



From Elders to Youth: Quia ‘Tso is unveiled to the village of Queets

Article By Cat Raya, Photos By Michael Patten



The children cutting the bottom ribbon.

The Queets community gathered to celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Quia ‘Tso(Queets) building. This will serve as their new elder facility as well as their childcare and emergency evacuation center. The building has been under construction for the last year and a half, but it has been a long-awaited addition to the community.

As people arrived, I spoke with the Head Chef, Senior program cook, Samantha Mason about what this building means to her. She said “this new building brings more of the modern world to this Reservation; everything here

is so modernized, and I feel that the elders will appreciate it”. She goes on to say “I feel that the new building is a way of showing the elders that we value them because they carry our indigenous knowledge, they are like encyclopedias, and we need to take care of them and putting them next to head start is important as well because the children are our future. The children are the ones that are going to carry on that indigenous knowledge.”

After this I took a tour of the new building, the halls and eating area were surrounded by beautiful photos of the Quinault Elders. I spoke with

Jerome Obi who has been taking drone footage of the building from its inception. He said, “I was involved in seeing the process, just from when they started, when it was just a basketball court and there was a little playground so it was really cool to see the process all the way through from the beginning to now”. I also spoke with Melissa Capoean to get her take on the building, she said “there’s just not a facility for them to have their meals and sit down in a common place and I am so excited for them to have a central place to come in and eat together and not have to have their food delivered.”

The building has a very clean esthetic as well as a comfortable and welcoming feel. There is a state-of-the-art kitchen and a large craft room down the hall. The restrooms were equipped with showers. There is a wing devoted to the children. A place where they can be cared for and have fun. There was a larger meeting room where the President and Governor met before the ceremony that could be used for a variety of purposes.

As we waited for the ceremony to start, I was able to talk



Mary Schimelpfenig cutting ribbon with QIN President Guy Capoean and Washington state Governor Bob Ferguson.

to many of people about what this building means to them. Quinault Elder Kathy Law said “ I’m really excited about the people of Queets to get a nice facility and being able to have some events to where they are going to be able to all get together because right now they go to the community gym and that just isn’t the place to really have a special event because of the fact that the acoustics in the building are just really bad and when you are old you can’t hear

very well”. Quinault Elder and Queets resident Jean Ramos said “It’s about time, we are really happy today, it’s here. My house is just right there so I just need a walkway from my house to the building” her sister Francheska Smith says “It’s a milestone”. I spoke with Vanessa Kowoosh who works at the head start and she said “It has been a long time coming, I’m excited, I think it’s a huge asset to our

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QIN Awarded \$2-million for Quinault River restoration work



Engineered log jam work near the Wilson's Slough reach on the Quinault River in September 2019. Photo by Larry Workman

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) on July 16th announced the award of \$9.2 million in grants for projects that will restore hab-

itat, create jobs and improve the resiliency of Washington’s coastal communities.

The grants were awarded to eight projects including

ones that will remove invasive plants, restore rivers, work with landowners on conservation grazing practices and create habitat for salmon by

placing logjams in streams.

The grants are from the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative, which was created by the Legislature in 2015 to protect and restore ecological systems of the coast while creating jobs and reducing hazards, such as flooding and infrastructure damage. The initiative is jointly administered by RCO and the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative Steering Committee.

Since 2015, the initiative has invested nearly \$71 million in coastal communities. In 2024, 22 grant applications were submitted, requesting more than \$27 million — with just more than one-third of the projects being funded today.

The Quinault Indian Nation was awarded \$2 million for continuing restoration of the Upper Quinault River in Grays

Harbor and Jefferson counties The QIN will use this grant to complete designs and build 12 logjams in the Wilson’s Slough reach of the upper Quinault River. The Tribe also will plant, maintain and protect conifers on 20 acres of floodplain terraces. The work will protect up to two miles of side channel habitat and promote the creation of more side channels. This is the sixth phase of work, and it builds off a 15-year effort that has installed 102 logjams, planted trees on 732 acres, and protected four miles of stable side channels and 235 acres of forested islands in the floodplains between Lake Quinault and the upper bridge. The Tribe also will complete and implement the outreach plan currently in development. The river is used by Chinook, coho, and sockeye salmon, steelhead trout and native char.

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Quinault Cultural Advisory Committee

Meets the first Friday of the month
Currently zoom meetings only

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qcac.secretary@gmail.com or
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The Quinault Indian Nation invites all employees to:

Employee picnic

Camp Haynisisoos
When: August 14, 2025
Time: 10:00 - 3:00

Costume Contest
Super Hero/Disney characters
Let's Make a Deal
Cornhole tournament
2 mile fun run/walk
Bouncy houses & more!

2025-2026 Quinault Indian Nation Tribal Council (Business Committee)				
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QIN Subcommittee Responsibilities

Justice & Governance (J&G):

- Citizen Review Board
- Public Safety Division
- QIN Self-Governance
- Quinault Tribal Court
- Emergency Management
- Records Office
- Communications Department
- Child Support Office

Prosperity, Health, & Human Services (PHHS):

- Quinault Nation Enterprise Board
- Tribal Employment Rights Office/TERO Board
- Finance Division
- Human Resources
- Quinault Tribal Gaming Agency/Quinault Gaming Commission
- QIN TANF
- Health & Wellness Division

Natural Resources & Community Development (NRCD):

- Quinault Division of Natural Resources
- Quinault Housing Authority/QHA Board of Commissioners
- Community Development Department
- Overall Fish & Game Commission
- Ocean Committee
- Quinault River Committee
- Off-Reservation Committee
- Queets River Committee
- Quinault Planning Commission

Education & Community Services (ECS):

- Quinault Utilities
- Public Roads
- Enrollment
- Enrollment Committee
- Quinault Language Department
- Cultural and Historic Preservation
- Public Transportation
- IT/Technology Division
- Quinault Housing Authority/QHA Board of Commissioners (joint oversight with NRCD)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Quinault Child Support Services Program hereby notifies the Respondents, Tonia Jack-Bryan, Marjorie Chapman and Bryan Chapman, that their presence is required on August 19th at 1:30 p.m., for a hearing in the Quinault Tribal Court in Taholah, Grays Harbor County, Washington. Failure to appear or respond within 45 days, from the first date of Publication, may result in a default. For more information, please call (360) 276-8211 ext. 2222.



Wetland Specialist Janice Martin shows the YOP students how to get a soil profile from Bakers Prairie. Photo by Cat Raya See page 17 for the YOP Story.

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Quinault Business Committee Meeting Schedule

Legal Session (Closed) @ 2:00 pm
Regular Session (Open) @ 5:30 pm

August 11th and 25th
Legislative Sessions:
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
August 13th and 14th (Closed Meeting)
(Closed Meeting)
Meetings are held in Taholah at the Joe DeLaCruz Council Chambers.
Meeting in Queets are held at the Gymnasium.

The subcommittee meetings are held in the Joseph DeLaCruz Council Chambers Schedule subject to change. (These meetings are open to the public)

Justice & Governance Subcommittee

August 5th and 19th @ 10:00 a.m.
Gina James – Chair
Jim Sellers, Kaylah Mail, Hannah Curley, Brittany Bryson.

Prosperity, Health & Human Services Subcommittee

August 5th and 19th @ 11:00 a.m.
Hannah Curley – Chair
Noreen Jackson Underwood, John Bryson, Gina James, Tyson Johnston.

Education & Community Services Subcommittee

August 5th and 19th @ 1:00 p.m.
Kristeen Mowitch – Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Noreen Jackson-Underwood James Brittany Bryson, John Bryson.

Natural Resource & Community Development Subcommittee

August 5th and 19th @ 2:00 p.m.
Tyson Johnston – Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Kristeen Mowitch,James Sellers, John Bryson.

Fisheries Monthly Committee Meetings

Ocean
TBD

Quinault River
1st Wednesday of every month
10:00 a.m.

Queets River
1st Thursday of every month
4:00 p.m.

Off Reservation River
2nd Tuesday of every month
10:00 a.m.

Overall Fish and Game
TBD

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Office of the President

Guy Capoeman



To the Citizens of the Quinault Indian Nation, I want to take a moment to share a few recent happenings across

the Nation that reflect our continued commitment to community, culture, and moving forward together.

Earlier this month, I had the honor of attending the ribbon cutting for the new Qiuwa'tso Building in Queets. This building was built with a clear purpose: to provide a welcoming place for our elders and our children. It's a space meant for gathering, sharing, learning, and healing.

I'm proud of what this building represents, and I'm grateful to everyone who helped make it a reality. It's another step toward ensuring our people have the space and resources they need to thrive.

As always, I've continued to take part in our regular leadership and community meetings. These discussions are important as we work through the issues that matter most wheth-

er they're protecting our lands and waters, strengthening our sovereignty, or making sure our citizens are supported in their daily lives.

Looking ahead, many of us are preparing for this year's Tribal Journeys. This is a special time of year that brings together Nations from across the coast to share in culture, history, and family. To everyone taking, especially our paddlers and support

crews, I wish you safe travels and a meaningful experience. Represent our Nation with pride and return home safely.

I'm proud of the work we're doing, and I remain committed to serving our Nation with respect, responsibility, and heart. Thank you all for continuing to walk this path with me.

Siokwil
President Guy Capoeman
Quinault Indian Nation

Attention

The upper Quinault valley is not accessible this summer

The Lake Quinault North Shore Road is closed to all traffic which began on July 9th and will not reopen until September 22nd for essential road repair.

The Quinault South Shore Road will remain closed until federal funding for its repair is secured. Currently, there is no indication from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as to when this might occur. Jefferson County continues to urge the FHWA to fund this repair like they always have in the cases of previous washouts on this Park Access road.

Office of Treasurer

Hannah Curley



Greetings fellow Tribal members,

Since I was voted into the position of Treasurer, I have hit the ground running so to speak. We have tackled several issues from hiring a CFO and Controller to then releasing the CFO and searching again for a CFO that is a better fit for the Quinault Indian Nation. Currently Jeffrey Capoeman, our Budget Manager has given his resignation to pursue a position with an Audit Firm. While we made every effort to entice Jeff to remain with the Nation he has chosen to move on.

I have attended the Self Governance Conference meeting in Chandler Arizona. This meeting was very informative on the National level. I also observed our Chairman and Staff do a great presentation on the "moving" of the village to the NE Neighborhood.

I attended the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) meeting in New Orleans. This was a huge conference and was packed with information from Economic Development to the Grant process for alternative funding in the non-profit sector.

One of the challenges I would like to address is the inaccurate information surrounding the most recent resolution that was approved for Toptana at the July 14th Business Committee (BC) meeting in Queets.

We've made a significant investment in Toptana infrastructure over the past several years. Now that we've made the investment, we need a major customer and possibly an outside investor to allow Toptana to prosper. Before a customer or investor makes a multimillion-dollar commitment, they want to ensure the Nation isn't going to immediately demand a return of our investment, because that would bankrupt Toptana. If we did that, our customers and investors would lose their investment of time and money — and are unwilling until these assurances are in

place.

The resolution that was first submitted was reviewed at the sub-committee level and at the legislative session and debated heavily by the BC members. We were not happy with the wording. Jeffrey Capoeman, Chairperson of Toptana, took our words to heart and made the necessary changes to the resolution.

The primary issue before the BC was whether the funds we invested in Toptana were a loan or an investment. In other words, is the Nation just lending money to Toptana (expecting to be paid back in the near-term) or are we the owner of Toptana (expecting to receive profits over the long-term)? Just like all our other enterprises, we of course are the owners, so we needed to clarify that the funds invested are not a loan and therefore we do not expect Toptana to repay it as a loan and we are not going to demand our investment be immediately returned. However, Toptana is absolutely expected to provide funds back to the Nation and that is the reason for starting this enterprise. Toptana will instead utilize a profit-sharing agreement we have approved to return a portion of profit to the government in a reasonable and predictable way forever — just like any other enterprise.

The reason for the resolution was not to free Toptana from Returning funds to the Nation but was intended to assure potential investors that the Nation would not immediately request ROI as soon as they invested.

We address this by adding a portion to the resolution and to the Cost Sharing Agreement. The BC also had reviews from the legal team that is representing the Nation. While comments on social media are freedom of speech and everyone has the right to voice their concerns. The initial comments are not always 100% percent true and usually have valuable information either inadvertently or purposefully left out.

Thank you so much for putting your trust in me.

I look forward to continuing my service to the Quinault Nation.

Hannah Curley
Treasurer

Office of the Tribal Secretary

Mandy Hudson-Howard



Tribal secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard has created a list of BC liaison assignments as way to demonstrate all of the hard work that goes into all of the work that they are tasked with doing. See page 2 for the subcommittee assignments.

QUINULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Council Member	Committees/Boards	Delegate	Alternate
Guy Capoeman, President	Overall Fish Committee	X	X
	Marijuana Team	X	
	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	NWIFC		X
	1% Committee	X	
	GHCOG	X	
	Greater Grays Harbor Inc	X	
	Association of WA Tribes	X	
Noreen Jackson-Underwood, Vice President	Head Start Policy Council	X	
	Citizen Review Board	X	
	Workplace Compensation Committee	X	
	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	IPAC	X	
	NWIFC		X
	1% Committee	X	
	NWIPHB	X	
	GHCOG		X
	Greater Grays Harbor Inc.		X
Hannah Curley, Treasurer	Off Reservation Fish Committee	X	X
	Ocean Committee		X
	Quinault Housing Board	X	
	QNEB	X	
	Enrollment Committee	X	
	Coastal Salmon Foundation		X
	Marijuana Team		X
	NCAI	X	
	ATNI	X	X
	NWIFC		X
	1% Committee	X	X
	NWIPHB		X
	HHS Tribal Self Governance		
	WA Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership	X	
	National Inter-Tribal Tax Alliance	X	
	Native American Financial Officers Assoc.	X	
	Tribal-Interior Budget Council	X	
	Short Capital Budgets	X	
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Tribal Secretary	Off Reservation Fish Committee	X	
	TERO	X	
	Planning Commission		X
	Workplace Compensation Committee	X	
	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	NWIFC		X
	Pacific Fisheries Management Committee		X
	1% Committee	X	X
	National Contract Support Cost Work Group		X
	National Inter-Tribal Tax Alliance		X
	WAZZU Advisory	X	
	Tribal-Interior Budget Council		X
	Short Capital Budget		X
Gina James, 1st Councilwoman	Quinault River Committee		X
	Citizen Review Board		X
	TERO		X
	QIN Wellness Court		X
	QIN Cultural Advisory Committee		X
	Workplace Compensation Committee	X	
	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	NWIFC		X
	1% Committee	X	
Jim Sellers, 2nd Councilman	Queets River Committee	X	
	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	NWIFC		X
	1% Committee	X	

John Bryson, 3rd Councilman	Overall (F&G) Commission	X	
	Quinault River Committee	X	
	Ocean Committee		X
	Inter-Tribal Timber Council	X	
	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	NWIFC		X
	Pacific Fisheries Management Committee	X	
	1% Committee	X	
	WA Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership		X
	Land Acquisition Team	X	
	WAZZU Advisory Committee		X
Tyson Johnston, 4th Councilman	Chehalis Basin Partnership	XD	
	Skookumchuck Policy Representative		X
	West Coast Ocean Alliance	X	
	QNEB	X	
	Scholarship/Appeals Committee	X	
	Coastal Salmon Foundation	X	
Brittany Bryson, 5th Councilwoman	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	NWIFC		X
	1% Committee	X	
	HHS Tribal Self Governance	X	
	DOI Self Governance Advisory Committee	X	
	Land Acquisition Team	X	
	Chehalis Basin Partnership		X
	Climate Commitment Act		X
	Association of WA Tribes		X
Kaylah Rosander Mail, 6th Councilwoman	Quinault Housing Board	X	
	Head Start Policy Council		X
	QIN Family Wellness Court		X
	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	NWIFC		X
	1% Committee	X	
	National Contract Support Cost Work Group	X	
	National Indian Council on Aging		X
	Tribal Gaming Committee		X
Kristeen Mowitch-Sellers, 7th Councilwoman	Planning Commission	X	
	QIN Cultural Advisory Committee	X	
	Inter-Tribal Timber Council		X
	ATNI	X	
	NCAI	X	
	NWIFC		X
	Transportation Committee	X	
	WA Indian Gaming Association		X
	National Indian Gaming Association		X
	1% Committee	X	
	2% Committee		X
	Climate Commitment Act		X
	Department of Corrections		X
	Queets River Committee		X
	Tribal Gaming Commission	X	
	Enrollment Committee		X

Tribal Economic and Community Impact in Washington State

From WIGA

Washington's 29 tribal governments are having a significant and growing impact on the state's quality of life.

Commissioned by the Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA) and authored by economists Amy Besaw Medford and Jonathan B. Taylor, *The Economic & Community Benefits of Tribes in Washington* explains how tribal economies—supported by gaming and a growing and diverse range of businesses—are investing in essential services, creating jobs and supporting families and communities across the

state.

