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On the Heels of Historic Presidential Visit to Indian Country, Secretary Jewell Announces Interior Initiatives to Support Tribal-led Economic Development

Infrastructure easements, land leasing efficiency, and market improvements part of package to strengthen Tribal self-determination and create jobs

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – As part of President Obama’s commitment to support tribal self-governance and self-determination, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today announced a package of regulatory initiatives intended to help tribal leaders to spur investment opportunities and economic development in Indian Country.

Highlighted by the President during his historic visit to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe last week, the Department’s actions will help remove regulatory barriers to infrastructure and energy development in Indian Country; increase tribal community access to expanded, high-speed Internet resources via broadband; eliminate leasing impediments to land development; and support

the growth of new markets for Native American and Alaska Native businesses.

“Over the 14 months on the job, I’ve had the great privilege of visiting just as many tribal reservations,” said Secretary Jewell, who chairs the White House Council on Native American Affairs. “Last week, on the heels of the President’s visit to Indian Country, I joined Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman David Archambault on a tour of his tribal lands. As Secretary, I have seen first-hand both economic success stories and the dramatic challenges tribes still face to generate employment and develop infrastructure within Indian Country.”

Jewell further said, “While some tribes are experiencing economic progress

in recent years, many others continue to face formidable economic hardship. Providing greater deference to tribes under the principles of self-determination and improving our federal regulations to meet the needs of the 21st century means we can help remove some of these barriers to economic development on tribal lands and lay a solid foundation for economic development as well as improve the quality of life for American Indians and Alaska Natives in their homelands.”

The package of Interior regulatory initiatives includes:

Facilitating Indian Country Infrastructure Development

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is proposing new regulations for issuing “right-

of-way” approvals on Indian land for all purposes. The rule would modernize and streamline the process for obtaining BIA approval for infrastructure development, providing tribal leaders, private companies, utility firms and energy developers greater certainty when designing or implementing infrastructure, including expanded Internet capacity through broadband access, transmission lines, and water, road and energy projects.

The new regulations propose strict timelines for BIA approval of all requests; eliminate the need for BIA approval of pre-development surveys, and limit the situations in which BIA may disapprove a right-of-way, all in an effort to provide faster approvals of right-of-way applications, facilitating economic development and

greater deference to tribal priorities.

Removing Barriers to Land Development through Increased Tribal Self-governance

The BIA will conduct a series of training sessions to help tribal leaders implement the Helping Expedite & Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act. When a tribal business needs to build a factory or a family wants to purchase a new home on a reservation, the lease generally requires BIA approval. Since 2012, however, the HEARTH Act provides tribes the opportunity to establish and enforce their own land leasing regulations in order to expedite the process for long-term leasing of tribal trust lands for residential, business, renewable energy and other purposes. Twenty-one tribes have submitted proposals to assume leasing responsibilities, and 12 have already received approvals for their regulations. The new BIA training supports tribal self-governance by helping to increase the number of tribes able to control leases on their land without BIA approval. This builds on Interior’s progress in strengthening tribal control over tribal resources.

Supporting the Growth of New Markets for Native American and Alaska Native Small Businesses

Interior’s Indian Affairs bureaus and offices will increase federal procurement opportunities by issuing a

Caution: Bright Future Ahead

Submitted by Henry Hillaire

There’s no denying that in the United States, we have an energy crisis. Sure, we have some solar and some wind power, a few Nuclear reactors here and there with some Dams thrown in there.

However, we still have quite a reliance on coal and other fossil fuels to get through the day-to-day. Our power consumption is only going up from here with the advent of newer, better technologies. Though, wouldn’t it be wonderful if our Pow-



Dog on Solar Roadway

er technology grew as fast as our computers? Now, it seems, the time is now!

What is the one piece of man-made land that covers a bunch of the United States?

Asphalt! We have a ton of it. Roadways, Parkways, Playgrounds, walkways, bike paths, Runways, and we’re only building more and more of it. What if we could replace all of these surfaces with solar panels? That’s the idea that Scott and Julie Brusaw came up with. They even went the extra mile (no pun intended...

Okay, maybe it was intended) and added some extra nifty features.

The Solar Roadway prototypes have a lot of thought and consideration put into

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Community Updates

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them. The panels are hexagonal with many different sizes, which means A) It's a modular system, making it super easy to replace broken panels and B) It can fit any road configuration out there, with as little specially made panels as possible. Has a panel broken? No problem! The panels surrounding it will change their lights to warn drivers ahead of the danger, AND they'll send a signal to the main system letting the Federal Highway Association know that the panel is broken so it can be replaced in a snap. No more waiting for the mayor to approve a construction company to spend a bunch of time shutting down part of a road for six to eight weeks to replace the whole section of road. Moreover, Should one of these panels break, because

of the way they're tempered, it will crumble instead of shatter. Though, It'd be difficult to find a broken panel, because the tempered glass they use has a higher impact and load rating than asphalt! Crazy!

Speaking of infrastructure, The roadways will also have two integrated underground corridors on either side of the roadway. One is a channel to safely house power lines, phone lines, fiber optic cable, and other cables. No more fallen power lines due to high winds or frozen poles. If a line were to break, or there needs to be an upgrade somewhere in the channel, then it'll be easily accessible! The other side is for storm water run off. They can

also install mini treatment plants along the way of the channel as it travels to its final destination. Speaking of water run off, Wanna know something else cool? The weather! It freezes roadways, with ice and snow (puns for days)! Despite cold weather, The

Panels have an integrated heating element which keeps the panels above freezing, preventing ice and snow build up! Now that's handy.

They also have LED's integrated right into the panels with a very sophisticated microprocessor.

This Microprocessor allows the panels to synchronize with each other and create Light Configuration schemes. They use super bright lights to create

the lane lines! No more repainting faded lines. Make a traffic revision? Just reprogram the panels! No more need to repaint the road! Have a parking lot that needs to add more parking spaces on the fly? Reprograming is a snap! Also integrated is a pressure sensor. Something fall on the road? The lights ahead of the danger will change, alerting the driver and a signal will be sent to the Federal Highway Association to respond right away.

Does all of this sound fantastic? Wondering how you can contribute to a bright and wonderful future? The Federal Highway Association has already contracted the Brusaws to complete two prototypes, which they have. So now they are in the testing phase. The Bru-

saws have an Indiegogo campaign, which is an internet donation service that allows the campaign to grant donors special perks for donating a certain amount. You can find more information and their Indiegogo campaign at <http://solarroadways.com>.

Moreover, we can urge the Council to write a letter of interest to the FHA to be one of the first adopters of the Solar Roadway project. This project creates safer roads, produces a bunch of energy, and if it gets adopted, it will create tons and tons of production jobs! So please, if you're interested in a project that generates tons of electricity, safe infrastructure, and jobs, come check out Solar Roadways. It'll make the future brighter.



Photographs: Left, Solar roadway heating; right, Interstate at dusk rendition.

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new directive improving implementation of the Buy Indian Act and increasing Indian Affairs' procurement purchases from Native American-owned small businesses by 10 percent. The Buy Indian Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to set aside certain qualifying acquisitions for American Indian-and Alaska Native-owned and controlled small businesses. These purchasing contracts issued by Indian Affairs offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education will help increase economic

activity and provide greater employment opportunities in Indian Country.

"Underlying these initiatives is the Administration's firm belief that tribal leaders must have a seat at the table," said Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn. "These initiatives we are announcing are part of a coordinated federal effort outlined by the President that builds on the significant progress this Administration has made in partnering with tribes on a nation-to-nation basis to promote prosperous and resilient communities."



Drew Down

Stommish Selfies



Myself Angela Maguire, my sister Sara London, my aunt Velvet D'Amour and my brand new baby boy Felix Maguire-Wilbur. Happy Stommish!

Community Updates

Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa Employment Opportunities

Washington's Newest and Best Casino is currently recruiting friendly, outgoing people for the following positions. All positions require outstanding customer service. Please submit an employment application to the Human Resources Department at the address indicated below. All employees must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and be able to obtain a Class II/III Gaming License. All Salaries are Depending on Qualifications. The Silver Reef will offer a comprehensive benefits package. The Silver Reef Casino Practices Native American Preference in hiring according to law. **CURRENT AS OF: JUNE 26, 2014**

Class II

Restaurant Host Cashier	Part-Time
Restaurant Server	Part-Time
Pizzanini Prep Cook/Cashier	Full-Time
Cocktail Server	Part-Time
Banquet Server	Part-Time/
<i>On-Call</i>	
*Sous Chef	Full-Time
*Cook	Full-Time
*Bartender	Part-Time
Steward	Full-Time
Diamond Dividends/Gift Shop Host	
<i>On-Call</i>	
Hotel Room Attendant	OC/PT/FT
Casino Housekeeper	OC/PT/FT



Class III

IT Systems (NAV) Administrator	Full-Time
*F&B Graveyard Supervisor	Full-Time
*Slot Technician	Full-Time
*Security Officer	Full-Time
*Cage Cashier	Full-Time
*Casino Host	Full-Time
*Table Games Dealer	Part-Time

*Knowledge/Experience Required

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

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

Applications may be picked up at: Silver Reef Casino, 4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, WA 98248 Resumes may be E-mailed to: applications@silverreefcasino.com Completed applications and resumes may be faxed to (360)312-0559

You may refer to our Website address:

www.silverreefcasino.com and click on the Employment option.

LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

How to Apply: Submit a complete application packet no later than 4:30 p.m. of the closing date. If you're enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, attach a copy of your enrollment card/verification to the application in order to qualify for the Native Preference Policy. Fax (360)380-380-6991. E-mail: LIBCHR@lummi-nsn.gov Mail AUN: HR 2665 Kwina Rd. Bellingham, WA. 98226. If you have any questions feel free to contact the HR office at (360) 312-2023. **Current as of June 30, 2014**

Job Title	Department	Closing Date:
Office Manager	Child Welfare	7/2/14
Caseworker 1	Child Welfare Department	7/8/14
*2 vacancies		
Water Resource Specialist 1	Lummi Natural Resources	7/9/14
Caregiver	Little Bear Creek	7/11/14
*Extended		
K-12 Vice Principal	Lummi Nation School	7/15/14
Staff Attorney III	Office of Reservation Attorney	7/22/14
Staff Attorney II	Office of Reservation Attorney	7/22/14
Head Start Teacher	Early Learning Program	7/25/14
Clinical Supervisor	Lummi Counseling Services	Until Filled
*Extended		
Security Officer	Lummi Youth Academy	Until Filled
*Regular Part-Time		
Bus Driver	Lummi Nation School	Until Filled
Custodian	Lummi Nation School	Until Filled
Residential Assistant	Safe House	Until Filled
Transit Operator	Planning	Continuous
*On-Call		
Fitness Center Attendant	Lummi Tribal Health Center	Continuous
*Temp-Part Time		

Commissions/Board of Directors	Department	Closing Date:
LNSO Board Member	LNSO	Until Filled
2 vacancies (Youth and Standard Member)		
Health Commission- Seat E	Health and Human Services	Until Filled
Health Commission- Seat A	Health and Human Services	Until Filled



Bellingham Tides July 2014

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TU 1	3:05A	4.9	7:14A	6.2	2:18P	0.0	9:36P	8.4
W 2	3:58A	4.4	8:08A	5.8	2:56P	0.7	10:04P	8.4
TH 3	4:51A	3.8	9:09A	5.3	3:34P	1.5	10:34P	8.4
F 4	5:41A	3.2	10:19A	4.9	4:15P	2.4	11:05P	8.3
SA 5	6:28A	2.4	11:45A	4.8	5:01P	3.4	11:38P	8.2
SU 6	7:13A	1.6	1:51P	5.0	5:59P	4.3
M 7	12:12A	8.2	7:55A	0.7	3:43P	5.8	7:08P	5.0
TU 8	12:50A	8.2	8:38A	-0.2	4:39P	6.6	8:15P	5.5
W 9	1:31A	8.2	9:20A	-1.1	5:19P	7.3	9:17P	5.8
TH 10	2:17A	8.3	10:04A	-1.9	5:56P	7.8	10:13P	5.8
F 11	3:07A	8.3	10:48A	-2.4	6:32P	8.3	11:07P	5.6
SA 12	4:01A	8.3	11:33A	-2.7	7:08P	8.6
SU 13	12:00A	5.3	4:59A	8.1	12:19P	-2.6	7:44P	8.8
M 14	12:56A	4.8	5:59A	7.8	1:05P	-2.1	8:21P	9.0
TU 15	1:54A	4.2	7:02A	7.3	1:52P	-1.3	8:59P	9.0
W 16	2:57A	3.5	8:09A	6.7	2:40P	-0.2	9:37P	9.0
TH 17	4:02A	2.7	9:22A	6.0	3:29P	1.0	10:15P	8.9
F 18	5:10A	1.9	10:48A	5.6	4:22P	2.4	10:55P	8.8
SA 19	6:16A	1.2	12:39P	5.5	5:21P	3.6	11:35P	8.5
SU 20	7:18A	0.5	2:30P	6.0	6:31P	4.7
M 21	12:18A	8.2	8:14A	0.0	3:48P	6.8	7:49P	5.3
TU 22	1:04A	7.9	9:03A	-0.3	4:45P	7.5	9:05P	5.7
W 23	1:52A	7.7	9:46A	-0.6	5:30P	7.9	10:10P	5.7
TH 24	2:40A	7.5	10:24A	-0.7	6:08P	8.1	11:00P	5.6
F 25	3:26A	7.4	10:59A	-0.7	6:42P	8.2	11:41P	5.4
SA 26	4:10A	7.3	11:33A	-0.7	7:10P	8.2
SU 27	12:17A	5.1	4:53A	7.1	12:07P	-0.5	7:34P	8.2
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Chairman's Update



Tim Ballew II, Chairman

Now Siam,

I would like to first and foremost Congratulate all graduates from Head Start to College students for taking leaps and bounds for fulfilling the requirements of earning a diploma. Education and continuing education is important for our people as we've been forced to live a western life while maintaining and being true to our mission statement: to Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche langen. Education will open many doors for our tribal members and we need to remind ourselves to praise and recognize them for all the dedication, sacrificing, and hard work that all our tribal members put into earning a diploma.

The Lummi Nation Head Start future class of 2027 had 71 students grad-

uate from the head start which is the largest class ever for students graduating from the program. We are very proud to have the recently built Lummi Nation Early Learning Center; which has and will provide our children, our future leaders a quality education through culturally enriched early childhood development and education programs. Early learning is vital for our children as they transition from early learning programs to grade school. I look forward to watching our students grow from kids to young adults. Also, we can't forget our high school/GED students where many of them started out at the old head start building. Many of these young adults will enter the workforce or pursue a higher education. Pursuing a higher education for our young adults is a key tool to improving the overall well-being of the community. Lastly, our tribal member college students who recently earned a degree have accomplished major milestones: many will venture off to the workforce or continue on to post-graduate and graduate degree pro-

grams. Again, I am thankful for our Early Learning Programs, our K-12 Lummi Nation School and Northwest Indian College and for all the opportunities these schools provide for our people.

