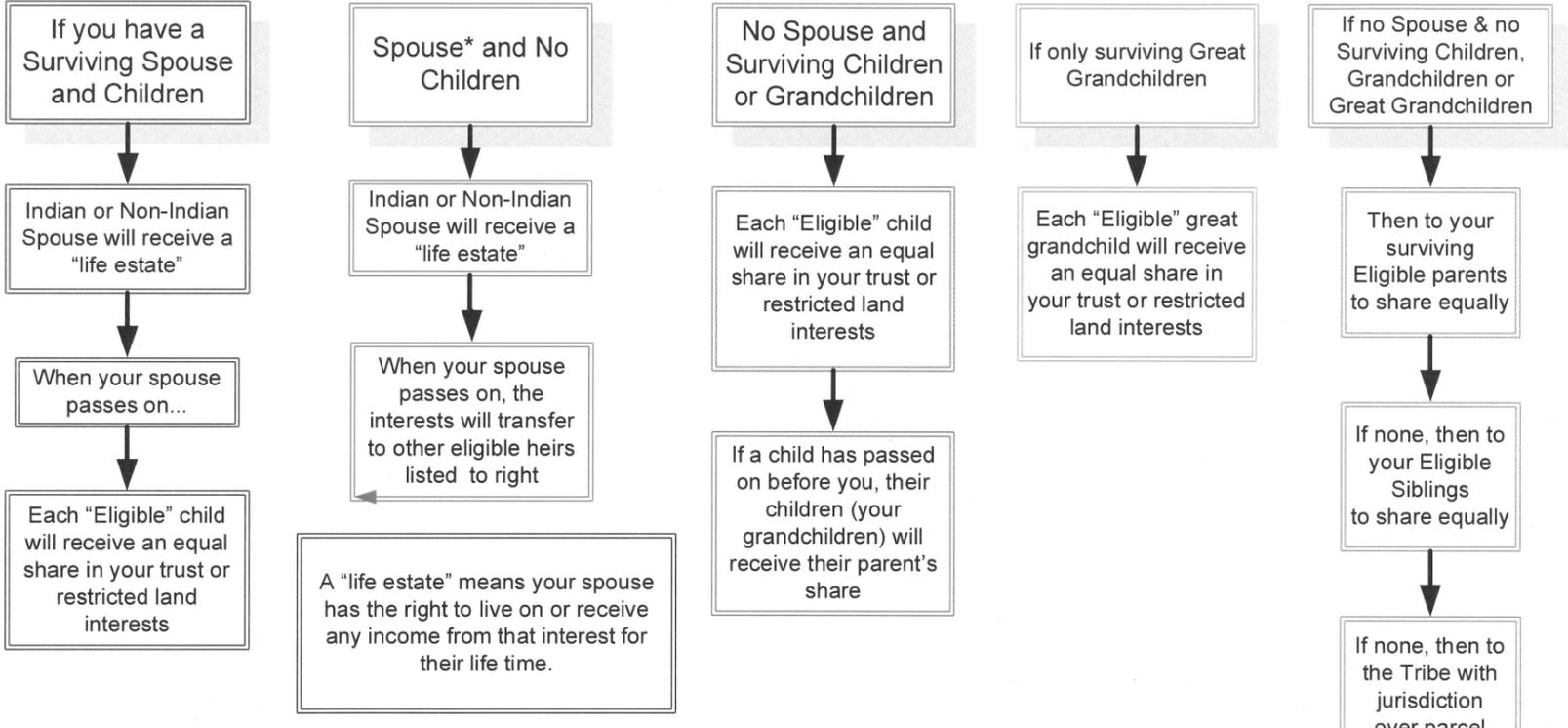


**Who is "eligible" to inherit under these rules?**

Any one of the following:

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- Eligible to become a member of a Tribe, or
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- Person who meets the definition of Indian under the Indian Reorganization Act, or
- In California, any person who owns an interest in trust or restricted land in California, or
- Decedent's lineal descendants within 2 degrees of relationship to any Indian, or
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## Stalking and Harassment under the Lummi Code

### ... Is someone I love a stalker?

Submitted by Michelle M. Hull, Staff Attorney, Victim's of Crime CLP

The Lummi Nation Code of laws defines stalking in the following manner.

#### 5.01.070 Stalking

(a) A person is guilty of the crime of stalking if the person knowingly engages in a series of acts over time, however short, that are directed toward another person such as surveillance, harassment, threats, or intimidating behavior that causes the person substantial emotional distress or reasonable fear for that person's safety or the safety of that person's immediate family.