"We're witnessing a remarkable transformation in Indian Country," said Jonathan Taylor, co-author of the report. "Tribes in Washington have gone from having very few jobs on reservations to being leading employers. Today, tribes together are the state's 8th largest employer."

Tribal governments fund schools, housing programs, health clinics, environmental rehabilitation, infrastructure development, firefighting, law enforcement and other public services benefitting Indians and non-Indians alike.

Key Findings

- **Strong tribal economies benefit us all.** Washington's 29 tribal governments generated **\$7.4 billion** in gross state product in 2023.
- **Tribes are powerful job creators.** Tribal governments and enterprises support more than 52,000 jobs statewide, including 29,421 direct jobs.
- **Tribes care for the land, protect water, keep culture alive and help us all.** 100% of tribal enterprise profits support public services and local communities—from

housing and education to firefighting and environmental restoration.

- **Tribal nations give back every day, and their impact is real.** In 2023 alone, tribes contributed more than **\$9.6 million** to non-profit organizations.
- **Tribes have deep roots and a commitment to Washington's future.** Washington has substantially benefited from the economic and social resurgence in Indian Country and will for years to come.

Daniel Reid Charlie

December 28, 1968- June 20, 2025



Daniel Reid Charlie's life journey began unlike any other. While en route from the Ahousaht Nation, he was born on a boat heading to Tofino B.C. on December 28, 1968. Ask any of his relatives or childhood friends, their memory of Daniel is sure to bring a smile and a bit of laughter. He spent his life bringing light to others with his sense of humor.

In the late 80's he moved from Victoria B.C. to Seattle, WA and found work at Tillicum Village, where he shared his vast knowledge of Indigenous culture and traditions, serving as a carver, dancer, singer, cook, and manager of the Native American tourist destination.

He met his life partner, Alfreda Valdillez, at Tillicum Village and soon after they welcomed their son, Calvin Valdillez, and daughter, Shantal Charlie, to the world.

In 1998, Daniel went on to complete his ed-

ucation and earned his high school diploma from Shoreline Community College and married Alfreda that very same summer.

To ring in the new millennium, Daniel and family relocated to Alfreda's home territory in Grays Harbor county. He helped open the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino and worked for many years as the Food & Beverage Director. One of his biggest and proudest accomplishments was providing a five-star fine dining experience to guests of Emily's restaurant.

In 2010, the family moved to Marysville, WA. During the following years, Daniel took on a new role as 'Papa Daniel' to many grandnephews and grandnieces and provided countless memories and love to his family's next generation. Before officially retiring, Daniel worked as the kitchen manager at the Tulalip Tribes Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy alongside his wife and daughter.

He spent his remaining years as the proud grandpa of Tobias Charlie-Whittaker. He also had an endless love for his Pomeranian, Bliss.

Daniel had a strong appreciation for his traditional way of life and passed down stories, songs, and his language to his kids and grand-

babies. He enjoyed pop culture and was a big fan of hip hop, 80's rock, and tv shows such as Three's Company, The Golden Girls, and Peanuts, among many others. He was a supporter of local sports teams including the Seattle Mariners and the Seattle Seahawks.

Daniel joins his wife Alfreda in heaven, as well as their three unborn babies. He is also proceeded in death by his father Edgar Charlie; sister Sheila Charlie; and brother Marcel Charlie.

He is survived by his son Calvin, daughter Shantal, grandson Tobias, mother Genevieve Mack; sisters Stephanie Williams, Delia Charlie, Candace Charlie; brother Nathan Charlie (Raymona); as well as numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, grandnephews, and grandnieces whom he loved dearly.

The family held the viewing and services at Colman's Mortuary beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Monday June 30th. Graveside services followed, as well as a luncheon at the Taholah Community Center.

The family is also accepting donations for the cost of services and travel expenses. Those donations can be made with E-Transfer to NateC26@hotmail.com, or through PayPal to Edgar Charlie.

Janis Elaine Lemieux

October 20,1971 June 28, 2025



Janis Elaine Lemieux, otherwise known by Janny or Little Jan to some, was born on October 20, 1971 to John 'Ed' and Janis Lemieux. She was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer in January of 2025 and passed away from it at Grays Harbor Community Hospital on June 28, 2025. During her 53 years of life, she did many things. She was an enrolled tribal member of the Quinault Indian Nation and was a cousin, sister, mom, and soon to be grandma. Some of Janny's favorite things to do were beading, swimming somewhere on hot days, and spending time with family. She was a kick in the pants and giant goofball a lot of the time, but never afraid to jump in to win in a fight. Janny was little but

she sure was strong.

Growing up, Janny had eight siblings, Jim, Mike, Jeanette, Julia, Jenell, John, Jane, and Joseph. Mike sadly passed away when Janny was at a young age. Throughout the years, she had a strong bond with her siblings and always spent time hanging out at their houses and even lived with a few at different points in their lives! From those 8 siblings, she was an aunt to 20 nieces and nephews and a few greats. She made sure her children knew their cousins and who their family was. She also has family who live up north who she loved to make the drive to visit. One of her favorite memories was when they did a family trip to Hawaii. She talked fondly of the beaches and always wished she could go back. Her siblings remembered how much Janny loved skating as a kid and that she was always the fastest! She also had a deep connection to nature and it was something that she passed along to her children. Her hard work ethic was another thing she passed down by teaching her children to clam dig

and peel bark. Janny had many different jobs in her life ranging from housekeeping to being a legal assistant! She was a handy lady and could always make 'it' work no matter the situation. One goal she always had was to finish college, but sadly hadn't gotten the chance to.

Janny loved to dress up and her closet was always full of clothes for any occasion. She was good at talking to people and had friends anywhere she went. You could ask anyone who knew her and they'd probably tell you a funny story about her. And if for some reason they didn't like her, well then tough titty said the little kitty!

Janny is survived by her seven remaining siblings, her many nieces and nephews, her father, and her three children, Kiorna Goodman, Samuel Goodman, and Jayden Lemieux. She was a shining light that faded too soon and will be forever missed. Her service was held at Coleman Mortuary on July 12, 2025 at 1:30 PM with food and shared memories afterwards at another location.

Tessie Norine Yancey Carrazco

March 3, 1984-July 14, 2025



Tessie Norine Yancey Carrasco, 41 years of age, passed away peacefully on July 14th 2025. Born on March 3rd 1984, Tessie was the beloved daughter of Diana Lene Yancey and James Mallet Armas Sr. She was a devoted wife to Jose Carrazco and a lov-

ing mother to her three children Maria del Carmen Mercedes Carrazco, Angelica lene Armas Carrazco, and Simon James Carrasco. She was also a beloved grandmother to Leilani Lene Carrazco.

Tessie was known for her positive qualities like endless amounts of kindness, generosity, and strength. She was an amazing cook, loved her flowers, and always loved being with her family. Her children absolutely had the best mother, she dedicated her life to her family, always offering support and encouragement. She was a mother to more

people then her kids. She will be eternally missed and has so many people waiting to see her again. A person like Tessie is one of a kind she had so much to give and expected nothing in return. She truly changed the lives of so many people simply by being herself, she was a blessing to everyone who met her.

A service and viewing will be held August 2nd at the Coleman Mortuary in Hoquiam Wa, at 1pm. Directly after that her celebration of life will be held at the community center in Taholah, estimated time 3:30pm.

Lanette Mary Sailto

March 24, 1962- July 12,2025



Lanette Mary Sailto, a longtime resident of Hoh River, passed away on July 12, 2025, at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. She was 63 years old.

Lanette was born on March 24, 1962, in Aberdeen, Washington. She lived in Hoh River and attended school through the 12th grade.

She is survived by her children: Natasha Garcia of Neilton, Matthew Sansom of Queets, and Cheney Salazar of Forks. She also leaves behind five grandchildren; Ralisea Sansom-Jansen, Dezbra Sansom, Adeline Sansom, Matthew Sansom, Archie Boome, and two great-grandchildren; Myliseaa Sansom and Zara Jansen, and her only auntie, Mary K

Leitka.

Lanette is also survived by her siblings: John Sailto Jr. of Taholah, Brian Moses of Tulalip, Joseph Wagner of Tulalip and Robin Sailto of Olympia. She was preceded in death by her siblings Bruce Wagner and Donna Faith Penn; and her father, John Sailto Sr.

A funeral service was held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Coleman Mortuary. A dinner will follow at the Queets Gymnasium.

Arrangements are made by the Coleman Mortuary in Hoquiam.

The Conversion Center and Archive Building

Dedicated to Charlotte "Tott" Bryson



Since Charlotte "Tott" Bryson made significant contributions to the Nation's success, particularly in the creation of QIN's first organized and detailed records system in it's entirety; and she consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, meticulous attention to detail, and a commitment to ensuring the organization and accessibility of important records, thereby contributing significantly to the smooth operation of the

QIN.

It is fitting that we honor Charlotte "Tott" Bryson's memory and legacy by dedicating the QIN Conversion Center (CC) and Archive Building in her honor.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that QIN hereby dedicates the CC and Archive Building to Charlotte "Tott" Bryson, recognizing her outstanding service and commitment.

She passed away on December 27, 2007.

Requesting a Burial at the Taholah Cemetery

If you are a QIN Tribal member, and would like to utilize he QIN Taholah cemetery or columbarium, you will need to contact Community Services a minimum of three days prior to the service date. This is so we can make arrangements with the BIA to stop logging the road, and to coordinate with the grave diggers. Jerome Obi can be contacted at: Jerome.obi@quinault.org, or 360-276-8211, ext. 6206. Jerome will contact the grave digging crew.



This is a Murphy SR3500 Moose, similar to the one that crashed.

1 dead, 2 injured after plane crash

northeast of Lake Quinault

At least one person is dead and two others have been injured in a small plane crash in a remote area of Olympic National Park in Washington, authorities said.

The incident occurred on the evening of July 15th at approximately 6:50 p.m. when park rangers were notified of a crash in the Quinault area of Olympic National Park on a steep slope north of the Irely Lake Trailhead, about 10 miles northeast of Lake Quinault, according to

a statement from the National Park Service.

"Rangers immediately coordinated a response with Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Search and Rescue," officials said. "The three occupants of the plane — a Murphy SR3500 Moose — were transported to a Level 1 Trauma Center."

Officials have not yet publicly identified the people involved in the incident and have given no details about the cause of the crash.

From the Daily World

Blessing Ceremony Marks New Chapter for Taholah School at Relocation Zone

June 26, 2025 Article by Michael Patten, Photos By Larry Workman and Michael Patten



Taholah, WA — On June 26, 2025, members of the Quinault Indian Nation gathered at the relocation zone to bless the site of the new Taholah School — a momentous step forward in a project decades in the making. The event was attended by students, faculty, and Quinault Indian Nation staff who came together in celebration and reflection.

The ceremony opened with remarks from Tribal President Guy Capoeman, who introduced the site and spoke to the importance of the new school in the

broader context of the Nation’s climate resilience efforts. Taholah School District Superintendent Dr. Herman J. Lartigue, Jr. also shared his thoughts on the future of education for the Nation’s youth.

Following the blessing, President Capoeman invited questions from the students, many of whom were eager to know what their future school would look like. Questions like “Will there be windows?” and “Will there be swings?” were met with enthusiasm and thoughtful answers, sparking smiles and excitement among the children.

The relocation of Taholah village is a response to the growing threat of sea-level rise and tsunamis —environmental risks that have placed the current lower village in danger. the

Quinault Indian Nation has taken proactive steps to move key infrastructure, including homes, emergency services, and the school, to higher ground. The school was one of the top priorities in the Nation’s master plan for relocation.

Originally constructed in the early 1990s, the existing Taholah school has served generations of Quinault youth. With the blessing of the new site, the community is looking ahead — not only to safer ground, but to a future filled with opportunity, culture, and continued learning.

As the Nation continues its relocation journey, moments like this blessing ceremony remind everyone of what lies at the heart of the effort: the safety and education of future generations.



Overlooking the building site. Photo by Larry Workman.



President Capoeman poses with the next generation of students. Photo by Michael Patten

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community, it provides more job opportunities and I’m excited for the future children to go through our program”.

Pauline Capoeman started the ceremony with an opening prayer. President Guy Capoeman then gave a speech thanking everyone for all their hard work to allow for this project to come to fruition. He spoke of his grandmother Lizzy Moses and how she used to tell him “Don’t ever forget about Queets” because his grandparents lived along the river in Queets. When asked how he felt about the new building he said “I think it’s a landmark in time for the village of Queets. For the people, it’s a place that serves the people and if we keep building and moving dirt with the people in mind, things are right where they are supposed to be.” He asked the question to the audience what kind of footprint they were going

to leave behind?

Gifts were given to all who had played a large part in the process. He then welcomed Governor Furgeson to the podium. Governor Furgeson talked about what a momentous occasion this was. He mentioned that he wanted to leave the footprints of “Joy, happiness and community”.

Drummers and singers sang a traditional song, the President joined in as well. After this the Governor, The President, the eldest member of the Queets community and the head start children gathered to cut two parallel purple ribbons. Little children used tiny scissors to cut the bottom ribbon. The president and governor helped Mary Schemelpfenig cut the top ribbon. When it was cut the crowd erupted in cheer.

The whole crowd was then treated to sandwiches and cake. All seemed to enjoy the day.



Council with Governor Furgeson From Left to right: Christine Mowitch, Hannah Curley, Jim Sellars, Noreen Jackson-Underwood, Governor Furgeson and President Guy Capoeman.



Govenor Furgeson.



President Capoeman with our Quinault Drummers.



Kids take break from tour to strike a pose.



State Senator Mike Chapman receives gifts from QIN.



Julie Burnett.



Zakiah Kowoosh With Pauline Capoeman



The crowd waits in anticipation for the ribbon cutting.



President Capoeman and Govenor Furgeson have a meeting before the ribbon cutting.



Reporter Cat Raya gets the scoop from Shavaughna Underwood.

Indigenous youth complete 310-mile Klamath River journey

Article and photos by Jarrette Werk (Underscore Native News)



Left: On July 11, 2025, over 120 youth kayakers representing the Klamath, Yurok, Karuk, Quartz Valley, Hoopa Valley, Warm Springs as well as the Tohono O’odham Nation completed their historic 310-mile descent of the free-flowing Klamath River, culminating the largest dam removal project in history.

Above: Family and community members in traditional Redwood dugout canoes joined the group and led the kayakers to the final landing on July 11, 2025.

Editor’s note:
The Nugguam has been following the removal of the dams on the Klamath River and some of the events there including the return of salmon to the river. This article is about a celebration of the now free flowing river.

Over a hundred family and community members gathered on the sand spit shore below Requa Village on the Yurok Reservation, where the Klamath River meets the Pacific Ocean, to welcome 120 Indigenous youth kayakers over the last 30 days, making history as the first people to descend over 310 miles down the free-flowing Klamath River.

“This is a historical moment for us,” said Susan Masten, former Yurok Tribal Chair, past president of the National Congress of American Indians, and the president and co-founder of Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations. “We haven’t had the opportunity yet to celebrate the dams coming down as a people.”

“This moment in time, with

these youth that have traveled 30 days, the river has guided them down to us,” said Masten.

It was a foggy morning as Masten stood on the beach, eagerly waiting to welcome her niece and the other kayakers.

For more than a century, four hydroelectric dams blocked the Klamath River, disrupting once-abundant salmon runs and disconnecting Indigenous communities from the river that they have lived along since time immemorial. The last of those dams were removed in the fall of last year, marking the completion of the largest dam removal project in history.

“The most significant and important thing about it is that the river is healing,” said Masten.

“The river remembers,” she added. “The fish are coming back to spawn where they haven’t been able to be in a hundred years plus. The fish remember. We, as this river system, are healing.”

On June 12, the young kayakers ranging in age from 13 to 20 set out to paddle the

newly free-flowing river at the headwaters in southern Oregon, and on July 11, they made the long-awaited dream of the Klamath basin tribes a reality once they entered the mouth of the river. Youth from the Klamath, Yurok, Karuk, Quartz Valley, Hoopa Valley, Warm Springs as well as the Tohono O’odham Nation were represented in the program.

“There have been generations of individuals and tribes who have been fighting this fight,” said Masten. “Our ancestors have provided safety for them on their journey. We’re just excited and want them to feel like we’re honoring them, because they have provided international and national attention to our river and the importance of having a free-flowing river. They have inspired millions to be advocating and fighting for their own rivers and their homelands.”

More than three years of preparation led to this moment, as youth traveled to places like Chile, Costa Rica, Canada and Africa to train and learn how to

navigate whitewater with kayak instructors from the Paddle Tribal Waters program, part of the nonprofit Rios to Rivers.

“It felt very scenic and very deep,” said Frank, “like the river and the world was having this deep moment, welcoming us into this historic time and place.”

Smiles lit the faces of the kayakers as they reached the shore. They immediately jumped from their kayaks and sprinted through the lines of cheering people to the crashing waves of the Pacific Ocean.