The past month of June for the Lummi Nation and community, like always, gets busy with so many community events and graduations going on.

The second week of June a delegation of Maori from eastern New Zealand known as the Whatkatohea came to visit with the objective of gaining a better understanding of our self-governance, sovereignty, administration functions and overall government organization and structure. The council and community members opened our visitors with open arms as they were able to tour the reservation and be amongst the people.

In the early month of June a delegation of staff from the Substances Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) visited for a site visit. During the visit we the Lummi Nation were able to discuss in detail our successes and

struggles that we are facing while using our SAMSHA grant funding for various programs. As our trustee we are hoping they will carry our ongoing message back to the halls in Washington D.C. and that they fulfill our requests and concerns.

In the middle of the month the Council held a Children Services Retreat at the Silver Reef Casino. This retreat brought the minds of representatives from the Native American Community & Child Welfare Advocates (NACCWA), leadership of LIBC and LIBC administration together to discuss in-depth our child services system and how we can build an effective children services program. A report from the retreat will be finished in early July.

The 2014 Centennial Accord was held on June 18, 2014, at the Evergreen State College, in Olympia, WA. The Centennial Accord brings together all the tribes in the State of Washington and the Governor to discuss solutions to strengthen state agencies government-to-government with the tribes. The Lummi Nation was well represented at the meeting with Larry Kinley being honored as one the original signatures to the first Centennial Accord, Councilman Bernie Thomas on the education panel and the Jefferson Girls opened the meeting by singing, "What About Those Promises". Many issues were brought to the table but there is a lot of work to be accomplished to address these issues on a government-to-government level.

Also, there was a Spe-

cial General Council Meeting on June 24, 2014, to review and approve amendments to Title 19, Fireworks Code, of the Lummi Code of Laws. The amendments proposed were derived from stand owner concerns and brought to the table at numerous fireworks committee meetings the past year for discussion and consideration. It is important that the community concerns be heard and appropriate steps be taken when code amendments go through the process. The Fireworks Code was amended and voted on and approved by the General Council with a few changes; these changes will be noted and brought to the floor by Office of Reservation Attorneys for approval via resolution before the Council.

Lastly, the 68th Annual Stommish Water Festival took off with the 12th Annual Kwina Mile on June 12, 2014, followed by numerous events, to the final weekend of fun filled sunny days of Sla-Hal, the carnival and war canoe races. I hope everybody enjoyed the food, races and all the events that took place during Stommish 2014. I had the opportunity to get on the safety boat and observe the races and work together in the fish stand with newly appointed Fish Commission members and staff from Council Operations.

We must carry on the work of the people. Our doors are always open and we encourage any and all tribal members to visit with their concerns and recommendations.

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Lul-hal-mun
Tim Ballew, II
Chairman



From the Office of the Vice Chair



Cliff Cultee, Vice Chairman

Summer is finally here Lummi Nation!! We at the Vice Chair's office are looking forward to long days, warm evenings and good times with family and friends. June 21st marked the first day of summer and the longest day of the year. We are very excited for Summer 2014!! This time of year also marks our annual Stommish Water Festival when we welcome hundreds of guests from other tribes and communities into our homelands!

The Annual Lummi Stommish Festival went off with a bang this year!! There were a few events added to Stommish this year that haven't taken place before. We had a film festival featuring "Little Big Man", "Craters of the Moon", and other films about Native American people and families. From those films, we had special guests Michael Spears, Cody Lightning and Dr. Evan Adams here to speak about their experiences in making these films. Our Lummi people and our guests had a chance to meet these celebrities of Indian Country and it went very well! Also we would like to give an honorable mention to Cindy Benitez, of the Smithsonian Museum of New York, New York for helping to coordinate the Film Festival and the movie stars involved.

Stommish wouldn't be Stommish without the annual Sla-Hal tournament and the annual Canoe Races. We had teams and crews from all over the country attending the races and

the tournament this year. The arms of the staff of the Vice Chair's Office go out to all who helped make this year's Stommish possible. From Simon James and the rest of the grounds crew to Autumn Washington and her crew running the canoe races and Doug Bob and his helpers for coordinating the Bone Game Tournament, we say Thank You! To Fred Lane and those who helped put on the film festival and to all of those wonderful people who held everyone's strength up by feeding them, a very special Thank You goes out to all of you.

A very important and exciting piece added to Stommish this year was the Sacred Summit and Sacred Walk which both took place just before Stommish weekend. Wynona LaDuke gave a very inspiring speech at the Sacred Summit regarding the work that needs to be done to save our waters and environment throughout the Northwest. There was a Rally held across the street from Silver Reef Casino just before the Sacred Walk took place, in which both Lummi and Non-Tribal folks marched from the Casino to the Stommish Grounds in protest against the coal train initiative. This was very exciting!! There was a great turnout of people both Tribal and Non-Tribal!! A very heart-felt Thank You to Silver Reef Casino for their contributions to this year's Stommish Festival.

Jessica Zimmerle of Earth Ministry attended our Stommish event this year and she participated in the Sacred Relay that took place just before the Rally and Sacred Walk. Jessica writes "I was fortunate to be able to attend the Stommish Sacred Summit, where I was repeatedly moved by the wisdom of the elders and experts who shared their stories and beliefs about sacred obligation to the environment. Leaders joined from the Plains, the Midwest, and Canada to promote a common message of uni-

ty in the face of oppression. Chief Phil Lane Jr. of the Ihanktonwan Dakota & Chickasaw Nations emphasized that "we are all in this together; we're only here for a short time...like shadows vanishing before the setting sun." Building further off of the call for unity, Chief Reuben George of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation encouraged everyone to live in honor of "all our relations, with one heart, one mind, and one prayer." These powerful messages resonate with this fall's upcoming totem pole journey in which the Lummi will connect ongoing battles against coal export, tar sands, and the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Winona LaDuke of the Abishinaabe Nation is an incredible activist and champion of Native rights. She opened her talk with a saying from the Lakota:

"How long are you going to let others determine the future of our children? Do not operate out of a place of fear, operate out of hope. With hope, all things are possible."

Hope is crucial to maintain the energy for this battle. Not only hope, but perspective - keeping in mind that the fossil fuel era is a very short blot on the spectrum of history. We currently live in a short-sighted linear economy and must recognize that we are all indeed fossil fuel addicts that have relinquished our agency and found ways to rationalize our behavior. But, if we shift back to a more cyclical worldview, we can accomplish the graceful exit from our addiction to consumption and transition to a higher quality of life that we actually desire. LaDuke offered some practical and technical advice for how to achieve this goal, but ended with the reality that "sometimes you have to go outside what is comfortable."

So I took Winona's advice, and I ran. Without planning, training, or knowing if I could even

make it to the finish line, I ran 8 miles from Cherry Point in solidarity with the Lummi. This last minute decision was way out of my comfort zone, and it ended up being the best run of my life.

This event, the "Sacred Relay," followed the theme of the summit in being both unifying and spiritual. Folks gathered on the beach at Cherry Point where runners and paddlers were blessed and given a pair of carved prayer staffs, carried by land as well as by water, to eventually be re-united at the Stommish grounds. As we ran, the staff was traded off and filled with prayers, the woods were alive with the sounds of creation, and supporters lifted us up with encouragement. It is difficult for me to place words to what I experienced on that run, but needless to say it was incredibly empowering and I am sincerely honored to have participated." The Office of the Vice Chair Staff extends a very sincere Thank You to Jessica for sharing her experience with us. We are thrilled that everyone had such a great experience with the Sacred Summit!

The Office of the Vice Chair would like to extend a very special Thank You to the Stommish Committee for all their hard work and willingness to come together to make 2014 Stommish an enjoyable experience all the way around. Thank you to Freddie Lane for leading the show, to the Chairman's Office staff for running our Salmon Dinner stand all weekend, to Terry Hillaire and his crew for cooking the salmon, as well as Norbie Plaster for his contribution of salmon cooking. A very heart-felt thank you goes out to our Lummi Police Department for always being there and keeping our people safe! Cheryl and Gracie Solomon took on the task of coordinating our vendors, as they always do, and a big Thank You goes out to them as well! There are so many people

we would like to thank for making this year's Stommish so memorable! If we have forgotten to mention anyone here, we apologize. You are in our hearts and prayers. We love you all Lummi Nation!!

The Journey to Wellness Center would like to remind all of us that "We are not bad people trying to be good we are sick people trying to get well." We want to welcome you to the road to recovery; we are not here to judge your life in the past but simply to help you on your way to your future! Anyone can recover! It is possible! Join us on the road to recovery. Through 12 steps we can build healthier lifestyles and strengthen our families for a stronger community. Take the first step and reach out! Please contact Mabel at 360-389-6219 or Althea at 360-389-8486 or join us at anyone of the 15 plus meetings we have every week. We are all here for you, offering support, guidance and a path to healing.

The summer season of 2014 is here Lummi Nation!! The longer days, warmer evenings and family barbecues we have been looking forward to are finally here!! So let's warm up those grills and enjoy those family dinners we have been waiting for all year!! The 4th of July is right around the corner!! The Office of the Vice Chair staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy 4th and fun-filled and safe holiday!! Our thanks go out to the Fireworks Committee for all their hard work and we wish good fortunes to all the stand owners out there! Let's light up the sky and celebrate our independence with our loved ones Lummi Nation!!

We pray that everyone will keep each other close and stay Lummi strong as we enjoy the sunlight and the times at the lake or beach with our families.

**Reconvened General Council Meeting
Saturday, July 19, 10am at the Wexliem
Re: Organization**



Darrell Hillaire, LIBC Treasurer

“Our Children Need Their Families and Our Families Need Their Children.”

The month of June is a time to celebrate in our community. We witnessed Head Start, High School and College graduations and we enjoyed over two weeks of Stommish Festival activities. Plus, we're

Treasurer's Update

sending over 60 youth to various events throughout the United States, events such as: Paddle to Bella Bella, BC; Native American Basketball Invitational Tourney(NABI) in Phoenix, Arizona; and the National Native Unity Conference in Portland, Oregon. Most importantly, the council met for two days creating a vision and mission for our Lummi Children. Our Mission: “Our Children Need Their Families and Our Families Need Their Children.”

The Council approved amendments to Title 28 on June 11, 2014. The amendments added Chapter 12 to Title 28 specifically for Tribal Owned Commercial

Enterprises. The chapter separates for profit enterprises from government program budgeting. Within this chapter, the LIBC and the LCC will negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement that recognizes a LCC operational plan, a capital maintenance plan and a capital investment plan. The MOA will be approved by both the LCC Board of Directors and the LIBC.

LCC Stakeholder's Meeting - June 25, 2014 - At this years Lummi Commercial Company Stakeholder's Meeting the participation grew from roughly 20 people to over 120 participants. The meeting fostered better discussion and more transparency over distribution of

profits to the Nation. Stakeholders were presented with historical and current operational trends from the LCC operated businesses and the Silver Reef Casino, Hotel and Spa. LCC management presented and discussed ongoing development projects including development of a Marina. Recent renovations and operational changes at the Silver Reef Casino, Hotel and Spa were discussed by management with positive input and feedback from community members.

Financial Planning - Members of the Lummi Indian Business Council, the Budget Committee and members of the Treasurer's staff met with Sovereign Fi-

nance on June 11th and 12th regarding the development of a financial plan. Components discussed include a savings plan, investment plan and debt management plan. Sovereign Finance facilitated the discussion using case studies from other tribes. Follow up meetings will occur within the next few months.

2015 Appropriations – Looking to the future of the Nation, the Lummi Indian Business Council will be reaffirming LIBC priorities, which signals the beginning of 2015 appropriations. On July 28th we will be meeting to kick off appropriations and we want to invite the community to come and participate. Thank You.

General Manager's Corner



Bobby Thompson, LIBC General Manager

LIBC Health Reform Task Force

The LIBC Health Reform Task Force members, staff and Lummi tribal members met with Dr. Pedrium Salimour and Colleagues with Champion Health to begin discussing Lummi health data analysis project initiative. This project is to use a data analysis approach to improve the health care service delivery to the Lummi Nation. The planning will include addressing the entire health disparity in the Lummi community. The data analysis approach will also help the nation identify resources for development of service provisions and capital improvement with a cost benefit analysis process. The project would also involve a comprehensive review of the entire LIBC health care delivery systems and programs, i.e. clinic, behavioral health, mental health and the health benefits programs to create the data base. We hope to launch the project in the very near future with the support from the LIBC.

Little Bear Creek Security and Safety

The Little Bear Creek Elderly Center program managers and the General Manager's office jointly planned and purchased upgraded security system to improve Little Bear Creek Elder Center's Security. We engaged with Security Solution to help us replace our current video and camera system with a state of the voice activated security system that will remotely manage the entire environment and surrounding areas. This means the security solution will monitor the facility 24 hours/7 days a week. The elderly residents have been requesting this type of support for their safety for many months if not years. We are happy to report that we were able to secure such protection for them. Once the system is installed, proper orientation and training will occur for the residents. We encourage elder family members to be available to help support this orientation process and assist elders to gain complete understand-

ing of the state of the art computerized security system. More information will be circulated to announce complete installation of the new security system.

Lummi Indian Child Services System

In recent activity, we have temporarily assigned Vanda Patterson, HHS Director to the Lummi Children Services for 60 days to begin the staff re-orientation and realignment process based on the recently established restructuring plan. The LCS and CICU units are now consolidated as one department serving the Lummi families in children dependency cases as well as delivering prevention and intervention services. Thank you to the Children Services staff for your support and cooperation to transition into this new system of operation.

Also, LIBC held a retreat on June 16-17, 2014 and worked two full days to develop a new vision and mission plans for the Lummi Children Services. Once the Vision Statement is finalized, the information will be publicized for implementation. This vision statement development was drafted with the assistance from the Native American Community & Child Welfare Advocates (NACCWA) facilitating the work. We are excited about how this new Vision Statement will reshape the Lummi Children Services operation and create a collaborative approach in dealing with children issues and fami-

lies. In fact, this new Vision will be the guiding principle from which all other LIBC departments may restructure their Visions and Mission statements to create their department's Vision and Mission plans in correlation with the families and children services, i.e. housing, education, employment and training to name a few. Thank you LIBC for your leadership and support to improve our children services programs and services.

