



Quinault Business Committee Lobbies State Legislature on Priorities

By Marie Sullivan, QIN state lobbyist

Members of the Quinault Business Committee traveled to Olympia for their annual Lobby Days in February.

The team met with Governor Bob Ferguson’s leadership and policy team, Commissioner of Public Lands Dave Upthegrove, Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, and agency directors from the departments of Commerce, Ecology and Fish & Wildlife.

They also met with 24 state legislators to advocate for the Nation’s 2025 legislative priorities.

“Spending time in Olympia has led to more than \$50 million for the Nation in just the past two years alone,” said President Guy Capoean.

“Our requests this year are much smaller to recognize their budget challenges and focused on keeping the momentum going for relocation in Queets and Taholah.”

Legislators and state leaders were positive about the four budget priorities, which include:

- \$1.8 million to clear Allotment 100;
- \$1.5 million for architectural designs and engineering for a Long House;
- \$500,000 to remove struc-

tures in the lower village;

- \$375,000 to purchase a truck to transport fish during low river flows and to protect stocks.

The backdrop of the financial prospects of the state are that the operating budget is facing a projected \$10 billion to \$14 billion shortfall, the capital budget is about \$400 million upside down from anticipated expenditures, and the transportation budget has significant fiscal challenges. Still, members of the QBC said they thought their requests were well received.

“With three of the four priorities included in former Governor Jay Inslee’s capital budget, most lawmakers said that was a good start for where we need to be,” said 3rd Councilman John Bryson, Jr.

“We just need to keep the pressure on and hope they recognize that we are spending the money they give us and are a good investment.”

The next state revenue forecast is March 18, and House and Senate budget proposals will be released soon after. The 105-day session is scheduled to finish by April 27.



Attending the annual Lobby Days were Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, Treasurer Hannah Curley, and council members Brittany Bryson, John Bryson, Jr., Ryan Hendricks, Tyson Johnston, Kristeen Mowitch Sellers, Jim Sellers, QNEB COO Tony Enzler and QIN COO M'Liss DeWald. Photo by Marie Sullivan, QIN state lobbyist



Members of the QBC met with Secretary of State Steve Hobbs February 20 to discuss improving Native American engagement in elections and their 2025 legislative priorities. **Front row:** M'Liss DeWald (COO), Mandy Hudson-Howard, Brittany Bryson. **2nd row:** Ryan Hendricks, Kristeen Mowitch Sellers, Guy Capoean, Steve Hobbs. **Back row:** Jim Sellers, Marie Sullivan. Photo credit: Secretary of State's Office



State Speaker of the House Laurie Jenkins, D-Tacoma, and Tribal Liaison Amy Ruble listen to QIN President Guy Capoean as he shared the progress made on the funding received in the 2023-25 biennium. Also attending the annual Lobby Days were Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, Treasurer Hannah Curley, and council members Brittany Bryson, John Bryson, Jr., Ryan Hendricks, Tyson Johnston, Kristeen Mowitch Sellers, and Jim Sellers. Photo by Marie Sullivan

The Quinault Indian Nation marks 50 Years of Our Constitution

By Jennifer McCrory - Nugguam and Communications Assistant

On March 22, 1975, the Quinault Indian Nation adopted our current constitution, which has been amended nine (9) times since that date between 1986 and 2022. Prior to the adoption of the

1975 Constitution, the tribe was governed by the original 1922 Bylaws, which on May 22, 1965, the Tribal Council of the Indians of the Quinault Indian Reservation “declared the foregoing to incorporate

all amendments approved by the Council through Mary 22, 1965, and to be official text of the Bylaws of the Tribal Council of the Indians of the Quinault Indian Reservation.” (Signed by James Jackson,

President & Frederick Saux, Secretary). Without having the original 1922 Bylaws, it is difficult to determine what changes were made through the amendment process, but by reading some of the cor-

respondence between the Quinault elected leaders and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, it was important to the tribe that their constitution was not going to be under the Indian

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The Annual Quinault General Council
March 28 and 29, 2025

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Quinault Child Support Services Program hereby notifies the Respondent, Jason Lyons that their presence is required on March 18, 2025 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Quinault Child Support Services Program hereby notifies the Respondents, Payton Miller & Chee-Shep Nelson, that their presence is required on March 18th 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Quinault Family Services Department hereby notifies Renato Villa Villa, Sr. that his presence is required on 3/18/2025 at 1:00 p.m. for a hearing on a petition for MINOC relating to children born to Patricia Howtopat on 5/24/2016. This hearing will occur in the Quinault Children's Court in Taholah, Grays Harbor County, Washington. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may conduct the hearing in your absence and it may result in the petition being granted. For more information, please call (360) 276-8215, ext. 2222 or 1402.

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Quinault Business Committee Meeting Schedule

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

March 10th
March 24th

Legislative Sessions:
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
March 12th-13th (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
March 3rd and 17th 10:00 a.m.
Noreen Underwood – Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Tyson Johnston, Brittany Bryson, Ryan Hendricks

Natural Resource & Community Development Subcommittee
March 3rd and 17th 1:00 p.m.
Tyson Johnston – Chair
Noreen Underwood, James Sellers, John Bryson

Prosperity, Health & Human Services Subcommittee
March 4th and 18th 10:00 a.m.
Brittany Bryson – Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Gina James- Kristeen Mowitch

Education & Community Services Subcommittee
March 4th and 18th 1:00 p.m.
Kristeen Mowitch – Chair
Gina James, James Sellers, John Bryson, Ryan Hendricks

Fisheries Monthly Committee Meetings

Ocean
1st Tuesday of every month
10:00 a.m.

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
2nd Tuesday of every month
4:30 p.m.

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Office of the President

Fiber to the Home in Queets - Building a Connected Community



We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Fiber to the Home (F T T H) project in Queets, made possible through government approved grant funding. This transformative initiative will bring high-speed internet access directly to homes in Queets, empowering the community with enhanced connectivity for education, healthcare, business, and more.

Phase 1: Using the Existing Microwave Backbone

The first phase of this project will utilize the existing microwave backbone to deliver fiber connectivity to homes in Queets. This strategic approach ensures efficient use of current infrastructure while providing immediate benefits to residents. Key components of Phase 1 include:

- Fiber to the Home, High speed fiber connections directly to individual households, ensuring fast and reliable internet access.
- The Telecom Shelter will serve as the new Central Hub, acting as the primary location for network distribution. It will house critical equipment and systems essential for managing and maintaining the community’s communication infrastructure.
- Backup Generator. Equipped with up to a 10-day runtime, the generator will ensure uninterrupted communication services even during extended power outages or severe weather conditions.

Building for Resilience

The telecom shelter and

central hub are designed to withstand the challenges of the region’s inclement weather. With robust backup power and modern infrastructure, this project will provide a reliable and resilient communication network for Queets.

Benefits to the Community

- Provide faster, more reliable internet access to Queets residents.
- Enhance educational opportunities and access to online learning tools.
- Expand telehealth services, enabling improved healthcare options.
- Ensure robust communication systems for emergency services, keeping the community safe.
- Provide services during inclement weather.

Phase 2: Looking Ahead

As we complete Phase 1, plans for a second phase are already in motion. Phase 2 aims to secure additional grant funding to establish a permanent fiber connection from the highway to Queets. This future expansion will provide long term sustainability and capacity for growth, further strengthening the community’s digital infrastructure.

We are excited to embark on this journey to enhance connectivity in Queets. Stay tuned for updates as we progress with Phase 1 and lay the groundwork for the next steps in building a stronger, more connected community! The project timeline is set from February 2025 to October 2025.

Siokwil,

Guy Capoeman

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Reorganization Act of 1934, which would have required approval of the BIA for future amendments. In one of the amendments to the original Bylaws, the Business Council added more council positions, and one added adopting enrollment criteria to create the Quinault membership roll. Previously, the BIA conducted annual Indian Census counts to determine which tribe individuals belonged to, and how many known Indians there were at a certain point in time.

For the 1975 Constitution, most of the amendments addressed enrollment issues including adoption procedures and disenrollment of adopted members. Other issues dealt with qualifications for Councilmembers (two amendments adding the Queets positions), and in 2005 in Article II, Section 6 – Disenrollment, it was amended to add grounds for disenrollment. In 2009, the General Council amended

Article III - General Council, Section 3 – Meetings: (a) to add Friday as the first day of General Council. The next time it was amended was in March of 2012 to make changes to adoption under Article II – Enrollment. The most recent change came in September of 2022, which was a major overhaul of enrollment; we moved to descendency and eliminated adoptions, and after September 10, 2023, a person who otherwise qualifies shall be eligible only if application for enrollment is made within five calendar years after his or her birth.

Currently, there is a mandate from the 2024 General Council to review the proposed Constitutional amendments that were presented at that meeting, but with the agenda that is published for the 2025 Annual General Council meeting, it appears that will not be brought back to this year’s meeting as directed.

ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 28 and 29th

- General Session Items must be submitted to the Tribal Secretary by Lunch on March 29, 2025.
- Recommended to bring Tribal ID to assist in expediting Registration.
 - If Tribal ID is expired call the Enrollment Office for update 360-276-8211 ext. 7219
- Senior Class of 2025 will have concessions, so there will not be any sack meals on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please support the Senior Class in their fundraising efforts.
- Lunch will be provided on March 29, 2025.

Proposed

2025 Annual Quinault General Council Agenda

Friday March 28, 2025

Taholah School Gymnasium

12:00pm	Registration Opens
1:00pm	Meeting called to order by President Capoeman - Invocation - Approval of Agenda with Rules of the Day
ANNUAL REPORTS: ENTERPRISES & ENTITIES	
1:05pm	Quinault Housing Authority – Mariah Ralston, Director
1:35pm	Quinault Nation Enterprise Board Includes: Quinault Pride, Taholah Mercantile, Queets Trading Post, Q-Mart, Quinault Solutions and Quinault Land and Timber Enterprise, and Quinault Beach Resort and Casino.
3:30pm	Fish Committees Reports - Over All Fish & Game - Quinault River - Queets River - Off Reservation - Ocean
4:00pm	Prosperity, Health & Human Services Sub-Committee
4:20pm	Justice & Governance Sub-Committee
4:40pm	Education & Community Services Sub-Committee
5:00pm	Natural Resources & Community Development Sub-Committee
5:20pm	Miss Quinault/QIN Royalty
5:30pm	Forensic Investigation Presentation
6:30pm	Adjourn

Proposed

2025 Annual Quinault General Council Agenda

Saturday March 29, 2025

Taholah School Gymnasium

8:00am	Registration Opens
9:00am	Meeting called to order by President Capoeman - Invocation - Posting of Colors - Approval of Agenda with Rules of the Day - Approval of 2024 General Council Minutes
9:30am	Reading and Acceptance of Enrollment acceptance, denied, relinquish.
10:15am	State of the Nation, President’s Report (15 min. Q&A)
11:00am	Financial Report, Treasurer (15 min. Q&A)
11:45am	Lunch
1:00pm	Call the Meeting back to order Secretary reads accepted General Session items
1:15pm	Elections - Follow Rules of the Day - Treasurer 5th Councilman 6th Councilman 7th Councilman

General Session items must be submitted to Secretary Hudson-Howard by Lunch Break to be considered for the agenda.