“It’s just a big moment in history, and in everybody’s lives,” said 20-year-old Isqotsxoyan Scott, of the Hupa Valley Tribe, as she tried to catch her breath after celebrating in the ocean with the others. “All of our families have been fighting for dam removal. Everybody’s been fighting for us to be able to reach different parts of the rivers that we haven’t been able to in over 150 years. So it’s really so much, I can’t even explain how I feel right now.”

On the beach, one elder

was overcome with emotion watching the youth kayakers. She apologized to the people standing next to her. They told her that “No, we can cry grandma. Crying is part of it. Crying is healing.”

After the landing, everyone jumped in kayaks, rafts and boats to join tribal elders, community members and family at the boat dock for a celebration. Youth and representatives took turns sharing about their experiences.

“It’s not just a river trip and it’s not just a descent to us,” said Frank in her speech. “This whole trip is really a letter to our community. It’s a letter of love—the love that has been shown to us our entire lives, the love we get to show to each other and ourselves that was wrapped into this trip. That’s what built this trip, was knowing that we were loved enough to be supported to do something like this.”

“It’s also a letter of promise,” Frank continued, “We promise that we will do whatever we have to to protect our free-flowing river now.”

New film examines life of world’s ‘greatest athlete’

“Jim Thorpe: Lit by Lightning,” directed by Chris Eyre, debuted July 7, on the HISTORY Channel

Football, track, baseball, running – Jim Thorpe, Sac and Fox Nation, excelled at them all. He overcame punishing odds to become a gold medal-decorated athlete and a film actor, though his later years were tested by racism, poverty and political troubles.

The life and legacy of the legendary Olympian and one of the greatest all-around athletes of all time is explored in a new two-hour documentary, “*Jim Thorpe: Lit by Lightning*,” executive produced by LeBron James and Maverick Carter. The film aired on Monday, July 7, at 8 p.m. ET/PT on the HISTORY Channel. Directed by “*Dark Winds*” director Chris Eyre, Cheyenne and Arapaho, the documentary offers a comprehensive exploration into Thorpe’s life through archival footage, interviews and some well-produced recreations.

Thorpe was the United States’ first Native American Olympic gold medalist, having been the sole winner of the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Summer Olympics. He played for both the NFL and MLB and in 2024 was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by former President Joe Biden, who called him the “greatest athlete of all time.”

He was born on the Sac and Fox Nation reservation in central Oklahoma in 1887. Despite great odds, he was sent to several boarding schools and lost his father and brother before he was a teenager, but eventually found salvation and success in sports.

He played professional sports until he was 41, but this was the start of the Great Depression, and he struggled to earn a living, working odd jobs that were ridiculed in the press. He suffered from alcoholism,

was married three times and had eight children, before having heart failure and dying in 1953.

The documentary features narrated excerpts from Thorpe’s unpublished autobiography alongside interviews from scholars and sports commentators.

“Like everybody in our community, in Indian country, Jim Thorpe is one of those names that should never be forgotten,” Eyre told ICT. “I was doing the first season of ‘Dark Winds,’ and I remember talking to one of the young Native production assistants and I was putting ‘Little Big Man’ on the marquee in the opening scene, and they said, ‘What movie is that?’ I said, ‘That’s Little Big Man.’ It came out in 1970. I said, ‘Have you seen it?’ And they said, ‘No.’ And I said, ‘Oh my God, you got to see Little Big Man.’”

“Little Big Man” was an early mainstream film starring Dustin Hoffman and several Native actors that depicted the reality of the Battle of the Little Bighorn through the story of a fictional white character who lived through it as an adopted Cheyenne.

“I’m just reminded of

the fact that we have to retell these stories over and over to remember Jim Thorpe,” Eyre said. “My grandfather was in World War I, and I just remember growing up and hearing the



Photo of Jim Thorpe. Courtesy Pictureworks Entertainment You can now view the film online at: <https://www.history.com/specials/jim-thorpe-lit-by-lightning>

Thorpe lived through challenging times that impacted him deeply. There was racism and rules in athletics that affected his every move.

Eyre said, “The times are very interesting because it was before there were any celebrity athletes and it was before money was a driver in athletics. So, you have to look and say, Why did he do this to the perseverance and degree he did? And as a Native person, you recognize he lost his twin brother at nine. He lost both parents by 11. He was taken to boarding school at Haskell. He ran away multiple times. He eventually was taken to Carlisle so he couldn’t run away anymore, and he was left there. He found sports as a way to survive and as a way to turn his passion into something that wasn’t destructive, something that he could do, and he did it, at a level better than anybody else.”

“I think that tenacity, that Oklahoma Indian perseverance and hardness comes across in a way that he’s able to manage his life into a success,” Eyre said. “And then despite all that, after athletics, he had many trials and tribulations. But I want people to understand his name and understand why he was known and what his victories were.”

Coming out of the Depression, people made use of themselves so they weren’t regarded as lazy. Thorpe was found to be digging ditches in the 1930s, and they printed a picture of that, and it went worldwide about this great Olympic athlete who had fallen from grace.

“I think to myself, If I was

standing next to him, there’s no shame in that game,” Eyre said. “What I think he’s doing is through a different lens and time. He’s making good use of himself at \$4 a day, because he could have been doing a lot of other destructive things. But he didn’t have that shame of, I’m digging ditches. He had the perspective of, I’m making myself useful. And that’s what he did over and over and over.”

Few know about Thorpe’s movie career. Eyre shows clips from many of those films in the documentary.

“He was in a hundred movies!” Eyre exclaimed. “He’s in the 1930s movie ‘King Kong.’ So, if anything, he’s adaptable and he’s tenacious. And he was the greatest athlete ever. It just is such a reminder of the role modeling for Native people and all people that you put one foot in front of the other and you keep going.”

Was there anything Eyre learned that surprised him in the course of directing the film?

“I learned the humility of Jim Thorpe, which is he didn’t do it for money, and he didn’t do it for fame. When they made a movie about his life played by Burt Lancaster in 1953, his daughter said the last time that he saw it, in real life he was getting on a public transportation bus and going home to his trailer in the LA area, because he was a humble person. It was before all of the benefits of being a superstar athlete. He had a certain work ethic and a certain humility. I looked deep into his pictures and his life, and I say to myself, He has such admirable qualities and such qualities that remind me of an Indian person. The perseverance is just amazing; the motivation was he found a love for life.”

Quinault Indian Nation to Implement 32-Hour Work Week

On July 14, 2025, the Quinault Indian Nation passed a resolution to implement a 32-hour work week beginning October 6, 2025. This shift reflects our continued commitment to supporting the well-being of our staff and strengthening the overall health of our organization and community.

Quinault is not alone in this move. Other Tribal Nations, governments, and organizations across the country have successfully adopted shorter work weeks. By following in these footsteps, we are joining a growing movement to reimagine what a balanced, productive, and values-aligned workplace can look like.

We believe that when employees are well-rested and have more time for their families, communities, and personal well-being, the Nation as a whole thrives. The transition to a 32-hour work week is designed to create a better work-life balance, boost morale, improve focus and productivity, create more efficient workflows, and make QIN more attractive for recruitment and retention. It's also a long-term investment in building a workplace culture rooted in respect, sustainability, and care.

We are proud to take this step forward and look forward to the positive impacts it will bring for our staff and the Quinault Indian Nation.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When will the 32-hour work week begin?

The new work schedule will go into effect on Monday, October 6, 2025.

What will the new weekly schedule be?

For most departments, the standard work week will be Monday through Thursday.

Will employees be paid less under the new 32-hour work week?

No. All eligible employees will continue to receive their full pay and benefits. This change does not reduce compensation. It is an invest-

ment in our workforce and the long-term health of the organization.

Will this change affect services to the public?

Most services will no longer be available on Fridays due to the shift to a 32-hour work week. However, we have provided alternative options to ensure the community still receives their services.

Charlotte Kalama Health Center – CKHC is currently not open on Fridays. For urgent needs on Fridays, Quinault employees can access HMA telehealth. Employees and Tribal members can access Quinault Community Health center and local urgent care centers.

After hours and holidays, a provider from RSHC is available by telephone at (360)533-8724.

Community Broadband Services – Troubleshooting and support will be available Monday through Thursday, with emergency service arrangements in place that are already in place.

Early Learning Center and Boys & Girls Club – Will be Monday - Thursday.

Emergency Financial Assistance – Urgent requests will be directed appropriately and will continue to be processed in the system that is already in place.

Emergency Services – The police, EMT, & Fire departments will all still be available Enrollment – Services will be scheduled during the Monday–Thursday work week, with advance planning encouraged.

Fitness Center – The facility will be open Monday through Thursday. Members are encouraged to plan their workouts during this time. We are exploring a 24-7 drop-in center option.

Permits Office – Services will be scheduled during the Monday–Thursday work week, with advance planning encouraged.

Revenue - Services will be scheduled during the Monday–Thursday work week, with advance planning encouraged.

Roger Saux Health Center (Clinic) – Appointments will

be scheduled Monday through Thursday. For urgent needs on Fridays, Quinault employees can access HMA telehealth. Employees and Tribal members can access Quinault Community Health center and local urgent care centers.

After hours and holidays, a provider from RSHC is available by telephone at (360)533-8724.

Senior Services – Friday lunches will be bagged, lunches to be given out on Thursday. Contracted services for home-bound elders will still continue and services will not be disrupted.

Why is QIN making this change?

Moving to a 32-hour work week reflects our values of balance, sustainability, and care. The shift is intended to: Create a better work-life balance improve employee morale and well-being Make QIN more attractive to job seekers Increase staff retention Strengthen our organization and community overall

Is this a permanent change?

We see this shift as a long-term investment in our people and programs. We will continue to evaluate how the 32-hour work week is working and make adjustments based on staff and community feedback .

Will departments be staggering work schedules to cover Fridays?

No. The standard work week for most departments will be Monday through Thursday. We will not be staggering schedules to cover Fridays, except in cases where essential services or specific departmental needs where coverage outside of the new working hours is required. This includes departments such as Police, EMS, TGA, 24-hour hatchery operations, and any other critical services that must maintain around-the-clock coverage.

Will I be allowed to work on Friday?

All alternative work schedules will need to be ap-

proved by supervisors, division directors, and the COO. You cannot flex your schedule and work on Friday to make up for a missed day earlier in the week.

Can my manager make me work on Fridays?

All alternative work schedules will need to be approved by supervisors, division directors, and the COO.

Will this change cost the Tribe a lot of money?

No. The shift to a 32-hour work week is designed to be cost-neutral. Employees will continue to receive their full pay, we do anticipate some increased cost due to overtime and a few added positions. In fact, we expect long-term savings through reduced turnover, improved employee well-being, and increased workplace efficiency.

What about the Early Learning Center and Boys & Girls Club? Will families still have access to care on Fridays?

The Early Learning Center and Boys & Girls Club will operate Monday through Thursday in alignment with the new work week. Because these services are primarily used by Quinault Indian Nation employees, who will also be off on Fridays, the impact is expected to be minimal.

Are we the only Tribe in the Pacific Northwest doing this?

No. We are proud to be part of a growing number of Tribal Nations and organizations that have embraced the 32-hour work week. Their experiences have shown that shorter work weeks can improve employee well-being, increase retention, and strengthen organizational effectiveness, all while continuing to meet community needs.

Other Tribes that have implemented similar schedules include: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Makah Tribe Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Will holiday pay, sick leave, and vacation accrual be affected?

Leave accruals will remain based on hours worked and years of service (where applicable), however, employees will have overall more time off. Holiday schedules will continue to be determined annually.

Will the HR Manual be updated to update this reduced work week?

Yes. Please stay tuned for additional information as it becomes available.

Will it affect my payday?

No. There are no anticipated changes expected to pay dates with the change to the new work week.

Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?

For any questions or concerns, please email connect@quinault.org. This inbox is actively monitored to ensure timely responses and provide support throughout the transition.

You're also invited to share your thoughts by completing our survey — <https://forms.office.com/r/TYuAMfcu13>. Siokwil

We want to sincerely thank all QIN employees, Tribal members and community members for your patience, flexibility, and support as we make this transition together.

This shift to a 32-hour work week is a meaningful step toward creating a healthier, more balanced workplace for everyone. Please stay tuned for additional information as it becomes available. We're committed to open communication throughout this process, and we'll continue to add to this FAQ sheet as new questions arise. Please.

FAQ: <https://www.quinaultindiannation.com/405/Quinault-Indian-Nation-to-Implement-32-H> With appreciation, *T h e 32-Hour Work week Implementation Committee*

Standing Strong for the Quinault Nation: A Global Journey to Protect Our People, Salmon and Sovereignty

By Fawn R. Sharp



Fawn Sharp (center) at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 15, 2025, alongside representatives from the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the University of Colorado.

Over the past several months, I've had the honor of representing the interests of the Quinault Indian Nation on the global stage—advancing our climate priorities, forging powerful alliances, and strengthening the relationships we need to protect our people, our iconic blueback salmon, and the sacred forests and waters that sustain our way of life

In April, I traveled to New York City to participate in the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, joining Indigenous leaders from around the world to advocate for self-determination, climate justice, and economic sovereignty. I made it clear that Quinault is not only protecting our homelands—we are leading a global movement rooted in ancestral wisdom, resilience, and Indigenous values.

In May, I returned home to

Lake Quinault to celebrate my 55th birthday, a deeply meaningful milestone. Becoming an official elder in our Nation is an honor I carry with humility and renewed purpose. Surrounded by the beauty of Lake Quinault and the love of family and community, I reflected on how far we've come—and how far we must still go to secure the future our ancestors dreamed of.

June brought a whirlwind of global and national engagement. I began the month in Nice, France, for my first in-person Nia Tero Board of Directors meeting, followed by the United Nations Ocean Summit. Nia Tero's mission to support Indigenous guardianship powerfully aligns with Quinault values. I shared our Nation's experience and vision for protecting marine ecosystems and spoke about our relocation to higher ground—an

urgent response to sea level rise and one of the most visible, painful consequences of climate change.

From France, I traveled to Harvard University to teach at the National Congress of American Indians' Executive Leadership Training. Engaging with the next generation of tribal leaders was both energizing and deeply inspiring. I shared Quinault's story of sovereignty, innovation, and environmental stewardship—offering a roadmap for other Nations navigating complex systems with vision and strength.

Later in June, I traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the U.S. Sustainable Investment Forum (US SIF), where I met with influential financial leaders to elevate Indigenous-led investment strategies. To transform outdated and unjust economic systems—and to successfully secure the public and private resources we need to move to higher ground—Tribal Nations must lead. Not from the margins, but from the center, with models grounded in stewardship, justice, and true sustainability.

This July, I traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, to speak at the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous

Peoples (EMRIP). For the first time, I organized and led a UN panel I personally envisioned—focused on Indigenous-designed financial systems and the right to economic self-determination. It marked a turning point. The vision we've carried for years—an Indigenous-led global financial framework—is beginning to take shape. And for the first time, our voices are being heard with clarity and conviction in the places where decisions are made.

These journeys are not easy—and they are certainly not for the faint of heart. But through prayer and God's infinite grace, we press forward. Yes, they involve advancing high-level global strategy—but more importantly, they are about bold action, lasting impact, and an unshakable commitment to the Quinault people—past, present, and future. In every room I enter, I carry the strength of our ancestors and the hopes of our future generations. I am doing all I can to secure the resources we need to move to higher ground, protect our iconic blueback salmon, defend our ancient forests, and ensure that the Quinault way of life thrives far into the future.

As I reflect on all these efforts, I am filled with a great

deal of joy and gratitude for yet another historic milestone—the ribbon cutting of the Quia 'tso Queets Generations Building. This achievement reflects the power of our advocacy and the strength of our sovereignty. It's important for Quinault citizens to know that this facility wasn't funded by traditional taxpayer dollars. Instead, a significant portion was funded through resources from the Climate Commitment Act—a revenue stream the Quinault Nation envisioned, led and helped create by holding polluters accountable and putting a price on carbon emissions in the State of Washington. Polluters paid for Quia 'tso—not out of generosity or goodwill, but because the Quinault Indian Nation fought relentlessly to make them pay.

During my presidency, I always closed my written reports with a promise from Jeremiah 29:11:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope.”

We are a people of land, ocean, and eternal spirit—and in the face of seemingly impossible challenges, fierce opposition, and deep geopolitical divides, we continue to be mightily blessed and rise together.

15 Years of kwinayt kulminam : QIN TANF Celebrates Youth Camp Milestone

Article photos and collage by Michael Patten Communications Editor



What began as a small idea to expand summer opportunities for local tribal youth has blossomed into a 15-year tradition rich with cultural teaching, community building, and unforgettable memories. The Quinault TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program recently celebrated its 15th annual youth camp at Camp Bishop, a major milestone that reflects years of dedication, collaboration, and cultural evolution.