LIBC Scholarship Operation

The Higher Education Scholarship Board is actively reviewing and developing policies to support the new grant award process procedures. They are holding weekly meetings to continue to address immediate grant and scholarship need on an individual basis. Congratulations to those newly appointed individuals to the Board. We look forward working with the board in supporting all students interested in pursuing higher education.

Based upon availability of funding resources, the board will also be developing policies and procedures on student loan repayment program.

The Career Development Director position was posted and several Lummi Tribal Members have applied for this important position. Based on the organizational document, the Lummi Higher Education and Scholarship Board will be scheduling interviews

and select a candidate to serve as their Director. We are excited about the potential for this position to work not only as Grant and Scholarship Administrator but an advisor, a counselor and an employment resource advocate for Lummi tribal members who graduate from college.

Behavioral Health SAMSA Project

In tandem with the “Bring our Children Home” Policy by the LIBC, the Behavioral Health Department SAMSA project has developed a comprehensive Wrap Around family services approach to delivering services based on cultural sensitivity. A presentation was made to the funding agency representatives who came to Lummi on June 13, 2014. Lummi showcased its plans and approaches on how the philosophy of integration and collaboration can be achieved with community involvement, support and collaboration to strengthen the families. Lummi presented a uniquely developed digital story about how we are doing it the “LUMMI WAY.” Story telling is not only healing but gives hope to the people. The digital story will be used at the platform from which the General Manager will work with the LIBC departments and operations to seek similar positive initiatives and approaches in their services to the Lummi community members.

Bobby Thompson, General Manager LIBC

Community Updates

Maori Delegation from New Zealand visit Lummi



"What about those Promises"



Community Breakfast

Sunday, July 27 9am to 11am
at the Wexliem

Community Updates

2014 Kwina Mile top 100

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Community Updates



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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: MALERIE WILSON

Pursuant to the Lummi Code of Laws 3.03.040 and 8.05.070:

In the Tribal Court of the Lummi Nation

In Re the Welfare of S. R., C. R., and K. R.

Case Numbers: 2011 CVDP 2530, 2009 CVDP 1969, and 2009 CVDP 1968.

NOTICE OF PERMANENT PLAN AND PERMANENT PLAN HEARING

A Notice of Permanent Plan was filed by the Lummi Nation in the Lummi Tribal Court to establish permanence of the minor children in which you are named the mother. At this time it is recommended that the Permanent Plan for these children be permanent care outside the care of the parent(s). If this plan is adopted by the court, pursuant to Lummi Code of Laws 8.05.130, the Nation will seek permanency for these children outside of your care.

This matter is set for Permanent Plan Hearing at the Lummi Tribal Courthouse, located at 2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226, on October 1, 2014 at 2:30 PM. You currently have an appointed attorney to defend you in the above matters, please call the Public Defender's Office at (360) 312-2228.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: JARED CRAPO

Pursuant to the Lummi Code of Laws 3.03.040 and 8.05.070:

In the Tribal Court of the Lummi Nation

In Re the Welfare of L. M.

Case Number: 2012 CVDP 2980.

NOTICE OF PERMANENT PLAN AND PERMANENT PLAN HEARING

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

This matter is set for Permanent Plan Hearing at the Lummi Tribal Courthouse, located at 2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226, on August 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM. You currently have an appointed attorney to defend you in the above matters, please call the Public Defender's Office at (360) 312-2228.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: MIRANDA MISANES

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In the Tribal Court of the Lummi Nation

In Re the Welfare of L.M.

Case Number: 2012 CVDP 2980.

NOTICE OF PERMANENT PLAN AND PERMANENT PLAN HEARING

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: SHARON PLASTER

Pursuant to the Lummi Code of Laws 3.03.040 and 8.05.070:

In the Tribal Court of the Lummi Nation

In Re the Welfare of K. P.

Case Number: 2008 CVDP 1308.

NOTICE OF PERMANENT PLAN AND PERMANENT PLAN HEARING

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

This matter is set for Permanent Plan Hearing at the Lummi Tribal Courthouse, located at 2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226, on October 01, 2014 at 1:30 PM. If you are in need of an attorney, please call the Public Defender's Office at (360) 312-2228.

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LNSO

Submitted by Nancy Jordan, Director

Introduction: The Award of Completion in Entrepreneurship is designed to provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge to successfully launch and operate a small business. The courses are taught by NWIC faculty and Lummi Ventures business trainers who currently operate successful small businesses themselves.

The pilot project is funded by the Johnson Scholarship Foundation through a partnership with First Nations Development Institute (FNDI). Johnson Scholarship Foundation and FNDI selected two tribal communities to participate in this 2-year pilot project intended to increase the linkages between tribal colleges teaching entrepreneurial courses and tribal CDFIs (Community Development Finance Institutes) with the goal of increasing successful results for small business loans. Local partners for this work are NWIC, Lummi Ventures and Lummi CDFI.

This project was initiated in spring 2013 with classes beginning in fall, and has now completed its first academic year. The courses offered through NWIC are:

- Personal and Small Business Finance (3 credits)
- Small Business Management (3 credits)
- Small Business Entrepreneur (3 credits)
- Financial Accounting (5 credits)

Successful completion of the above classes provides an "Award of Completion in Entrepreneurship" from Northwest Indian College. An added goal of this project is to research options for tuition for enrollees who are not full time students. This work is still underway with the key partners.

Most of the students upon completion of a quarter or two have shown a strong desire to continue with their education towards the completion of a four year de-

gree in a BA in Tribal Governance and Business Management with a concentration in Entrepreneurship (180 credits).

Classes are offered every quarter, and individuals are encouraged to enroll and start the process in any quarter.

Should you have any questions please contact Loral Ballew at (360) 392-4310 or Adib Jamshedi at (360) 312-2411.

Lummi Nation Hosting Ventures 3-Rez Conference

Lummi Nation is hosting the Ventures 3-Rez Conference on July 1-2 at the Lummi Gateway Center. This is an annual gathering, rotating between the three participating tribes: Turtle Mountain in North Dakota, Cheyenne River Sioux in South Dakota, and Lummi Nation. Topics to be discussed include "Telling the Story" and "Sustainability."

Transition Update

LNSO and Ventures continue

to transition – soon to announce a new Executive Director. LNSO is serving twenty Fiscally Sponsored partners that are each building capacity with both their work and their staff and/or volunteers. Ventures Strategies are being reviewed with the original Vision and intention, and while observing what is different as a result of implementing each strategy, noting what is yet to be done to fulfill that activity. Ventures is again listening to those active efforts and are partnering to identifying work plans, which are based on "where we are today." By leveraging resources remaining, funding strategies for these work plans are being pursued and secured, such as LCAA. They are gathering artists and funds for their trip to Orcas Island in late August bringing art pieces depicting the importance and significance of Cherry Point for the Lummi People. This display will continue its journey to Seattle in the fall. A stop at Lummi Nation is also being planned.

Entrepreneur Spotlight: *Follow these simple guidelines to keep your back in good shape:* April Solomon

Submitted by: Lummi Economic Development Department



For the second quarter of 2014, our Entrepreneur Spotlight shines on: April Solomon, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant

April is a Lummi Tribal member and is an Independent Beauty Consultant with the Mary Kay Company. She specializes in anti-aging skin care products and mineral color cosmetics. Altogether, April has been in this business for ten years. In the beginning, she did it for two years, until family tragedies and fear got in the way. She saw two people fail at their dream and her fear set in and she quit. April was excited about pursuing her dream of being her own boss by being an Independent Beauty Consultant, but her dream was stomped out by fear. The second time, she was approached by a relative who was an accomplished director with the Mary Kay Company, whom asked April to reconsider selling again and told her, "why not you?". April missed the extra income that she generated through sales and always thought of this being her Plan B in life.

April's introduction to the Mary Kay Company started when she entered a drawing at a local salon. She ended up winning a free facial. She got her free facial and purchased mascara and had every intention of sending the sales lady on her way. April loved the product and service that was offered and decided that she wanted to be a part of this business.

At the time, April was a full-time employee of a hospital with crazy hours and four kids at home. Her husband, an entrepreneur himself, encouraged and supported her in pursuing her dream.

April's vision for herself is to become the first person in Lummi Nation to earn a free Mary Kay Company car. Thus far, there has only been one Mary Kay Company car delivered to Indian Country and April wants to be the second. She also envisions herself developing into a leader, mentor and director within the Mary Kay Company. April would like to mentor other women to follow their dreams. She loves being an entrepreneur because she has the freedom to earn extra income and set her own schedule. All you need is, "a dream and a purpose". April plans on continuing to grow her sales by networking and advertising, but also wants to share this opportunity with as many women as possible and not be greedy about holding this knowledge to herself.

April's advice to upcoming entrepreneurs, "follow your dreams in your heart because God gave us the ability to dream and the ability to achieve

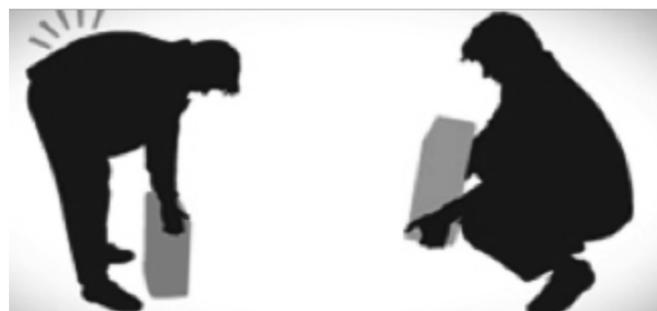
those dreams and always reach out to somebody that you admire for advice and direction". If following your dreams is your Plan B, make it your Plan A.

If you are interested in learning more about April's Mary Kay sales or purchasing items contact:

April Solomon |Phone: (360) 927-1877 |Email: april_go_give@yahoo.com |Website: www.marykay.com/april_go_give

You may be an entrepreneur and do not realize it. All you need is something that will light that spark within you to own and grow your small business. Think about how you can turn your hobby, idea or passion into a profitable small business. If you don't know where or how to start, start by contacting the following resources that Lummi Nation provides: Lummi Ventures Program, Lummi Economic Development Department, Northwest Indian College Small Business Center and Lummi CDFI.

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



Submitted by Yvonne Thomas-Miller

1. Standing... keeping one foot forward of the other, with knees slightly bent, takes the pressure off your low back.
2. Sitting... sitting with your knees slightly higher than your hips provides good low back support.
3. Reaching... stand on a stool to reach things that are above your shoulder level.
4. Moving Heavy Items... pushing is easier on your back than pulling. Use your arms and legs to start the push. If you must lift a heavy item, get someone to help you.
5. Lifting... kneel down on one knee with the other foot flat on the floor as near as possible to the item you are lifting. Lift with your legs, not your back, keeping the object close to your body at all times.
6. Carrying... two small objects (one in either hand) may be easier to handle than one large one. If you must carry one large object, keep it close to your body.
7. Sleeping... sleeping on your back puts 55 lbs. of pressure on your back. Putting a couple of pillows under your knees cuts the pressure in half. Lying on your side with a pillow between your knees also reduces the pressure.
8. Weight Control... additional weight puts a strain on your back. Keep within 10 lbs. of your ideal weight for a healthier back.
9. Quit Smoking... smokers are more prone to back pain than nonsmokers because nicotine restricts the flow of blood to the discs that cushion your vertebrae.
10. Minor Back Pain... treat minor back pain with anti-inflammatories and gentle stretching, and followed by an ice pack.

Brought to you by the North American Spine Association.

For those who are considering work but need accommodations for chronic back conditions contact the Lummi Vocational Rehabilitation Program at 360-312-2072.



2014- Remaining Senior trips

Submitted by Jacqueline M. Ballew, Senior Program Manager

- Grand Ronde, OregonJuly 14-16 2 night stay
- Puyallup.....September 18-19.. 1 night stay
- Coeur D'AleneOctober 1-3..... 2 night stay

These are the invites received as of April 17, 2014.

Reminder: all Elders get 4 nights per year.

Community Updates

Lummi Dental is proud to announce that we now have regular Saturday clinics

We will treat walk-in's & scheduled appointments. This is a landmark achievement for Lummi Dental.

Lummi Dental would like to thank everyone involved in the process especially the community leaders for making this possible.

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The Importance of Prenatal Care

Submitted by Linda Ehrlich RNPHN, Public Health Nurse

Public Health Nurses, at Lummi Tribal Health Clinic, offer pregnancy tests, a referral to an obstetrician and other services if the test is positive. Prenatal care is very important because it is the opportunity to improve the health of Mothers and their yet, unborn child.

Nearly four Million women in America give birth every year, and nearly one-third will experience a pregnancy-related problem.

Problems such as: low birth weight babies, early births, neonatal, infant, and maternal deaths are linked to inadequate prenatal Care.

Prenatal care is the medical care a woman receives during her pregnancy that monitors the health of a mother and her unborn child. Prenatal care should be received with each pregnancy. It does not matter if it is the first or the fourth birth. Each birth is unique. Our age, habits, health and situation changes over time. Getting

prenatal care allows the doctor to find any health issue that might arise during pregnancy and to treat it before it becomes serious. Chronic conditions such as: asthma, heart problems, and diabetes can be caught or managed more effectively. Prenatal Care also decreases the risks to the unborn child.

How often are the appointments?

The first appointment is about the 8th week of pregnancy. From the 8th to the 28th week, appointments are every four weeks. From the 28th to the 36th week, appointments are every two weeks. From 36 weeks to delivery appointments are weekly. If a woman is over 35 or considered high risk, the appointments may be more often.

What happens at these appointments?

At each appointment, the Mother's weight and blood pressure is taken and recorded, and the urine is tested for protein and sugar. The heart rate of the fetus is taken also. Around the 22nd week, measurements of the uterus are

taken externally, to determine the growth and development of the baby. At 36th week toward the end of the pregnancy, internal exams may occur to see if the mom is getting close to delivery.

Tests

There are various tests that occur at different times during the pregnancy. Initially blood and urine specimens are taken to make sure that Mom is healthy, that there are no nutritional deficiency, and that there are no diseases present that need to be treated, or that could be passed to the baby. At 24-28 weeks, a gestational diabetes test is done, or at 12 weeks, for women at high risk. Other tests are for Spina Bifida, Down syndrome and other birth defects. An ultrasound is usually done around 18-20 weeks.

Prenatal care is highly recommended. Doctors are often limited in the amount of time they can spend with their clients, so if you would like to chat with one of the prenatal nurses, Lucinda or Linda, about any concerns, please feel WELCOME. We are located next to the WIC office inside the LTHC.