General Session items will take place during elections

Please contact Mandy Hudson-Howard, Tribal Secretary for General Session submissions or information regarding the meeting. (360)276-8211 ext. 2555 or email: mhhoward@quinault.org

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Adele Gail (Russell) Bighead

December 4, 1965 - February 3, 2025

Adele was born in Tacoma WA on December 4, 1965, to Alfred Leo Russell and Gloria Gail Lewis. She was a member of the Quinault Indian Nation. Her family included four children, Larry and Charles Russell of Hoquiam, Dwayne and Samantha Bighead of Tacoma. Her siblings were Lola Lewis of Tacoma, Naomi Curley of Cartright, ND, Fredrick Lewis of Marquette, MI, Kathleen Lewis of Neah Bay, and Gloria Miranda of Aberdeen. Adele had seven grandchildren with one great grandchild on the way.

Adele passed away on February 3, 2025, in Hoquiam. The viewing was February 17, at 7:000 pm at the Taholah Shaker Church, and a Celebration of Life was Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at noon at the Taholah Shaker Church. Chrissy Winn was the minister, and Rita Andrews was a guest speaker. A dinner followed at the Taholah Community Center.



Gerald “Juke” Lee Ellis

February 15, 1944 - February 10, 2025

Gerald “Juke” Ellis, a lifelong resident of Taholah passed away on February 10, 2025. He was born in Aberdeen to Geraldine (George) and Cecil Ellis on February 15, 1944. His grandfather was Johnson George, and his grandmother was Elizabeth Charley.

Juke married Emma Kautz and together they raised five children: Mike, Robert, Douglas, Stanley Ellis, and Verna Ellis Sandoval Acosta. In addition to his children, Juke had 15 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. He was proceeded in death by his parents, his sons Mike and Robert, and daughter Verna. He had four siblings. Johnson Bastian, Cecily Ellis Snell, Roger and John Saux; all proceeded him in death also.

In a recent interview with the staff of the



Usual and Accustomed places. He said the QIN’s buy back of our land was the Nation’s greatest accomplishment, but still wanted the tribe to purchase every piece, many of which are the smaller parcels.

Juke cared deeply for the resources of the QIN; he loved feeding the eagles, especially at Wreck Creek. He knew it brought a lot of joy to others to see so many of the majestic birds up close.

The viewing was on February 20, 2025, and a Celebration of Life was held on February 21, at 10 a.m., with Charley Capoeman Officiating. Viewing and the Celebration were held at Coleman’s Mortuary in Hoquiam. A dinner followed at the Taholah Community Center.

Mike Taylor

We received word that Mike Taylor has passed away.

We have not received his obituary yet, but plan to publish it in the April issue of the *Nugguam*.

Mike was hired by the QIN in 1973 as the tribal attorney and spent a great deal of his time working on the Boldt Case.

He provided us a lengthy article in the March 2024 issue of the *Nugguam* (page 12 and 14) about turning points in the Boldt Trial from his perspective that were not include in several of the books that came out regarding the Boldt Decision.

When asked what was one of his proudest moments during his career, he said, “I was



involved in a lawsuit in the early ’70s about enforcement of a number of Indian treaties dealing with fishing rights in the Northwest. I was trial and appellate council for The Quinault Indian Nation in *United States v Washington*. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court. The Boldt Decision was a dramatic victory that changed how Indian tribal governments were dealt with under federal law. It had a huge range of impacts across Indian country and reverberated across North America, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere. I was only thirty at the time. For a young lawyer to be involved with that kind of a trial and that kind of a decision — and the ap-

pellate responses to that case in the Ninth Circuit and in the U.S. Supreme Court — was quite satisfying. That decision has had some pretty substantial impacts across the Northwest — western Washington and Oregon — in terms of various aspects of fishing and water and environment.”



Tribal funding caught in crossfire from Trump Administration

Part of an article by Mary Annette Pember - Indian Country Today (ICT)

Just two weeks after the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, President Donald Trump launched a series of executive orders and federal layoffs that have put billions of dollars in tribal funding back into the spotlight.

Nearly every tribe in Indian Country relies at least in part on the transformational self-determination act, known as Public Law 638. It helps fund essential services such as hospitals, health clinics, education, climate projects, agriculture, law enforcement, firefighting and other programs under the United States’ trust and treaty obligations.

Attorney Lloyd Miller, an Indian law expert, told ICT the act provided a monumental boost to tribal sovereignty.

“The statute is a powerful means, I would almost say a weapon, for tribes to seize back control of local government services,” said Miller, a partner at Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Monkman law firm.

Most tribes, however, also have opted to receive some direct federal funding for projects or services, which allows them to receive funds from the U.S. government while still having tribal oversight of the programs.

Both of those options, however, have been upended since Trump was sworn in on January 20th.

In his first day back in office, the Trump administration ordered a freeze of federal grants and loans, throwing into question whether so-called 638 contracts would be among the programs targeted. The Trump administration later rescinded the order, but tribes have reported ongoing problems accessing the funding for their programs.

Then, on Thursday, February 13, the Trump administration announced layoffs of hundreds of thousands of probationary federal employees across the U.S., including thousands working under the Indian Health Service, the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education and other agencies. Officials later rescinded the layoffs for IHS workers amid complaints they would be “catastrophic” for Native communities.

About two-thirds of tribal governments operate services entirely or partially under 638 contracts or compacts. Most also receive some direct funding as well.

Under the act, tribes assume control and funding over health, education, housing, governance and other programs. Prior to the passage of the act in 1975, tribes received services directly from the federal government, which determined the types and amounts of funding with little consultation from tribal citizens and leadership.

The 638 act, signed on January 4, 1975, requires the federal government to give tribes the same amount of money it had or would spend to operate a given program or service. If the tribe makes a request to take over a federal program serving its citizens, the government must agree.

Although there are various ways in which tribes can enter into 638 agreements with the government, the overall rules governing the process make clear that the 638 contracts are agreements between sovereign nations — tribal nations and the U.S. government.

Although the term 638 is often used to broadly describe both compacts and contracts, there is an important distinction. Compacted tribes have the freedom to consolidate federal programs and get lump-sum funding to administer them. Among the benefits of 638 agreements is the ability for tribes to move money from one program to another if necessary and to supplement funding through revenue from tribal businesses.

Indian policy experts agree that self-determination has been very successful for tribes and their citizens and has brought sustained economic development.

In 1970, the unemployment rate for Native people was 10 times the national average, and 40 percent of the Native population lived below the poverty line. Overall, federal spending per person on Native Americans was only two-thirds of the spending on the average non-Native U.S. citizen. In health, the comparable figure was 50 percent; in education, tribal funding was only 50-60 percent off the federal amount spent on mainstream education.

After the 1975 passage of the act, the rate of Native families in poverty declined by over 23 percent, according to a report by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

The average income for Native Americans living on reservation increased by 61 percent from 1989 until 2022, and crowded housing declined by nearly 50 percent between 1990 and 2010.

Experts attribute the growth to the increase in 638 services. The Administration for Native Americans, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, notes that the statute has meant greater authority for tribes over their governmental services and programs, with the ability to make decisions, control funds and allocate services where needed.

And tribal citizens aren’t the only people who benefit from self-determination programs. In rural areas, tribal entities may be among the top employers, and the 37 tribal colleges and universities in the U.S. attract many non-Native students.

Accessing the funds

The latest actions by the Trump administration, however, have created funding problems for tribes.

Since the Trump funding freeze was announced in January, however, tribes have had difficulty accessing the digital portals to receive reimbursement from the 638 funds, according to Native leaders who were not authorized to speak on behalf of individual tribes.

Even after a federal judge issued a sweeping order to free up the funds, tribes reported holdups in accessing the money.

“This is like nothing we’ve seen before,” said Aaron Payment, a board member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Michigan and a former vice president of the National Congress of American Indians. “The freeze is far more serious than the two-month government shutdown in 2015.”

‘Vulnerable position’

The layoffs announced on February 13th are believed to have impacted more than 3,500 workers across Indian Country. In addition to the 950 in the Indian Health Service, the layoffs targeted 2,600 workers at the Department of the Interior, 118 BIA workers, two positions in the Office of Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, and about half the Office of Tribal Justice at the Department of Justice.

What’s ahead

Miller cautioned that it is too early to fully understand the Trump administration’s decisions on tribes, and notes there’s no evidence that the administration set out to hurt tribes specifically with the recent actions.

“The new administration doesn’t even have people in place yet to begin making more granular decisions about what is appropriate,” he said.

He and Payment agree that the decision-making so far appears to reflect a lack of knowledge about tribes and the federal government’s trust and treaty obligations.

A coalition of national and regional Native organizations — including the National Congress of American Indians, Native American Rights Fund, National Indian Health Board, National Indian Education Association and the Indian Gaming Association — sent a letter to Trump and leaders in Congress calling on them to ensure that the United States’ trust and treaty obligations do not “become collateral damage in the Trump administration’s implementation of its other priorities such as limiting diversity, equity, inclusivity.”

On February 14th, Secretary of Health Robert F. Kennedy Jr. verbally rescinded the layoffs of 950 IHS employees just hours after the workers were told by phone that they were losing their jobs.

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Violet Capoeman crowned Miss Pacific Coast

Violette Capoeman was crowned Miss Pacific Coast 2025 at the Miss Grays Harbor Pageant. The title was revived this year but there hasn't been a title holder since 2007 for the crown. The title bears the same prestige and status as Miss Grays Harbor as they are both under the Miss America Organization. Violette received a \$5,000 scholarship and other awards that provided additional scholarships for: The Mentorship Award, Living Your Platform, People's Choice Dash for Cash, Miss Pacific Coast 2025 and the IGA, 'Together We Can' Scholarship. Violette will move on to compete at the

Photo by Keith Kruger for crowing photo

Miss Washington State competition in July of this year. Her Sponsors were Arch Beauty Collective, All that Glitters and Winn Seafoods.