At the heart of this effort is Mary Papp, a longtime TANF program leader whose vision helped shape the camp into what it is today. *“I started working with TANF in 2001. My daughter, Kamimi, was going to Camp Bishop through the YMCA, and at the time, our program had just hosted a small camp,” Papp recalled. “I thought, if they can do that, why don’t we rent a whole week and bring our kids out here?”*

That idea sparked what

would become a multi-generational experience for tribal youth—offering not only traditional summer camp activities, but a deep immersion into cultural practices. Over the years, the camp has grown to accommodate around 120 kids each summer.

From Hawaiian Night to Potlatch: Reclaiming Cultural Space

While Camp Bishop originally borrowed elements from broader programs—like a Hawaiian-themed night—Mary and her team quickly saw the value in grounding the experience in local Indigenous traditions. *“After attending a Hawaiian cultural canoe camp in Maui, I came back and said, ‘We’re doing this wrong.’ Why are we having a Hawaiian night when we should be doing a potlatch?”* Papp said.

That shift marked a turning point. The camp began incorporating traditional

drumming, dancing, regalia, and language programs. Partnerships with other tribal programs brought in forestry activities, community gardening, and language instruction. The music at the waterfront also changed from pop to traditional songs—a choice made to emphasize cultural pride and reflection. *“Our kids can listen to Britney Spears 51 weeks out of the year,” Papp said. “But this one week should be for our music—our teachings.”*

Building Community and Lasting Memories

The camp provides more than just fun—it’s a chance for kids from across Quinault communities and beyond to bond and learn from one another. *“Some kids from the village might not go to Taholah or Queets, and vice versa,” said Papp. “This is their chance to build friendships, connect with their roots, and carry those re-*

lationships forward.”

Many campers return years later, saying how much they miss the experience. Others come back as counselors or mentors, helping guide the next generation.

To ensure the memories and teachings aren’t lost, the program introduced a videographer last year. The goal? To preserve songs, dances, and paddling techniques for the future. *“We’ve learned from the language program how valuable old recordings from the 1950s were,” Papp said. “Even though technology is different now, we want to leave something behind for these kids to look back on, or even show their own children someday.”*

A Feast of Culture

This year’s celebration included canoeing, drumming, dancing, and a traditional potlatch feast featuring blueback salmon, halibut, clam chowder, Indian tea, and ber-

ry-based desserts. *“We wanted the meal to reflect our foods, our region—not just something store-bought,”* said Papp.

A Collective Effort

Mary Papp credited the camp’s success to decades of partnership between the YMCA, the TANF program, and the many tribal programs that have generously contributed their knowledge and time. *“I can’t say enough about the YMCA and all the staff and volunteers who’ve helped us since 2001,” she said. “This camp wouldn’t be what it is without every single person and program that’s been part of the journey.”*

As the 15th year wraps up, it’s clear kwinayt kulminam isn’t just a summer retreat—it’s a cultural touchstone, empowering youth with pride, tradition, and community that lasts well beyond one week in July.

Its a Dirty Job, But Someone’s Gotta Do It: Beautification Crew cleans up the rez



Beautification Crew from left to right: Jaren Ancheta, Cory Bastian, Benjamin Cheney, Jack Young, James Peterson, Darrin Hawkes, Clifford Mowitchman, Sean Markishtum, Otto Tanner, John McCrory (not present-Albert Hawkes and William Mowitch-Wagner). Photo By Michael Patten

Please join the Diabetes Wellness Team on Mondays at 11 am for education, snacks and fun. Felicity Andersen and Lynn Bumgarner are doing most of the coordination.

360-276-8215
Felicity ext. 8648
Lynn ext. 8642

Roger Saux Health Center Nail Care Services



Nail care is available for established patients with diabetes or other chronic disease. Nail care is provided by trained nurses. If you would like to receive nail care please call: 276-4405 ext. 8640 and your name will be placed on the list.



New Hours

Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

A strength, balance and fun fitness class for adults

SAIL Fitness Classes

Tuesdays & Thursdays

2:30pm-3:30pm

@ New Generations Conf.Rm w/ Diabetes Wellness & Fitness Staff

For Patients of the Roger Saux or Charlotte Kalama Clinics, a medical provider is available by telephone after-hours, weekends, and Holidays for medical related urgent needs at (360) 533-8724.

We encourage our patients or family members to utilize this on-call availability.

If this is a life-threatening emergency, call 911 and not this after-hours number.

DENTAL CARE

The dental department at Roger Saux Health Center is slowly increasing its staff. Recently hired is Keyonna Abrams. She drives up from Aberdeen Monday through Friday. We want to increase the number of dental assistants here at RSHC before Shiela Kennedy retires in early October of this year. Dr. Andrews retired recently and taking his place is denturist Anju Satomi who drives up to Taholah every other Tuesday. She'll be here next on July 29. On October 6 of 2025 dentistry will begin a Monday through Thursday clinic schedule. We will also begin seeing patients in the morning and afternoon on Thursdays, up from just afternoon clinic hours prior to Oct. 6. We look forward to seeing you in the clinic!





We serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, stalking, adults' survivors of childhood sex and abuse and more. Our vision is to empower individuals to restore healthy family's structure where everyone is safe, honored and respected. Available services include crisis intervention, information and referral, advocacy,

outreach and awareness. We also have the Sacred Healing House that provides temporary shelter for DV or SA victims and their children.

Please reach out if you are needing services.

Follow our Facebook page for updates and events.

360-276-8211 ext. 8151

After Hours Urgent Care Information

By: Denise Ross Director Health Services - RSHC



RSHC Photo By: Larry Workman

Sick visits: Please wear a mask if you are experiencing fever, sore throat, cough, congestion, shortness of breath, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea to stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick! Urgent Care Hours: Monday 8:30- 11:00; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1:00-3:30. Scheduled visits:

- Please bring all your medications to every appointment. We can verify that we are aware of all your medications, even those prescribed by other providers or filled at other pharmacies. We can help dispose of old medications to decrease confusion.

- Please make sure all your contact information is correct so we can call you with concerning lab results or mail your referrals.

Other pro tips:

- Please establish care with one provider so they get to know you and can see the big picture. Most medical problems take more than one visit to evaluate and treat, and having the same person making the plan can save you time and tests.
- If you haven't received a referral after 2 weeks, please call and ask about it. Sometimes things slip through the cracks, or we have old contact information.





Táala Fund Office and Quinault Indian Nation

FREE Estate Planning Services

The Quinault Indian Nation and the TÁALA Fund office are providing free and complete estate planning services to Quinault members aged 18 and up, **along with spouses** of enrolled Quinault members, at the TÁALA Fund Office. You will receive a Last Will and Testament that addresses your trust and non-trust property, Directive to Physician, and Power of Attorney, along with Bequest of Tangible Personal Property and Funeral/Burial Instructions if desired.

If you are interested, it would be a good idea to start thinking about:

- Who you would like to leave your money and property to
- Who you would like to have manage your affairs and estate
- Who you would like to serve as guardian of any of your minor children
- Your end of life preferences regarding artificial feeding and life sustaining efforts if in terminal state

And if possible, begin to collect the following:

- List of the trust land you own (Allotment number, address/location), which can be obtained from the BIA office.

Without a signed Estate plan, governmental rules dictate all of the above decisions.

Please sign up for an initial appointment by calling the TÁALA Fund Office at 360.276.0118



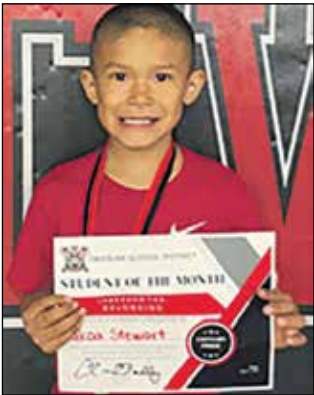
Prioritise Breastfeeding

Create sustainable support systems

WABA | WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2025

August 1-7

June Chitwhins of the Month-Teachings of Labrador Tea



Kindergarten
Nakoa Stewart

Nakoa continues to show that we are family, and reminds us that school is our home where we keep each other safe, encourage, and uplift others. Nakoa has shown tremendous growth both academically, and socially! He helps our kindergarten classroom feel like family and brings love every day. So proud of the growth he has made! Keep on growing, Nakoa and never lose your Labrador Tea characteristics!



1st grade
Kamayah Robinson

Kamayah generously spreads caring and compassion to everyone around her. She is always ready to welcome anyone into our classroom and out community, and is always trying to be helpful whenever and wherever she can. Her kindness and empathy are an example to everyone else. Great Job Kamayah!



2nd grade
Grace Brown

No one could imagine Taholah School District without Gracie Brown. She is a vibrant and tenacious child, known by every student and staff member, who is at home in any classroom or office in our school. Like Labrador tea, Gracie knows her own mind and is powerful at expressing it. She enjoys being helpful and appreciated as she openly shares her love. We are glad she belongs in our class and are proud of her progress. We are all her family and community.



5th Grade Attendance - 90%



Taholah Robotics won Most Team Spirit

Taholah School District would like to congratulate our June Chitwhins of the Month. These students have followed the teachings of Labrador Tea - belonging. Labrador Tea teaches us belonging. It is a favorite plant for the Quinault people with a distinct smell that may remind them of home. Everyone needs to feel love and a sense of belonging. The following students have a strong sense of family, community, culture, and connection to the land. These are students that don't just "fit in" but gain acceptance while remaining true to themselves and being present with others.

"True belonging does not require us to change who we are; it requires us to be who we are. You belong to yourself first."

Brene Brown



3rd grade
Xavier Tapia

Xavier is very confident in who he is. He is a dedicated older brother, loyal friend, and caring member of the community. He works hard and does his best. Even when he is not at 100%. He is always willing to help out and do things. He is constantly active in his learning and loves reading aloud and showing others how to solve math problems or answer questions.



3rd Grade
Kahea Cruz

Kahea is always true to herself and always shines brightly in class. Everyone is drawn to her and she is friendly to all. She is quiet, but one of the people in class that everyone can get along and work with. She tries her best and has not missed a single day of school this whole year.



4th grade
Jacob Pope Jr

JuneBug is uniquely himself. He does not conform to the norm. Which makes Jacob a favorite in the class and community. When asked, "what is JuneBug doing?" the answer is always, "being JuneBug". Jacob is always himself and a favorite in the class. Thank you for being you.



5th grade
Arlene Vaughn

Arlene is someone who shows love and kindness to everyone around her. She has a strong sense of family and is proud of her culture and where she comes from. Arlene helps her classmates feel welcome and included, and she always stays true to who she is. She shows that being part of a community means caring about others while being yourself. Arlene reminds us how important it is to belong and be present with each other.



6th grade
Kobe Little

Kobe's been working on his attitude this year and focusing on having a more positive outlook on the things he "has" to do. He comes into class with a can-do attitude and is trying to encourage others with the same attitude. Kobe has a strong sense of belonging with his family, friends, school and community. He is always surrounded by others and works hard to provide the same support he receives.



7th grade
Annabel Buck

Annabel understands the importance of connection and consistently works to make sure everyone feels apart of the school. Annabel has a knack for bringing people together. She loves to organize people to play games together. She is always cheering others on, it's hard for people to get down on themselves when Annabel is around.



8th grade
Jesse Robinson

Jesse provides a sense of belonging whether it's at school, community events or just around town. Jesse is always looking for a way to include others. He understands that in a small community we really rely on each other. A more welcoming environment makes our community stronger and more connected. Thank you Jesse for always being a kind face and warm welcome not just when we see you in the halls but everywhere.



9th Grade
Ke'Lena Valenzuela

Ke'Lena has faced challenges and conquered them, growing as a person and a student. Lena knows who she can trust and depend on, she is grateful for her family and friends and knows their support has helped her get where she is today. She has taken her sense of belonging and provided it to others. She cheers others on and has been someone others can trust and depend on. We are proud to see the hard work Lena



10th Grade
Satanta Valenzuela

Satanta has a strong sense of belonging. He loves his family, home, land and does not like to wander far from them. His sense of belonging has helped him grow into a great leader and being present with others. He accepts them for who they are and shows everyone a lot of patience. Satanta is also very helpful around the school. He often does things to help others and does not expect recognition or something in return, he is just selfless.



11th Grade
Jordan Charley

Jordan cares, loves and protects his family, providing a sense of belonging to his loved ones. Jordan has a sense of belonging with his lands, the gifts it provides and his culture. He has had important people in his life instill a love for fishing and respect for the land. He has shared that love with many of his friends by taking them out and showing his favorite spots and tricks of the trade.



3rd Grade Attendance - 92%



Middle School Top Attendance



Elementary Top Attendance



Taholah Education Center Since 1991.



A field of Indian Tea.

Cat Raya

Public Relations Social Media Specialist



Hello, I am Cat Raya. I started working at the Nugquam on July 8, 2025. I am a Quinault tribal member and moved back to the Nation in 2020 after living in Arizona for 20 years. During my time there I studied Sustainable Horticulture, Biology and Fine Art at Arizona State University. The desert was a mystical place but I am happy to be back in the rainforest.

I will be working closely with Micheal Patten, the Newspapers Editor. I hope to implement several social media outlets and would like to create a radio station or podcast for



the community. I have always had an interest in journalism and writing. One of my earliest jobs was writing for the Tucson Citizen, and someday I would like to have a children’s book I wrote published. I would love to see all the places on the reservation that Larry Workman photographed. I dream of staying in my position for as long as he stayed. I’ve been learning a lot in my short time here and am excited about the possibilities. My grandparents were Duke and Tiny (Catherine) Capoeaman. My grandmother moved here when

she was a little girl, my grandfather always lived in Taholah. My mom is Tammy Capoeaman. My hobbies include baking pies and peanut butter cookies, beading brick stitch earrings, creating paper art and driving out in the woods to raft river and Cape Elizabeth. I also love making videos and post them often. Something else close to my heart is the regeneration of the estuaries where the Blueback Salmon spawn. Hopefully someday I will be apart of that regeneration project. Please reach out any time you might have questions or suggestions.



The Quinault Indian Nation welcomes Ryan Vosbigan, who joined the Fisheries Department on July 9, 2025, as our new Fish-

eries Biometrician. With a strong background in environmental sciences and quantitative analysis, Ryan brings valuable expertise to the Nation’s ongoing efforts to manage and protect our vital fish populations. In his new role, Ryan applies statistics and mathematics to evaluate fisheries and fish population trends. His responsibilities include forecasting salmon and steelhead returns and



This month the Quinault Language Department welcomes Jacob James as their new Language media specialist. Jacob is most excited about working with the kwinayl language and the team to utilize the mission of the department. He hopes to advance kwinayl within the community. Jacob

Jacob James

Language Media Specialist

wants to be successful and effective in not only realizing his own potential but helping the program realize its fullest potential. He strives to do a good job with social media in hopes of communicating with the community well to let people know of events the department might be having. Jacob is a previous kwinayl Language student. He spent two years taking the courses which ultimately inspired him to apply for this position. One of his special talents is picking up language. He has currently been studying Spanish. Jacobs hobbies include reading, writing, hiking, backpacking and anything outdoors

When asked what he would like the readers to know, he says “ Basically, language isn’t just a form of communication. The thing about language is that it affects how you see the world. Your brain is the hardware and inside is the software that is language, the fact that we still have our language and that we can still hold onto it, it allows us to see the world from a Native Lense.” His paternal grandfather was Philip James and his maternal grandparents were Shirley and Earl Ralston. We look forward to the work that Jacob will do for the Nation.

Ryan Vosbigan - Fisheries Biometrician

assessing overall population abundance to support sustainable resource management. Originally from Southern California, Ryan holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a Master of Science in Fisheries Sciences from the University of Idaho, where he focused his research on Snake River steelhead manage-

ment. His graduate work involved developing a run reconstruction model for steelhead that continues to support multi-agency fisheries planning in the region. Prior to joining QIN, Ryan worked for one year as a Research Associate, gaining hands-on experience with fisheries data analysis. His interest in working with the Nation stems from his respect for the deep cultural importance of fish to

the Quinault people. Ryan and his wife, Kaylee, currently reside in Pullman, Washington. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, backpacking, climbing, and has a growing interest in botany. “I am excited to be working for the QIN and look forward to eating some freshly caught fish,” says Ryan. We’re glad to have you aboard, Ryan!