Lummi Transit (Planning Department)

Submitted by Matt Jensen, Transit Manager/Transportation Planner

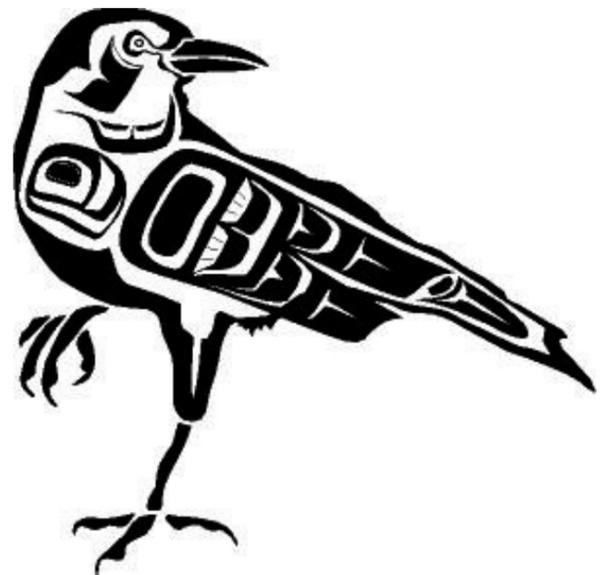


The days are now long and warm and our buses can take you around the Rez and shopping. So, come out and enjoy an easy ride with us. In May we gave 5,496 rides, in and around the Lummi Nation while traveling 10,078 miles, which means Lummi Transit, provided an average of 177 rides each day of the month. We strive to offer a quality service to everyone in the community, and hope that our riders agree. Please feel free to leave a comment (hopefully good) with Lummi Transit at 384-2307.

Lummi Transit is aware of the construction that is taking place at Haxton Way and Smokehouse Road. With construction schedules changing daily it will be extremely hard to "Stay"

on schedule. We will do all we can to continue to provide a quality service but please understand that it will be difficult during this construction, so please be patient with us and our Drivers.

Lummi Transit will be changing their schedules and offer transit services later in the evening for both the Reservation and Ferndale routes. These changes are for the best, and hope our riders agree in our extended service hours. The Reservation Route hours will be extended from 13.5 hours/day to 14.75 hours/day. The Ferndale Route hours will be extended from 6 hours/day to 7 hours/day. We will be sharing more information in the next edition of the Squol Quol, as well as pamphlets later this summer as we prepare to implement the change.



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There are 32 tribes in Washington that are listed as having numerous Whereabouts Unknown members. If you are enrolled or have been enrolled at one time in one of the following Tribes please go to <https://secure.gcginc.com/iim-missingpersons/PersonSearch.aspx?state=WA> click on your Tribe and if you locate your name then click on it and you can update your contact information.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES & BANDS OF YAKAMA (1307)
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QUILEUTE TRIBE (63)
QUINAULT TRIBE (620)
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SPOKANE TRIBE (420)
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Lummi Tribal Sewer and Water District Water System #105300002 2013 Water Quality Report

Submitted by Lummi Tribal Sewer & Water District

Is my water safe?

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water parameters, except for the Arsenic noted below. Lummi Tribal Sewer and Water District (LTSWD) safeguards its water supplies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other

immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

Our water sources are wells located in an aquifer under the Lummi Nation. Lummi Tribal Sewer and Water occasionally purchases treated water from the City of Bellingham. Bellingham obtains its water from Lake Whatcom. Results from Bellingham's Consumer Confidence Report are included in this report

Source water assessment and its availability

Both the City of Bellingham and the LTSWD conduct multiple analyses of water quality from the

sources and distribution systems. Every effort is made to protect the quality of drinking water and provide customers with safe and reliable water.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. LTSWD is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing

components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. (From National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Part 141.154, in the section called "Required Additional Health Information")

Where can I get more information?

Please contact LTSWD at 360-758-7167, if you have any questions about water quality or utility operations.

Monitoring and reporting of compliance data violations

Lummi Water and Sewer District did not meet all of our monitoring require-

ments, below the Water Quality Data Table is a list of Violations and Exceedances along with corrective actions taken. Some of the wells the District uses for potable water have Arsenic in excess of the EPA's recently lowered MCL of 10 ppb. The highest amount of Arsenic found in our water is 10 ppb. The District has purchased a treatment plant to reduce the amount of Arsenic to below the 10 ppb level and this should be installed by the end of 2012. Arsenic is a natural occurring element that comes from the passage of water through rocks.

Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during 2010. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The EPA requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data below is from tests conducted by the City of Bellingham.

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Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low	Range High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products								
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.02	.02	.02	2013	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HHA5)	NA	60	10	1.1	12.1	2013	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]	NA	80	55	2.7	59.4	2013	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	10	0.0	0.10	2013	Yes	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.034	.025	0.034	2013	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	3	3	3	2013	No	Discharge from steel and pulp

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Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.51	1.42	1.51	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
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Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	2.87	0	3	2013	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper-action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.16	0	0.16	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of Natural deposits
Lead-action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0.015	15	.002	0	.002	2011	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of Natural deposits
Microbiological Contaminants								
Total Coliform (positive)	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment
Radioactive Contaminants								
Beta/photon emitters (pCi/L)	0	50	7.38	0	7.38	2012	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. The EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for Beta particles.
Combined Radium 226/228	0	5	2	0	2	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unit Descriptions

Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
pCi/L	pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
NTU	NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.
Positive samples/month	Positive samples/month: Number of samples taken monthly that were found to be positive
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions

Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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Violations and Exceedances

MCL Exceedance

Arsenic – some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	Corrective Action
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called a Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL) for the period of time indicated	Treatment plant in progress to correct issue.

Monitoring Violations

Arsenic – some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	Corrective Action
01/01/2011	12/31/2013	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water for the period indicated.	Began sampling in the next scheduled period

Combined Radium 226/228 – Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	Corrective Action
01/01/2011	12/31/2013	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water for the period indicated.	Began sampling in the next scheduled period

Gross Alpha excluding Radon and Uranium – Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	Corrective Action
01/01/2011	12/31/2013	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water for the period indicated.	Began sampling in the next scheduled period

Total Coliform – Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria are present.

Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	Corrective Action
03/01/2013	03/31/2013	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water for the period indicated.	Began sampling in the next scheduled period

Uranium – Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL (30 ug/L) over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer and kidney toxicity.

Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	Corrective Action
01/01/2011	12/31/2013	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water for the period indicated.	Began sampling in the next scheduled period

For more information please contact:

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 Lummi Tribal Sewer and Water District
 2156 Lummi View Dr.
 Bellingham, WA 98226
 (360) 758-7167 or ChipA@ltswd.com

***Lummi Indian Business Council & Lummi Clinic
 will be closed July 3 and July 4
 in Observance of the Holiday***



Dislocated Fishers Update



Submitted by Kathy Pierre

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce that our National Emergency Grant (NEG) from Department of Labor has been extended from June through December, 2014.

How does this impact our program?

For those active clients who are currently in WE/OJT training, we will re-assess their skills/areas of interest, while continuing to assist them with permanent job placements in various work arenas.

The goal of assessment/re-assessment is to identify areas for growth and guidance through the process.

Re-assessment will consist of evaluating individual career competency that will include:

- o Competencies Dealing With People
- o Competencies Dealing with Business
- o Self Management Competencies

If a participant identifies through this process that they require very short term training or credential for gainful employment

this would be appropriate.

Those too young to be served in 2007, 8, and 9, are now eligible for assistance. We are offering Career Exploration Classes from July 7 through July 24. These short term classes will provide an opportunity to develop or update resumes, explore careers of your interest, assess your individual experience and assets, and develop a career plan and self sufficiency plan for your future. Classes will be followed by short-term WE/OJT training, and proceeding with permanent job placements, while matching clients' skills and interests.

Job readiness includes

- o Interview skills
- o Resume writing/update/cover letter
- o Job searching/completing job application
- o Dress for success
- o Soft skills/Work Ethics

What is Work Experience?

Work experience provides the client the opportunity to spend a period of time outside the classroom learning about career opportunities in a particular job or area of work. Work experience is a planned,

structured learning experience that takes place in a work atmosphere for a period of 2 months.

Benefits of a Work Experience

- Provides new skills for the worker.
- Exposure to a new occupation and career.
- Work experience that can be highlighted on a resume.
- Learn about the skills employers look for when hiring for a job vacancy.
- Gain the skills necessary to succeed in the workforce.

How to participate in a Work Experience

- DLF will recruit worksites for participants that sufficiently meet the needs of the work experience participant.

What is OJT?

OJT gives the employer the opportunity to train a new employee to the specific needs and requirements of their respective business.

How does On-the-Job Training work?

- OJT is arranged on an individual basis between the pro-

spective applicant, employer, and the DLF counselor.

- The duration will be 2-3 months in length.
- The employer agrees to provide adequate training for entry in the job and a salary equivalent to that of similar positions.
- Employer receives financial reimbursement up to 50% of the participant wage rate.

Benefits of On-the-Job Training

- After successfully completing the designated OJT period, it is anticipated that the trained applicant will remain on the job.

What are the Employer Outcomes?

- Candidates are selected from a pool of pre-screened applications.
- You receive quality workers who benefit from "hands on" training and become valued employees.
- Training cost for a new employee is reduced. (DLF pays 50% of the salary.)

Support Services

Support Services are based on what the client may need to become job ready. Support services are limited and vary on a case by case basis.

For example: If a client is placed in a job that requires a uniform outside of their day to day attire, and is required to be job ready by the employer, this is considered an appropriate expenditure.

We gratefully acknowledge our partners who have cooperated with us to provide quality services.

Please contact us at:

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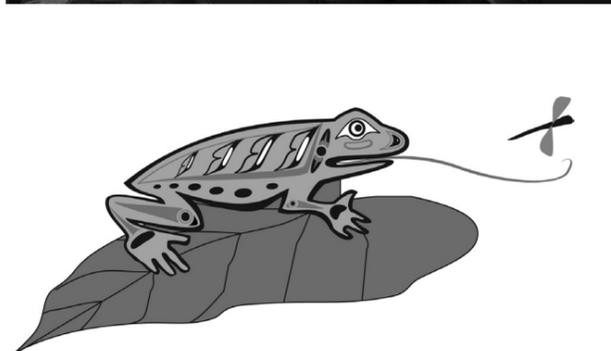
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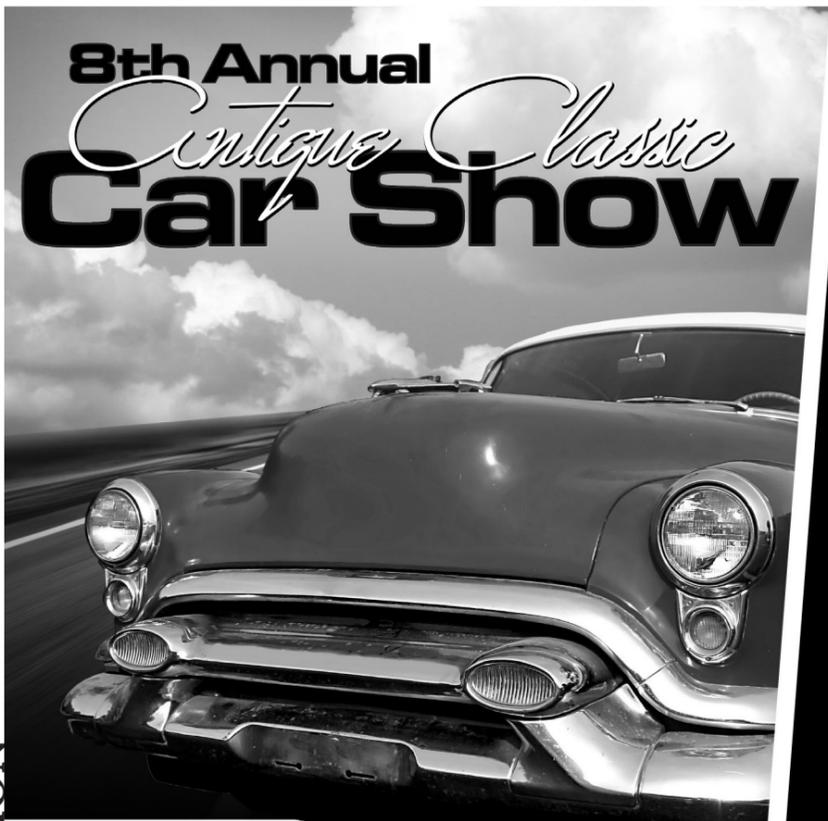
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Natural Resources

Submitted by Natural Resources staff

Water Resources Division

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

Kara Kuhlman and Stacy Fawell attended the 2014 Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) 38th Annual Conference – Making Room for Floods and Fish in Seattle, WA on June 3-6. The mission of ASFPM is to promote education, policies, and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding, and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains - all without causing adverse impacts. Following the conference, Kara took and passed the national examination required to become a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM).

Jeremy Freimund, Victor (Turtle) Johnson, Jamie Mattson, and Hilary Consentino participated in a tabletop spill exercise conducted at the Whatcom Emergency Operations Center (EOC) near the Bellingham Airport on June 4, 2014. The drill was hosted by CANUSPAC pursuant to the Canadian Coast Guard – United States Coast Guard Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan and simulated a crude oil spill at the BP Cherry Point Refinery that required a cross border response. Jeremy Freimund served as the Tribal On-Scene Coordinator (TOSC) in the Unified Command, Victor Johnson served as the Deputy TOSC, and Jamie Mattson and Hilary Consentino acted as observers.

On June 17, 2014, Division staff members Jeremy Freimund and Kara Kuhlman participated in the Mt. Baker/Glacier Peak Volcano Coordination Plan tabletop exercise hosted by

the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) at the Whatcom EOC. The drill simulated the coordinating efforts between governmental agencies that will be required in the event of volcanic unrest at Mount Baker.

The Lummi Nation hosted the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Northwest Regional Director (Max Ethridge) and members of his staff at the Silver Reef Hotel, Casino & Spa on June 18, 2014 to discuss opportunities for improved collaboration between the Lummi Nation and the USGS. Topics of discussion included pesticides concentrations in the Nooksack River watershed, sediment loads in the Nooksack delta, climate change impacts on the Pacific Northwest, salmon recovery in the Puget Sound, and water rights Water Resources Inventory Area 1 (WRIA 1).

Frank Lawrence III completed two classes at the Northwest Indian College during the spring semester, while Victor (Turtle) Johnson completed one class at Whatcom Community College.

Forestry Division

After advertising the Sandy Logging Unit three times, the Forestry Division sold the unit to Erickson Logging Company based in Gig Harbor, WA on June 6, 2014 for a total volume of 0.8 million board-feet of western red cedar, red alder and other conifer and hardwood species on 36 acres of individual Indian assignments. Erickson Logging Company plans to start operations in late September or early October.