(b) A person commits the crime of aggravated stalking if: (1) the stalker has committed the offense within five years of a prior conviction for stalking in any jurisdiction; (2) a court order from any jurisdiction is in place protecting that person from the stalker; (3) the stalker makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death, sexual assault, abduction, or serious bodily injury to that person or that person's immediate family member; (4) the stalker has violated the federal Violence Against Women Act; or (5) the stalker's victim is or was a law enforcement officer, court official, juror, attorney, victim advocate, council member, or probation officer, and the stalker stalked the victim to retaliate against the victim for an act the victim performed during the course of official duties or to influence the victim's performance of official duties; (c) It is a defense to an

offense under this section if the accused person had a lawful purpose for the acts. (d) A person who commits the crime of stalking, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period not less than 30 days and not to exceed 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$2,500. A person who commits the crime of aggravated stalking, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period not less than 90 days and not to exceed 365 days, and a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

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#### Proposed new code section:

#### LCL 5.01.080 Harassment

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ately or in the future. "Words or conduct" includes, in addition to any other form of communication or conduct, the sending of an electronic communication.

#### Harassment is a Class E offense.

(b) Aggravated Harassment. A person who harasses another is guilty of aggravated harassment if either of the following applies: (1) The person has two or more previous convictions in any jurisdiction of any crime of harassment, stalking or violating an order prohibiting contact, or disobedience of a lawful court order, with the same victim or member so of the victim's family or household or any person specifically named in any civil or criminal order prohibiting contact; or (2) The person harasses another person under subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section by threatening to kill or rape the person threatened or any other person.

At the beginning of this New Year, it is important to remind all members of the Lummi Nation and their families about the meaning and warning signs of stalking and harassment.

#### Am I the victim of Stalking or Harassment?

Have you experienced any of the following in your life?:

1. Has someone followed you or shown up in explicablely where you are?
2. Does someone send you unwanted gifts and refuse to stop even when you tell them to?
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If you answered yes to any of the questions above, you may be the victim of stalking and/or harassment under the Lummi Code of Laws. Victims of domestic violence are also often victims of stalking by an intimate partner. In fact, the Lummi Code of Laws specifically addresses this fact by including stalking in it's definition of domestic violence under Title 5A. Stalkers come in all forms however; can be male or female, rich or poor, and you may or may not be related to them, or may not know them at all.

#### How do I protect myself from Stalking or Harassment?

If you suspect you have been stalked or harassed, please call 911 and Lummi Victims of Crime at 360-312-2015. Be aware of the warning signs in your relationship. For example, does your significant other scroll through your cell phone, dig through your purse or wallet, or question where you have been? In addition, do they seem to show up where you are as if you are being watched? Do they isolate you from family and/or friends? These all may be signs of domestic violence and/or stalking/harassment behaviors.

Be aware of the warning signs in non-intimate partner stalking or harassment including but not limited to feeling as if someone is following you or showing up where you are with no reasonable explanation; feeling as if someone has been in your home

without your knowledge or consent; feeling of being watched with no reasonable explanation; finding unwanted gifts left for you in conspicuous places; and/or experiencing repeated hang-ups from blocked numbers on your cell or home phone.

Always be aware of what is going on around you, walk with purpose and have your cell phone within reach, especially in non-public places that a stalker or harasser could easily access. Make sure your children know not to give out private information about them or you over the internet.

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312-2015. Be aware of the warning signs in your relationship. For example, does your significant other scroll through your cell phone, dig through your purse or wallet, or question where you have been? In addition, do they seem to show up where you are as if you are being watched? Do they isolate you from family and/or friends? These all may be signs of domestic violence and/or stalking/harassment behaviors.

Be aware of the warning signs in non-intimate partner stalking or harassment including but not limited to feeling as if someone is following you or showing up where you are with no reasonable explanation; feeling as if someone has been in your home without your knowledge or consent; feeling of being watched with no reasonable explanation; finding unwanted gifts left for you in conspicuous places; and/or experiencing repeated hang-ups from blocked numbers on your cell or home phone.

Always be aware of what is going on around you, walk with purpose and have your cell phone within reach, especially in non-public places that a stalker or harasser could easily access. Make sure your children know not to give out private information about them or you over the internet.

If you have any questions or comments about stalking or harassment, please call Lummi Victims of Crime at 360-312-2015 and speak to an advocate.

## Lummi Indian Business Council



# Reconvened General Council

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

5PM ~ Wexliem



## Treaty Day

January 22, 2014

All LIBC Offices, Lummi Clinic, Lummi Headstart and Lummi School will be CLOSED

# Community Updates

## Thank you for a Successful 3rd Annual Coast Salish Winter Festival!

Twenty-five artists signed up over this past month to participate in the 3rd Annual Coast Salish Winter Festival. Each year, the number of vendors and the number of visitors grows. Thank you to all vendors for participating in this year's Festival. We look forward to hearing from you as we learn to make each event better.