Larry Workman, QIN Legend Retires After 51 Years

Article and Collage by Cat Raya Public Relations/Social Media Specialist Photos by Michael Patten



As people gathered for Larry’s July 8th retirement luncheon and during the meal, they were treated to a visual presentation of the many Quinault and staff that Larry worked with or had associations with over the past 50 years. This day also marked his 51st anniversary when he first arrived in Taholah to begin his career here. Larry received gifts from the Nation and friends. It is a custom of the Nation to give parting gifts at such events. The gifts he received were a tactical walking stick for all his adventures, a Pendleton blan-

ket to keep him warm, a print made by Zeke Serrano that said “Siokwil”, and finally Larry was presented with a lifetime beach pass to any of the beautiful beaches here on the Reservation. These are gifts he can truly appreciate. Several people spoke on the significant mark that Larry has made on their lives. He inspired people to take photographs, work in their dark rooms and hike. We truly appreciate the contributions Larry has made to Quinault. Larry presented a PowerPoint presentation

about his life growing up, attending Purdue University, his three years of forestry work in Ethiopia with travels in Africa, and the work for the Quinault Indian Nation. The presentation was beautiful and touching to all who came out to celebrate. Larry said “it was the people he worked with which shaped his work with the Nation.” He also gifted those attending the luncheon with a set of 18 postcards of his photos that he produced with the help of Agnes “Aggie” Shale. Jennifer McCrory

spoke about how much she enjoyed her time working with Larry for six years and how she had gained a friendship. Gary Morishima explained how Larry and he developed the forestry program from scratch for QIN and spoke on Larry’s travels and his incredible photographs. Gary said “ You’ve traveled an incredible journey – from volunteering to serving in Ethiopia with the Peace Corps, to your career at Quinault. You’ve made many friends, admirers and memories along the way. It’s been a privilege and pleasure working with

you. I will miss you dearly. I wish you “fair winds and following seas”. Pearl Capoeaman Baller couldn’t attend but she did want to include that “There are parts of this Reservation that I would have never known about if you hadn’t documented various places with photos and written articles. I’ve always known that I lived in Gods country, but through your work throughout the years, it verified that I truly do live in such a beautiful place.” Pauline Capoeaman who was featured in many of Larry’s photographs for the slide show said “One

of the best decisions Guy McMinds made when he hired you. Forever grateful and thank you on the work you’ve done. Lets not forget the Annual Reports!”. It seems that the amount of people who have been touched by the work Larry has done are endless. Many people lined up to take photos with him at the end of the celebration or get his autograph on some of the postcards he handed out. We know this is Larry’s retirement celebration but this is not the end of his journey. We will still see him around.

Harvest Moon Interview

June 17, 2025 By Pearl Capoeaman Baller



Harvest Moon receiving gifts. Photo by Pearl Capoeaman Baller

Harvest Moon was born Stephanie Cultee, her birth parents were Steven Cultee (Quinault) and Loretta Rosander (Hoh River). She is a renowned storyteller depicting legends and myths about the Quinault people. She was adopted by a non-tribal family who were of German and Polish descent. They were a very loving and caring family. They resided in Olympia; and she attended school there until graduation from High School. She has strong ties with her mom and dad who adopted her. They instilled in her the value of being involved in various activities throughout her life (various 4H activities, going to church and spending time at the library).

Her name Harvest Moon was given to her by her grandfather Charles Cultee and she understands that it came to him from the night she was born, the moon was a full moon and the Quinaults were harvesting fish at that time. She was married when she was 17 years old and eventually had four sons. There were significant changes in her life as the years passed on. She got divorced from her husband. It was when she turned 18, her parents informed her that she was adopted, they supported and encouraged her to open her adoption file. In doing

so, she researched and found that she inherited many of her artistic talents from her family. Upon this realization, she decided that it was important that she do a vision quest, it was then that the decision was made not only pass on legends but to also to create some.

She said that she had been making up stories since she was a little girl. She would tell people that JP Patches was her dad. It was also during this time that she recognized that the male population pretty much dominated this form of art. She didn't allow that knowledge to slow her down, she expanded her knowledge by listening to elders sharing their stories. She is an energetic self-taught artist, and during this time, she honed her skills to include speaking Chinook Jargon and fine basket making. I asked if she could share one simple sentence of the Chinook Jargon with us, so she said Nikki Tikki Tom Tom is "May I have something to eat?" my spelling might not be accurate. And when you ask that question, you should always ask it nicely.

She realized that many of these skills were inherently passed down to her. Her uncle Richard Cultee was known for his spectacular baskets. He shared a story with her about how he got his big screen tv

by selling one basket. With respect to basket making, she also credits Hazel Pete and Hazel Underwood for helping her hone this skill. She felt like many basket makers didn't know how to market their basketry art. And people who bought the baskets thought the price was too high. Basically, part of the problem was that many people don't realize the effort basket making requires, from getting the basket materials from the land (having to peel the bark, strip it, etc.) and then there are many hours weaving the basket with designs. No two baskets are alike, and no stories are just alike.

As Harvest Moon shares her lifestyle of storytelling and making baskets, her face lights up, her eyes sparkle and when she smiles her beautiful dimples appear. Her whole-body language changes, her arms start going in different directions sometimes depicting animals, water, and the sky, she literally becomes animated when sharing her knowledge. We lost track of time while interviewing Harvest Moon, thank goodness for modern technology. Because this written article doesn't articulate so much of the information that we learned from the interview.

For example, she shared with us how confusing it was to go to her first pow wow with her button blanket, representing who she was as a tribal member, only to find that many people attending and



Pearl Capoeaman Baller and Harvest Moon. Photo by Miliana McCrory

participating didn't identify with the Coastal Salish people. When she first found out that she was a Native American she thought maybe that she was a Cherokee or maybe even an Apache. She shared the experience of meeting her brother who most people know as "Poopsie", (his nickname), his real name is Roger and he is a musician who resides in the Southwest. She also has other family members that reside in the Southwest.

The love that she has for not only her birth parents, but her adopted Mom and Dad was evident in the interview. She still has goals, one which is refining the art of making dolls out of sweet grass. She knows that Loni Chubby is an

expert at this art and is grateful that she can still learn so much more, not only about doll making, but about history, storytelling, culture. Nothing is ever stagnant. She best describes herself like a river, you must keep moving and changing.

Later, the QIN will have all elder interviews available for tribal members to watch. In the meantime, you can Google Harvest Moon to review some of her presentations in different venues. Many of our elders have stories to tell, Harvest Moon like many others is so unique and passionate in what she shared. We truly enjoyed watching her various videos and listening to her stories.



Harvest Moon telling one of her stories. Photo by Larry Workman

Humans are wiping out water bodies that life depends on

Wetlands provide fresh-water, food, storm protection and climate regulation. Yet over the last 50 years, humans have destroyed one-fifth of

them. A new report released on July 15th by the Convention on Wetlands warns that wetlands—ecosystems that pro-

vide water, food, livelihoods, and climate protection—are disappearing at an alarming rate. If current trends continue, up to 20% of the world's remaining wetlands could vanish by 2050, putting an estimated \$39 trillion in global benefits at risk.

The Global Wetland Outlook (GWO) 2025: Valuing, conserving, restoring and financing wetlands presents the most comprehensive global assessment of wetlands to date. It builds on the 2018 and 2021 editions and offers the latest scientific and economic data on wetland loss, degradation, and the urgent actions needed to reverse these trends.

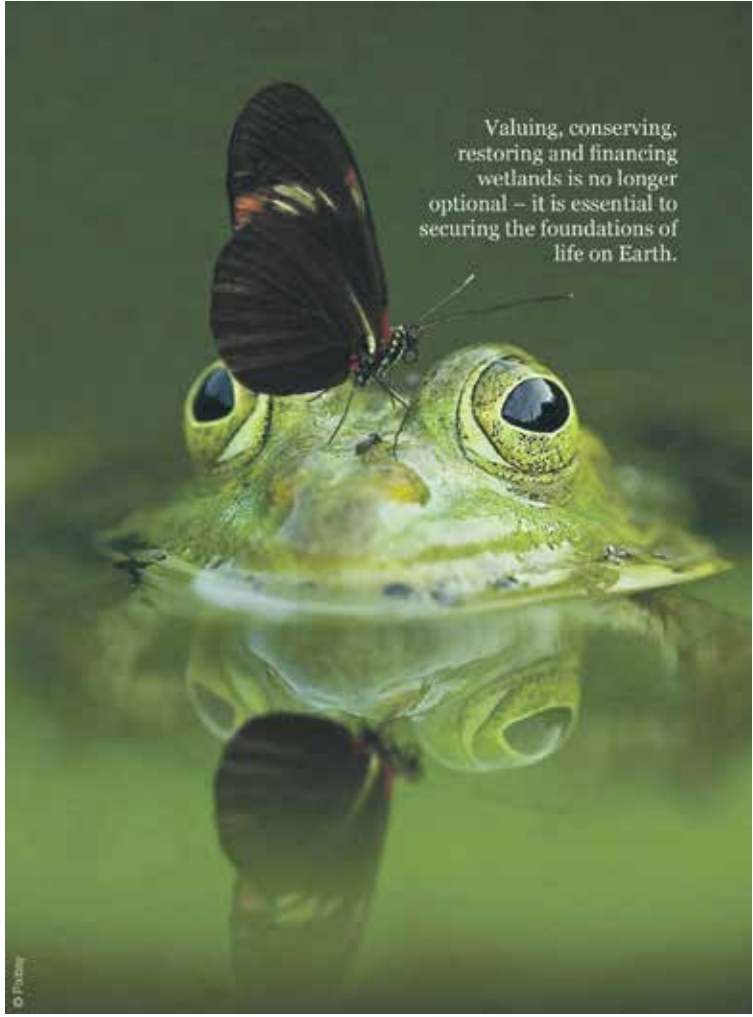
Wetlands currently cover about 6% of the Earth's surface but contribute more than 7.5% of global GDP through services such as clean water, flood protection, food security, and carbon storage. Despite their importance, wetlands are vanishing faster than any other ecosystem—an average of 0.52% per year. Since 1970, 22% of wetlands have been lost, equivalent to more than half a billion football pitches.

"Wetlands bankroll the planet, yet we are still invest-

Are you an elder interested in being interviewed?

We continue to interview the elders. We have interviewed members that are no longer enrolled in Quinault. Many of them grew up on the Quinault Reservation, either in Queets or Taholah. Or their involvement or participation in tribal activities was important to the Quinault Nation. We believe that each interview has been such an important part of history and wisdom that they are passing on. And the knowledge that our elders possess and have shared is an important piece of who we are. And we absolutely love their sense of humor.

So please contact us if you are willing to be interviewed, please call Pearl Capoeaman-Baller (360)-276-8215 ext. 4605, we are located at the Conversion Center (right next to the Tribal Museum)



Valuing, conserving, restoring and financing wetlands is no longer optional – it is essential to securing the foundations of life on Earth.

ing more in their destruction than in their recovery," said Dr. Musonda Mumba, Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands. "The world is sitting on a \$10 trillion opportunity—restoring wetlands could unlock these benefits, but we're running out of time."

The report also finds that one in four of the world's remaining wetlands is in poor ecological condition. The steepest declines are in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa.

"Wetlands are not a marginal issue," said Dr. Hugh Robertson, Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Convention on Wetlands and lead author.

"They are fundamental to the water cycle our planet depends on, for our global response to climate change, and are essential for the well-being of billions of people and protecting species under imminent threat of extinction."

The report outlines four pathways to reverse wetland loss: integrating wetland value into decision-making, recognizing their role in the water cycle, embedding them in financing mechanisms, and mobilizing partnerships for on-the-ground restoration.

The GWO 2025 is available at: <https://www.global-wetland-outlook Ramsar.org/>



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Sports News From Indian Country

Spurs sign Lindy Waters III to one-year deal

The Spurs add more shooting depth to the bench. Jul 23, 2025
By Marilyn Dubinski



Gaurd Lindy Waters III Photo By ESPN

After (surprisingly) signing Summer League star David Jones-Garcia to a two-way deal yesterday, the Spurs aren't done making moves yet. Today, they are re-

portedly signing 6'6" shooting guard Lindy Waters III to a one year deal, according to ESPN's Shams Charania. While the details of the contract have not been released, the Spurs

still have \$3.1 million of the Non-Taxpayer Mid-Level exception and \$5.1 million of the Bi-Annual exception to work with. (This also appears to be a standard contract, not a training camp signing, but we'll provide an update if that ends up not being the case.) A citizen of the Kiowa Tribe and also of Cherokee decent, Waters is one of just three Native American players in the NBA, with Kyrie Irving and MarJon Beauchamp also having Native American ancestry. Waters went to high school in Norman, Oklahoma before playing college ball at Oklahoma State all four years. After going undrafted in 2020, he played for

the Enid Outlaws of The Basketball League before trying out and making the G League's Oklahoma City Blue in 2021. He signed a two-way contract with the Thunder in 2022, which was later converted to a standard contract in 2023. He was then traded to the Warriors in 2024, and finally to the Pistons in February of this year as part of the Jimmy Butler trade. Despite being a journeyman, Waters is an above average three-point shooter, hitting 36.6% of his 579 attempts in his career, and above 37% in three of his four seasons. While 156 games (3.7 attempts per game) isn't a huge sample size, it's

enough to not take for granted. The Spurs already have plenty of depth at guard, so he likely won't see much time with the main rotation barring injuries, but he's still a solid depth piece who can provide outside shooting in a pinch. With the addition of Waters, the Spurs have 14 main roster spots filled, which is the minimum requirement at the start of the regular season. They still have one more roster spot open if they wish to use it, as well as two two-way spots. They also still hold Riley Minix and Harrison Ingram's qualifying offers.

BC RESOLUTIONS

Submitted by Mandy Hudson-Howard via Shannon Bradley

Resolution attachments and the full resolutions may be viewed at the office of Records Management

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-36-103 –Consent 2

WHEREAS, QBC wishes to find an arrangement that allows the Nation better access to the vehicles it needs for operations at the best cost; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC approves a Fleet Management Agreement with Enterprise that will best serve the interests of the Nation.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-37-103 – Consent 4

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code Enactment Process, the Prosperity, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee has committed to sponsor revisions to the following codes by order of priority for 2025-2026:

- Title 14, Elder & Vulnerable Adult (BC Sponsor Noreen Jacoson-Underwood)
- Title 20, Involuntary Treatment (BC Sponsor Noreen Jacoson-Underwood)
- Title 40, Business License (BC Sponsor John Bryson Jr.)

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-38-103 – Consent 5

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code Enactment Process, the Education & Community Services Subcommittee has committed to sponsor revisions to the following codes by order of priority for 2025-2026:

- Title 18, Public Nuisance (BC Sponsor Kristeen Mowitch)
- Title 98, Animal Control (Treatment (BC Sponsor Kristeen Mowitch)

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-39-103 – Consent 6

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code Enactment Process, the Natural Resources & Community Development Subcommittee has committed to sponsor revisions to the following codes by order of priority for 2025-2026:

- Water Code (BC Sponsor James Sellers, Tyson Johnston)
- Title 61a (BC Sponsor James Sellers, Tyson Johnston)

5/27/2025Resolution 25-40-103 –Consent 7 WHEREAS, the QIN Chief Taholah Days Committee requested a ~~\$39,750.00~~ budget for the 2025 Chief Taholah Days Celebration; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the QBC authorizes a ~~\$36,800.00~~ distribution awarded to the Chief Taholah Days Committee to be used according to the following budget request.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-41-103 – Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the QBC liaison to Greater Grays Harbor Inc. (GGH) from this date through the next annual general council meeting: President Guy Capoeaman as the delegate and Vice President Noreen Jackson Underwood as the Alternate. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the QBC approves \$10,000.00 payment for the past due invoice and any payment for ongoing Diamond Level membership into GGH.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-42-103 –Consent 9

WHEREAS, the QIN TANF Program Client is seeking to dispense TANF benefits to individual recipients via Card Network-branded prepaid debit cards; WHEREAS, U.S. Bank is willing to issue prepaid debit cards and perform related services to support the TANF Program, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Prepaid Debit Card Agreement (ReliaCard); NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the attached Prepaid Debit Card Agreement (ReliaCard) with U.S. Bank.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-43-103–Consent 10

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-11a-103, the QBC approved the use of a parcel of trust land identified as Queets Block #9, Lot #2, Parcel #802400900200 as the site of the mobile modular building for the TANF Program; and WHEREAS, Pacific Mobile Structures has provided the attached Quote, Lease Agreement, and Tribal Amendment to install the mobile modular building ; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC authorizes the execution of the Quote, Lease Agreements, & Tribal Amendment.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-44-103–Consent 11

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Leona Colegrove has requested the appointment of a new Associate Judge, and she recommends that Sarah Sotomish be appointed; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee hereby appoints Sarah Sotomish as Associate Judge for the Quinault Tribal Court.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-45-103 –Consent 12

WHEREAS, the Nation and QNEB have been using S3 Management Group, LLC (S3) to administer their respective unemployment insurance programs; and WHEREAS, all Quinault entities have been transferring their SUTA payments to a KeyBank account, which was recorded as a liability account by the Nation; and WHEREAS, in early 2025, the Nation elected to terminate its relationship with S3, but QNEB wishes to continue its relationship with S3; and WHEREAS, since the Nation is no longer using S3, QNEB’s SUTA funds must be transferred back to them so that they can be paid directly to S3. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC authorizes the transfer of SUTA funds back to QNEB and its respective enterprises.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-46-103 –Consent 13

WHEREAS, the Quinault Indian Nation desires to contract with Albert Hawkes to provide elder care services for the Senior Program; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC hereby approves the attached “Standardized QIN Independent Contractor Agreement” with Albert Hawkes for \$20,000.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-47-103 –Consent 14

WHEREAS, the Quinault Indian Nation desires to contract with John Brown to provide elder care services for the Senior Program; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC hereby approves the attached “Standardized QIN Independent Contractor Agreement” with John Brown for \$20,000.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-48-103 –Consent 15 ??