Harvest Management Division

Lummi Natural Resources Fisheries Commission

Fish Commission elections were held at the Fishers' Annual Meeting on June 13. Gordon Wilson and Dana Wilson were re-elected to their positions, while Ellie Kinley and Ellie Wilbur replaced outgoing commissioners Terry Hillaire and Illya Joy. I would personally like to thank Terry and Illya for their hard work and dedication over the past several years, and to welcome Ellie and Ellie aboard.

Salmon

The forecast return of Fraser sockeye remains unchanged, at 23 million. The Fraser River Panel met in June to update model inputs, including a pre-season diversion rate and management adjustments. Test fishing in the Strait of Juan de Fuca began on June 21 and test fishing results will be posted in the LNR office on a daily basis. The tribes can expect to open Areas 7 and 7A around August 6.

Crab

Crab testing in Bellingham Bay began on June 24-25. Preliminary results indicate that the crab are still finishing their molting and will likely be ready for harvest sometime during the week of July 7. Additional testing will probably take place during the first week of July. A commercial opening was held June 15-23 in region 2W, with Lummi harvesting about 60,000 pounds.

Timber, Fish, & Wildlife - Forests & Fish Rules (TFW-FFR) Division

This summer the TFW-FFR division plans to collaborate with the Restoration Division as they construct new logjams in the Larson's Bridge reach of the upper South Fork. This is the same reach where The Natural Resources Department first constructed logjams for managing the input of sediment and restoration of natural channel processes that form and maintain critical salmon habitat. These jams have been an unqualified success and help to demonstrate the validity of restoring natural features to restore natural processes.

Division staff members continued to work with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the US Forest Service, and private landowners for the continued protection of Lummi treaty-reserved resources, especially for the protection of salmon and their freshwater habitats throughout the Nooksack River watershed.

Other important Division information includes the following:

- We are currently

issuing gathering permits for staking poles on selected DNR forestlands that will be valid through September 30, 2014. Permits are free and may be obtained from the Lummi Natural Resources Department.

- We are working with the DNR to identify off-Reservation firewood collecting opportunities on for tribal members. More information will be available in next month's issue.
- We are cooperating with the Mount Baker Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to issue cedar bark collection permits. More information will be available in next month's issue.
- We are still distributing parking passes that, when displayed in your vehicle, will allow you to park for free anywhere a Washington State Discover Pass is required on DNR, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and State Parks lands. These parking passes are transferable between vehicles. Visit the TFW-FFR Division office to obtain your free permit.

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Division

Treaty Rights at Risk – Hatcheries Threatened

ESA Division staff have been working with sport fishers and other tribes to counter the effects of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) accepting demands to close all Chambers Creek hatchery programs in Puget Sound. The lawsuit was based on a technicality of operating without a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) permit, but the result is harming the ability of salmon hatcheries to provide harvest in the presence of the deteriorating salmon habitat.

We have developed a plan to accelerate the

NOAA review of Hatchery Genetic Management Plans in the context of the ESA. These plans, when approved by NOAA, will ensure that hatchery operations will not impede the recovery of listed stocks. This is a daunting task, but we are prepared to complete the process by October.

We are also working to communicate to the Governor the irritation of the tribal co-managers over this unilateral action, which is contrary to the provisions of the Puget Sound Salmon Management Plan and the Mass Marking court orders in U.S. v Washington. The lawyers may have to draft a more specific co-management agreement to enter as a court order.

Tangle Net Fishery

The pilot tangle net selective fishery on early Chinook ended on June 16 this year because of restrictions imposed by NOAA fisheries. We were able to contribute 249 Chinook to the community for the first salmon ceremony, as well as other events that were approved by the Fish Commission. The total harvest of 275 Chinook was 42 more than captured in 2013.

Ralph Phair and Michael Williams of the Natural Resources staff were responsible for removing the fish from the net, and sampling, tagging and releasing the natural origin Chinook to continue to the spawning grounds. Rab Washington was the contracted fisherman for 2014; he was responsible for putting the net together and operating it during the fishery. Several members of the Fish Commission (Robin Wilson, Terry Hillaire, and Steve Solomon) provided assistance during the fishery. We were jumping for joy that students from the Lummi Nation School were able to observe the fishery and spend time on the river with us. During the outing, students learned from elder fishers of our history on the river and some of the issues we are encountering today.

We feel the operation was a total success and look forward to broadening participation in the fishery in the future. We will be soliciting a fishing contract for next year in February or March 2015, please contact the department if you are interested.

2014 Lummi Selective Fishing Pilot

	Date	Natural Origin Chinook Released	Hatchery Origin Chinook Retained	Total Chinook
Week 1	4/9/2014	1	3	4
				0
Week 2	4/14/2014	2	10	12
	4/17/2014	1	17	18
Week 3	4/21/2014	1	26	27
	4/24/2014	2	20	22
Week 4	4/28/2014	2	13	15
	5/1/2014	0	13	13
Week 5	5/5/2014	1	0	1
	5/8/2014	2	14	16
Week 6	5/12/2014	1	16	17
	5/15/2014	1	12	13
Week 7	5/19/2014	2	4	6
	5/21/2014	3	17	20
Week 8	5/27/2014	1	3	4
	5/30/2014	2	10	12
Week 9	6/2/2014	1	6	7
	6/5/2014	1	23	24
Week 10	6/9/2014	1	23	24
Week 11	6/13/2014	1	8	9
	6/16/2014	0	11	11
				0
Totals		26	249	275

Increasing Chum Opportunity

We have been working to reestablish the chum program at the WDFW Kendall Creek hatchery and hope to improve the harvest opportunity in the fall. We are responsible for supplying eggs to the hatchery. Unfortunately, this program has not typically been able to get full budgetary support and we have previously relied on workers from other Natural Resources divisions to help capture adult chum for egg take. We are currently working to ensure that there are sufficient funds for the program this year.

Marbled Murrelet Review

The Fish and Wildlife Service is reviewing their Biological Opinion concerning the impact of fisheries on the abundance, distribution, and diversity of Marbled Murrelet. They are particularly interested in gill net and stake net fisheries in the terminal area. We do not expect problems, but fishers should always be aware of issues that may affect fishing opportunities.

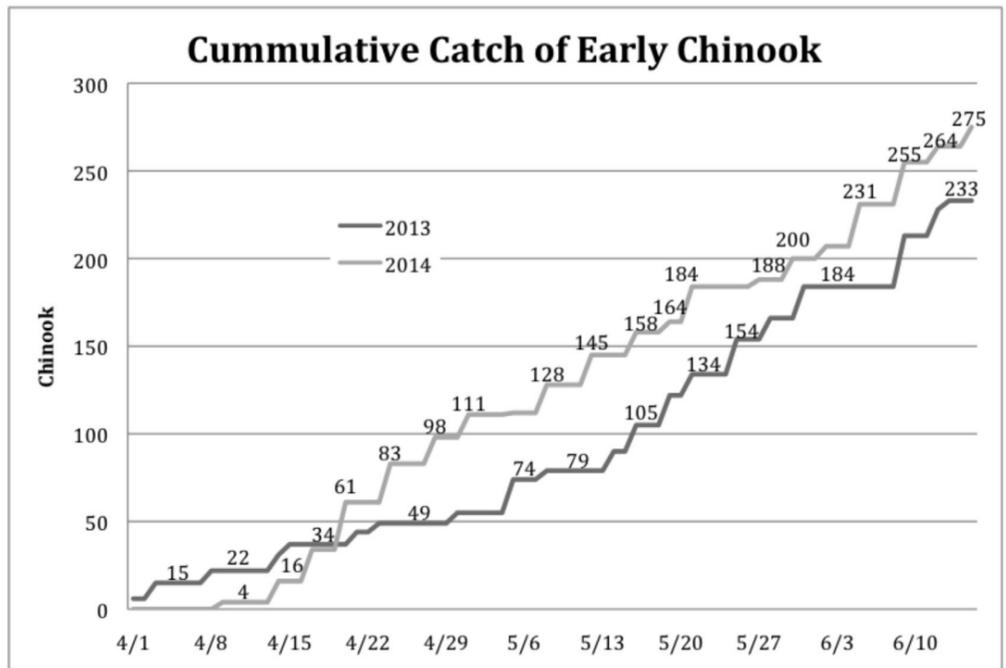
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division

The Lummi GIS Division works collaboratively

with different LIBC departments to produce maps, figures, and graphics in support of a wide range of projects. In addition to producing maps for the LIBC, the GIS Division will support any community focused project as time allows. For mapping support contact the GIS Division at 312-2310.

Restoration Division

The Restoration Division is getting ready for a busy habitat restoration season in the South Fork Nooksack River. We will be constructing up to 29 engineered logjams near Larson's bridge over two summers to provide deep pools for migrating Chinook, and side channels to provide refuge from high winter flows for juvenile salmon. A rigorous temperature and flow monitoring program will also start this summer. We are looking to see if our projects are providing cool water areas for salmon, and determine whether groundwater and other seeps are interacting with our logjams. Young adults ages 17-25 are encouraged to apply for our initial Lummi Nation Tribal Conservation Corps (LNTCC). Please contact Josie Kamkoff for more information about the LNTCC (josiek@lummi-nsn.gov).



Shellfish Hatchery Update

Oyster & Clam Operation:

Manila Clam Seed for Tribal Enhancement:

- We have 10 million 1-2 mm manila clam seed that are being grown out at the flupsys for tribal enhancement.
- We also have an estimated 15 million post-set manila clams in the hatchery that will also be used for enhancement.



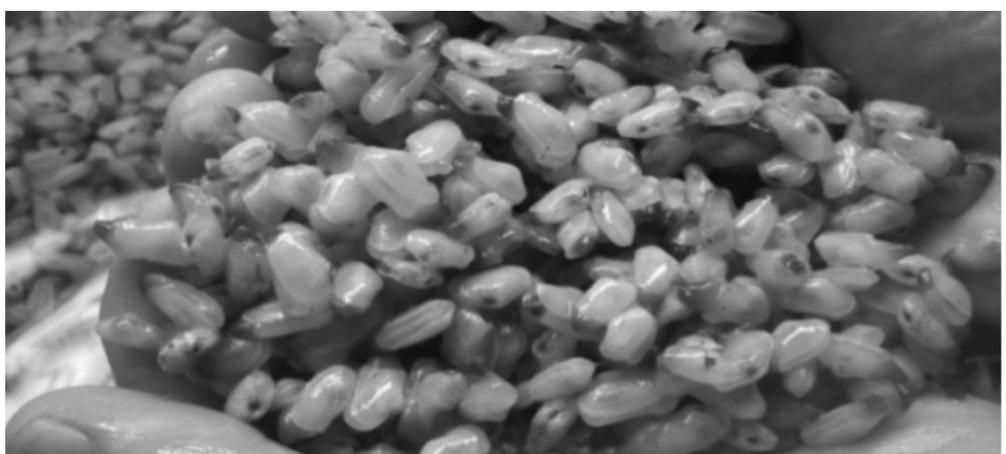
Adult oyster bed in front of the concrete wall on Lummi Shore.



New Shellwasher for bagging oyster shells – Shellfish Operations is scheduled to begin bagging and planting 3,000 cultch bags for Lummi Tribal enhancement in July.

Geoduck Operation:

- We completed our Geoduck seed sales for 2014 on June 25, 2014.
- We sold 1.2 million Geoduck seed, valued at nearly \$298,680.



5mm+ geoduck seed (4 month old seed).

Records & Archives

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

June 2014 Monthly Update

WE are at the mid-year part of the year. With June finishing up we will be preparing our mid-year reports. The sun is shining and it sounds like everyone had a great time at the Stommish festival this past week. The Paddle to Bella Bella has begun and graduation is done for another year. Everyone please have a safe 4th of July holiday.

The numbers for June 2014 are as follows:

- 3 - 2014 resolution scanned and certified YTD 3/72 YTD
- 3 - Resolution added to H:drive for electronic access
- 81 file requests from various departments 81/465 YTD
- 37 files requests from courts
- 12 file requests from Prosecutors
- 10 file requests from Clinic
- 8 file requests from Lummi Housing Authority
- 4 files request from Child Support
- 1 file requests from Law & Order
- 1 file requests from Human Resources
- 1 file request from Tribal Attorneys
- 7 file requests from ETC
- 41 files returned 41/199 YTD
- 27 files returned from courts
- 4 file returned from Human Resources
- 3 files returned from Public Defenders
- 7 files returned from the ETC
- Records Coordinator Training- none this month
- Economic Development Disposal started this month, 30 out of 33

91% complete almost all scanned and archived

There are three boxes left to complete for disposal on this department with the majority of documents being scanned or archived. Very little document disposal for Economic Development.

16229 pages scanned or 1827 files,

- Behavioral Health is 65/82 or 79.27% complete
- Courts Citations is 3/3 boxes or 100% complete
- 371 pictures scanned and accessioned in DA collection
- 281 photos scanned from AC#1293.62
- 3179/3179 boxes relabeled in Records Stacks 100% complete
- 3 boxes of Economic Development documents scanned
- 2 boxes of Economic Development documents archived.

Because of construction mishap at the old Court Building we lost all communication (computer and phone) in the old Archives building so we have had to move all the scanning staff to the new building. One is scanning pictures, 2 are working on Court Citations and Economic Development scanning and the 4th is working on relabeling the boxes in the stacks. We are starting the seventh week of being without our big scanner, phone lines and computer lines in the old Archives building.

- Archival requests for June included the following:
- Mission to the World information
- Info and photos of Willie Jones Sr.
- Gregory lane photo

Natural Resources information

- Information and photos of Lummi events
- Copy of 2007 Paddle to Lummi program
 - Stommish photos
- Archival Accessions for June included the following:
- Title 6-A submitted by the Law & Justice Commission
- 2014 Kwina Mile T-Shirt submitted by LYA
- 2014 High School Graduation poster submitted by JOM
- 76 Deceased Patient inventory box list was sent to new Clinic Director for authorization for scanning or disposal. No word back on these files yet.
- 40 Tribal School boxes submitted for disposal – no word back on these yet.
- 135 LITE boxes submitted for disposal – no word back on these yet, it has been over a year.
- 48 Family Services boxes submitted for disposal – no word back on these yet.
- 1 Insurance box submitted for disposal – no word back on this box yet, it has been over a year.

107 Housing boxes submitted for disposal – no word back on these yet.

39 Water and Sewer boxes submitted for disposal – no word back on these yet.

7 CARE boxes submitted for disposal – no word back on these yet.

A little explanation of what a disposal is. The Transfer Inventory along with box lists are sent to the Director of each department for approval to do a disposal. Once this is completed then we go through each box to decide if something is to be scanned, archived or disposed of. Each director has the opportunity to hold boxes if needed. It is documented that everything that is being scanned or archived comes from a certain R# and box # so we have an audit trail.