Isabella Ramirez hit two milestones this season. She reached 1,000 points and Olympic League MVP. Her grandpa is the late Tom Grover. Her mother is and Michelle (Grover) Ramirez and all are Quinault Tribal members. Bella is pictured with her parents Rion and Michelle..

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

QUINAULT HOUSING AUTHORITY - HAF

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If you are a homeowner who is experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID pandemic, QHA may be able to help. The Homeownership Assistance Fund Program offers assistance with the following:

- Mortgage Payment Assistance
- Utility Service Payment Assistance
- Homeowner Repairs

To Qualify Applications Must:

- Provide proof of ownership
- Provide proof of QIN Enrollment
- Have experienced a financial hardship after January 21, 2020
- Turn in Completed Application
- Meet income requirements
- Live in the boundaries of Quinault Indian Reservation

EXAMPLE OF Homeowner Repairs:

Roofing, Weatherization, siding, electrical, heating, plumbing etc. The repair has to improve the habitability of your home. First Priority is Tribal Members living on reservation, elders 65 and older will have preference.

WE CAN ALSO HELP WITH:

Mortgage Assistance, Utility Assistance on QIN Reservation or zip codes 98562 or 98571

For More Information:
Contact - Julie Reed or other QHA Office Staff at
(360) 276- 4320 or email us - qha@quinault.org

CEDAR ROOT BUSINESS CENTER

Cedar Root Business Center is continuing to be open! We have some of our artist items on display, so come check us out when you can.

Services we offer

- Business Loans
- Micro Business Loans
- Financial Literacy
- Business Training Classes
- Business Support Services
- Technical Assistance.

Upcoming classes

- March 182 - Business Readiness
- March 3826 - Money 101 Mondays and Thursdays 12-2pm
- March 22 - Business Plan in a Day 8-4pm

Are you retired?

CRBC is looking for retired professionals to assist with our program. If you are a retired lawyer or accountant, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Questions?

If you have any questions about any of these events, or what we can do to help, feel free to contact Cat at catheriner@taalafund.org or call (360) 276-0118 and ask for Cat.

Craft Classes

CRBC is excited to announce that we will be offering classes in weaving, beading, ribbon skirt creation, and carving this year as part of our community outreach efforts. Stay tuned for these creative classes heading your way!

cedarrootbusinesscenter.com

Taholah High School Varsity Girls Basketball

From L to R: Standing - Coach Dramikha Jackson, Kiona Mail, Luvaila Smith, N'ayeli Ancheta, Helen Ramirez De La Paz, Noelani McCrory, Shirleymae Stafford, Maliah Pluff, Amara McCrory, Aurelia Ramirez De La Paz, Asst. Coach Shayleina Bastian. Front center: Keeliana McCrory.

Photo by Jennifer McCrory

Lake Quinault Management Plan

By Lauren Macfarland - Environmental Protection Department Manager



View of Lake Quinault from the north shore. Photo by Larry Workman



Quinault youth during CedarRoot School, July 2024. Left: Xavier Davis testing out his newly carved bow and arrow. Right: Omar Estrada using a cedar root bow drill to make fire. Photo by Kristen Phillips

Wildlife Youth Education Program

By Kristen Phillips

In October 2023, the wildlife departments of the partnering Olympic Cougar Project tribes received funds through an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant to provide outdoor and wildlife education opportunities to local tribal youth. The grant allows up to 60 tribal youth over three years (3-4 youth per tribe per year) to participate in a week-long outdoor/wilderness education course through Cedar-Root School and an animal track and sign certification through Cy-berTracker North America.

Each tribe’s wildlife department will also provide job shadowing opportunities to participat-

ing youth. In the summer of 2024, we implemented the first year of the Wildlife Youth Education Program.

Four Quinault youth participated in the program, learning skills such as fire making, shelter building, bow carving, wilderness first aid, and more during their week with CedarRoot School in July 2024. In September 2024, the youth participated in a level 1 CyberTracker Animal Track & Sign Evaluation, where a tracking specialist spent two full days with the youth, exploring tracks and signs encountered in the field.

This program will continue with new youth in summer 2025.



Quinault youth Kaylie Hendricks and other program participants examining river otter tracks during the Track & Sign certification. Photo by Kristen Phillips

Elk herd monitoring

By Kristen Phillips – Wildlife Section Manager

The Wildlife Section monitors elk populations on Quinault lands primarily by assessing elk herd composition and cow survival. Aerial herd composition surveys are a standard tool for monitoring elk populations. Composition is measured as ratios of the number of bulls per 100 cows and the number of calves per 100 cows. The Wildlife Section conducts these surveys in the early spring, after the hunting season (Figure 1). Post-season counts primarily reflect over-winter calf survival and expected recruitment into the yearling age class—a useful indicator of a herd’s population trend. Post-season surveys can also provide information on spike bull trends. Branched bull counts, however, are biased during these early spring surveys due to sexual segregation and should be interpreted with caution. We also compare the QIR elk composition ratios to those of other Roosevelt elk herds on the Olympic Peninsula. Roosevelt elk are more nutritionally limited and have lower reproduction than Rocky Mountain elk, thus tend to have lower calf:cow ratios. We consider whether elk on the QIR have calf:cow ratios (and, intuitively, similar reproduction and calf survival) that are similar to other Roosevelt elk populations on the peninsula.

Observed spring calf:cow ratios decreased from the prior year, from 31-32 calves per 100 cows to 28 calves per 100 cows. While this cow ratio is lower than our management objective, it is still within the



Elk observed during the annual spring herd composition survey, March 2024. Photo by Kristen Phillips

normal range of variation over the last ten years. Our 5-year average—31 calves per 100 cows—remains above our minimum objective for a population with an observed cow survival rate of approximately 88-90%. Objective spring (post-hunt) bull:cow ratios should range from 12 to 20 bulls to 100 cows. Our observed spring 2024 bull:cow ratios remained low at 5 bulls per 100 cows. As previously mentioned, bull ratios from spring surveys should be used with caution—however, we can compare observed spring bulls’ ratios across years and gain inference on trends in bull numbers. The last three survey years have yielded bull:cow ratios that are much lower than prior years.

In 2023 and 2024, the Wildlife Section captured and collared 16 branched bull elk to assess bull survival on the QIR after low observed bull:cow ratios during our spring composition surveys. As of January 2025, six of the bulls remain alive. Of the 8 bull mortalities, 4 were confirmed hunter harvests, 3 were hunter wounded (one cougar predation with evidence of bullet wound, and two with no evidence of predation but with bullet entry and exit wounds). One died of a natural accident—broke his neck while attempting to jump over a log. Two bulls currently have unknown status, as their collars have stopped transmitting and we have been unable to locate them via radio telemetry.

Quinault Dungeness Crab Fishery Tops \$20 million for First Time

Joe Schumacker, Quinault Department of Fisheries

The Nation’s 2024-2025 Dungeness crab fishery opened on December 29, 2024, when a series of storms that lasted throughout December finally dissipated. Crab tests conducted by Quinault Fisheries staff showed them to be in good market condition earlier in the month, but the fishery was not open until ocean conditions came down enough for safe fishing. Twenty-nine Quinault vessels began laying crab pots in the ocean and Grays Harbor and first landings came to the dock on December 30.

Quinault crabbers experienced an unprecedented streak of good ocean weather during January 2025. A persistent high-pressure system led to clear skies, cold weather and calm seas, in other words, great crabbing weather. The weather remained calm throughout January with some snow showing at the begin-

ning of February. But even following the unusual snow event, at least some Quinault crabbers were able to land crab at the docks in Westport every day from December 30, 2024, through February 22, 2025, a remarkable 55 consecutive days of fishing.

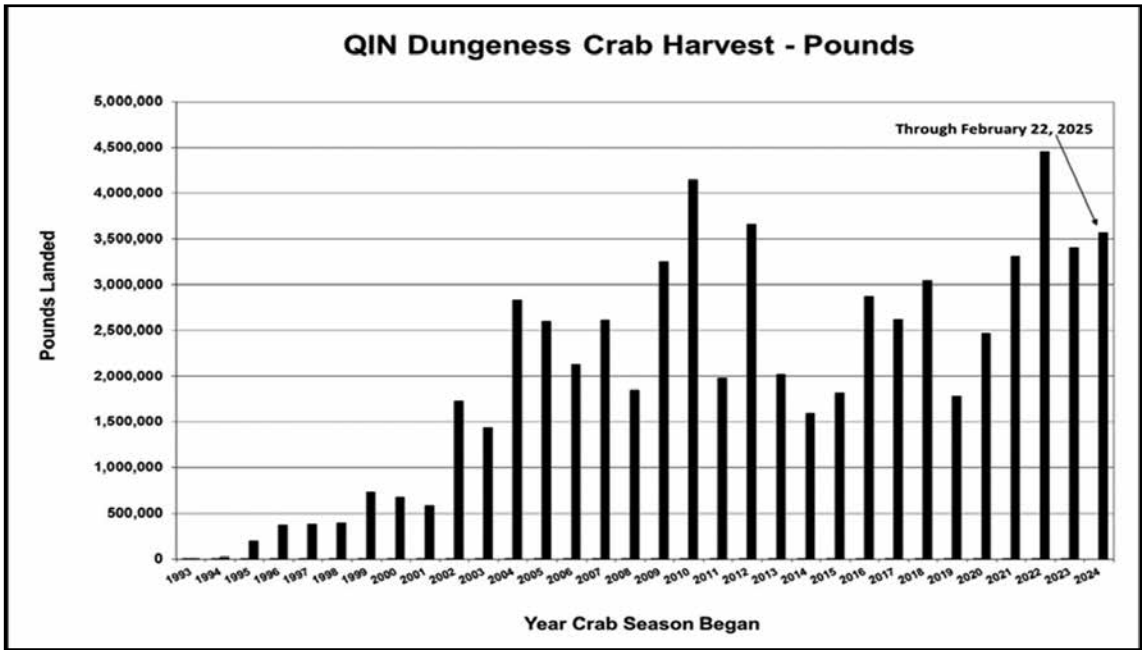
The extraordinary weather conditions were accompanied by another year of good crab abundance and unusually high prices. The Quinault fleet landed over 3,000,000 pounds of crab by February 5 and over 3.5 million pounds by February 15, 2025. Prices paid to the crabbers ranged from a low of \$5.50 per pound early in the fishery to \$7.10 per pound most recently. The resulting total value paid to Quinault crabbers was over \$20 million by February 8 and still climbing.