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-49-103– Consent 16

WHEREAS, the QIN Planning Commission rezoned a portion of Allotment 164A from Commercial to Residential on April 7, 2025; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC adopts the attached map as the Official Zoning Map to be posted in the Community Development and Planning office.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-50-103 – Action 3

QBC approves the attached Residential Lease with Evelyn McFarland (sellers) described particularly as 1040 Park Place, Block 48, Lot 10, Plat of Taholah, approximately 25 acres.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-51-103 – Consent 19

WHEREAS, the ArtsFund is offering grants to support Washington Tribal Communities' arts and culture; WHEREAS, this non-restricted opportunity will provide support for Quinault Language activities; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the application to the ArtsFund to support Washington Tribal Communities' arts and culture.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-52-103 – Consent 20

WHEREAS, the Quinault Business Committee received a request to Sponsor Warm Current to host two (2) surf camps June 27-29, 2025 and August 29-September 1, 2025; and WHEREAS, Stephanie Terrell presented the item to the QBC, for permission for the Non-Quinault volunteers to have permission to camp on the Quinault Beaches during the camps; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC authorizes Warm Current camps to be held June 27-29, 2025 and August 29-September 1, 2025 and that volunteers have permission to camp on the beaches at Point Grenville Beach. Stephanie Terrell will be the point of contact for both camps.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-53-103–Consent 24

WHEREAS, the QIN Fisheries Dept. issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) per Procurement Policy for a Senior Restoration Project Advisor to guide salmon habitat restoration projects of the Nation over the next three years funded by NOAA grant programs for Upper Quinault and Queets/Clearwater

restoration projects; and WHEREAS, a single bidder, Eastman Ecofluvial, submitted a proposal that met the criteria of the RFP issued by the Nation; and WHEREAS, the QIN Fisheries Dept. wishes to contract with Eastman Ecofluvial, for continuing support, guidance, oversight and staff training for salmon habitat restoration projects, including current and future restoration projects of the QIN; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC hereby approves the attached Contractor Agreement with Eastman Ecofluvial.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-54-103 –Consent 25

QBC authorizes the Education Training and Culture Staff to submit the grant application for the Quinault Tribal Museum and Cultural Center to ArtsFund in the amount of \$25,000 for a one-year term, with no match required, for Tribal artifact procurement and Basketry of the Quinault republishing.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-55-103 – Consent 21

Whereas, Charlotte “Tott” Bryson made significant contributions to the Nation’s success, particularly in the creation of QIN’s first organized and detailed records system in it’s entirety; and WHEREAS, Charlotte “Tott” Bryson consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, meticulous attention to detail, and a commitment to ensuring the organization and accessibility of important records, thereby contributing significantly to the smooth operation of the QIN; and WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor Charlotte “Tott” Bryson’s memory and legacy by dedicating the QIN Conversion Center (CC) and Archive Building in her honor; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that QIN hereby dedicates the CC and Archive Building to Charlotte “Tott” Bryson, recognizing her outstanding service and commitment;

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-56-103 – Action 1

QBC instructs the Director of QDNR to issue permits for authorized Buyer/Agents Edward Boldt to purchase Razor Clams, once the Buyer/Agent has signed an agreement to abide by QIN criteria and requirements, including but not limited to paying a 3% buyers fee to the QIN on every purchase.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-57-103 – Action 2

QBC instructs the Director of QDNR to issue permits for authorized Buyer/Agents Sabrina Kramer and Arleen Kramer owners of Tulchu Seafoods to purchase Razor Clams, once the Buyer/Agent has signed an agreement to abide by QIN criteria and requirements, including but not limited to paying a 3% buyers fee to the QIN on every purchase.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-58-103 – Action 4

WHEREAS, each applicant followed the appointment process according to the QIN CCB Policy; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC appoints James Stanley and Timm Haatia to the Ocean Committee with term expiring March 31, 2026.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-59-103 – Action 5

WHEREAS, each applicant followed the appointment process according to the QIN CCB Policy; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC appoints Kenneth Corwin & Edward Johnstone Jr. to the Off-Reservation Fish Committee with term expiring March 31, 2026.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-60-103– Action 6

WHEREAS, each applicant followed the appointment process according to the QIN CCB Policy; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC appoints Clay Butler, Queets River Guide Representative & Jesse Kowoosh to the Queets River Committee with term expiring March 31, 2026.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-61-103– Action 7

WHEREAS, each applicant followed the appointment process according to the QIN CCB Policy; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC appoints Clay Butler to the Over-all Fish Committee with term expiring March 31, 2026.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-62-103 –Action 8

WHEREAS, each applicant followed the appointment process according to the QIN CCB Policy; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC appoints Pauline Capoeaman, Steve Charley (Quinault River Guide Representative), Gary Mowitch to the Quinault River Committee with term expiring March 31, 2026.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-63-103 –Action 10

WHEREAS, each applicant followed the appointment process according to the QIN CCB Policy; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC hereby appoints Merian Juneau and Alice Morris to the Off-Reservation Fish Committee with term expiring May 27, 2028.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-64-103 –Action 11

WHEREAS, the applicant followed the appointment process according to the QIN CCB Policy; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC hereby appoints Tiana Pulsifer and Clinton Underwood to the Enrollment Committee with term expiring March 27, 2029.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-65-103 –Action 14

WHEREAS, the QBC wishes to support Quinault student athletes who qualified for the High School 2025 WIAA Spring State Championships; WHEREAS, the QBC also wishes to support the request to aid in travel expenses for parents/ guardians of Quinault Student Athletes, one per household for funding for High School WIAA 2025 State SPRING Sports Championships; NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC hereby approves \$200.00 per Quinault student athlete that qualified for the High School 2025 Spring WIAA State Championships and \$500.00 per Quinault student athlete family or guardian, one per household, for travel expenses and ONLY if the parent/guardian is traveling to the 2025 WIAA High School Spring State Championship Tournament.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-66-103 –Action 13

WHEREAS, the QBC would like to prioritize relocation efforts by assigning the fifty-nine shovel-ready lots in the NE Neighborhood; and WHEREAS, twenty-six of the fifty-nine lots in the NE Neighborhood were assigned to the Quinault Housing Authority to begin constructing new homes; and WHEREAS, the remaining thirty-three lots will be assigned to the NE Neighborhood as part of the Community Driven Relocation Program (CDRP), in which their assignment is outlined in the “Phase 1 Relocation Policy” attached herein; and WHEREAS, the “Phase 1 Relocation Policy” identifies lot assignments policies that will prioritize the relocation of Quinault Tribal community members who face immediate and suspected climate change related threats; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the attached “Phase 1 Relocation Policy” for the CDRP to manage the operations brought forth by the policy.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-67-103 –Action 15

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General has drafted Title 15, General Welfare Code, the purpose of which is to affirm the QINs inherent sovereign rights to promote the general welfare of the Nation and provide qualifying assistance and program benefits on a tax-free basis and to memorialize the procedures used by the Nation in establishing programs for the promotion of the general welfare of the Nation and in developing program guidelines for compliance with the general welfare doctrine and Internal Revenue Code Section 139E; and WHEREAS, public hearings were held at Taholah on June 24, 2024, and at Queets on November 12, 2024. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves and enacts the attached Title 15, General Welfare Code, effective as of the date of this resolution; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the previous Title 15, Elder Programs Code, is hereby renumbered as Title 15A, effective as of the date of this resolution.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-68-103 –Action 16

WHEREAS, the QBC extensively reviewed the operating plans, unmet needs, and fiscal projections brought for consideration, and has collectively validated the proposed additions; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the QBC approves the following:

- FY 2025 appropriation for the General Fund Supplemental 2 Budget of \$19,470,941 including adjustments of \$(0) as detailed in Attachment 1 –

Budget Modification General Fund; and

- FY 2025 appropriation for the Self Governance - BIA Fund Supplemental 2 Budget of \$27,169,533 including adjustments of \$7,500 as detailed in Attachment 2 – Budget Modification BIA; and
- FY 2025 appropriation for the Non-Federal Fund Supplemental 2 Budget of \$21,025,126 including adjustments of \$900,000 as detailed in Attachment 3 – Other Non-Federal Funds.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-69-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the 2% Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman Kristeen Mowitch as the Delegate and Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-70-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Planning Commission from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the Delegate and Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-71-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee Representative and Liaison to the Adult Wellness Court from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the delegate and Councilwoman Gina James as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-72-103 –Action 13

Quinault Business Committee hereby approves the following representatives to act as the Business Committee liaison to Association of WA Tribes from this date through the next annual general council meeting: President Guy Capoeaman as the Delegate and Councilman Tyson Johnston as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-73-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the Business Committee liaisons to the Cannabis AD HOC Committee from this date through the next AGC: President Guy Capoeaman as the Delegate and Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-74-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee Chehalis Basin Partnership Policy Representative from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman John Bryson Jr. as the delegate and Councilman Tyson Johnston as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-75-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Citizen Review Board from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Noreen Jackson-Underwood as the Delegate and Councilwoman Gina James as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-76-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee Representative to the Washington State Climate and Commitment Act from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman Tyson Johnston as the delegate and Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-77-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the Business Committee liaison(s) to the Coastal Salmon Foundation Board Liaison from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman Tyson Johnston as the Delegate and Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-78-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians from this date through the next AGC meeting: President Guy Capoeaman (Delegate) and Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood, Treasurer Hannah Curley, Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, Councilmen Gina James, Jim Sellers, John Bryson Jr., Tyson Johnston, Brittany Bryson, Kaylah Mail and Kristeen Mowitch (alternates).

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-79-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to Department of Corrections from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the Delegate and Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the Alternates’

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-80-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Department of Interior Self-Governance Advisory Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman Tyson Johnston as the delegate and Councilwoman Gina James as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-81-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the Business Committee liaisons to the Enrollment Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Delegate and Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-82-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee Representative and Liaison to the Wellness Court from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the Delegate and Councilwoman Brittany Bryson as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-83-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to Grays Harbor Council of Governments from this date through the next AGC: President Guy Capoeaman and Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood as the Delegate’s.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-84-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Head Start Policy Council from this date through the next AGC: Vice President Jackson-Underwood as the Delegate and Councilwoman Brittany Bryson as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-85-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Health & Human Services Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman Tyson Johnston as the delegate and Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-86-103 –Action 13

QBC approves Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) Annual Dues and the following individual(s) to act as the Business Committee liaison(s) to the ITC from this date through the next AGC: meeting: Councilman John Bryson Jr. as the Delegate and Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-87-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the Business Committee liaison(s) to the Indian Policy Advisory Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood as the delegate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-88-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Land Acquisition Team through the next AGC meeting: Councilman John Bryson Jr., as the Delegate and Councilman Tyson Johnston as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-89-103 –Action 13

QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Native American Finance Officers Association from this date through the next AGC meeting: Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Delegate.

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5/27/2025 Resolution 25-90-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the National Contract Support Cost Work Group from this date through the next AGC meeting; Councilwoman Brittany Bryson as the Delegate and Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-91-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the National Congress of American Indians from this date through the next AGC meeting: President Guy Capoeman (Delegate) and Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood, Treasurer Hannah Curley, Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, Councilmen Gina James, Jim Sellers, John Bryson Jr., Tyson Johnston, Brittany Bryson, Kaylah Mail and Kristeen Mowitch (alternates).

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-92-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to National Indian Council on Aging Liaisons or Elders Issues Representatives from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Gina James as the delegate and Councilwoman Brittany Bryson as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-93-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to National Indian Gaming Association from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the Delegate and Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-94-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the Business Committee liaison(s) to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission from this date through the next AGC meeting: QIN Fisheries Policy Spokesperson Cleve Jackson as the Delegate, QIN Salmon Policy Spokesperson Chet Tweed, President Guy Capoeman, Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood, Treasurer Hannah Curley, Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, Councilwoman Gina James, Councilman Jim Sellers, Councilman John Bryson Jr., Councilman Tyson Johnston, Councilwoman Brittany Bryson, Councilwoman Kaylah Mail and Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the Alternates.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-95-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the Business Committee liaisons to Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board from this date through the next AGC meeting: Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood as the delegate and Treasurer Hannah Curley as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-96-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual(s) to act as the Business Committee liaison(s) to the Ocean Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Delegate and Councilman John Bryson Jr. as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-97-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Off Rez River Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard as the Delegate and Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-98-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following representatives to act as the Business Committee liaisons to the 1% Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: President Guy Capoeman, Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood, Treasurer Hannah Curley, Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, Councilwoman Gina James, Councilman Jim Sellers, Councilman John Bryson Jr., Councilman Tyson Johnston, Councilwoman Brittany Bryson, Councilwoman Kaylah Mail and Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-99-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the Business Committee liaison(s) to the Pacific Fishery Management Council from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman John Bryson Jr. as the delegate and Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-100-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Quinault Housing Board of Commissioners from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Brittany Bryson as the Delegate and Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-101-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Quinault Indian Nation Cultural Advisory Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the Delegate and Councilwoman Gina James as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-102-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the Business Committee liaison to the Quinault Indian Nation Workplace Compensation Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Vice President Jackson-Underwood, Secretary Hudson-Howard and Councilwoman Gina James as the liaisons.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-103-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual(s) to act as the Business Committee liaisons to the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board from this date through the next AGC meeting: Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Delegate and Councilman Tyson Johnston as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-104-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual(s) to act as the QBC liaison(s) to the Queets River Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman Jim Sellers as the Delegate and Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-105-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual(s) to act as the QBC liaison(s) to the Quinault River Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman John Bryson Jr. as the Delegate and Councilwoman Gina James as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-106-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the QBC liaison to the Scholarship Appeals Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the Delegate and Councilman Tyson Johnston as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-107-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following representatives to act as the QBC liaison to the Short Capital Budgets AD HOC Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Delegate and Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-108-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the QBC Skookumchuck Dam Policy Representative from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman Jim Sellers as the delegate and Councilman John Bryson Jr as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-109-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual(s) to act as the QBC liaison(s) to the TERO Commission from this date through the next AGC meeting: Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard as the Delegate and Councilwoman Gina James as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-110-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the QBC liaisons to the Transportation Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kaylah Mai as the delegate and Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-111-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the QBC liaisons to

the Tribal Gaming Commission from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilman Kristeen Mowitch as the Delegate and Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the Alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-112-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the QBC liaison to the Tribal Interior Budget Council from this date through the next AGC meeting; Treasurer Hannah Curley and Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-113-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the QBC liaison to Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership from this date through the next AGC meeting: Treasurer Hannah Curley as the Delegate and Councilman John Bryson Jr.as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-114-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following representatives to act as the QBC liaison to West Coast Ocean Alliance; Councilman John Bryson Jr. as the delegate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-115-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individuals to act as the QBC liaison(s) to Washington Indian Gaming Association from this date through the next AGC meeting: Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch as the Delegate and Councilwoman Kaylah Mail as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-116-103 –Action 13
QBC hereby approves the following individual to act as the QBC Representative to the Washington State University Advisory Committee from this date through the next AGC meeting: Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard as the delegate and Councilman John Bryson Jr. as the alternate.

5/27/2025 Resolution 25-117-103 –Consent 18
QBC hereby supports and approves the adoption of the Queets Relocation Phase 1-A Preliminary Plat Map (Allotment 100) with the four street names set forth by the Planning Commission.

6/2/2025 Resolution 25-118-103 – Hand Carry
WHEREAS, the QIN desires to enter an Agreement with Tammy Bond to provide management training and coaching for the Finance Division; and WHEREAS, the contract is for \$32,000.00, which includes \$5,000.00 for travel expenses, to be paid from budget number 13-130099-805; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC approves the attached contract between Tammy Bond and the QIN for \$32,000.00.