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### LNSO continues to recruit new Board Members

Lummi Nation Service Organization (LNSO) continues to recruit new Board Members. If you, or someone you know, are interested in providing services for Lummi community projects and assisting with donations, sponsors and other funding development, please have them contact our office at 360.312.2341. As you know, we continue to move toward a refreshed organizational structure, similar to a "community foundation" ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community\\_foundation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community_foundation)), which is designed as a philanthropic grant making entity serving a defined area, such as Lummi Nation, and that have a mission to improve a community's quality of life. As this structure is finalized and adopted, the LNSO Board of Directors is seeking additional members who want to join this exciting and dynamic team. Please contact LIBC Human Resources for a Job Description and application.

### Ventures is Transitioning

The Lummi Ventures Project is transitioning as the active funded phase of

the grant concludes. The original assigned Strategies of Families, Education and Economic Development and the specific tasks within each strategy are being evaluated as we work to either finalize the completed tasks or place active projects with long-term partners.

Ventures is working with our partners, such as NW Indian College, Economic Development, and our Gateway site partner Lummi Commercial Company, to place the technical "tools" and services developed over the past several years, which provide lasting value, within existing programs while new coordinated partnerships are solidified, such as Workforce Development and centralizing small business resources, possibly at the Gateway Center. Unfortunately, as we wrap various projects, we are also going through the challenge of downsizing. And, as retail sales for most all venues diminish during the winter months, we are planning a reduced the schedule for at least the seafood market. We will provide updates as these new schedules are set. We are working with

Lummi Human Resources to assure support is available for any person affected by these changes.

As we move forward, a primary focus for the LNSO/Ventures Board is to assemble what has been learned during these past ten years - from the 18 months of community planning through project implementation. For LNSO/Ventures, the key questions being asked are: Did we meet the initial targets and selected indicators? If so, what are key factors of success? If not, what were the key limiting factors?

For NWAFA, the key questions being asked include: Since the Ventures planning process began in 2004, what is different today within Lummi Nation? What were key lessons learned? What information would help other private foundations and other such donors/funders to increase potential for funding into Indian Country?

### Successes and Outreach

While Ventures is preparing for the final phase, there continue to be suc-

cesses for our participants. Along with the increased number of visitors for the Coast Salish Winter Festival, the Lummi Gateway Center is also continuing to attract another Lummi tribal member stepping up to pursue a key operational venue.

Our Small Business Trainer has reported the following results: 166 office visits for small business client consultations; 16 clients completed ONABEN training; 3 site visits to business locations; 2 NWIC classes taught in which 9 students completed; 15 assisted in submitting CDFI loan applications plus 5 in the process.

LNSO/Ventures staff is also developing new funding resources with several grant submissions recently completed or in development, including: ArtsPlace America, National Endowment for the Arts and USDA Rural Business. These resources will support the work of LCAA (Lummi Cultural Arts Association) and develop value-added local seafood products that can be made available at the Lummi Gateway Center and other venues.

### Reminder: LNSO has moved to the Tribal Center

LNSO has moved to the Tribal Center: second floor, south wing, next to the TERO office. Our new address is 2665 KWINA ROAD, BELLINGHAM, WA 98226

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION CALL (360)-312-2341

- Sharlaine Washington, Administrative Director (360)-312-2293
- Reginald Booth, Finance/Grants Mgr. (360)-312-2295
- Adib Jamshedi, Business Trainer (360)-312-2411
- Jolene Henry, Office Assistant (360)-312-2341
- Nancy Jordan, Executive Director (360)-389-0769 or (360)-312-2341 or at the Lummi Gateway (360)-306-8554

### Thank you and Well Wishes in 2014

At this time, as we close out one year and prepare for the new, LNSO/Ventures Board and staff wish to recognize and honor the work of the many Community Members and partners who have provided their wisdom, insights and resources and who have volunteered and/or led the direction of the Lummi Nation Service Organization and the Ventures Partnership. Thank you to each and every one. May 2014 bring Abundant Blessings and Happiness.