Success in this fishery has not come easy. Quinault

fishers have been historically challenged by high costs to enter the fishery, hazardous working conditions, a steep learning curve to learn the trade, unpredictable weather, crab abundance and price,

finding good crew members, maintaining vessels and dealing with skyrocketing costs of fuel, equipment and bait. Over time, Quinault skippers have increased their ability to find crab resulting in increased

landings, but every season is different, some can be better and others can be extremely challenging for even the best of them. This season is going to be a historic one for Quinault crabbers!



Quinault, Queets and Clearwater River Restoration

By Dave Bingaman - QDNR Director

Upper Quinault River Restoration Plan

QIN has been receiving \$2 million biennially from the Washington Legislature for work on the Upper Quinault River Restoration Plan (UQR-RP). The implementation of the plan began in 2008. In FY23 the legislature provided \$2 million for this effort, which in part restores State Aquatic lands. With the resignation of the staff member facilitating and achieving the restoration plan, other staff, including the director, needed to step in and keep the project moving. The continued procurement of materials and construction of the engineered logjams progressed as desired, so this phase of the restoration was completed as scheduled. Additionally, planning for the next couple of years of restoration continued with consultant Natural Systems Design (NSD). QIN staff, NSD and the Wild Salmon Center collaborated to prepare and submit a \$3 million grant request to NOAA for additional funds for restoration work. QIN was awarded the funds near the end of FY24 and will begin work



The Clearwater River is a large tributary of the Queets River. There are more that 125 miles of stream drainage in this watershed. *Photo by Larry Workman*

in FY25 to complete another phase of the restoration.

Staff and consultants also submitted a grant request to the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative (WCRI) for \$2 million for restoration facilitated through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). We were ranked favorably to receive funds according to historic funding levels of the state legislature but will not know if

we will receive the funds until the legislature in 2025 allocate adequate funding.

Queets-Clearwater Basin Restoration

QIN allocated approximately \$5.4 million of the 2015 Fishing Disaster Funding from NOAA for restoration in the Queets-Clearwater Basin. A large part of the funding was dedicated to funding consultants to gather data and complete a very robust watershed analysis as a foundation to determine priority areas for restoration. This work was completed in mid-FY24. Additionally, Phase 2 of the Shale Creek Restoration Plan was completed with wood placement in an approximate 2-mile reach of Shale Creek. Shale Creek is a tributary to the Clearwater River. This was a very ambitious endeavor with the need to procure hundreds of logs and to set up several

400-pound rock collars to hold the wood in place, all of which was flown in by helicopter in a 6 day span to complete the project. Natural Systems Design, Quinault Valley Forestry, Olympic Resources, LLC and Columbia Helicopters all participated on the project with QIN consultant Dan Eastman facilitating the process for QIN. The restoration project was conducted on The Nature Conservancy land, who also partnered in the project. Although it begun in FY23 the work was completed in very early FY24.

After the project was completed, QIN staff worked with Natural Systems Design, Trout Unlimited and The Nature Conservancy to collaborate and prepare a grant request for continued restoration of the Queets-Clearwater watershed for \$17 million offered through NOAA. We were not awarded the requested \$17

million but were awarded \$10 million in late FY24. Work will begin with these funds in FY25 and use much of the rock stockpiled in early FY24.

Also, for the Queets-Clearwater work we assembled and submitted a grant request for \$3.524 million under the Salmon Recovery Funding Board process for the Targeted Initiative Grant round. We ranked very high on the project and will likely be awarded the grant in FY25 dependent upon funding allocated by the state legislature.

Richard Brocksmith of Brocksmith Consulting serves as the Lead Entity Coordinator under contract to QIN and leads the restoration coordination for the Lead Entity. Dan Eastman, a prior QIN Fisheries employee, is under contract to QIN to lead QIN’s restorations in the Queets-Clearwater River drainage and the Quinault River.

QDNR Forestry Highlights

Harvest

The Harvest Section recently auctioned the allotted “Bitcoin” unit, strung along potions of US 101 just outside of Queets. Logging will include timber adjacent to the highway (near the Queets-Clearwater School), so be prepared to see traffic flaggers on portions of the highway while operations are underway.

Two training opportunities which were facilitated by the BIA and planned for attendance by Harvest Section staff in February and March were cancelled because of recent travel restrictions for federal employees.

Suzanne Spigler, a 30-year QIN employee has announced that she will be retiring at the end of February. Suzanne has been with the Forestry Dept. for 20 years as a clerk, assisting our staff foresters with records maintenance and correspondence with allottees. Our thanks and congratulations to Suzanne!

Forest Development

The seed orchard doubled last year’s Douglas-fir and western white pine seed yields and nearly tripled the western hemlock seed yield. These higher-than-average yields are attributed to an unseasonably dry spring, which allowed for better than average pollination. However, our current and projected seed yields are not adequate to cover the Nation’s seed needs for replanting the acres we harvest. We are exploring buying into an existing seed orchard to cover our short-term needs and developing a plan for expanding our current seed orchard or developing a new seed orchard to align with our long-term strategy to ensure we have an adequate supply of sustainable, locally sourced, genetically improved seed. Currently Mitch Bumgarner and Rebecca Rollins are gearing up for tree breeding season.

Tree nursery contracts have been finalized to grow seedlings for reforestation on the Reservation. Three of the nurseries selected have proven track records of producing outstanding quality seedlings for the Nation. We have had issues with elk browse in some of our newly planted stands, so this year we have opted to contract with a new nursery that specializes in

coating seedlings with Trico (pronounced tree-co). Trico is a natural sheep fat-based coating that is applied to seedlings to deter deer and elk from grazing on newly planted seedlings. These Trico coated seedlings will be planted in stands with high likelihood of herbivory.

The 2025 planting season is getting underway. There will be 37 harvest units totaling 1,517 acres with 581,578 trees planted. The ownership breakdown is 1,143 Tribal acres, 277 Tribal trust acres, and 96 fee acres. One planting contract was awarded based on their competitive pricing, efficiency, and excellent past survival performance.

Precommercial thinning (PCT) season is in full swing. PCT is an important step in managing healthy forests because it removes unmerchantable or defective trees and redistributes growth to the crop trees. PCT also helps manage stand density and ensures we maintain a rich diversity of species. We have two PCT contracts comprising 1,422 acres, of which 257 acres are complete. QIN has received grant funding from NRCS to cover 100% of the cost.

Technical Services

The Individual Tree Inventory project delivered all intermediate GIS data and is currently being evaluated for compliance.

The Forest Inventory Year-end update was completed.

In support of the land acquisition efforts of the Nation, 44 individual allotment reports and valuations were completed.

Drone projects were flown and processed for the northeast neighborhood, water tower, harvest depletion units, timber trespass, cedar salvage progress, and white pine bough theft.

Field work and value determination were completed for the white pine bough theft investigation on the Reservation.

A new Section 106 Cultural Resources contract was executed to ensure cultural resources are protected during the timber sale process. Surveys will be conducted by archaeologists in the next coming month.

Olympic Cougar Project



The six target species captured by game cameras on the QIR in spring and summer 2024. Clockwise from top left: Roosevelt Elk, black-tailed deer, black bear, coyote, bobcat, and cougar.

The QIN is a formal collaborator on a large, landscape-scale project called the Olympic Cougar Project (OCP): a research partnership between six tribal Nations and Panthera, a non-profit large cat research organization. The OCP has tree overarching goals: estimate abundance and capacity building; assess wildlife connectivity to lower Cascadia; and fill a data gap in cougar ecology (residents vs. dispersers). The first goal was implemented by deploying over 530 cameras across the Olympic Peninsula, with the intent of using a novel method to estimate large mammal densities that does not require unique identification of individual animals. In October and November 2023, we pulled the 173 cameras on our QIR

and Wynoochee camera grids for image collection and processing. In spring 2024, we redeployed our 96-camera QIR for a third sampling season. For this third season, we are deploying the cameras year-round (in previous years cameras were only deployed from May through October). Throughout FY24, Wildlife Section staff conducted over 188 camera station checks across our two grids, during which camera cards were changed out and camera batteries were replaced as needed.

The second goal of the OCP is to collar dispersing subadult cougars and use their movement data to assess habitat connectivity for large mammals in southwest Washington, with a particular focus on permeability of large

highways. Most large mammal populations on the Olympic Peninsula are genetically isolated; improving landscape connectivity for these animals would promote genetic exchange, increased genetic diversity, and improved health of wild large mammal populations. Throughout FY24, the Quinault Wildlife Section captured and collared 10 cougars within Quinault’s traditional hunting areas: Three on-reservation and seven off-reservation. Dispersing subadult cougars’ movements are being used to test and validate existing expert-based models of landscape wildlife habitat connectivity and permeability and help identify potential locations for future crossing structures.

Coastal
Interpretive
Center



The Coastal Interpretive Center (CIC), located in Ocean Shores, is dedicated to engaging all residents and visitors of Grays Harbor in our shared outdoors. By sharing our cultural and natural histories, we aim to inspire stewardship of our collective resources.

In 2025, we're working in schools, outdoors, and across the region. Want to join us as a volunteer? You can help the CIC at trailheads, on guided walks, in the classroom, and at our museum. Email Education Manager, Becky Sitt: bstitt@interpretivecenter.org

The Taholah School District #77 is seeking applicants for a Vacant School Board Director

The Taholah School District is seeking to appoint a School Board Director to fill a vacant position whose term ends November 2025.

Application Process

If you are interested in applying for the vacant Director position, please complete the application form. Community members may also be nominated candidates, provided the nominees are registered voters residing in the Taholah School District.

- Application Period: January 21, - May 28, 2025
- Board Candidate Interviews: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, during a Special Session Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Selection Announcement: The appointed board member will be announced at the conclusion of the May 28, 2025, board meeting.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Reside within the boundaries of the Taholah School District.
- Be a registered voter within district boundaries.
- Be a U.S. citizen.