The deceased patient transfer inventory list was originally sent to Vanda Patterson in February. Now that we have a Clinic Director we have resent to him so hopefully we can get resolution on the boxes of files. We are hoping to get authorization for disposal or scanning. We have not heard anything back from either of these directors.

Budget for 100 account is approximately 46% spent

\$93,877 out of a budget of \$203,747

Director: Janice "Honetia" Jefferson
 360-312-2059 janiceb@lummi-nsn.gov
Staff: 6 Lummi tribal members, 1 other tribal members
Staff: Wilfred LaClair Jr., Scanning Tech Supervisor 360-312-2060
Cheryl Solomon, Records Tech II 360-312-2061
Daniel Neil, Records Tech II 360-312-2062
4 PT-Temporary Employees for Scanning Project
 Contact Information: 2665 Kwina Road N 1500 Bellingham, WA 98226
 Fax: 360-312-8742
 Dept. Divisions: Archives & Records Management

Budget for 150 account is approximately 37% spent

\$70,229 out of a budget of \$192,224

This month Janice attended 2 funeral support meetings.

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



(Archives continued)

Elders Annual Luncheon ~ July 19th

Doors open at 10am

Lunch 12 noon ~ Wexliem

News from the Lummi Diabetes Prevention Program



*Submitted by Anneke
Zwick, Preventive Care
Nurse*

The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) sponsors any community member to participate in aerobic classes or lap swimming at the Arne Hanna Aquatics Center. In order to participate, free of charge, let the front desk know that you are part of the Lummi Diabetes Prevention Program. It is just that simple. The only catch, you may only participate in the aerobic classes and lap swimming.

This is a fantastic way to get some low impact, effective exercise and maybe even a moment in the hot tub after a good workout. So please feel free to participate in this great service the DPP provides all community members. For workout schedules visit the Arne Hanna website at www.cob.org/ahac or call their office at (360)778-7665. Their schedules change every season so be sure and check in often to see what new and exciting classes they may be offering.

LCAA, IN COLLABORATION WITH LUMMI NATION PRESENTS: VISIONS OF XWE'CHI' EXEN

Place: Orcas Island @ the Odd Fellows Hall

Date: August 29, 30 & 31st, 2014

The Lummi Cultural Arts Association has been in existence since 2004—bringing Lummi artists together to share and learn from one another through various art shows and events. More recently, LCAA membership has been inspired to help bring awareness to the sacredness of Xwe Chi' eXen through various art forms. Twenty five artists will be set up at Orcas Island (Madrona Point, the Odd Fellows Hall) on August 29th, 30th, and 31st, 2014—showcasing original artwork, but also bringing inspired pieces on the "Visions of Xwe Chi' eXen"—Cherry Point.

Limited slots available for the event. To sign-up:

- Attend LCAA Meetings (Next meeting Wed. June 4th, @ 5PM @ Lummi Gateway Center & June 11th)
- Become a current member (Membership fees are \$15 or \$10 for elders) Packet available at mtg
- Develop an art piece (any art form medium) inspired by Xwe Chi' Exen (Cherry Point)
- For more info, look us up on facebook: Lummi Cultural Arts Association or contact: Earline Hansen at 360-303-3661/earline050@yahoo.com

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A CALL TO LUMMI NATION ARTISTS: ARTISTIC VISIONS OF XWE'CHI'EXEN



Pacific International Terminals wants to locate North America's largest coal export terminal at *Xwe'chi'eXen* (Cherry Point) on an ancient Lummi village landscape and its marine waters. The Lummi Cultural Arts Association (LCAA) is calling upon artists of the Lummi Nation to help bring out the real and true vision of *Xwe'chi'eXen*: what it stands for, what it means to our ancestors, what it means to us today, and why it is important to preserve and protect for future generations.



Artists of every kind are asked to participate: carvers of wood and bone, bead-workers and jewelers, graphic artists, muralists, weavers, painters, poets, orators, writers and musicians. We want to work with you to create a vision of what *Xwe'chi'eXen* means to the Lummi people.



Qualifying artists will be invited to take part in a series of art shows and sales in Whatcom County and in the San Juan Islands, sponsored by the LCAA (see back of card).



The Lummi Cultural Arts Association (LCAA) has been in existence since 2004, and is made up of Lummi tribal member artists. The LCAA, with the help of the Lummi Ventures Program, has been able to bring various art opportunities to Lummi community members through art shows, events, presentations — both at Lummi and within the San Juan Islands—the *traditional territory of the Lummi people*. From 2009-2013, the LCAA helped organize and establish a local art gallery, CedarWorks Gallery in downtown Bellingham.

More recently, members of the LCAA have been inspired to help bring awareness to the sacredness of Xwe' Chi' Exen (Cherry Point) through various art forms and interpretations. Twenty (20) artists will participate at an event near Madrona Point on Orcas Island **August 29th, 30th, and 31st, 2014**—showcasing original work but also bringing inspired pieces on the “Visions of Xwe' Chi' Exen.”

To participate:

- Members must be Lummi or a spouse of a Lummi tribal member
- Have paid the non-refundable annual membership fee of \$15 or \$10 for elders
- Provide a copy of a Lummi Business License
- Provide current contact information
- Donate one piece related to Cherry Point, *Xwe'Chi'Exen*
- Attend LCAA meetings regularly

The next LCAA meetings will be held at the Lummi Gateway Center, 4920 Rural Avenue Ferndale, WA 98247 on these dates:

- Wednesday, July 9th at 5PM
- Wednesday, July 23rd at 5PM
- Wednesday, August 6th at 5PM
- Wednesday, August 20th at 5PM

“Like” us on facebook@ Lummi Cultural Arts Association. Contact one of the members and leave a message with, LCAA Secretary, Earline Hansen at: (360) 303-3661 or Earline050@yahoo.com or LCAA President, Shasta Cano-Martin at shastacano-martin@hotmail.com

*Opportunity Council Energy Assistance
at Commods ~ July 29th forwww Elders*

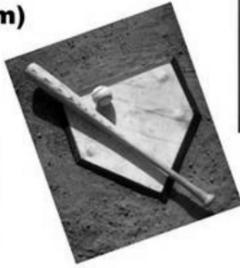
July 31 for community

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End of the Year Celebration 2014 Spring Baseball/Softball

PIZZA PARTY Potluck (optional to bring something)
& **Awards**

- Tuesday, July 1
- 5:00 PM
- Youth Center Gym
(The Old Gym)



Contact Sarah Tom
for any questions:
Office #- 380-6648,
Email- SarahB@lummi-nsn.gov



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To
July 3rd



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Northwest Tribal Courts Using Cutting Edge Technology To Promote Access To Justice

Submitted by Michael Rossotto, Appellate Department Director
Phone: 425-774-5808, ext. 112

The Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS) today launched a powerful online database providing attorneys and the public free access to hundreds of tribal court appellate opinions from thirty Indian tribes in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Northern California.

The new NICS platform features a "Boolean" search engine, hyperlinked subject matter and tribal indexes, U.S.-based technical support, and a mobile application. Until now, the opinions have been available only in print or on CD.

Other legal databases, like Westlaw and LexisNexis, charge a substantial fee for similar services. NICS can provide its database for free, in part because of grants from the charitable funds of the Tulalip, Muckleshoot, and Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribes, and ongoing support from NICS' other member tribes.

"Publishing these appellate court opinions online with a powerful search engine and making it available for free puts NICS and the many tribes participating in this project on the cutting edge of using technology to promote access to justice," said Michael Rossotto, the NICS Appellate Department Director. "While federal, state and many tribal courts publish their decisions online, we are not aware of any other court system, federal, state or tribal, that offers online access to its decisions with all of the features we are offering free of charge," said Rossotto.

Formed in 1979, the Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS) is a consortium of Indian tribes that have joined their resources to ensure that

each tribe is able to have its own court by sharing judges, prosecutors, and court-related services. The database represents a new and important chapter in the development of tribal justice systems and demonstrates NICS' dedication to its member tribes.

The new NICS database will support its member courts by increasing efficiency, promoting access, bolstering tribal court credibility, and demonstrating the inherent sovereignty of the tribal governments, tribal officials said.

"Published appellate decisions are a testimony of tribal sovereignty and our inherent right to govern our affairs according to Shoalwater Bay Tribal laws and customs," said Lynn Clark, Court Administrator for the Shoalwater Bay Tribe. "It promotes the Tribal Court's professional credibility and shares appellate judgments and precedents in tribal laws."

Pro se litigants will especially benefit from the new system. For the first time, tribal members who represent themselves in the tribal courts administered by NICS can tap into the collective wisdom of hundreds of tribal court jurists with a free and easy-to-use online database. Legal scholars, judges, and tribal law practitioners throughout the U.S. will also benefit from being able to access and research this rich resource, which now spans over 27 years of court decisions and will be continually updated as new opinions are issued by NICS-administered courts.

"Making our Court of Appeals' opinions available online will better enable our tribal members to represent themselves," said Muckleshoot Tribal Council Chair Virginia Cross. "It should also reduce costs for those who are able to afford a spokesperson or attorney, and will reduce the overall

cost of administering our justice system by making legal research quicker, easier and more effective."

"The Tulalip Tribes have for many years published the opinions of our Court of Appeals with NICS, the Indian Law Reporter, and Westlaw. Making these opinions available and researchable for free through the NICS website is yet another example of Tulalip's exercise of its sovereign authority and its leadership in implementing the federal Tribal Law and Order Act and Violence Against Women Act," added Herman Williams, Chairman of the Tulalip Tribes.

NICS' tribal court appellate opinions, previously compiled in books known as "appellate reporters," are published online by Code Publishing Company, Inc., of Seattle, Washington. NICS is also taking pre-orders for a library-quality bound reprint edition of the entire series of reporters. To access the NICS Tribal Court Appellate Opinions database, view a list of the participating tribes, or order the library-quality print edition, visit NICS on the web at: www.nics.ws.

About the Northwest Intertribal Court System

NICS' mission is to assist its member tribes, at their direction, in a manner that recognizes the sovereignty, individual character, and traditions of those tribes in the development of tribal courts that provide fair, equitable, and uniform justice for all who come within their jurisdiction. NICS promotes tribal sovereignty through the administration of professional, efficient and unbiased courts that provide a forum for the peaceful and fair resolution of disputes. NICS was formed in the late 1970s in direct response to the requirement of the "Boldt decision" that a tribe

needed to have a comprehensive scheme for enforcing its fishing regulations before the federal court would give final authorization for a tribe to regulate its own fisheries free from interference by the State of Washington. As the federal government returned to a policy of promoting tribal self-governance during this period and tribal governments began to reassert their sovereignty and pass tribal ordinances in many areas besides fishing, NICS-administered tribal courts quickly grew from hearing fishing disputes to being courts with broad jurisdiction under the laws of their tribes. In 2002, NICS was recognized by Harvard University as one of the top 100 programs in its annual Innovations in American Government Awards competition. Many of the original NICS member tribes now administer their own courts, while NICS now provides services to numerous non-member tribes on a fee-for-service basis. NICS' current member tribes include the Chehalis, Muckleshoot, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoalwater Bay, and Tulalip Tribes. For more information, visit www.nics.ws.

About the Tulalip Tribes

The Tulalip Tribes are the successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish and other tribes and bands signatory to the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott. The 22,000-acre Tulalip Indian Reservation is located north of Seattle in Snohomish County, Washington. Tribal government provides membership with health and dental clinics, family and senior housing, human services, utilities, police and courts, childcare, and higher education assistance. The Tribe maintains extensive environmental preservation and restoration programs to protect the Snohomish re-

gion's rich natural resources, which includes marine waters, tidelands, fresh water rivers and lakes, wetlands and forests both on and off the reservation. Developable land and an economic development zone along the I-5 corridor provide revenue for tribal services. This economic development is managed through Quil Ceda Village, the first tribally chartered city in the United States, providing significant contributions and benefits tribal members and the surrounding communities. The Tribes have approximately 4,400 members. For more information, visit www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

About the Muckleshoot Tribe

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe whose membership is composed of descendants of the Duwamish and Upper Puyallup people who inhabited Central Puget Sound for thousands of years before non-Indian settlement. The Tribe's name is derived from the native name for the prairie on which the Muckleshoot Reservation was established. Following the Reservation's establishment in 1857, the Tribe and its members came to be known as Muckleshoot, rather than by the historic tribal names of their Duwamish and Upper Puyallup ancestors. Today, the United States recognizes the Muckleshoot Tribe as a tribal successor to the Duwamish and Upper Puyallup bands from which the Tribe's membership descends. For more information, visit the Muckleshoot Tribe at www.muckleshoot-nsn.us/.

About the Shoalwater Bay Tribe

The mission of the Shoalwater Bay Tribe is to become self-sufficient and provide for the spiritual, social, economic and physical health of tribal members, while honoring

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traditions of the past and leaving a responsible legacy for future generations. The Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation is located on the shores of Willapa Bay in southwestern Washington at the southern end of the Tribe's ancestral homeland. The Tribe draws its membership from the Lower Chehalis, Shoalwater Bay, and Chinookan peoples. A small but strong tribe, the Shoalwater Bay Tribe is deeply connected to its history, and works hard to preserve its language and culture. Meanwhile, the Tribe also strives to grow its reservation economy, which includes the Shoalwater Bay Casino, a tribally chartered construction firm called Willapa Bay Construction, LLC, and a number of other tribal enterprises. The Tribe is especially dedicated to improving the health and lifestyles of its members while also increasing awareness of Shoalwater Bay Tribe

culture and expanding the Tribe's influence. For more information, visit

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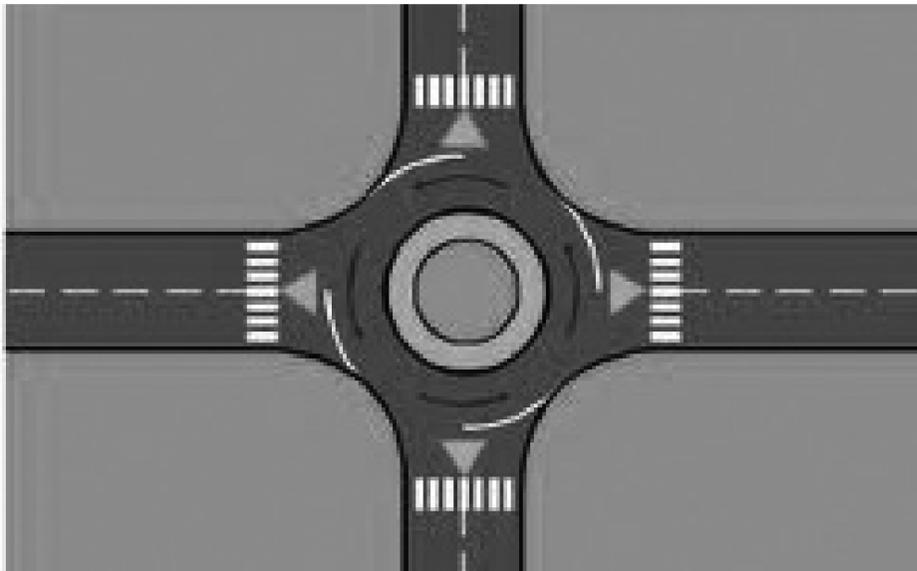
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Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July

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Sacred Summit and Sacred Relay from Xwe'chi'exen: Lummi Nation and Friends Rally to Protect Cherry Point

By Vernell Lane,
Community Relations &
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Sovereignty Treaty Protection Office

Approximately 200 people attended the 1st Annual Sacred Obligations Summit held on Monday, June 16, 2014 at the Wexliem Community Building. The day began with a posting of Colors by Lummi Nation Veterans, and the National Anthem was performed by Ms. Star Naye. A traditional welcoming from both Chief Tsi'li'xw (William James), and elected Tribal leader and LIBC Secretary, Jeremiah Julius started off the day with the numerous speakers representing various organizations, Tribes and Bands. "The idea of protecting the environment is not only a Sacred Obligation, but a Sacred Duty," said Jay Julius, who spoke on Sacred Land and Sacred Waters.