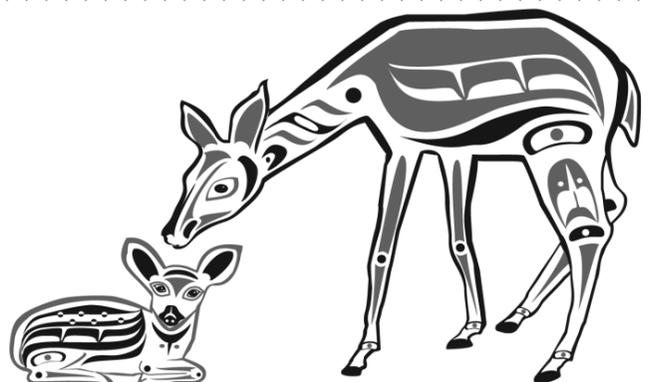
## Elder's Luncheon

Tuesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:30<sup>AM</sup> ~ Silver Reef Casino

## Elder's Birthday Luncheon

Thursday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:30<sup>AM</sup>

Little Bear Creek



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# Opinions & Perspectives

## Bob's Garage "Know when to hold 'em. Know when to fold 'em"



Submitted by Bob Aiken

I've recently run across two similar situations that are resolving themselves in different ways. A couple I know are facing a repair on their Plymouth Voyager Van and another friend is having to deal with an electrical problem on her European car. In all of this, I have played the part of the guy who has worked on cars for a total of about eighteen years (professionally).

I have gotten used to this, because I've come to realize that while I do have a reasonable background in auto repair, I'm not intimately acquainted with the problems of each person or persons that I'm giving advice to. I guess that at the age of 62, I still have a few rights of passage left that I have to go through as far

as growing up. I kind of wish that Joseph Campbell were still alive so that I could discuss all this with him instead of having to tough it out on my own.

The couple I mentioned are older. The guy was born during the Great Depression and has this thing about throwing things away and about having others repair stuff that he owns. The vehicle in question is a '95 Plymouth Voyager van with the Mitsubishi V-6 nestled snugly in the engine bay. It's a good engine, but there are a couple of things that must be attended to insure that it remains bulletproof. First, the water pump is driven by the timing belt. If one goes bad, the other must be changed as well, since this particular engine will wreck itself if the timing belt breaks – a failure that can be precipitated by the water pump seizing. Second, this otherwise excellent engine has an arrangement where a long metal tube exits the back of the water pump and runs underneath the intake manifold. It, too has a ten-

dency to fail. Nailing down these two chronic problems once every 60,000 to 80,000 miles will give the engine a lifespan of well over 300,000 miles.

Our friends were intimidated by the fact that paying over \$1000.00 for the repairs would exceed the amount that they paid for the car initially. I launched into my lecture about how owning a vehicle meant that somehow they were going to be paying some amount of money per month – either a car payment or a repair bill – and that's just how the cow ate the cabbage (I do lapse into my Deep South homilies occasionally).

They bit the bullet and did it, and I think that they will be pleased with the results of their decision after a few months.

The other case that I am mentioning here has to do with a friend who has been at war with her European car for the past year or so. The last insult was this thing where the car's hazard lights would come on all by themselves. As the guy with the ASE Master's Certificate (Which, with a

buck-fifty, will get you a cup of coffee.), it fell to me to find out just what I could do to remedy – at least temporarily – the situation.

I do have a problem with being objective about the results of these searches, because a lot of times those results reveal very depressing news. This search was no exception. I could not find the main fuse panel on the car to pull the hazard flasher fuse (thus interrupting the power to the flashers.), and during a search for information online, I realized that changing out the hazard flasher switch wasn't going to do a damn thing to remedy the problem. The hazard flashers, headlights, turn signals, and God only knows what else were controlled by a lighting control module that was buried deep inside the dash. Fortunately, this was the last straw for my

friend. She is now ready to give the European car the boot, and find something simpler and more reliable. This is after a string of failures which seem to be accelerating at a rapid pace.

In the years of working on cars, I've come to realize that there are some cars that you simply can't get ahead of unless you have an oil well on your property. My friend's is one of those.

I guess the lesson here is that each vehicle should be taken on a case-by-case basis. I still remember the words of a former boss of mine when he was talking to a customer on the phone, "...Just how much do you like this car?" And I understood the wisdom behind that question then, but even more now.

Until next month, keep it between the ditches and the shiny side up.

### January's Tip of the Month:

*We've had snow, and it looks like we'll have it again. If you're using snow chains (a good idea in icy conditions) remember to put the chains on the wheels of the driver axles. Front wheel drive: chains on the front axle. Rear wheel drive: chains on the rear axle. Good luck.*

## Elders luncheon 12.10.13



## Lummi Elders - Senior Scene

Submitted by Diana Dixon

### Happy New Year!

Goodbye 2013. Hello 2014. Another year has passed us by. It was an exciting year. The Elders did activities in and around the Pacific Northwest and beyond. They traveled to Rome to the Vatican, Washington, DC, Texas, Oregon, Kansas, Idaho and Montana. That's just to name a few.