For the Application or for any questions, please contact:

Dr. Herman Lartigue Jr.
360-276-4780
Email: hlartigue@taholah.org

Public Notice

Quinault Planning Commission

April 7, 2025 –5:00 pm

Public Hearing: Taholah School District 25-LU-01

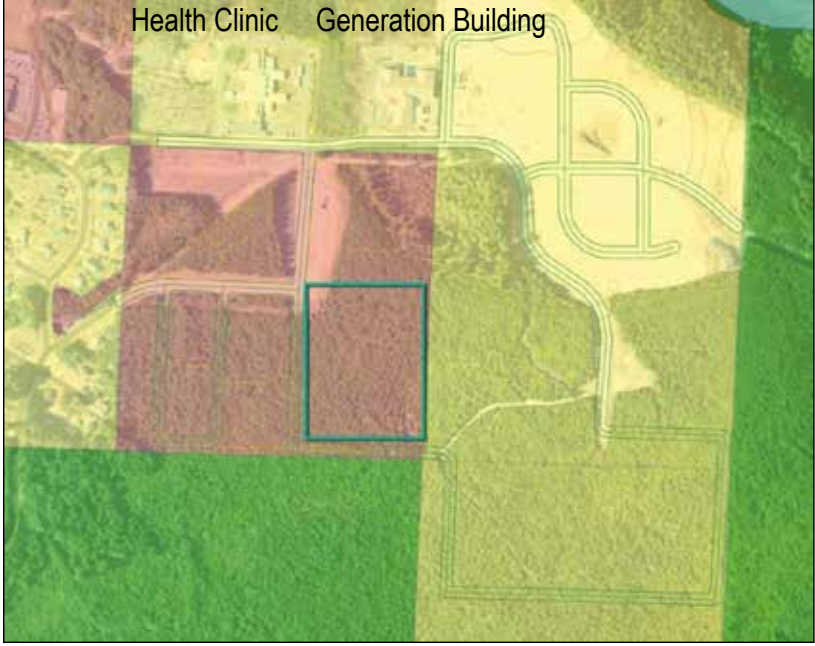
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quinault Indian Nation has applied for a Zoning Change pursuant to Quinault Indian Nation’s Title 48 Land Use and Development Code (48.05.00) requesting to rezone the portion of the new Taholah School lot located in Allotment 164-A from Commercial Zoning District to Residential Zoning District.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The property is a portion of 35 acres between Kwela Drive and PlaPla Drive, in the Upper Taholah Village within the Quinault Indian Reservation.

HEARING: Quinault Planning Commission
Via Zoom Teleconference
Monday, April 7th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
<https://zoom.us/j/5076407444?pwd=NS9neXVjdklBelhXSXdBWUxZZZ2FRUT09>

The application is available at the Planning Office for review or contact Emily Wheaton, Planning Manager (emily.wheaton@quinault.org) with questions or comments.



Do you need a place to stay while attending the Quinault Annual General Council Meeting?

Local Lodging for March 28 & 29, 2025

1. Moonstone Beach Motel (At the Flats in Moclips) 4849 Pacific Ave. Moclips, WA 98562 Ph# 360-276-4346 19 Rooms Available at \$125 + 11.9% Tax.
2. Ocean Shores Inn & Suites 648 Ocean Shores Blvd Ocean Shores, WA 98569 Ph# 360-940-7455 Rooms Available now (But Clam Tide Weekend booking fast) 2 Bedroom in 1 Room 155.69 with Tax each night 2 Bed Room \$111.99 with Tax each night Studios w/Kitchen \$100.79 with Tax each night
3. Moclips Lodging (Hi-tide) 4890 Railroad Ave. Moclips, WA 98569 Ph# 1-800-662-5477 Website: By the Sea By the Sea.com (to book on line)

These accommodations are at the individuals own cost.

Make sure to state that you are with the Quinault Indian Nation



Youth Overcomes Challenges to be the first Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Program Graduate

After months of dedication and personal growth, Katreena Charley has successfully graduated from the Quinault Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC), marking a new chapter in her journey. As a soon-to-be mother, she takes this next step with strength, pride, and commitment to a sober life.



From L – R (backrow): Leonard Pluff, Shelley McCrory, Lynette Charley, Jessica Charley, Katreena Pluff-Charley, Francis “JR” McCrory. In front are Rianna and Angel Pluff.

Before entering the program, Katreena faced challenges that led to difficult decisions. However, with the support of the Quinault Tribal Court, community, and her family, she took the necessary steps to build a better future. Through the knowledge and support she gained in the program; she has developed the strength and determination to overcome past struggles and make positive choices moving forward.

Throughout her time with JHWC, Katreena embraced Quinault traditions, participated in community service, activities and worked hard to achieve her personal goals. Her dedication to healing and growth has been an inspiration not only to other youth in the program but also to the Taholah community.

With a renewed sense of purpose, Katreena looks forward to getting involved in programs and classes as she explores future career paths. She has also come to appreciate the importance of community support and hopes to stay involved by mentoring other youth in the program, sharing her experiences, and inspiring them to graduate as well. She is a testament to the power of commitment and the support JHWC provides.

As a great quote from Katreena, “It was easy once I stopped fighting it”. She thanked and appreciated all the help from Erica, Craig, Judge Colegrove, and the rest of the JHWC staff. She knew and understood the importance of the love and support that came not only from the staff but the other participants within JHWC as they were a great inspiration for themselves but for their friend groups and families. We could not be prouder and more excited to see where Katreena takes herself in this new perspective and chapter of her life.

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.


Roger Saux Health Center
Diabetic Eye Exams

✓ **When:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025
✓ **Where:** Roger Saux Health Center
✓ **Who:** Diabetic patients will have a one-on-one eye exam with Dr. Wayman, Optometrist.
✓ **To Schedule:** Call 360-276-4405 Ext. 8640




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 retore 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 extension 8151

Health and Wellness Division

Reminder that RSHC hours of operation are 8:00am – 4:30pm. **Doors are locked at 4:30 pm.**
Business Office: We are currently signing patients up for Medicare, Medicare Part D, and Medicaid. Our Health Benefits are outreaching and contacting patients for alternate coverage and annual patient registration update. If you have questions regarding insurance, coverage please contact Trinity Flores-Buck at 360-276-4405 ext. 8716. Reminder to our Elders of Grays Harbor & Jefferson Counties:

Contract Health Service(CHS)
Reminder: CHS/Health Benefits Department (HB) are currently working on quarterly eligible Medicare B reimbursements for our elders.

- To be eligible for Medicare B reimbursement the Social Security Administration must be deducting \$185.00 from your Social Security Check
- For Auditing purposes Health Benefits department will need a copy of your Social Security Administration Award Letter for the year 2025
- Elders must be updated with Roger Saux Health Center Patient Registration. (Proof of Residency, Unexpired Tribal Identification)
- This also applies to Enrolled Native Americans who reside on Quinault Indian Nation reservation the communities of Taholah, Queets, Amanda Park. Must be updated with Patient Registration, along with your Tribal ID

If you have further questions regarding Medicare B reimbursements, call CHS HB. Jeannie Underwood, Senior Health Benefits Coordinator 360-276-4409 Ext. 8714 Trinity Flores Buck, Jr Health Benefits 360-276-4409 Ext. 8716

DSHS-Out Station Services:
Kelisha Evans DSHS Outstation Liaison will assists Taholah/Queets community members apply for Cash Benefits, Food Cards, EBT Cards.
The Last appointment of the day is 2:00pm

- Roger Saux Health Center Every Monday & the 4th Thursday of the month 9:30am- 3:30pm
- Charolette Kalama Clinic Wednesday 10:00am- 3:00pm

Patient Registration: Patients need to update with patient registration annually. You can call, email or stop in at the 3rd window at the clinic. La-trell.markishtum@quinault.org Please bring your license, Tribal ID, insurance card if not already on file. As part of our commitment to your care, we now offer myhealthrecord.com where you can see your health information including your labs, your health care plan on any internet enabled device such as a smartphone or tablet. You can send a secure message and get a prompt response to non-urgent questions. You can request prescription refills or request to send your health records electronically to other providers.

Family Services: Quinault Family Services has been working hard to find homes in the community to become Licensed Foster Homes for our Quinault children.
If interested, you could choose to become licensed as: Initial License (temporary 90 day license) and Kinship License (Child Specific) available to relatives and suitable others. General License (foster care) available to anyone. General foster care provides a temporary home for a child or sibling groups who are unable to live safely with their families. TAKE THE FIRST STEP! Contact us today, to learn more about becoming a licensed foster home for Quinault children. Veronica John 360-276-8215 ext. 8216 vjohn@quinault.org

Senior Program: The senior program was able to help many seniors to go to the fair this past quarter. Puyallup Fair Cards-we served a total of 270 Quinaults 55+
In October the senior program served 62 Food Baskets to Elders-Thank You Conversion Staff for helping facilitate the Pickup of Donation from North Beach Senior Center! Every little bit helps. October 2023-September 2024 QIN Senior Program helped with Medical Fuel Vouchers of \$45,000 for Program Participants to Doctor Appointments.

Dental: Dr Andrews has retired. Directors have submitted for bids to find a provider to fill this need. Urgent care at 8am and 12:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Thursday at 12:50pm. The dental department is currently down to one dental assistant. Please be patient and kind as we work to fill this position. Remaining staff are working hard to meet your dental needs.

Diabetes: Wellness Team held their highway clean up in February.

Pharmacy: The pharmacy has some long standing procedures that we appreciate patients working with us to meet your needs. Pharmacy needs at least 72 hours to fill medication. Please call prior to running out of your medication. Have the list of medications needed and the dosage. If you use an outside provider for your medications, that provider will need to call your refills in to pharmacy. Calling and asking for “all your medications” can lead to mistakes.
If you have not been seen by a provider in over a year, please make an appointment. You need to be seen and have current labs

or your medication may not be filled. You may be able to get enough to hold you over until you can make an appointment, but you must be seen before any further refills are filled.
If you use an outside pharmacy, our pharmacy staff has no information on that medication. You need to contact that pharmacy to check on those medications. Thank you for your understanding as we work short staffed in our pharmacy. We cannot accommodate last minute refills or call patients to remind them to make an appointment.

Medical
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.
Once appointments are full, no additional will be taken. Depending on provider staffing, we may not be able to see everyone some days.

Scheduled visits: To protect our elders and well patients, we are trying to keep well checkups and sick visits separated. If you feel sick with possibly infectious symptoms (fever, sore throat, cough, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea), please call to speak to a nurse. We may reschedule you or rearrange when you come to clinic to protect others.

- Please bring all your medications to every appointment. We can verify that we are aware of all of 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.

Commodities (FDPIR) – We are currently accepting applications, applications are available at the Community Resources Building or online on the Quinault Indian Nation Website, if you have questions about eligibility, please contact Staff.

LIHEAP- LIHEAP is currently open as of December 4th, 2024, for on-reservation households within Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties only. Applications are available online at [Quinault Indian Nation, WA | Official Website](#) or at the Community Resources building.
Hours of operation:
Monday 8:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Thursday 1:00 PM-4:30 PM
Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Sinus congestion? Cedar steams can help tremendously

Article and photo by Leah Hollon Paquette - Quinault Wellness Gardens



Gather enough cedar leaves to make a couple cups chopped up. If you have dry cedar, that works great. In my experience, fresh is even better. The act of walking and gathering under the trees is medicine in itself.