6/3/2025 Resolution 25-119-103 – Hand Carry
WHEREAS, Hultman Construction and Engineering have been working on remodeling the QIN Administrative Building to add four additional office spaces; and WHEREAS, the contract was modified through one change order from \$97,230 to \$127,635; and WHEREAS, a second contract change order is requested to modify the contract by \$25,170, bringing the contract total to \$152,805, and will include removing existing carpeting from the hallway area, installing new flooring and carpet, and setting forms and pouring a concrete pad at the entrance of the building; and WHEREAS, the attached contact modification is over 50% of the original contract amount of \$97,230, and accordingly, under the QIN Procurement Policies and Procedures, must be approved by the QBC; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the attached "QIN CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER/CONTRACT MODIFICATION" with Hultman Construction and Environmental, Inc. for a new contract sum of \$152,805,

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-120-103 – Consent 1
QBC agrees to purchase undivided interests from Angel Marie King George.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-121-103 – Consent 3
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the Justice & Governance Subcommittee's code priorities for 2025-2026.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-122-103 – Consent 4
The Quinault Business Committee approves the attached SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES with Public Utility District #1 of Grays Harbor County for installing electric utilities along Pla Plan Drive using funding from the CCA Grant for a total of \$282,553.09,and approves the execution of said Agreement and all related documents

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-123-103 – Consent 5
The QIN Planning Commission has approved the subject Preliminary Plat Map; AND WHEREAS, the proposed neighborhood names North for Phase 1, and South for Phase 2 are appropriate; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC hereby approves the proposed neighborhood names for use in the Queets Relocation.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-124-103 – Consent 6
The QIN is in need of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the QBC has decided to use a recruiter to assist with hiring a new CFO; and WHEREAS, the Nation desires to retain Sol Executives LLC to provide such staffing placement services; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the attached Contingent Agreement for Executive Search Request between the QIN and Sol Executives LLC, and authorizes the President or his designee to execute said contract.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-125-103 – Consent 7
The QBC approves and authorizes the transfer of the "Benns Plat Lot 10 E of Fuller Way BLK 35" Tax Parcel Number(s): PARCEL 100013501001 to the QIN under such terms and conditions as determined by the attached Quit Claim Deed; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, QNEB 's Chief Executive Officer (Anthony Enzler) and such agents of the QIN are authorized to effectuate the transfer on behalf of the QIN; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, because the value of the land is \$1800.00 which is below the threshold requiring a QNEB Resolution, QNEB COO, Anthony Enzler has authority to transfer described property without a QNEB Resolution.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-126-103 – Consent 9
The QBC hereby supports the ongoing implementation of the Upper Quinault River Restoration Project (Phase 5), and approves the execution of the Independent Contractor Agreement between the QIN and C & C Timber Inc. in accordance with the terms outlined in the contract; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the QDNR is hereby authorized to accept support from NOAA if awarded.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-127-103 – Consent 10
QBC approves the attached QIN Off Reservation Hunting Regulations for the 2025-2026 Hunting Season.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-128-103 – Consent 11
QDNR is hereby authorized to apply for a grant from the US F&W Service in the amount of \$187,866 for one years, with no match required, for Assessing the Value of QIR Wetland Habitat.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-129-103 – Consent 12
The QBC approves the attached "STANDARDIZED QIN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT" with Total Vegetation Management for up to \$255,892,

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-130-103 – Consent 13
The QDNR wishes to submit a grant proposal to NWIFC for up to \$50,000, with no match required, in which the funds will be used to support and test a new methodology for estimating ungulated neonate survival and cause-specific mortality on the Quinault Indian Reservation; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the QDNR is hereby authorized to apply for up to \$50,000 from the NWIFC 2025 Western Washington Treaty Tribal Wildlife Fund with full indirect cost; and

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-131-103 – Action 1
The QBC rescinds the Revenue Allocation Plan of the QIN adopted in 2014 and directs staff to notify the BIA's of the rescission; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the establishment of programs for funding elder retirement pension payments, elder enrichment programs, youth education and career programs, and youth recreation and drug prevention programs will be the highest priority under the new General Welfare Code.

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-132-103 – Action 2
Please view at the office of Records Management

6/9/2025 Resolution 25-133-103 – Action 3
Regarding the \$.30 per gallon savings for tribal members up to 100 gallons per month.

6/13/2025 Resolution 25-134-103 – Hand Carry
In regards to fish passage on Alts. 740, 786, and T890.

6/10/2025 Resolution 25-135-103 – Hand Carry
The attached agreement with G&D is approved and Mark Palmer, QBRC General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the agreement of a currency counter.

6/19/2025 Resolution 25-136-103 – Hand Carry
The QBC authorizes the following distributions be awarded to the following qualified entities for FY25 2nd quarter January 1, 2025 through March 31 2025; Taholah School Basketball Camp - \$4,686.12
Harbor City Church Summer Activities - \$2,986.12
Quinalt Valley Church Food Bank New Walk-In Fridge/Freezer -\$5,972.12
Queets Shaker Church \$8,972.24
TOTAL >>>> \$22,616.60
501(c)3 Non-Profits
Shoe the Kids, North Beach Youth & Community Fund Run Walk - \$2,200.00
Coast 2 Coast Missions Foster Families & Community Support - \$1,000.00
WA Trust for Historic Preservation 2025 Youth Heritage Project - \$672.00
El Centro de la Raza 2025 Building the Beloved Community Gala - \$586.00
Big Brothers Sisters of SW WA Pacific y & GH County's Mentoring Program - \$1,000.00
Total >>>> \$5,458.00

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-137-103 – Consent 1
The QBC hereby approves the following individual(s) to act as the QBC liaison(s) to the Overall Committee from this date through the next annual general council meeting: Councilman John Bryson Jr. as the Delegate and Guy Capoeman as the Alternate.

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-138-103 – Consent 2
WHEREAS, the QBC desire to appoint the four executive officers to sign all official papers and documents for all bank accounts, investment accounts, and grant/ contract agreements for the QIN; now; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC hereby appoints Guy Capoeman, President, Noreen Jackson-Underwood, Vice President, Hannah Curley, Treasurer, Mandy Hudson-Howard, Secretary to serve as authorized signatory to sign all official papers and documents.

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-139-103 – Consent 5
Please view at the office of Records Management

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-140-103 – Consent 6
WHEREAS, the QIN owns the following off-Reservation parcel in fee within Grays Harbor County, the legal description is attached and incorporated by reference: Grays Harbor County Parcel No. 201220130050; and WHEREAS, the Nation submitted an application to the BIA on January 7, 2025 to transfer the above-described parcel to the United States to be held in trust for the QIN for non-gaming purposes as authorized by 25 U.S.C. § 2201 et seq., 25 C.F.R. Part 151. and 25 U.S.C. § 5108; and; WHEREAS, the Solicitor for the U.S. Department of Interior has examined the title related to the above described parcel in order to draft a Preliminary Title Opinion for said parcel and determined that the preliminary title evidence includes special exceptions that must be resolved in order for the United States to take title into trust for said parcel that meets title standards required under25 C.F.R §151.3, so NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC hereby addresses the exceptions listed on the resolution.

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-141-103 – Consent 7
WHEREAS, the QIN has contracted with Tim Beyer since 2023 for services related to the fee to trust process, land acquisition, the carbon project, grants under the Washington Climate Commitment Act, and others; and WHEREAS, the Nation wishes to extend Mr. Beyer's contract for another year as provided in the attached Contract Modification at a cost of \$96,000; and WHEREAS, the Contract Modification increases the total contract amount over the procurement threshold of \$250,000, requiring approval by resolution of the QBC; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC approves the attached "MODIFICATION TO QIN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT" with Tim Beyer extending through June 30, 2026 for an additional \$96,000.

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-142-103 – Consent 8
The QIN hereby authorizes the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, under the FY25 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Program; and

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-143-103 – Consent 9
Quinault Business Committee grants permission to nonmembers to access Point Grenville/Point Haynisiisoos, from June 27, 2025, to and through July 6, 2025, subject to the following restrictions:

- litter must be removed from the Reservation,
- campfires will be limited to established fire pits,
- fireworks must be lit according to safety standards.

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-144-103 – Consent 10
QDNR is hereby authorized to submit its grant proposal and budget to the BIA FY25 Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Supplemental Funds, for up to \$70,519; .

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-145-103 – Consent 11
WHEREAS, the QDNR entered a contract with Brittlind Co. Inc. for the detection and treatment of Knotweed, Gorse, Himalayan and Evergreen blackberry, Reed canary grass and Scotch broom services in the Lower Quinault River floodplain on the QIN Reservation and Upper Quinault River off-Reservation in May of 2022; the QBC approves the attached "MODIFICATION TO STANDARDIZED QIN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT" with Brittlind Co. Inc. for an additional \$220,211.50, bringing the total to \$545,211.

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-146-103 – Consent 13
The QBC hereby approves the attached Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement with Colusa Indian Energy, LLC

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-147-103 – Consent 14
QBC hereby supports and approves adoption of the Queets Relocation Phase 1-A North Neighborhood Final Plat Map (Allotment 100).

6/23/2025 Resolution 25-148-103 – Action 2
WHEREAS, the Quinault Department of Fisheries issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) per Procurement Policy for construction services related to the 2025 Upper Quinault River Restoration Project, which is partially funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and WHEREAS, Rognlins Inc. was selected through a competitive bidding process as the most responsive and responsible bidder for the construction phase of the Upper Quinault River Restoration Project; and WHEREAS, the Quinault Department of Fisheries wishes to contract with Rognlins Inc. to perform construction services for the Upper Quinault River Restoration Project during the summer of 2025; and WHEREAS, the attached agreement totals \$1,164,024.82 which under the Quinault Indian Nation Procurement Policies and Procedures must be approved by the QBC; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC hereby approves the attached Contractor Agreement with Rognlins Inc., funded by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) 262325-R280 and Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) 525323-R280

6/25/2025 Resolution 25-149-103 – Hand Carry
This is in regard to the G10 settlment of the opioid epidemic.

YOP explores different habitats on the Quinault Reservation

Article and Photos by Cat Raya



Youth opportunity program (YOP) group visited many differ environmental habitats.

On the first day of a 2-day outdoor event YOP youth gathered in the morning at the Quinault Department of Natural Resources office. The building was all a buzz with activity. Several of the QDNR staff talked as the students arrived. I spoke to one of the adults, a Science teacher from Lake Quinault, Dani DeMarco. She has received the YESS grant which allows her to take her students out on science-based field trips, a requirement of the grant is to reach out to surrounding communities in order to create that connection. She reached out to the QDNR two years ago and they have been participating in these youth activities ever since. Dani talked about how kind and accommodating the QDNR staff have been. On the agenda, the visit to Bakers Prairie, a significant historic location for the Quinault people.

The YOP is a youth-based program meant to inspire our young people to think about future careers as well as a way to earn extra money right before the canoe journey. We all loaded into a caravan of vehicles. Tara Perez, an education staff member allowed me to ride with her and during the drive she talked about her dedication to the students and families of the program. She was in amazement of the abilities of the YOP participants. She is so excited to see what each of them will choose as a career in the future. She is quite modest, but she has truly inspired them to pursue their dreams while teaching them life skills.

When we arrived at the Prairie, Jerry Walther gathered all the kids to put on bug spray. We were given instructions about entering the Prairie. Due to the prevalent invasive species everyone entering the prairie had to have their shoes washed and cleaned off with a water and an isopropyl alcohol solution.

As everyone filtered into the prairie Lia Frenchmen, the Tribal Historic Preservation officer spoke to the group about the importance of this prairie. She defined resources such as huckleberry, “Indian tea” (Labrador tea), Camus, Salal and many more plants and wildlife found in this prairie. She also spoke of the legend of the Thunderbird. She mentions that this is “Thunderbirds water bowl” It is said that thunderbird caused the storms and thunder that would have created and maintained these prairies. The Thunderbird is said to cause thunder with a flap of his wings and lightning with a blink of his eyes.

During the day YOP and the Lake Quinault students were split into three groups. Each group alternated

through three different learning stations. Janice Martin, the Nation’s wetland specialist spoke on how to decipher hedges, rushes and grasses as well as how to test the soil profile to tell whether we were in a wetland. She discussed the acidity of the soil with the kids, it is a surprisingly acidic soil at 3.8 PH. Cavin Park, the Nation’s invasive species specialist talked about Knot weed, Scotch broom, Phragmites and many more invasive species. He also identified nearby Alder and Crab Apple. Lia Frenchmen talked more on the history of the tribe. She noted 38 different village sites in the past for our people, resources in specific prairies, specific berry patches and hunting grounds. The students had a well-rounded introduction to prairies.

On the second day, the students all gathered for a 30-minute drive out onto the Reservation. Maybelle Hobucket, a forestry technician allowed me to ride with her this time. She knows these roads well; she spoke of how much she enjoys her new job with QDNR and how much she wants to contribute to her department. She previously worked in Education, so she knew all the students making her a very important part of the day. She wants the very best for all the participants in the program.

Eight miles north of Taholah is a trail to a very sacred place called Elephant Rock that lies at the mouth of Raft River. We all hiked down to the beautiful site. A group of the students carried the coolers down the trail so that the lunches would be available at noon for lunch.

Corri Rushford, a Wildlife Biologist for the nation, started the day out with a name game. Staff then took the group to the waterfront and Lia Frenchmen gave historic information about Elephant Rock, it is a known village site and defines the territory from Queets, another Quinault village. She spoke of “Old Man Shale” a man who had maintained his property on Elephant Rock in the past. She told the Creation Story of Misp and the first duck being born in Raft River. In the past there was a makeshift ferry that used to take tourists across the river. There is a well-known photo from 1903 that depicts several men on horses in front of the infamous sea stack.

Next to speak was Scott Mazzone the Shellfish Biologist 2 for the nation. He talked about Razor Clams and what they eat (Plankton) and the three types of plankton that carry toxins that are poisonous for humans to digest after being ingested by the clams.

Surprisingly it can take the clams up to one year to purge the poison from eating these toxin bearing plankton. He then took the kids towards the waves and had them try to find a 12-clam sample. Unfortunately, the tide was too high to find any clams. They then went to Tunnel Island a picturesque cave located in Elephant Rock to gather muscles for a sample. The tide was low enough to get right up to the entrance to view the waves crashing in over the large rocks.

Caprice Fasano, a Fish Habitat specialist spoke about the fish estuary located at raft river, she explained such topics as Osmo regulation, riparian zones and what type of Salmon are in the Quinault River. Janice Martin took a group to talk more about wetlands and the plants that exist in wetlands. She identified Sink Flower, a plant that only grows in salt water and explained what an Obligate is, a plant that will grow 100% of the time in wetlands. She defined wetland vegetation that will grow in conditions that



Yevette Kowoosh enjoying Bakers Prairie

are totally saturated.

Cori Rushford and Kevin Della, an ESA technician for Environmental protection, helped the students identify several animal tracks as well as animal scat. They then used a GPS tracking device to lead the kids in a fun tracking activity where they tracked the collar to locate an animal. Mary Rollins, a Stand Improvement Forester who has been with the Nation for six years gave a presentation about the trees we see on the Reservation. Such trees in-

clude the Big Leaf Maple, the largest Maple in North America, Western Hemlock, Western redcedar, Douglas Fir and the Sitka Spruce. She also taught the kids how to measure the age and size of a tree.

QDNR outdid themselves with the experience they have brought to the youth in our community, each presentation was put together with care. Each staff member seemed to truly care about what the students learned during their time together.



Corri Rushford Points out goose tracks on the beach to the students.

Washington state bans invasive ivy

Washington state has banned the sale or transport of English ivy and its cousin, Atlantic ivy. The leafy plants are aggressive invaders of Northwest forests.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture on July 16th added 19 species to its quarantine list of plants and seeds that cannot be sold or distributed in the state due to their potential to wreak havoc on agricultural and natural areas.

None of those noxious weed species attracted nearly as much attention as the two European ivies.

“Local jurisdictions and Washington state spend millions of dollars, either in volunteer hours or actual funds, to remove ivy from forests, urban forests in particular,” said landscape architect Kristi Park of Bellingham. “So, the fact that you could turn around and buy it just blew my mind.”

In 2002, Washington’s Noxious Weed Control Board listed three cultivated varieties of English ivy and one of Atlantic ivy as “Class C noxious weeds,” but that designation carries no restrictions on growing or selling a plant.

Some nurseries, big-box retailers, and online stores continue to sell ivy in Washington state. They have to stop doing so by August 9th.

Park called ivy “a forest choker.”

“Not only does it climb up trees and, eventually, suffocate and kill the tree, but it also destroys the understory. And



English Ive is found all along the Lake Quinault Shore Road in the area of the lake. It has invaded the July Creek area which is in the Olympic National Park, where it has covered the lower section of this large Sitka Spruce. Photo by Larry Workman

it spreads very quickly, and it’s very difficult to get rid of. It can take down a forest in a matter of years,” Park said.

Agriculture officials said they received hundreds of comments urging a ban on ivy and no one opposed it.

Other species newly added to the quarantine list

include European Coltsfoot, Russian Knapweed, Turkish thistle, and puncturevine, a low-growing European plant with spiny seed pods that can pierce feet, hooves, and tires.

Washington is the second state to ban ivy. Oregon prohibited the sale of English ivy in 2010.

Moclips by the Sea Museum unveils historic sign



At noon on July 4, 2025, the museum unveiled a historic sign that once stood along SR 109 for nearly 70 years. The sign began to fall apart in July 2019. WSDOT and the Land owner gave permission to the Moclips by the Sea Historical Society to save it.

With the help of many, including the Quinault Indian Nation, the heavy planks were moved to the new museum site. 16-foot poles embedded in concrete with an added roof were constructed to help protect the restored sign. The new museum site has been cleared for the new

building which will be a recreation of the train depot that once stood in Moclips. A 1910 Norther Pacific Railway caboose is located on the site and those attending the sign unveiling had an opportunity to take a look inside.

Photo by Larry Workman

A Visit to Mount Saint Helens

Article and photos by Larry Workman



A view of Mt. St. Helens from the Independence Trail. A log mat is still floating on Spirit Lake and moves around on the lake with shifting winds.