We experienced the Canoe Journey, Paddle to Quinault. What a thrill seeing canoe families from the Coast Salish nations. This year's canoe journey is Paddle to Bella Bella, BC. It's going to be exciting and challenging especially in the waters of the Strait of Georgia and Queen Charlotte Strait between Vancouver Island and mainland BC. Canoe Journey is a drug and alcohol free spiritual and personal journey affording youth, elders and community to engage in healing and recovery of culture, traditional knowledge and spirituality.

Several Elders traveled to the Vatican to witness the Canonization of Blessed Kateri. The first Native American Saint. Wilma Olsen, Loretta Olsen, Cheryl Johnson, Kathy Ballew and Father Kahn were in Rome for the event.

Our Beloved Elder Pauline Hillaire Scalla was honored receiving the National Heritage Fellowship Award, National Endowment of the Arts in Washington, D.C. for her dedication to the preservation of her Native American Culture. Elders Wilma Olsen, accompanied by her daughter Loretta, witnessed the Award Ceremony.

In the Spring, we traveled to Lincoln City, Oregon to attend the Siletz Tribe's Honor Elders event held at the Chinook Winds Casino. The weather was overcast and misty but the ocean was amazing.

Summer took us once again to Oregon. We participated in the Honor Elders Day hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The event was held in the beautiful Spirit Mountain Casino. We enjoyed the entertainment, the food was great and the casino was fun. The weather was hot and the trip was

long but we had a blast. It doesn't matter where we go, we always have fun, lots and lots of fun.

In the fall, our journey took us to Worely, Idaho where the Couer d'Alene Tribe took it's turn at hosting the last Elder event of the year. It's always a nice ride over and back. The geographic changes are amazing. From leaving the coastal lowlands through the mountain pass across the flat prairie to the Rocky Mountains of Idaho. During that time of year, it's not unusual to see elk herds grazing on the hills.

We had visitors from Seabird Island, British Columbia. They enjoyed dinner with us visiting, exchanging stories and legends. Visiting us from Arkansas was Chickasaw-Choctaw Elder Laura Mae Dixon-Vassar, the paternal aunt of Lenny and Henry Dixon. It's amazing how different our cultures are but in reality they are the same.

### 2013 Travel

Our travel for 2013 was somewhat hectic. We cancelled and scheduled venues due to funerals either here or in the tribal communities we had intended to visit.

We are currently working on this season's travel local activities. If you have any suggestions, please call Jackie Ballew, Senior Program Mngr. 758-3500.

### Schelangen

This is our way of life since time immemorial. My grandmother, Angeline Alexander (1888-1974), taught me how to care for the gifts given by the earth. Cleaning and drying clams for the winter, how to make nettle tea or how to prepare bullheads for the evening meal. Winter was a time for story telling. Legends, the oral tradition came from the elders. We listened carefully to stories about the basket woman, the origination of the San Juan Islands, and the little bird Ta-tum. This is our culture, a culture that was forced us from living it, to hearing about it and in rediscovering our traditional way of life. This is our Schelangen. We must continue teaching our children, showing them the ways of our ancestors. Teaching respect for all living things. Respect for the

environment, respect for each other.

### Lhaq'temish

According to Western World View, we have lived here for 12,000 years. In contrast, we have lived here since the beginning of time. We are the people of the sea. We hunted, fished, and gathered without disrupting the environment or the ecosystem. The estuary where we live is respected by all the Coast Salish. It is said that when the tide is out, the table is set. Our diet consisted of salmon, shellfish, sea urchins, trout, elk, deer, ducks other fowl and wildlife. We built our boats and canoes from cedar logs. Seine nets and rope were made from woven cedar bark, nettles and other reeds. We harvested kelp and seaweed used in steaming deer and elk cooked underground.

We had a magnificent trade route with other tribes throughout the Salish Sea including those in Alaska. We traded for seal oil in exchange for dried fruits and berries. To the south we traded halibut bone in exchange for implements. We traded to the east past the mountains. We traded with the ocean tribes whale blubber for hides. It was a unique network way before initial contact.

We must protect our way of life, preserve our Lhaq'temish, keep our culture alive. Times have changed us but we must not let our history die with how we lived. Today, too many will not eat grunners or the raw eggs of the sea urchin. Our children don't know what Indian ice cream is or how to harvest the berries and eat with a

cedar spoon. I remember eating salmonberry sprouts in spring, camas root and river celery. Today one would rather eat fast foods or chips instead the natural foods we enjoyed years ago.

### Good Bye, Good Luck

We said goodbye to Bob "Bob-bo" Stallings, Northwest Indian College Instructor whose motto was "Sit and Be Fit". We did chair exercises to some pretty upbeat music. He made it a lot of fun as we stretched, waved and twisted to his moves. We're sorry he left us but he moved to Southern California to be near his children.