Place the leaves in a large bowl and pour in a few cups of boiling water. Hang your head over the bowl, with a towel covering your head to hold in the steam. Breathe as deeply as you can.

You may want a tissue nearby to blow as things loosen up. Spend 5-15 minutes breathing in Cedar's medicine.

Cedar is anti-microbial, anti-fungal, and stimulates your immune system. The steam brings the medicine right where it needs to go. You can do this a few times a day. It feels great! When you're done steaming, you can use the cedar tea as a warm foot

bath and treat your feet. You may think you don't have time for this...but when you nurture yourself, you are more resilient and heal faster, saving yourself time spent being sick.

You will be more productive and have more energy when you take time to care for yourself. It's amazing what 20 minutes of self-care can do for your wellbeing.



A large hillside old growth western redcedar. Photo by Larry Workman

January Chitwhins of the Month - Teachings of the Sitka Spruce



Kindergarten Alex Parker

Alex is our mighty and fierce Sitka Spruce in kindergarten. Alex continues to be a pillar of empathy with his soft hugs, creative spirit, and intelligence. Alex helps our collective by being himself! I love that Alex has taught us how to show empathy for one another and be out authentic selves. Thank you Alex for being our roots to withstand every challenge. Keep being you!



1st grade Novalee Aimsback

Nova has shown great resilience this month. She started off in a difficult situation this year, but with a lot of work and support from her friends, she has turned her situation completely around. Her attitude is much better, and she has been working really hard to improve her reading. Great Job Nova!



1st grade Azuriah Tackett

Azuriah has matured a lot this month, and it's reflected in his improved attitude and the progress he has made on his reading and writing. He has been a great role model for the other students. Good Job Azuriah!



Taholah School District would like to congratulate our January Chitwhins of the Month. These students have followed the teachings of spruce by being anchored in their roots to withstand extreme circumstances. Like the spruce they connect with one another through their roots and networks. They have strong values or goals that help keep them anchored through hardships. They are students who are empathetic and ready to help out the collective. Way to go Chitwhins!

"I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it."
~Maya Angelou~



2nd grade Kenai Rodriguez

Kenai Rodriguez has determination. When he sets his mind to something, he gets the job done. Like the spruce, Kenai is intuitive, and senses when another is sad or needs help lifting their spirits. He is always willing to do things for his teacher who loves his smiles.



3rd grade Bryce McCrory

Bryce shows great resilience everyday. He always works hard in class to complete his tasks and doesn't sweat the small stuff. He is rarely discouraged and always tries to achieve high scores in his work. He has been working hard to be a great student who does everything he is asked without complaint. We are proud of all the work he has been doing this year and all the things he has accomplished.



4th grade Nohealani Mendoza

Nohea constantly impresses us with her drive to succeed. She gets up every time she stumbles. She shows great perseverance. "Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding on the 20th." Nohea keeps improving in mathematics and in reading. She is most resilient student in the 4th grade class.



5th grade Serenity Wellman

Syrenity has made great strides in attitude and determination. She always wants to help other students, and the class as a whole. When someone is feeling sad, she wants to be the one to cheer them up. Syrenity has become a joy to have in class.



6th grade Marco Black

Marco has been working hard in participating in class and completing his assignment. He always has a great attitude and treats everyone with respect.



7th grade Hunter Crossguns

Hunter will go far because he is not afraid of hard work. He is always putting in extra time in his athletics and his academics improving himself daily. With the little free time he has he uses it to help others. We are lucky to have Hunter!



8th grade Faith Underwood Pickernell

Faith is loyal to her friends and herself. She is a good example of being her own person while still being able to work and help a group.



10th Grade Chey'anne James

Chey is always kind and considerate. She is a wonderful older sister. She has a gift for speaking her mind but also listening to others and making them feel like their thoughts are just as important as hers.



9th Grade Desmond Comenout Martin

No matter the challenge Desmond is consistent. He is a kind student and friend. He cares for his siblings and family means a lot to him. He is the one who connects his community and builds them up, most of the time before himself.



11th Grade Eric Adams

Eric is constantly improving as a student and a person. He is growing and stepping up as a leader. He is reliable and has great attendance. On the court he is admired by many younger students.



12th Grade Freddie Pope

Freddie puts his head down and gets to work. He has a goal and is determined to reach it. He cares for others and is always asking and checking on others. We are very happy Freddie chose to complete his Senior year as a Chitwhin!

Taholah Employees of the Month:

Kate Tellucci
Melissa Wolfe
Bobbi Hargitt
Jordan St. Germaine
Esther DeWald



A few of our perfect Chitwhins with a GPA of 4.0



A big shout out to the families that encouraged your students to be here and are continued supporters of your children's education.



3rd Grade class had the best attendance for the semester at 91%! School photos by Jinny Marchand



This Sitka Spruce is found at Kalaloch. It is anchored by its roots to withstand extreme circumstance such as being undermined by erosion. Photo by Larry Workman

Dimitri Katsioularis

Fisheries Tech 1

Dimitri started working with the Quinault Indian Nation’s Fisheries Department on December 2, 2024, as a Fisheries Tech 1. In his position Dimitri will perform a variety of semi-skilled and semi-technical tasks relating to fisheries management. He will assist in stream and clam bed surveys, brood stocking, catch sampling, marking and tagging fish, and recording field data. Dimitri may be required to night seining, assist in capture, measuring, and weighing fish.

Dimitri said he was



interested in working with the QIN because he is fascinated by salmon, so he was thrilled when the Quinault tribe provided him with the opportunity to continue

working with them. He is the youngest of four siblings and raised by Greek-Canadian parents. Dimitri has a degree in Aquatic Biology from UCSB (?) and a certification in fisheries and Aquaculture Techniques from BTC. His interests and hobbies are to spend his spare time hiking, fishing and clamming.

Dimitri said he looks forward to working with the QIN to protect our valuable natural resources. More then ever we must protect our natural resources for the future generations.

Aurelia Billie

Grant Coordinator

Aurelia returned to the Quinault Indian Nation workforce on February 5, 2025, to be the Grant Coordinator. Her previous position was with QIN in the Purchasing and Receiving area for six years. In her new position, Aurelia will provide programmatic support for all external awards/grants in accordance with contractual requirements, governing regulations, and applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.

She will also communicate with external agencies regarding awards, amendments, or matters that arise from awards. Other duties will be to provide guidance and assistance to program managers funding



agreements, reporting, and budget modifications; communication with managers to assure timely completion of deliverables and reports.

Aurelia said she loves working for QIN because it goes well with her children’s school schedules, the benefits,

and the overall work environment. Besides, she said she loves the community, and a lot of them are her family! She has three children, two daughters – London who is 11, Lilly is 10 months old, and her son Urijah, who is four years old.

She has some college credits and has worked in Finance at QIN for six years and is familiar with the software specific to the Quinault Indian Nation Finance Division. Her hobbies are hiking, yoga, walking, taking her kids to do fun things together, and cooking. Aurelia said she is happy to be back home and excited to begin this next chapter and working back at QIN.

Kyle Reynoldson

EMT

Kyle Reyonaldson was hired as the Emergency Management Technician (EMT) for the Quinault Indian Nation on January 28, 2024. His previous job was as Captain of the Bucoda Volunteer Fire Department for five years.

In his new position, Kyle will provide pre-hospital care and transportation as needed to the sick or injured, be responsible for EMS field operations of the service on his assigned shift by interfacing with the coordinator on a daily basis to ensure stan-

dardization of operations and participate in operations meeting. Additionally, maintain an optimal level of readiness and capability of all vehicles and equipment in monitoring the condition and availability of vehicles and field equipment daily, including the review of vehicle check lists and repair slips, and stock inventories as needed.

Kyle applied for this position upon a recommendation to look at the QIN for the job he now has. His education and training include 24 years as a volunteer in



fire service and EMT experience. He has a master’s degree in business. His hobbies are restoring cars, building guitars and scuba diving.

M’Liss DeWald

Chief Operating Officer (COO)

I am excited to officially announce that I’ll be serving as your new Chief Operating Officer (COO).

As a Quinault Tribal citizen, I understand the importance of modeling leadership to our young people, and I personally take ownership of my role in Nation building. Nation building has been instilled in me since I was a young girl, I was always told, “go get your education and come back home to work for your Tribe.” My grandpa was Sydney Kelly of Queets, my grandma was Violette Boome of Skagit, and my mom is Sharon Cummings. I grew up off-rez in Hoquiam, but my mom made sure my sister (Kelly Bonnelle) and I were connected to our Tribe.

At an early age I was taught to exercise my treaty rights on the beach digging clams and at the river fishing. The Quinault women in my family taught me values such as the importance of listening to our elders and young people, having compassion for others, honesty, hard work, intellectual growth and above all – being resilient. My family, like



many, has survived numerous traumas. What has kept us strong is our connection to each other, our connection to the land, and our dedication to future generations. I am blessed with two Quinault daughters, everything I do is for their future. I share this small part of my background knowing that the person walking into the COO role needs to have a strong understanding not just of the policies and procedures of the Nation, but of our people. Acting with seven generations in mind and knowing that decisions we make do not just impact the now, but our future.

The Nation has significant work ahead, such as: confronting the financial crisis, preparing for mass workforce

retirement, executing relocation efforts, becoming market-facing in our compensation, implementing the strategic plan, addressing communication gaps, protecting our treaty rights and sovereignty in a Trump administration, prioritizing our youth’s mental, physical, and spiritual health, and caring for our elders. The COO should ensure that operations is assisting with these projects and emergent issues as directed by the Quinault Business Committee.

I came back home in 2018 with my master’s degree and 10 years of professional experience. Since then, I have had the pleasure of serving the Nation as the Education Manager for four years, the Deputy Chief Operating Officer for two and a half years and the acting COO for four months. I work with the Quinault Business Committee on a regular basis and have develop an intimate understanding of the rigor of the COO role. I humbly accept the role of COO and am honored to serve the Nation in this capacity.

Sincerely,
M’Liss DeWald

Samuel Allen

Fisheries Tech

Samuel Allen was hired on December 2, 2024, as a Fisheries Tech 1 with the QIN’s Fisheries department. In his new position, Samuel will perform a variety of semi-skilled and semi-technical tasks relating to fisheries management. He will assist in stream and clam bed surveys, brood stocking, catch sampling, marking and tagging fish, and recording field data. Samuel may be required to night seining, assist in capture, measuring, and weighing fish.