Elk are found throughout the blast zone.



A view of the mountain from the Truman Trail.

I made my first post retirement hike after my retirement luncheon to the east side of Mt. St. Helens. I wanted to see the progress the Army Corps of Engineer’s contractor was making on fixing the Intake on the 1.6 mile long tunnel at Spirit Lake as well as some of the natural succession since my last visit. After 45 years the pumice plane and the south facing slopes are still bare with some scattered trees and dwarf lupines blanket much of the area. The slopes facing north are covered with a legacy forest of trees.

The Army Corps of Engineer’s contractor is still constructing the road to the work site (they began last summer) and have yet to finish the road and start the actual work on the intake to the tunnel.

There are still logs from the 1980 blast still floating on Spirit Lake that have not become waterlogged because they are part of a massive floating log mat that has remained buoyant due to a combination of factors: the logs’ natural buoyancy and the density of the log mat itself.

Snapshots in Time

- 1 Year Ago – August 2024**
- 19 President Biden passes torch to VP Kamala Harris in powerful speech at the Democratic Convention in Chicago.
 - 22 Renewables now make up 30% of US capacity.
 - 31 Much of August was cloudy, foggy and damp on the Olympic coast.

- 25 Years Ago –August 2000**
- 5 Alec Guinness dead at 86.
 - 20 No hope of survivors on Russian nuclear sub, which sank in the Arctic on August 12th.
 - 24 A nick in fiber-optic line causes day-long interruption of phone and Internet service in the Twin Harbor area.
 - 25 Aberdeen’s Doughboy statue leaning at a precarious 30-degree angel after being hit by an out-of-control truck exiting the Wishkah River Bridge.
 - ** Summer forest and range fires continue to burn millions of acres in the West.

- 50 Years Ago – August 1975**
- 1 Hoffa is missing.
 - 22 Pulp tank collapses at Rayonier Mill causing nearly million-dollar damage.

- 75 Years Ago – August 1950**
- 17 It was reported that Robert Keys, 19, is the first Harborite killed in the Korean War.
 - 14 Rain cuts down Harbor fire threat.
 - 23 New Robert Grays School ready to open.
 - 23 New Moclips North Beach School ready to open.

- 100 Years Ago – August 1925**
- 3 Over 1,000 attend Dokkies (Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan) Beach Fete at Pacific Beach with Quinault Indian entertainment.
 - 15 Word is that the road from Point Grenville to Moclips will not be built until 1927 at earliest.
 - 21 Government declares war on bootleggers.

- 125 Years Ago – August 1900**
- 8 6,000 die as hurricane strikes Galveston, Texas.
 - 10 The people near Lake Quinault have commenced to dig their potatoes.
 - 15 Highlights of Quinaielt subagency report by Frank Terry:
 - The opening of the forest reserve and the contemplated allotment of the Quinaielt Reservation is even now bringing hundreds of adventurers thought the reservation. Friction between them and the Indians is inevitable
 - I have promoted the industry of basket making.
 - 17 A geographic survey party is now in Queets Valley.
 - 18 A Frenchman named Perskyi puts Latin and Greek words together to come up with “Television”.
 - 24 Small boys in Montesano are causing considerable annoyance at the rail depot when the train comes in. Parents should keep their boys home.
 - 31 J. Pluvius (heavy rainfall) drives Westport visitors away.

- 250 Years Ago – August 1775**
- 15 Crew of the Santiago attempts to seize two Indians (near Queets) they thought they recognize from the massacre of July 14.
 - 16 (or 17) Hezeta maps mouth of a large bay (mouth of the Columbia River) and names it Bahía de la Asunción.
 - 23 George III declares the American colonies to be in state of rebellion.



Dwarf lupine blankets much of the landscape below the mountain. To see these photos in color, go online and type “Nugquam” in the search box..



A section of the road being built to access Spirit Lake and the Intake tunnel.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday				
01 Pedro A. Panit	07 Henry E. Gillette Jr.	13 Alexander Sufficool	20 Abraham Ortiz	28 Nenita Winona DeLaCruz
01 Amy L. Salas	07 Tanya Ward	13 Tazik Sansom	20 Nora Evans Charles	28 Cyler Edwards
01 Edward J. Hobucket	07 Ruby Doreen Pope	14 Milton G. Obi "Walnuts"	20 Christopher Thomas Jr.	28 Jadee A. Black
01 Anthony E. Parnel	07 Lyndsi James	14 Dale H. Oya	20 Madisen LaCour	28 Cougar Capoeaman
01 Tashina K. Bryson	07 Joseph A. Bryan	14 Ringo A. Comenout	21 Alice Johnstone	29 Nina C. Webster
01 Justin Parker	07 Mililani L. Winn	14 Rachelle Bruce	21 Matthew B. Harp	29 Joseph S. Whetung
01 Lee R. Black	07 Olivia M. Howtopat	14 Rion Ramirez Jr.	21 Christopher A. Cherry	29 Robert L. Jackson
01 Claudia S. Saavedra	07 Gabriella Robinson	14 Mackenzie T. Capoeaman	21 Julie R. Hall	29 Clifford M. Northup
01 Gage C. Frank	07 Danielle John-Hall	14 Greyson J. Halstead	21 Twila Thomas	29 Jacqueline P. Poplin
01 Derick D. Pickernell	08 Carl D. Colegrove	14 Samarra M. Lewis	21 Darrin L Hawks Jr.	29 Sarah Little Owl Lemieux
01 Danerys Warne	08 Andra R. Baybarz	14 Alliannah Ebling	21 Takoda A. Johnson	29 Kimberlie J. Prigmore
01 Anthony Lehman Jr.	08 Gail A. McCord	14 Jimetta Myszewski	21 Lena Anderson	29 Jesse L. Kowoosh
01 Isiah Corwin	08 Jose S.E. Romero	15 Jo Ann Gill	22 Timothy C. James	29 James A. Peterson
02 Brenda L. Ehrhard	08 Larry P. Kaiama	15 Lisa M. Bryan	22 John O. Bryson Jr.	29 Nakeah Rae McCrory
02 Mandy R. Hudson-Howard	08 Jacqueline Cheney	15 Mandy R. Frank	22 Matthew Brown	29 Nohealani L. Mendoza
02 Robert J. Northup	08 Nevaeh Jackson	15 Stefanie R. Weber	22 Mark A. Christopherson	29 Brittany Thomas
02 Marjorie Cardwell	08 Timothy James Jr.	15 Cecil Moses Capoeaman	22 Jason S. Black	29 Daniel K. Leithold
02 Devin Allen James	08 Trinity C. Bighead	15 Charlie E. Bighead	22 Astra Howtopat	29 Julia A. Lemieux-Swift
03 Verla R. Hanway	08 James A. DeLaCruz	15 Eva Itterley	22 Christine Johnstone-Trump	29 Aaron M. Lano
03 Barbara C. Dillon	09 Lavonne M. Morgan	16 Sandra L. Klatush	22 Ryan Burnett	29 Kahea Cruz
03 Robert C. Youckton	09 Neil W. Kaiama	16 Shirley A. Atkins	22 Mekhi J.J. Mowitch Byoune	29 Ella Frank
03 Kenneth W. Corwin	09 Lester Dan	16 Tammy R. Bennett	22 Jayce A. Underwood-Newton	29 Damon Parnel
03 Angeline J. Frank	09 Nathan L. Cook	16 Elaine R. Frank	22 Robert John Curley	29 Jordan Tepole-Renteria
03 Billy Masten	09 Cole R. Overstake	16 Ronald J. Thomas	22 Beatris Prado	30 David L. Marx
03 Terri Masten	09 Aaliyah S. Whisenhunt	16 Michael T. Ward	22 Jaxson Van Every	30 Natalie E. Pickernell
03 August Lutz	09 Camden D. Cole	16 Lance L. Saunders II	22 Tobias Charlie-Whittaker	30 Christine A. Evon
03 Damon Sanchez	10 Joanne R. Culbertson	16 Devlin Howtopat	23 Marco J. Black	30 Erika V. Chambers
03 Juliana Sanchez	10 Juanita J. Thomas	16 Isaac Ellingson	23 Ashley N. Lewis	30 Atilano A. Cruz
03 Evonyi Azai	10 Frank L. Castillo Sr.	16 Jeffrey Earl Capoeaman Jr.	23 Jeremiah Obi Rivera	30 Gene Terry
04 Marlene C. James	10 Sean G. Klatush	16 Petra A. Law	23 Nicole Capoeaman	30 Ecko J. Capoeaman
04 Joseph E. Pulsifer	10 Venessa M. Schmidt	16 Steven L. Ancheta	23 Albert Smith Jr.	30 Teagan J. Brown
04 Gayla L. Taylor	10 Brittany R. Bryson	16 Jerry Jacobson	24 Lillian I. Johnstone	30 Donna Madsen
04 Robert A. Bighead	10 Wakeena DeLaCruz	17 Laura L. Winn	24 Katherine J. Ward	30 Eli T. Lewis
04 Fredrick Francis McCrory	10 Sophie Brady	17 Johnny A. Bumgarner	24 Terra S. Frank	30 Chancellor Crow
04 Shane Underwood	10 Kamea Currier	17 Thea J. Bumgarner	24 Justin Law	30 Hannah J. Haataia
04 Ryker William Porter	11 Carl G. Jackson "Shakey"	17 Kenneth "Cub" Hall	24 Daniel Raymond Malvini II	31 Julianne L. Obi
04 Asher S. Gosse	11 Robert C. Shale	17 Dazia L. Jack	24 Preston Vick	31 Stephanie L. Sotomish
04 Chasya R. Bighead	11 Monique M. Furman	17 Kyle S. Frank	24 Hadley E. Bamer	31 Joe P. A. Wong
04 Kylee Jade-Marie Tarabochia	11 Jordan S.R. Amacher	17 Miakoda S. Mason	24 Teiya M. Lewis	31 Baker Joseph Law
04 DEzBra Queetser Spirit Sansom	11 Isela L Garibay	17 Ellie Long	24 Katreena I Charley	31 Reese Lorton
04 Legend Rosander	11 Rayven Underwood	17 Emilia Mowitch	24 Sampson Oliver	31 Aiden Caswell
04 Sandro Curley	11 Kekoa D.A. Shale	17 Thor Sotomish	24 Isadora Oliver	31 Landon Comenout-Martin
04 Jada Juneau	11 Charlene A. Flores	17 Jeffery Devore	25 Neil C. Underwood "Bug Eyes"	
04 Selena Spears Rivera-Solorio	11 Jossilyn T. Arnold	17 Calvin Eller	25 Corra Bryan	Anniversaries
05 Ivan D. Cleveland	11 Tyler Mason	18 Charlotte E. Zahnle	25 Clarence A. Rosander Jr.	01 Darrel & Terry Pickett
05 Kimberly L. Tumbaga	11 Damien I. Rojas-Diaz	18 Amado Velador-Pickernell	25 Pearl K. Lano	01 Daniel & Aliza Brown
05 Crystal D. Anderson	12 Marie L. Velasquez	18 Trinity Flores	25 Gerald E. Charles	02 Stan & Kassandra Markishtum
05 Audie B. Huber	12 George C. Youckton	18 Jr Goodell	25 Ronald F. Sivonen	03 Fred & Lisa Lewis
05 Willow M. Bonga	12 Christina K. Stanton	18 Alyssa N. Hoxie	25 Shane G. Grundvig	05 Larry and Leomie Harwood
05 Matthew S. Hopmann	12 Richard L.A. Bruce	18 Logan G. Butler-Smith	25 Jesse James Martin	05 Robert & Melissa Veach
05 Izaiah Mowitch-Manywhitehorses	12 Stevie L. Charley	18 Maverick A. Collins	25 William D. Bryan	06 Harold and Marian Curley
05 Jalen L. Hobucket	12 Jose Buck	18 Makaila L. Boyer	26 Frank A. Pope	08 Christopher & Jacki Baller
05 Benjamin T. Morgan	12 Aleece Simone Capoeaman	18 Adeline Queetser Jean Sansom	26 Robert L. Panit	09 David & April Boling
05 Christian A. Lopez	12 Rex Rhoades	18 Sonny R. Ivey	26 Clarinda Underwood "Pies"	15 Alex & Tandi Meyjes
05 Jackalyn Heath	12 Owen Obi	18 Jordan Ortega	26 Robert D. Tweed Jr.	15 Michael & Marj Cardwell
06 James T. DeLaCruz Sr.	12 Nettie Mail	19 Donald Itterley Jr.	26 Rio Charley	15 Shawna & Robbie Brady
06 Diana Kay Stanton	12 Ethyn D. Chamberlain	19 Shawna Pope (Brady)	26 Rylan Ernsting	16 Ron & Patty John
06 Norma F. Corwin	12 Xela C. Kowoosh	19 Anthony Robert Law	26 Elizabeth J. Capoeaman	19 Francis & Tekie Rosander
06 Sonya M. Sanders	13 James O. Nickell	19 Daniel W. Krauth	27 Joseph C. Sellers	21 Billy & Whitney Stuefin
06 Alaina J. Capoeaman	13 Joseph R. Kintanar	19 Kariana L. Fowler	27 Michael R. Cardwell	22 Chuck & Cari Logan
06 Garrison K. Wheeler	13 Juli A. Jones	19 Leona K. Winn	27 Elfreida L. Waugh	23 Buddy & Amber Williams
06 Kerri R. Corwin	13 Melinda E. Underwood "Kerri"	19 Aria Greene	27 Anthony D. Capoeaman	25 Larry & Lorna Morgan
06 Sophia M. Hipp	13 Benjamin A. Kautz Jr.	20 Hammond L. Lewis	27 Melissa J. Berg	28 Chuck & Julie Burnett
06 Venessa R. Hipp	13 Randy C. Malapitan	20 Vickie J Cherry	27 Jade Charley	31 Jim and Stefanie Stanley
06 Lynn Cheney	13 Sela Anne Kalama	20 Helen D. Shale	27 Patrick Billie	
06 Sheri Bryan	13 Kahn Pope	20 Daniel G. Papp Jr.	27 Neah Lorton	
06 Bentley B. Kowoosh	13 Sophia R. Hill	20 Wesley A. Frank	28 Blanche K. 'Pokie' Woodruff	
06 Jamaal Knaus	13 Lilo S. James	20 Dora M. Brings Yellow	28 Carla J. Purdy	
	13 Keoni C. James	20 Dillon Estavillo	28 Andrew W. Comenout	

Happy workversary to:
Jim Hargrove for Aug 1 – 48 years
Caprice Fasano Aug 13 – 13 yrs
Justine James Jr Aug 26 - 34 years

Happy birthday to:
Tyler Jurasin Aug 1
Thea Bumgarner Aug 17
Catrina Bean Aug 19
Corrie Rushford Aug 30
From all of us @ QDNR

Special Wishes

No charge for a wish.
\$5.00 per photo (Payable at QIN Revenue)
September deadline: noon August 19th
Send submissions to:
Catherine.raya@quinault.org

Happy birthday to Baby Kerri, Malania, Joseph, Sonny, Daniel, Clarinda and Grandpa Gene

Love,
your family



Happy birthday Landon!
Hope your day is full of many blessings!
Love us always,
Comenout-Martin Family

August 16, 2025
Happy 39th birthday Shawn Rowe(Mason)
We love you,
Chyrstina, Shawn Jr. and Cameron Rowe

August 26, 2025
Happy 28th birthday to my son, Rio Charley
I am so proud of you and all of your accomplishments in life.
I love you!

Happy 9th birthday to my beautiful niece Kaheah Cruz, hope you enjoy your birthday, and we all love you!
Love auntie, grandma and everyone!

Quinault Beach Resort and Casino Celebrates 25 years



The ribbon cutting in 2000. Left to right: QIN Secretary Gina James, QIN Treasurer Virginia BringsYellow, Miss Teen Quinault Shawna Pope, QIN President Pearl Capoeman-Baller, and Miss Quinault Angeline Cheney. Photos by Larry Workman



The Ribbon Cutting in 2025: Holding ribbon Mark Parker QBRC General Manager. Current QIN Treasurer Hannah Curley, Current QIN Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, former-QIN Councilman Harold Charles, former QIN President Pearl Capoeman-Baller, 2022 Miss Quinault Violette Capoeman and Gaming Commission Chairwoman Alice Morris.



The Quinault drummers and dancers preform the wolf dance.



Quinault members and guests enjoyed the brunch buffet.



The 50-foot long banner on the side of the casino celebrating 25 years since the opening. Photo by Larry Workman

On June 30th, the QIN celebrated the 25th anniversary of QBRC with a brunch for Quinault members and their guests from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

At 1:00 pm there was a reenactment of the original ribbon cutting. Former Miss Quinault Violette sang a welcome song, which was followed by Quinault dancers and drummers. Pearl Capoeman-Baller talked about the resort and how it has benefited the community over the years, before cutting the ribbon.

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- TUESDAYS: Hot Seat winners pick to win up to \$500 gas cards
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