### WTA Bus Passes

If you previously picked up your bus pass at the Training Center and your name is on the list, you can pick your pass up at Little Bear Creek. Call ahead to see if your pass is there.

### Christmas Dinner

The event was just what Santa ordered. There were 784 checks issued of which 442 were distributed to the Elders. We enjoyed dinner while we listened to Shasta Cano-Martin's beautiful voice as she sang. We saw many friends as we entered the Event Center at the Silver Reef Casino. One could say a good time was had by all.

### January Birthdays

May your ways continue to be pleasant and all your paths be peaceful. May the grace of God be with you always in your ensuing days. Wishing you a very warm and happy birthday.

Christopher Chastain  
Georgia Collierour  
Leland Cooper  
Patrick Crane

Michael Fell  
Gerald Finkbonner  
Joseph Finkbonner  
William Finkbonner  
Darrel Hillaire  
Henry Hillaire  
Martine Jefferson  
Velda Rose Jefferson  
Timothy Johnson  
Steven Kinley  
George Lane, Sr.  
George Lawrence  
Riober Lawrence  
Lurita Martin  
Isabell McCluskey  
George Nickolsen, Sr.  
Eleanor Patterson  
Shirley Placid  
Isabell Plaster  
Marina Plaster  
Barbara Scott  
Mary Smith  
Kirk Solomon  
Andres Soriano, Jr.  
Andrea Straycalf  
William Tanner  
Lynette Tipton  
Walter Turner  
Robin Wilson, Sr.  
Sharon Wolf

May the Creator Bless you on your special day. It is an honor and a privilege to celebrate your birthday. The only thing in the world that will remain constant no matter what, is the bond that we Elders share. Happy Birthday My Beloved Elders.

Saying Goodbye to 2013 and bringing in 2014. We traveled, played Bingo, went to lunch around town and said Goodbye to many of our friends whose journey took them to the other side. Take care of yourself, take care of each other. Thank a Veteran, hug the grandkids, hug your significant other. Write to call a loved one in the combat zone. Each in his own words. Each in his own way. For a world united in Peace, let us bow our heads and pray.

### \*January Travel Schedule

Activity	Date	Day	LV: LBC
Blackjack SRC	7th	Tuesday	6:15pm
Shopping Bham	8th	Wednesday	9:30am
Luncheon SRC	14th	Tuesday	11:30am
Blackjack SRC	14th	Tuesday	6:15pm
Shopping Bham	15th	Wednesday	9:30am
Blackjack SRC	21st	Tuesday	6:15pm
Blackjack SRC	28th	Tuesday	6:15pm
Shopping Bham	29th	Wednesday	9:30am

\*Subject to change.

Please call the transportation office for availability on all travel activities. Keep in mind, 60 persons can travel on the busses.

# Community Updates

(Lummi Elders continued)

## Out of Town Activities

- 1st Quarter:
- 01/03 Tulalip Bingo and Angel of the Winds Casino
  - 02/07 Tulalip Bingo and Angel of the Winds Casino
  - 03/07 Tulalip Bingo
  - 03/18 Bellevue, St. Mathew prayer service
- 2nd Quarter
- 04/03 Lincoln City, Oregon - Confederated Tribes of Siletz
  - 04/04 Honoring the Elders Event
  - 04/05 Return from Lincoln City, Oregon
  - 04/11 Tulalip Bingo and Angel of the Winds Casino
  - 05/22 Muckleshoot Elder's Luncheon
  - 05/30 Tulalip Elder's Luncheon
  - 06/05 Swinomish Bingo
  - 06/10 Swinomish Elder's Luncheon
  - 06/25 Sumas Mountain harvest cedar bark
  - 06/28 Samish Elder's Luncheon
- 3rd Quarter
- 07/06 Tulalip Bingo - Quilceda
  - 07/15 Grand Ronde, Oregon - Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde
  - 07/16 Grand Ronde Honoring the Elders
  - 07/17 Return from Grand Ronde, Oregon
  - 07/26 San Juan Dinner Cruise
  - 08/17 Skokomish Elders Event
  - 09/04 Swinomish Bingo - Buffet
- 4th Quarter
- 10/02 Worley, Idaho
  - 10/03 Couer D'Alene Elders Event
  - 10/04 Return from Worley, Idaho
  - 10/14 Tulalip Prayer Service
  - 10/15 Tulalip Funeral Service
  - 10/16 Swinomish Bingo
  - 10/17 Nooksack Elders Event
  - 11/22 Aberdeen, Blackhawks vs. Loggers
  - 12/13 Swinomish Bingo