Jewell James, Director of the Sovereignty Treaty Protection Office served as Moderator of the Sacred Summit. James Leder, Community Activist showed his documentary: "Fish Consumption," a 12-minute film on the importance of the Salmon to the Coast Salish people. During the lunch hour another documentary was shown called: Chief Leschi, by Freddie Lane through the American Indian Film Festival.

Other speakers included: Sundance Chief Reuben George, Tsleil-Watuth, B.C. who spoke on the Kinder Morgan Tar Sands; Eugene Kung, staff lawyer at West Coast Environmental Law, gave a presentation about the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion proposal. Dr. Kurt Russo, Sovereignty Treaty Protection Office spoke of the Totem Pole Journey. Chief Phil Lane, Jr. spoke of the Sacred Obligations on an International-basis and said, "It's been such a great honor to be standing in a place where such great people have stood and have endured, and have never, ever surrendered because we, as indigenous people, and those that are here, and other human beings..... have never surrendered

to what we have known to be.... the foundations and sacredness of life."

After the dinner break, the evening was highlighted by an inspiring Sacred Talk by Winona LaDuke, an international activist representing Honor the Earth organization in Minnesota. "We, as human beings suffer with what I call 'Ecological Amnesia,' sometimes we forget what we have," said Winona LaDuke.

The day ended by calling witnesses, who gave their reflections on the evening.....who reconfirmed the teachings handed down by the elders.....Xwlemi Schelangen (our sacred way of life).

Some of the Non-Governmental Groups (NGO) and Friends of the Lummi Nation in attendance included:

Salish Sea Marine Sanctuary
Wild Idaho Rising Tide
Occupy Bellingham
Friends of the Earth
Community To Community
Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship
Dine' College
Bellingham Friends
Northwest Indian College
Tsleil Waututh Nation Sacred Trust
Echoes
Lummi Island Conservancy
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Sacred Relay (Run) to Remember

On Tuesday, June 17th, 2014, 8 runners participated in the Sacred Relay from Xwe'chi'exen (Cherry Point) to the Silver Reef Casino (approximately 8 miles). Approximately 75 people gathered at Xwe'chi'exen to witness the 1st Annual Sacred Run. Ceremonial prayers were offered and a presentation of Sacred Staffs (carved by Jewell James) - One (1) carried on the Water - and One (1) carried on land from Xwe'chi'exen

(Cherry Point) to the Stommish Grounds. The Canoe (from the Lummi Youth Academy) skippered by Justin Finkbonner carried the Sacred Staff by water to the Stommish Grounds. The runners who ran the eight miles were: Clara Revey, Kateri Hillaire, Karen Banuch, Cindy Cultee, Maria Ridley, Laura Porter, Tabitha Jefferson-Ayosa and Dr. Tilley.

Rally at the Reef

Runners from Cherry Point met with supporters of the Lummi Nation (well over 175 people). People brought their drums and rallied with special guest, Winona LaDuke who carried a staff and a "Sacred Schelangen" sign on the walk. There was an elder vehicle with signs to protect Xwe'chi'eXen, and the group of 75 people took the walk carrying the Sacred staff along the route to encourage support to Protect Cherry Point. They all carried signs that were designed by people who attended the Sacred Summit.

Protest Rally at Stommish Grounds

The group of Sacred Walkers began entering the Stommish Grounds at approximately 4:00 pm and were greeted by over 100 people. The two (2) sacred staffs joined together from the water and from the land as the masses of people gathered in support of the Lummi Nation efforts to Preserve, to Protect and to Promote our Schelangen. Featured grammy award-winning artist, Star Naye performed on stage, along with numerous guest speakers.

Fisherman's Forum

A public fisherman's forum was held the evening of June 17th at Wexliem with over 150 people in attendance. Lummi fisherman shared their stories on the water while fishing, crabbing, shrimping the Salish Sea.

These event was planned in cooperation with the Stommish committee as well as the following Sacred Summit committee members: Freddie Lane, Beth Brownfield, Kurt Russo, Jewell James,

Deb Cruz and Vernell Lane. The committee would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who helped make the Summit possible: Janice Jefferson, Josh Phair, Starla Jefferson, Simon James, Tracey Deardorff, Leroy Deardorff Jr., Cindy Benitez, Jewell Jefferson, Elaine Miles, Tim Ballew, Cliff Cultee, Jay Julius and Darrell Hillaire.

Comments From Participants At The Sacred Summit -

- It was such an honor and a pleasure to have had the privilege of attending the full two- days of events up at Lummi. I was so impressed with the hospitality, openness, wisdom and authenticity of all the organizers and the presenters. I learned a lot about the Lummi Nation and their traditions, culture, and values, and I'm even more committed to protecting Cherry Point and the Salish Seas than I was before the event. Listening to the blessings and the traditional stories of the elders; being present during the ceremonies at Cherry Point; walking alongside Winona LaDuke and many others during the Sacred Walk; and learning about the fishing way of life and the changes over the years in the Salish Sea during the Forum, all left me with a special feeling of Sacredness that lingered with me for many days after. My hands go up to the Lummi for having organized this event and having welcomed me and others, and I sure hope there will be other such opportunities for strengthening our bonds and relations. - Carol Voli, Edmonds, WA.

- It was inspiring, to say the least to see the strong position Lummi Nation has taken against the destructive projects

being proposed on sacred Indigenous land everywhere. As a settler on living on Lummi land, I don't know of anything more important that supporting their struggle in protecting their traditional lands and ways of life. I learned more in two days of listening and dialoguing with folks at Lummi/non-native community members than I could have in weeks of researching on my own. I learned intense truths about the colonial history of the Coast Salish area, and how resource extraction without consent of Indigenous peoples constitutes the ongoing colonization of this region. I learned about the sacredness of the places and culture that this fight against big oil and coals means to protect, and got a glimpse into the warrior spirit that is alive and thriving in the Lummi Nation. Overall, the events on June 16 & 17th (Sacred Summit & Sacred Walk/run) gave me great hope for a movement, led the Indigenous people in solidarity with settlers, that works to decolonize the Pacific Northwest and challenge the corporate assault on Mother Earth. In fact, it is clear that his movement has already taken shape, and that Lummi Nation is playing an integral role in the global struggle for liberation of lands and people. I can't thank folks at Lummi Nation enough for the generosity they showed in hosting so many people in their home and putting time/energy into organizing these events. - James Leder, Bellingham Rising Tide.

- We participated in the Sacred Walk and Rally on the Lummi

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reservation where the forces of Mordor are planning a coal port. It was a moving experience. This is our climate bomb <http://www.powerpastcoal/>. Meanwhile, and almost simultaneously, the Crime Minister of Canada, Seven Harper, and his cronies have declared war on the citizens of BC and the world by approving the Endbridge pipeline through the Indigenous peoples land and have already given a resounding "No!" and 66% of BCers do not want it: [ern-gateway. The Native Americans and other Indigenous people know what's at stake, that is why they are on the front lines. They have not lost the perspective that we are part of, no a part from the natural world that nurtures us. The chambers of brave hearts in need of our support. For truly their support is ours support. – Gary Piazzon \(Unitarian Universalist\).](http://www.vancouverobserver.com/news/grand-chief-jubilant-he-declares-war-north-</p>
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- Just wish to express my gratitude to the Lummi Nation for inviting us to the Stommish and the Sacred Summit. It was a very special two days for me. During the first day of talks about Sacred

Obligations and the simple elegance of the Wexliem House, one felt the powerful presence of the many that had walked these grounds for generations. I felt among many, but also single in the direct conversation between the speakers and the audience. The sacredness of the ground we all walk, the air we all breathe, the water that sustains us all cannot be compromised; it is what we share as humans. I want to learn from Mother Earth and to be able to hear her speaking. As Winona LaDuke elegantly spoke of what we can do to listen and respond; it is time

to just do what is "right" and to stop letting corporations take from our earth to feed the lust for "things" which only clutter and pollute the earth and our lives. The second day was so full of activities but again just to be able to be alone and walk the many miles to Stommish and see the beauty around was soul nurturing. I just took time away from walk and talking to all the wonderful people around me to walk by myself and just breathe in the cool clean air. What it must have been like for the First People just live and breathe here among all this. At the rally,

I enjoyed listening to the music, which was outstanding, to the many speakers who have committed themselves to saving the environment we have left; how we can, as the earth's children, join together to bring back a place of beauty and solitude to surround and sustain us as humans. If there is one idea that expressed my time at the Sacred Summit, I would say that – "Only take what you need." I think we all have to think about our affluence and use of materials that fill our lives. What do we really need and what "things" just wear us down and consume us. – Judith Akins.



Sacred Run, Walk, Paddle, and Sacred Thoughts

June 2014

We are living in a world where the corporations have become the absent land owner that makes major decisions from a distance. This distant corporations make decisions that permanently impacts the quality of our lives here in the Pacific NW. We are not there to say no and influence their decisions. The corporate heads do not have to live in the environments they make a profit from exploiting. Corporations have humans working for them but they (the corporations) are not human and are not limited by human emotions or conscience. They do not have the emotional attachments a human has, as a sense of duty, to another.

We bear witness to corporations creating supersites – where toxins are so massive the sites can not safely be restored to anything like what the “Creator” provided us for our mutual benefit. Corporations, really, are the collective manifestation of the “selfish” aspects of the human personality. When the paper mill left Bellingham, it left behind a toxic waste zone, supersite that the tax payers have to clean up. They walked away with a cheap pay off to local government, giving them title to the toxic land left behind. This is a common scenario ready to be played out again and again. This is our view of what is involved in the potential damages being authorized by various levels of government, in the development of Cherry Point, as well.

We lived in a world, at one time, where the basics of our culture, traditional knowledge, song, dance, ceremony, and spiritual beliefs and values taught us to love and respect the earth. We were Mother Earth People that enacted ceremonial dramas that advocated limitations to our impacts to the natural environment. The benefits of the earth were there for our mutual survival, and this included a duty to respect the next seven generations’ rights that followed us in time and consequence. Even when we sought to accumulate wealth, we distributed it

to the needy and all our relatives, in ceremonies. It was better to give than to receive. Imagine the corporation making billions at the bottom line and then distributing it all to the needy of Whatcom County.

The laws and politics of the United States has taught the public that Indians are not competent, they are considered to be infidels, savages, and need to be protected by the government- because we are wards of the government. The public believes we are lazy because they see we are not using our lands – they do not understand that their government controls the lands and we cannot use it without their permission. We cannot get their permission because the government messed up the land titles, and fractionated our lands ownership. The non-Indians do not understand that each square foot of land on the reservation is owned by 100s of heirs- due to BIA mismanagement of our inherited estates.

We speak out from the reservation about various sites that are important and sacred to us. When we choose to speak out, the public impacted by our position becomes upset. But, perhaps, if they thought for a moment, they may relate to us- since we never sold the land to the United States. We are surrounded by trespassers and squatters. The United States offered to buy our traditional lands and natural resources 120 years after we first offered to sell it. The US said, go ahead and sue us, we authorize it but we get to decide who represents you and we control access to the evidence that can be admitted, and if we chose to allow the testimony.

Located in those lands are sacred sites- places where we did visions quests, power seeking sites, ceremonial sites, and family burial sites & Indian village cemeteries. During treaty negotiations, Chief Seattle demanded the right of access to visit our ancestors be respected as a matter of treaty understanding & obligation. We never surrendered our ancestors’ burial grounds. Given the choice and opportunity, we will always defend our

ancestors’ graves and sacred sites.

For the general public, they will not be able to relate to this idea until we bulldoze Arlington Cemetery or level the historic sites of Jerusalem! Modern development is important to land owners, but it begins by bulldozing the land to clear it for construction. And in that process, they destroy our cemeteries, our sacred sites. Cherry Point is an ancient village with a correlated cemetery, going back over 3500 years.

The Christian Churches promised us that their “god” would provide us salvation. Heaven was coming to any Indian that gave up his traditional native belief system and converted to the white religion. In that process, the Churches sought to help destroy our spiritual teachings, and our definitions of what is considered sacred. We had conducted, throughout our territory, numerous “first harvest ceremonials” that were associated with our harvest activities tied to the different parts of the “natural resources.” To us, the Creator changed everything on the earth into its current final form so that we, the lesser/weaker Children of the Creator, may survive. Our spirituality was about giving thanks to the Creative Power that gave us the Earth. When the non-Indians first arrived the land was so full of diverse foods they found the natives working for three months and conducting ceremonials and social exchanges for the next nine.

Three decades ago, the Churches of the Pacific NW issued an Apology to the Pacific NW Indians for their having helped destroy our spirituality or having passively sat back and watched it happen. That Apology only has meaning when it turns into corrective understanding, and positive action by and through the churches. We have to constantly challenge the Faith Based Community to work harder in changing their congregations’ outlook toward protection of the earth as a sacred obligation to the Great Spirit.