Samuel said he was interested in working with the Quinault Indian Nation because his fam-



ily wanted him to build a life and career; and he wanted to fulfill his outdoors occupation. He is a member of the tribe, and he said he is proudly one of (the late) “Andy” Mail’s boys, nephew to the late Richie Under-

wood, and a Mail descendant. Samuel said he attended Taholah High School but got his diploma from Grays Harbor College. His hobbies are clam digging, fishing, walking the beaches/forests, outdoor exploration, mushroom foraging, mycology, political science, and physical labor.

Wi Hust Cun ee Elique, I am excited and grateful for the opportunities afforded to me by the tribe, such as this position. I am the son of Josette L. Paul-Mail. Onwards to prosperity my INJNS.

Kierstin Pope says good-by



Debbie Martin (right), presents Kierstin with a gift at her going away party on February 14th.

I have made the tough decision to leave my position as the Lead Caseworker for the Quinault TANF Program. I began my journey with TANF 23 years ago and have had the great pleasure of being a part of the growth, development and innovation of the program.

Most importantly, I have had the opportunity to work with many of

the amazing families and children that have participated in our program. Watching the families and children reach their goals and achieve great things has been amazing to see.

I have also worked with such amazing people over the years and learned something from each one of them.

I plan to take some much-needed time off



Kierstin in April 2002.

and hope to return to work with the Quinault Nation in another capacity in the future. Thank you to the Quinault Nation and the TANF Program for the past 23 years, it has been my privilege to serve the Quinault Nation.

Kierstin Pope



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A view of the Pacific Ocean and Willoughby Rock from near Camp Creek on the Quinault Reservation coast. *Photo by Larry Workman*

Ocean warming is likely to accelerate in coming decades

By Patrick Pester – Live Science

Ocean warming has more than quadrupled in recent decades and is likely to accelerate even faster if humanity fails to address climate change, scientists find.

The scientists found that ocean warming has more than quadrupled over the past 40 years and is likely to accelerate even faster in the future. The researchers published their findings in a new study published Tuesday (Jan. 28) in the journal Environmental Research Letters.

The rate of sea surface temperature warming has risen from 0.1 degrees Fahrenheit (0.06 degrees Celsius) per decade in the 1980s to 0.5 F (0.27 C) per decade today. The team’s modeling suggests that this amount of accelerated warming will occur again in the next two decades and accelerate by an even greater margin if we don’t address the causes of climate change and move away from fossil fuels, according to the study.

Study lead author Christopher Merchant, a professor in ocean and Earth observation at the University of Reading, U.K., said the oceans generally dictate the pace for global warming as a whole because they are Earth’s main heat sink and absorb heat from the atmosphere. This means if ocean warming is accelerating, then it’s a sign that climate change is accelerating too.

“Nature might do something different next, but on current trends, the world is warming faster than we have been used to,” Merchant told Live Science in an email. “That means all the impacts are coming at us faster.”

Global warming drives rising sea levels that threaten coastal communities, fuels more extreme weather and dries out land, compromising our ability to grow food. Scientists have warned that unchecked climate

change will bring untold suffering to billions of people while driving a third of Earth’s species to extinction.

Merchant and his colleagues used satellite data to model changes in average global sea surface temperatures over multiple decades. The team found an upward trend of warming alongside natural variations driven by events such as El Niño.

The team linked the accelerated ocean warming to climate change and Earth taking in more energy than it’s emitting — a phenomenon called Earth’s energy imbalance. Greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane (CH₄) trap heat in the atmosphere, which warm up the planet, and subsequently the oceans. This process, along with other human activities and natural variations, is a significant driver of Earth’s energy imbalance, which has doubled within the last two decades.

Merchant noted that the warming ocean trend has picked up in the last 15 years because Earth is absorbing more sunlight as well as heat trapped by greenhouse gases. Researchers believe this increased sunlight absorption is linked to reduced cloud cover, meaning more sunlight penetrates Earth. Global warming also reduces snow and ice cover that would otherwise reflect sunlight back into space. The study authors noted that the rate of surface ocean warming, and therefore global warming, over the last four decades isn’t a guide for what’s to come, and that much greater warming is expected if climate change isn’t successfully mitigated.

“If we want to stabilize the climate, we should multiply our efforts to power our lifestyles without fossil fuels,” Merchant said. “The good news is that significant transformation is already underway worldwide.”

Fawn Sharp on Global Climate Dialogue



I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to share this update with you. Over the past year, my journey has taken me

to the forefront of global climate dialogue, where I have connected with inspiring leaders and forged new relationships that reaffirm our rightful place among the world’s foremost advocates for climate action. Although we face challenging times and considerable uncertainty, one truth remains clear: our enduring leadership is a steadfast beacon of hope and resilience, guiding us toward a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

Since my last update, I’ve traveled the globe on assignment with the World Bank, World Economic Forum, United Nations, and the U.S. State Department. I’ve traveled through Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Central and South America, visiting destinations such as Mexico City; Cali, Colombia; New York; Siem Reap, Cambodia; Bellagio, Italy; Baku, Azerbaijan; London, England and São Paulo, Brazil. In each of these places, my mission was two-fold: to strengthen diplomatic relationships and to open doors to global-scale climate finance opportunities. Through these experiences, I’ve witnessed firsthand the urgent need for visionary leadership in addressing our rapidly changing climate—a leadership void that is increasingly evident among traditional power centers.

The U.S. has retreated from its leadership role in global climate initiatives, leaving behind a vacuum marked by inconsistent policies, a retreat from international commitments, and shifting domestic priorities. The consequences are indescribably profound. As climate change accelerates—with more frequent extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and escalating threats to biodiversity—we now face a future that demands innovative solutions and bold, cross-border collaboration.

This is where Tribal Nations

must step in. Indigenous communities around the world have long been the stewards of our lands, protectors of biodiversity, and custodians of traditional ecological knowledge. Our deep, symbiotic relationship with nature is not only a testament to sustainable living but also a blueprint for resilience in a rapidly warming world. Now more than ever, Tribal Nations are uniquely positioned to lead a global climate agenda that is both just and effective.

We stand at a decisive crossroads where every moment matters, and the stakes have never been higher. Each year, the impacts of the climate crisis intensify, underscoring the imperative to advance our agenda. Here are a few compelling reasons why our time to act now is so vital:

A Legacy of Environmental Stewardship

For generations, Tribal Nations have managed our environments with practices that sustain both the land and the people. Our ancestral wisdom provides invaluable insights into sustainable resource management, conservation, and adaptation strategies. As climate challenges mount, these time-tested methods can—and should—inform modern practices to build resilient ecosystems.

A New Diplomatic Frontier

With traditional global leaders stepping back, Tribal Nations have a unique opportunity to carve out our own paths on the international stage. By engaging with organizations such as the World Bank, United Nations, and other multilateral forums, tribal leaders can shape climate policies and funding mechanisms to be inclusive, culturally sensitive, and genuinely sustainable.

Climate Justice and Equity

Climate change disproportionately affects marginalized communities, including Tribal Nations, who often stand at the frontlines of environmental degradation. Centering Indigenous voices in the global climate agenda is not only an environ-

mental imperative—it’s a moral one. Doing so ensures that the costs and benefits of climate action are shared fairly, fostering a more equitable global response.

Unlocking Global Climate Finance

My travels have underscored the transformative potential of climate finance. By positioning themselves as key players in the global climate conversation, Tribal Nations can access international funds and forge critical partnerships. This financial support can empower local projects—from renewable energy initiatives to large-scale conservation efforts—that serve as models for other communities worldwide.

Building Resilient Communities

As climate risks accelerate, it is essential for Tribal Nations to prioritize community resilience. Leveraging global partnerships can bring in the technical expertise, financial resources, and innovative technologies needed to protect livelihoods and preserve cultural heritage. Moreover, advocating for policies that respect tribal sovereignty will contribute to a collective, global defense against climate change.

In closing, the global climate crisis demands visionary leadership that blends innovation with timeless traditions. The retreat of U.S. leadership in climate matters has opened a critical opportunity for Tribal Nations to step forward. By advancing an agenda that harnesses our wisdom and centuries of proven success, we can help steer the world toward a future where sustainability, equity, and resilience are not merely aspirations, but tangible, multi-generational realities.

It is time for Tribal Nations to seize this moment and claim our rightful place at the forefront of the global climate movement—a path defined by collaboration, respect, and shared responsibility, promising a healthier planet and a more just world for all.

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Pigmented Algae Accelerating Greenland ice melt

Recent research has revealed a startling connection between algae and the accelerating melting of Greenland’s ice sheet. As global temperatures continue to rise, pigmented algae, particularly species such as Ancylo-

ma, are thriving on the exposed surface of the ice. These algae are significantly contributing to the darkening of the ice, which in turn increases the absorption of heat and accelerates melting. The impact of this algae bloom

could be profound. This discovery not only raises concerns about the Greenland Ice Sheet’s stability but also how the algae’s spread could contribute to faster sea level rise.

Global Glacier Melt is Accelerating, New Study Finds

A new study published in Nature finds ice is melting at a ‘concerning’ rate, with repercussions for sea-level rise.



The Blue Glacier on Mt. Olympus is one of the most studied glaciers in the world and the largest glacier in the Olympic National Park. The bottom end of the Blue Glacier retreated about 325 feet in the 20 years from 1995-2006. The glacier is also thinning as it retreats, losing 178 feet of its depth near its terminus between 1987 and 2009. In 1982, Olympic National Park had 266 glaciers; in 2009 there were 184. *Photo by Larry Workman*

Ice loss from the world’s glaciers has accelerated over the past decade, a first-of-its-kind global assessment has found, warning that melting may be faster than previously expected

in the coming years and drive sea levels higher.

The assessment published in *The Journal Nature* on February 19 by an international team of researchers found a sharp in-

crease in melting over the past decade, with around 36 percent more ice lost in the 2012-to-2023 period than in the years from 2000 to 2011.

Michael Zemp, a professor

at the University of Zurich and co-author of the study, said the findings were “shocking” if not altogether surprising.

Regions with smaller glaciers are losing them faster, and many “will not survive the present century”.

“Hence, we are facing higher sea-level rise until the end of this century than expected before,” Zemp said, adding that glacier loss would also impact fresh water supplies, particularly in central Asia and the central Andes.

Overall, researchers found that the world’s glaciers have lost around five percent of their volume since the turn of the century, with wide regional differences ranging from a two-percent loss in Antarctica to up to 40 percent in the European Alps.

On average, some 273 billion tonnes of ice are being lost per year – equivalent to the world population’s water consumption for 30 years, scientists said.

The research – coordinated by the World Glacier Mon-

itoring Service (WGMS), the University of Edinburgh and research group Earthwave – was an effort to bring together field and satellite measurements to create a “reference estimate” for tracking ice loss.