## Arthritis

### \*How prevalent is arthritis?

Submitted by Yvonne Thomas-Miller, Voc Rehab Outreach

An estimated 50 million adults in the United States have some form of arthritis, and one in five adults report having a diagnosis of arthritis (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2010). By 2030, an estimated 67 million Americans ages 18 years or older are projected to have arthritis, and 25.9% of women and 18.3% men report a diagnosis of arthritis (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2010).

joint, early morning stiffness, recurring pain or tenderness in any joint, obvious redness and warmth in a joint, unexplained weight loss, fever, or weakness combined with joint pain that last more than two weeks are typical symptoms of arthritis. Skin, joint, kidney, lung, heart, nervous system, and blood cell infections may accompany fatigue and difficulty in sleeping. Evaluating arthritis requires an assessment of past history, current symptoms, blood tests, biopsies, and x-rays (Arthritis Foundation, 2011b).

#### What is arthritis?

Arthritis includes approximately 100 inflammatory and non-inflammatory diseases that affect the body's joints, connective tissue, and other supporting tissues such as tendons, cartilage, blood vessels, and internal organs. There are more than 100 different types of arthritis and the cause of most types is unknown (Arthritis Foundation, 2011a).

People with arthritis may develop some of the limitations, but seldom develop all of them. Also, the degree of limitation will vary among individuals. Be aware that not all people with arthritis will need accommodations to perform their jobs and many others may only need a few accommodations.

#### What are the symptoms of arthritis?

Swelling in one or more

For more information on job accommodations to get or keep a job contact the Lummi Vocational Rehabilitation Program at 360-312-2072.



## HEY STUDENTS! What's happening Winter quarter??

Northwest Indian College  
Events, activities, and programs

SUN	MON	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Cooperative Extension, Financial Literacy Class Location: Coop Extension Time: 9:30-2:30	7 Cooperative Extension, Financial Literacy Class Location: Coop Extension Time: 9:30-2:30	8	9 AIHEC INFO Gathering Location: TBA Time: 12-1pm	10 Cooperative Extension Back to School Bingo Location: Dorm cafeteria Time: 6-8pm	11
12 Mt Baker Sledding Trip! Van leave NWIC @ 7:00	13 SEB Welcome Back Breakfast Location: SUB Time: 9-11pm  Coffee House Location: SUB Time: 6-8pm	14 Resource Fair Location: Log Building Time: 12-2pm Lunch Provided  Improv Playworks Beginners Improv Workshop Time: 7-9pm, van leaves NWIC @ 6:30pm	15 Hot Chocolate and Book Exchange Location: SUB Time: 12-2pm  Netflix Night Location: SUB Time:	16 Indigenous Service Learning Act Day Location: Log Building Time: 12-2pm	17 Cooperative Extension, Financial Literacy, Cooking Fresh Location: Coop Extension Time: 12-2pm  Lets Play the Price is Right! Location: Log Building Time: 5:30-7:30pm Dinner Provided	18
<b>WELCOME WEEK</b>						
19	20 MLK HOLIDAY	21	22 Cooperative Extension, Financial Literacy, Student Orientation Location: Coop Extension Time: 9:30-11:30	23 Cooperative Extension, Financial Literacy, Student Orientation Location: Coop Extension Time: 1:00-3:00pm	24	25
26 Coffee House Location: SUB Time: 6-8pm Performance by Yakaiyastai Gorman	27	28	29	31 Late night Breakfast Study Session Location: Dorms Time: 8-11pm		

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## Proposed Gateway Pacific Coal Terminal: A Scientific Case Against the Cherry Point Site

Submitted by Michael Riordan

Michael Riordan lives on Orcas Island, where he writes about science, technology and public policy. The author of "The Hunting of the Quark" and co-author of "The Solar Home Book," among others, he is a founding member of the San Juans Alliance, a coalition of island environmental groups opposed to the proposed coal terminal.

From health and environmental perspectives, the proposed Gateway Pacific coal terminal could hardly have been sited at a worse location.

Designating Cherry Point as the site will require coal trains over a mile long to traverse dozens of communities from the Seattle-Tacoma metropolitan area north to Bellingham, blocking scores of railroad crossings while spewing diesel fumes and releasing fugitive coal dust. Although the noxious dust can be reduced by spraying the carloads with sticky liquids called "surfactants," this procedure is at most 90 percent effective. Powder River Basin coal dries out and cracks in transit, according to knowledgeable industry insiders,<sup>1</sup> so its dustiness increases as the trains approach Seattle, potentially affecting nearly four million people in the area.

Diesel particulate matter is however not controllable — unless BNSF Railway can eliminate it by electrifying rail lines or converting locomotives to natural gas. In 2012, it was definitely established

by the World Health Organization as a carcinogen, responsible for lung cancer. And the many cars, buses and trucks idling at railroad crossings will further exacerbate the adverse health impacts, notes UCLA Professor of Environmental Sciences Arthur Winer, a national expert on diesel exhaust fumes.<sup>2</sup> How many additional cancer deaths would this large Washington population have to suffer due to an added 18 trains a day chugging through its midst?