We are in the finals

steps toward Ecocide. Our earth is dying. We all live on the same planet. None of us are exempt from the repeated devastation of Our Earth Mother. Major areas have become national (Hopi/Navajo Reservations) and international sacrifice zones (Tar Sands area) for economic gain of multinational corporations. Corporations have poisoned her, and ripped her body apart, with no guilt. Corporations willfully poison the air, the water, and the land all in the name of private property and profit. They don’t have to limit where they destroy! They do not care that “God” created the Earth for all people, for all generations to find sustenance. God gave us “Eden” and they, as modern dominating forces of society, have nearly completely destroyed it. It has become the Corporate Will not God’s Will that causes this and determines the time of our demise!

We all have a Mind, a Body, and a Soul. These compose the three parts to our individual Sacred Being. These parts contain and are energized by our Spirit, or soul- which connects us to the Great Spirit in time and place. When we come together we join our “Sacred Being” into the collective called “We the People.” When we gather together we create a Sacred Moment in Time. This is how we form and keep alive Popular Sovereignty and our faith. We must remember the fourth part of our existence is the earth itself- existing as air, water, fire, and form (matter/food). As a collective of people, we can chose to ignore the signs that demands we take action with a passion, to become energized and initiate all actions necessary to Save the Earth, to Save Each Other, and to Save All Sacred Sites on it.

This year, we committed that “We shall run. We shall walk. We shall paddle our canoes. We shall all move to the same spot, to gather together. We are committed to sacrificing together. To spend the time needed to hear each other, to encourage each other. And, to devise our mutual plan to protect places like Cherry Point. We shall plan

to be active, to stop the poisoning of the air, water, and land that Our Children and Future Generations shall be dependent upon. The Earth is loaned to us, we do not own it. We hold it for the future generations of children coming after our time on earth.”

We shall sacrifice today as a message to our Creator that we mutually understand our duty! God gave us the Earth to Enjoy not to Destroy!

As citizens, we have to decide, sooner than later, what type of political world we authorize that allows corporate greed to dominate decisions in government. Those decisions are based on what they (as absentee land owners) think is acceptable levels of permanent damage to local environments. To them the land and environment is a title owned....a piece of paper that signifies are government authorized and protected right to dispose of or use “private property.” Corporations seem to include the right to destroy it as a consequence of their choices and actions as being a part of their property right.

Remember, corporations cannot vote but citizens. The citizens must use the power of the vote to remove any leadership that is not willing to commit to the prevention ecocide caused by absentee corporations. Corporations that do not “reside” in the state should be taxed at extremely higher rates than corporations that are local and mutually impacted by their long-term decisions. Absentee Corporations should not be allowed to determine what shall be the quality of our environment.

Some will argue that the land at Cherry Point is locally owned, and the owners do live here. True. And, still they believe they have a legal right to poison the land, the air, the waters, and the floral & faunal life touched by their toxic waste, by-products, and contaminated cargo. They point out their “private property rights.” Ok, so do it only on your land. Do not transport it over ours. Do not poison our environment for your private

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profit. As a test of your private property right, you, as the property owner, should be required to live there, to breath there, to drink and bath in the water there, and to grow your food crops there, or eat the fish from the local waters. You won't because of the toxins. It is different when you have to live in your own filth.

In Navajo and Hopi, the uranium mines contaminate the land, waters, and sheep, and then poisons the people. They are sacrificed for national good and economy. The same is a happening in the Tar Sands of Alberta, Canada. The natives live off the lands and due to industrial wastes and poisoning they end up consuming animals and fish loaded with cancer. They are a part of the sacrificed environment. We are expected to be accepting of the same type of impacts at Cherry Point.

Some of our Lummi

Tribal Council members have said, in regards to the conflict over Cherry Point development, "It is not no, it is Hell No!" They are committed to protecting our rights to clean air, clean land, clean water, and healthy salmon and fish supplies and environments. Remember, we have to start at home, to make sure we send a strong voice outside to the non-Indian communities. We have to remain committed to protecting our traditional territories.

We started with the idea of sacred sites and the protection of our ancestors graves and cemeteries. Wherever our Ancestors' lived, breathed, and worked shall evermore remain important to all future generations because through them we are connected to our part of the earth. We cannot and will not forget it.



Field Notes: a Visit to Lummi Nation's Sacred Summit and the Protection of the Salish Sea

25 June, 2014

The 10 day Water Festival hosted by The Lummi Nation of Washington State wrapped up on June 22nd. I had the opportunity to attend part of the festival, along with another law student volunteer and WCEL Staff Lawyer, Eugene Kung. The part we were present for was the Stommish Sacred Summit, which consisted of a day of presentations on the topic of Sacred Obligations, a talk by Winona LaDuke, and a rally against a proposed coal port in the Salish Sea. These events hold great relevance for the environmental movement and the fight against fossil fuel projects in Canada.

The Lummi are Coast Salish people, whose combined traditional territory stretches throughout the Pacific Northwest, from the northern limits of the Strait of Georgia through Puget Sound (together known as the Salish Sea), and covers present-day Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle. The Lummi have close trade, cultural and family ties with Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish and Musqueam, the Coast Salish First Nations that may be more familiar to the Canadian audience. The Oregon Treaty of 1846, which set the present-day Canada-USA boundary, determined their divergent courses of history. And yet, as my fellow law student volunteer Elizabeth Zarpa put it:

Their lineage and kinship with other Coast Salish nations stretches across international boundaries here in Canada. The struggles which they face against natural resource companies imposing pipelines, railways and tankers throughout their territories is similar to what other First Nations in Canada experience.

Stommish Sacred Summit

The Water Festival includes such events as a film festival, canoe races, a carnival and the Sacred Summit, and it is part of the cultural revitalization efforts by the Lummi Nation. The Sacred Summit in particular was organized in accordance with the Lummi

traditional laws, opening with a prayer and selection of prominent community members to act as witnesses. I am personally always honoured and excited to attend such events, because of the palpable resilience and sacredness of Indigenous traditions. It helps that there is usually bannock being served.

The day's events were held in a giant longhouse supported with massive cedar trunks, some of which have been carved into beautiful totem poles.

The day began with welcomings from elected council member Jay Julius and Hereditary Chief Tsilixw. Despite the two representing different sources of leadership, one from a Tribal Council established by the United States government and the other from a traditional system of governance, they both spoke about the sacred obligation to protect the environment in their traditional territory. To them, the environment is not something external to human life, but is the source of their livelihood. Lummi have survived and thrived off of salmon, clams, mussels and other seafood abundant throughout the Salish Sea since time immemorial.

Resource extraction projects would inevitably contaminate the coastal waters and the seafood and so they would threaten the very way of life of the Lummi. The idea of protecting the environment is not just rhetoric for them, but is a matter of survival and sacred duty. We also heard from Jewell James, who Environmental Law Alert readers may remember as the master carver and spiritual leader that gifted a totem pole to the Tsleil-Waututh as a symbol of solidarity among Coast Salish Nations opposing destructive fossil fuel projects.

The Canadian Connection

The cross-border links became even more obvious when the two Canadian guests spoke: Rueben George, the Sundance Chief of Tsleil-Waututh, and Eugene Kung, staff lawyer at West Coast En-

vironmental Law. Rueben spoke of the shared culture of the Lummi and Tsleil-Waututh. Despite the many years of being separated by an international border, their shared understanding of the responsibility for the environment persists. For the Tsleil-Waututh, the idea of sacred obligations to the environment found expression in the Sacred Trust Initiative, whose goal is stopping the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline expansion. Their resistance was motivated by their experience with the existing pipeline, which has had four major leaks since 2005. Because of this and other industrial developments in the Burrard Inlet, it has been harder and harder for the Tsleil-Waututh to practice their traditional way of life. Rueben doesn't want this to happen to the Lummi, and he encouraged them to keep up their fight against the local resource extraction projects.

Eugene then spoke more specifically about the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion proposal, the flawed National Energy Board process, and the legal aspects of the resistance to this project. This Canadian project is important for the Lummi, because the tanker traffic, set to increase to 400 tankers a year, would cross their territory and threaten their water as well.

The environment transcends national borders, contaminants transcend national borders, just as the environmental movements and the Coast Salish culture should transcend national borders. Eugene also explained how strong indigenous laws can help the greater environmental movement through such legal tools as the duty to consult and accommodate where Aboriginal rights and title are involved.

Coal Port at Cherry Point

The Lummi are facing their own fossil fuel project: a proposal to build a deep-water marine terminal at Cherry Point, which would become North America's largest coal port, exporting up to 54 million dry metric tons per year. The project

got off to a rocky start with the Lummi Nation, when in 2011 the company behind the proposal failed to obtain government permits for some preliminary work but went ahead with it anyway and ended up disturbing an ancient burial site. Now, as the Sacred Trust Initiative reports, "The Lummi Nation is concerned not only about the destruction of their sacred sites, but also about the deterioration in air quality and contamination of water and soil as a result of fugitive coal dust dispersal. Shipping of coal could also have devastating impacts on fishing and fishing rights along the Washington coast." The Lummi do have a strong legal case based on treaty fishing rights, so much so that the US Army Corps of Engineers considered denying permits for the proposal based solely on their opposition.

Getting Out of the Fossil Fuel Economy

The highlight of the Sacred Summit for me was a very inspiring talk by Winona LaDuke, an internationally renowned Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe) activist. People from all over Whatcom County, Bellingham and Seattle joined us for her talk. Environmental work can sometimes feel like a game of whac-a-mole, with a new pipeline or coal mine or refinery being proposed every few months. We live in the fossil fuel age, from the car-friendly infrastructure of our cities to the policies and subsidies our governments use to promote an oil-based economy. Ms. LaDuke reminded us of the bigger picture, of the dangers posed by climate change, of the inevitable end to big oil. We should be aiming for a graceful transition instead of a catastrophic crash, and we should do it as soon as possible. Every pipeline that we stop should give our governments pause about their energy policies. Every renewable energy project and conservation measure will decrease our own dependence on fossil fuels.

The WCEL delegation at the end of a long day, left to right: Ana Chamgoulova, Elizabeth Zarpa and Eugene Kung

The evening wrapped up by calling forward the witnesses, who gave their reflections on the evening. Their job throughout the day was to make sure everything was done properly, and their reflections legitimized the event according to traditional Lummi law. I could feel the significance of following protocol and doing things properly in this great longhouse, and how the Lummi drew strength from the thousands of years of history so they can continue to fulfill their sacred obligations.

West Coast Environmental Law has long been working within the Canadian legal system to advance and uphold indigenous laws to protect the environment. This trip gave me a more international perspective on our work and reminded me that there are a lot of people – Aboriginal and not – fighting for a better world. This Earth is of all of our home.

By Ana Chamgoulova, Summer Law Student Volunteer at West Coast Environmental Law

Ana and WCEL give Lummi permission to publish the article. Please provide a link to the blog post and include the following blurb about WCEL:

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West Coast Environmental Law analyzes environmental law and develops strategies to empower and mobilize communities to reform the law. For 40 years we have successfully worked with Indigenous Peoples, communities, organizations and governments to build coalitions and develop proactive legal solutions to protect and sustain the environment. West Coast pursues an approach that supports Indigenous Peoples in using their own legal traditions as the foundation for powerful strategies to protect the lands and waters of their homelands, and ultimately to transform Canadian law.

<http://wcel.org/resources/environmental-law-alert/field-notes-visit-lummi-nations-sacred-summit-and-protection-salis>

Stommish: Unity, Spirituality, & a Run Against Fossil Fuels

Written by Jessica Zimmerle

Earth Ministry Outreach Coordinator Dear friends,

Grand festivities continue this weekend at the Lummi Nation where tribal and community members are celebrating the 68th annual Stommish Water Festival. Earlier this week, the Lummi hosted a series of public events to raise further awareness about the serious threat that increased fossil fuel extraction and transportation pose to numerous tribes throughout the region.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Stommish Sacred Summit, where I was repeatedly moved by the wisdom of the elders and experts who shared their stories and beliefs about sacred obligation to the environment. Leaders joined from the Plains, the Midwest, and Canada to promote a common message of unity in the face of oppression.

Chief Phil Lane Jr. of

the Ihanktonwan Dakota & Chickasaw Nations emphasized that we are all in this together; we are only here for a short time, like shadows vanishing before the setting sun. Building further on the call for unity, Chief Reuben George of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation encouraged everyone to live in honor of "all our relations, with one heart, one mind, and one prayer. These powerful messages resonate with this falls upcoming totem pole journey in which the Lummi will connect ongoing battles against coal export, tar sands, and the Keystone XL Pipeline.

As the speakers shared their stories, a strong sense of spirituality permeated the longhouse. The silver lining to these detrimental projects, as Chief Lane explained, is that the fossil fuel companies have inadvertently awakened a spiritual giant. In this spiritual springtime, people are coming to the realization that we are all indigenous people to Mother Earth,

created to care for our one and only planet. It is this grounded faith that gives us the strength to carry on because, although taking on the fossil fuel industry may feel daunting, "the Creator is much bigger than all of them, that's why we do the right thing.

Winona LaDuke of the Abishinaabe Nation is an incredible activist and champion of Native rights. She opened her talk with a saying from the Lakota:

How long are you going to let others determine the future of our children? Do not operate out of a place of fear, operate out of hope. With hope, all things are possible.

Hope is crucial to maintain the energy for this battle. Not only hope, but perspective - keeping in mind that the fossil fuel era is a very short blot on the spectrum of history. We currently live in a short-sighted linear economy and must recognize that we are all indeed fossil fuel addicts that have relinquished our

agency and found ways to rationalize our behavior. But, if we start to shift back to a more cyclical worldview, we can accomplish the graceful exit from our addiction to consumption and transition to a higher quality of life that we actually desire. LaDuke offered some practical and technical advice for how to achieve this goal, but ended with the reality that "sometimes you have to go outside what is comfortable.

So I took Winona's advice, and I ran. Without planning, training, or knowing if I could even make it to the finish line, I ran eight miles from Cherry Point in solidarity with the Lummi. This last minute decision was far beyond my comfort zone, and it ended up being the best run of my life.

This event, the Sacred Relay, followed the theme of the summit in being both unifying and spiritual. Folks gathered on the beach at Cherry Point where run-

ners and paddlers were blessed and given a pair of carved prayer staffs, carried by land as well as by water, to eventually be re-united at the Stommish grounds. As we ran, the staff was traded off and filled with prayers, the woods were alive with the sounds of creation, and supporters lifted us up with encouragement. It is difficult for me to place words to what I experienced on that run, but needless to say it was incredibly empowering and I am sincerely honored to have participated.

Our friend Kurt Russo boldly stated that their evil is mighty, but it can't stand up to our stories. That is why these stories, your stories, perseverance, and actions, are such an important piece of our Power Past Coal campaign. Let us continue on the journey together, spreading the epic tale of our collective movement towards a fossil free future.

In peace,,Jessica



Stommish Princess/Warrior Pageant