Siting a coal terminal at Cherry Point also has worrisome implications for the accompanying vessel traffic. The nearly 500 titanic bulk carriers annually loading coal there would have to pass twice through treacherous Haro or Rosario Straits in the San Juan Islands. A collision or grounding in their swift tidal currents could well unleash a million gallons of bunker fuel and possibly thousands of tons of coal into these racing waters, endangering threatened populations of Chinook salmon and southern resident orcas. And the nearly 1,000 transits per year of these huge ships would substantially worsen the already high underwater noise levels these species endure, according to physicist Val Veirs, who has been studying this problem for years.<sup>3</sup> They would add the underwater equivalent of three jumbo jets transiting the Straits daily.

But perhaps the worst problem of all is that this ill-conceived terminal site lies smack in the midst of one of the windiest cor-

ridors in the entire state. As University of Washington meteorology professor Clifford Mass and colleagues observed in a peer-reviewed publication, "Strong outflows of arctic air through the Fraser Gap into western Washington occur approximately once or twice a year" — bringing gale-force and occasionally even hurricane-force winds to Cherry Point.<sup>4</sup> Just imagine how such fierce winds would play havoc with open-air coal piles 60 feet high.

In December 1990, for example, hurricane-force winds menaced the area not once but twice. Winds with speeds upwards of 100 mph uprooted hundreds of trees in the San Juan Islands, blew away roofs and sheds, and swamped boats anchored in local marinas.<sup>5</sup> Luckily, it happened before any towering coal piles got in the way.

It gets worse. These strong northeasterly winds from the Fraser River Gap (as experienced in early December 2013) would blow fugitive coal dust laden with toxic heavy metals and carcinogens such as arsenic, lead and mercury out over Georgia Strait, the usual and accustomed fishing grounds of the Lummi Nation, and directly into the primary spawning grounds of the dwindling Cherry Point herring population. Previously the base of the Salish Sea food chain, supporting seabirds, salmon, and the orcas that feed on the salmon, this population has plummeted by over 90 percent in recent decades.<sup>6</sup> A few such coal-blowing peak-wind events

could sound its final death knell — and perhaps that of the salmon and orca populations dependent upon it, too.

And scientists with the US Geological Survey recently uncovered two active earthquake faults near Cherry Point, one onshore and the other just offshore, both capable of a magnitude 6.5 quake.<sup>7</sup> Other faults are suspected several miles out in Georgia Strait, according to marine geologist Gary Greene, who has been surveying the sea floor around the San Juan Islands.<sup>8</sup> Should such an earthquake strike during terminal operations, hundreds of tons of coal would likely end up spilled into the waters off the Point. The impacts on the local tidelands and eelgrass beds, plus the herring and Dungeness crab feeding nearby, would be devastating.

SSA Marine and its coal-terminal planners are making a big mistake. They spied a deep-water basin just offshore of Cherry Point, able to accommodate some of the world's largest ships, but have pooh-poohed all the daunting environmental and health problems that accompany their choice. It's time they admit their error, stop bombarding the public with promises of a few hundred high-paying jobs loading coal, close up shop, and begin searching for another, less problematic site.

Or perhaps the industry might do what an increasing number of thoughtful people across America are urging: leave the nation's

Powder River Basin coal in the ground until truly effective means, if any, can be developed to burn it cleanly without adding to the existing global overburden of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere and oceans already.

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### Court Liaison Program

Happy New Year Friends and Relatives!

On behalf of the Xwle'lemes (Restorative

Justice) Department we wish you a Happy New Year and hope you had a lovely Christmas Holiday. Our Court Liaison staff are looking forward to another successful year, offering outreach services to our Lummi Members who may need assistance complying and/or resolving court related matters within any Whatcom County Jurisdiction. The Court Liaison Program is a voluntary program afforded to help our people be involved in court proceedings, so they

may successfully resolve their court matter(s). Our Court Liaisons are available to help explain the court process, arranging court ordered services, transportation to court and/or other court related appointments, reminders for court appearances or for moral support during court proceedings. Liaisons also explain how to quash warrants, understand exclusion orders, and contact public defenders. If you feel you or someone you know may benefit from Court

Liaison services please contact or visit our offices, we are happy to be of service to you.

For any questions about the court process, about our program, or to make arrangements for a ride, please contact:

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# Community Updates

## LIBC Christmas Dinner 12.19.13



# LIBC Christmas Program 12.21.13