Martin Siegert, a professor at the University of Exeter who was not involved in the study, said the research was “concerning” because it predicts further glacier losses and could indicate how Antarctica and Greenland’s vast ice sheets react to global warming.

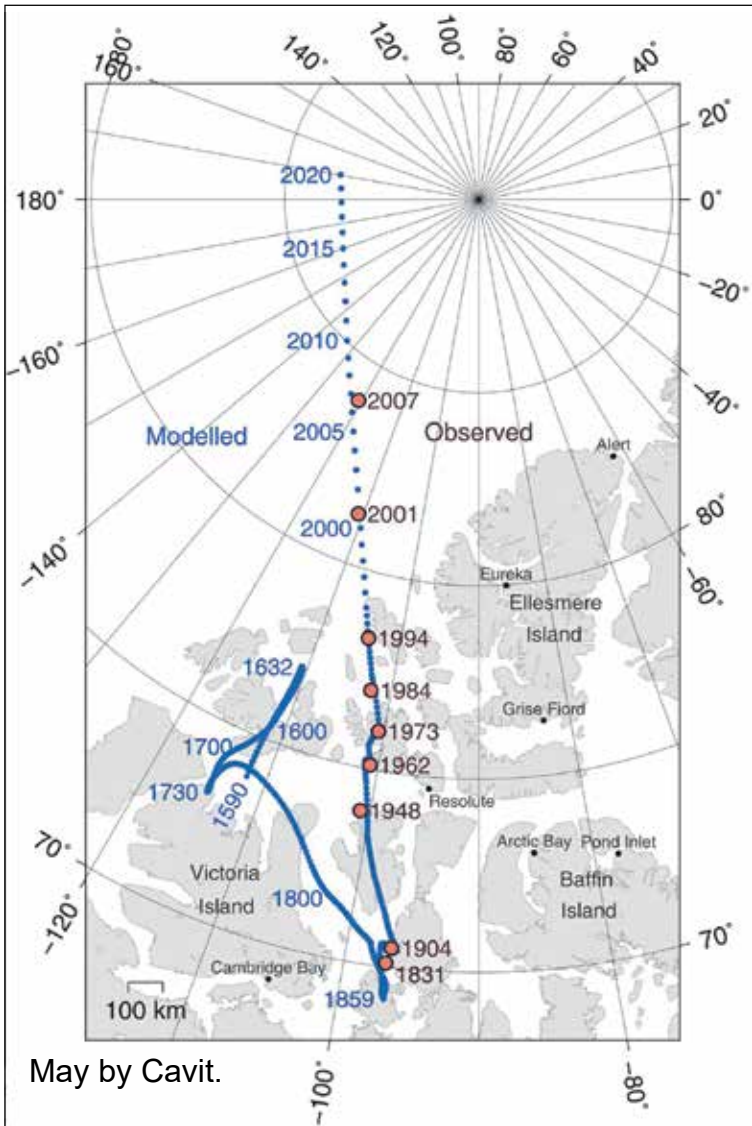
“Ice sheets are now losing mass at increasing rates – six times more than 30 years ago – and when they change, we stop talking centimetres and start talking metres,” he said.

Zemp warned that to save the world’s glaciers, “you have to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions, it is as simple and as complicated as that.”

“Every tenth of a degree warming that we avoid saves us money, saves us lives, saves us problems,” he said.

Why the Magnetic North Pole Matters

Unlike the geographic North Pole, which remains fixed, the magnetic north pole is determined by Earth’s ever-shifting magnetic field. This field is generated by the churning of molten metals in Earth’s core, creating a dynamic and unpredictable magnetosphere. Over the past few decades, the movement of magnetic north has been anything but steady.



Unprecedented Speed Changes:

In the 1990s, the pole’s drift accelerated dramatically, reaching speeds of up to 34.2 miles (55 kilometers) per year. By 2015, it slowed to about 21.7 miles (35 kilometers) per year, a change that baffled scientists.

Impact on Navigation

The World Magnetic Model (WMM), updated every five years, is essential for maintaining the accuracy of GPS systems. Without these updates, errors in navigation could accumulate, affecting everything from commercial flights to military operations. They also impact hikers, surveyors and others who use Typographic maps.

Dr. Arnaud Chulliat, a senior research scientist at the University of Colorado, Boulder, explains, “The more you wait to update the model, the larger the error becomes. Our forecast is mostly an extrapolation given our current knowledge of the Earth’s magnetic field.”

Magnetic North vs. True North

The geographic North Pole, or “true north,” is a fixed point where all lines of longitude converge. In contrast, the magnetic north pole is the northernmost point of Earth’s magnetic field, which is constantly in motion due to the convective activity in Earth’s core.

Historical Drift: Since its discovery in 1831 by British explorer Sir James Clark Ross, magnetic north has drifted from northern Canada toward Russia. By 2000, it had left Canadian shores entirely.

Daily Movement: Magnetic north traces an elliptical path of about 75 miles (120 kilometers) daily, making its position a moving target for navigation systems.

The latest WMM update confirms that the pole’s drift toward Russia will continue, though

at a slower pace. However, scientists remain cautious. “It could change its rate, or even speed up again,” says Brown. “We will continue to monitor the field and assess the performance of the WMM.”

Polarity Reversals

Earth’s magnetic field has undergone dramatic changes in the past, including complete polarity reversals where magnetic north and south poles flip. These reversals, which occur roughly once every million years, can take thousands of years to complete and have significant implications for life on Earth.

Impact on Technology: A weakened magnetic field during a reversal could disrupt radio communication, scramble navigation systems, and endanger satellites.

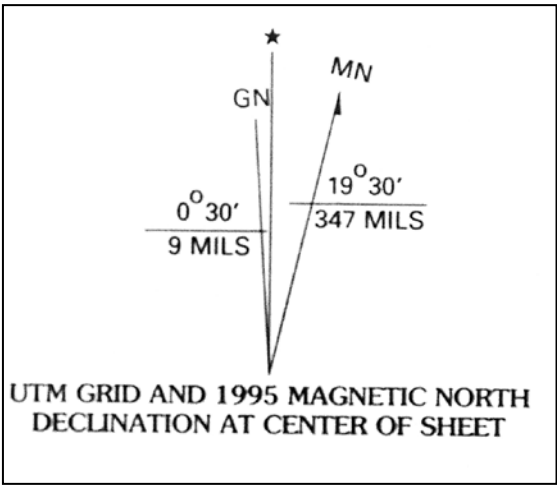
Effects on Wildlife: Migratory animals that rely on the magnetic field for navigation, such as whales, butterflies, and sea turtles, could face challenges during a reversal.

While life on Earth has survived multiple magnetic reversals, modern technology has never experienced one. “It would certainly be an interesting time for engineers to adapt our technology to,” says Brown. “But hopefully, they’d have a slow, centuries-long buildup to prepare.”

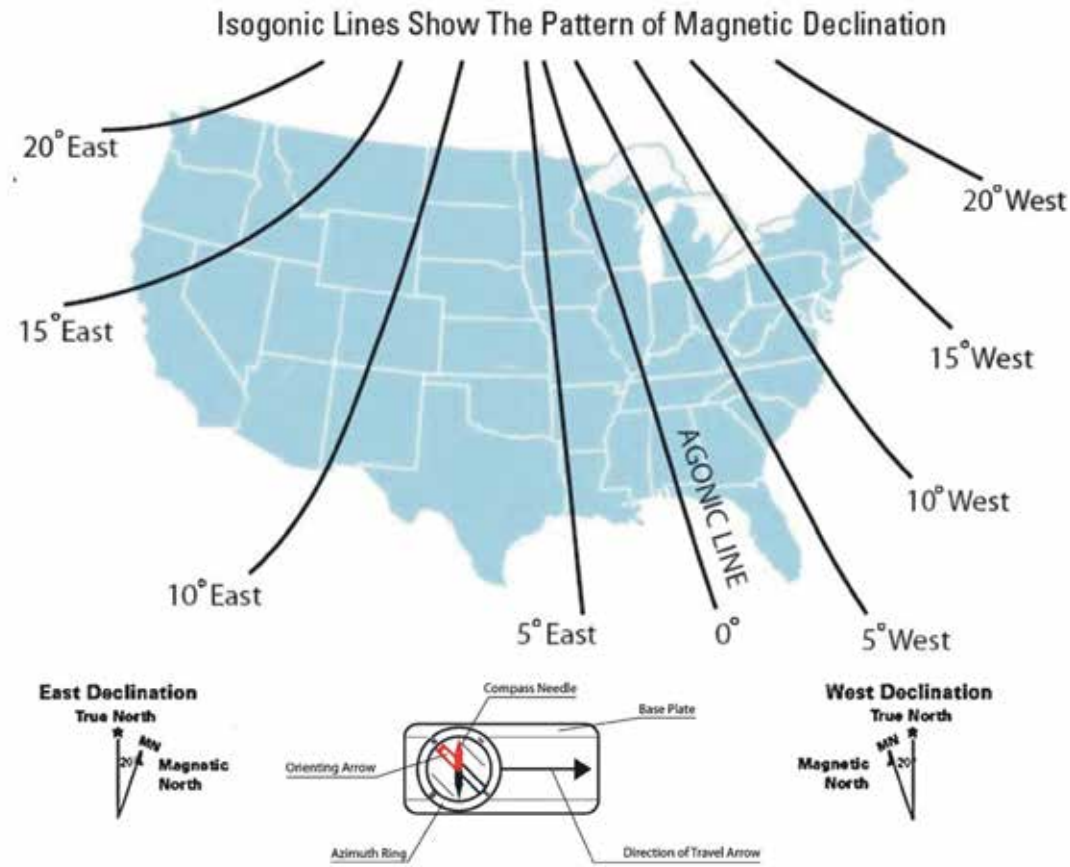
How to find your local magnetic declination:

Online Tools:

Use online tools like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) magnetic declination calculator or a dedicated “magnetic declination map” to find the current declination for your specific location.



At the bottom of many typographic maps is the magnetic declination for that area which show Magnetic North. In 1995 it was 19°30' East at Lake Quinault. But because of magnetic drift, today it is 15°18' East. It is currently changing about 0°8' per year



Queets Relocation Master Plan Conceptual Option



This is a color enlargement of the small B&W map we had in the last issue to help give you a clearer view of the Queets relocation project proposal.

BC RESOLUTIONS

January 6 - February 18, 2025

Submitted by Mandy Hudson Howard via Shannon Bradley

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

1/6/2025

Resolutions 25-292-102 –Hand Carry

Whereas, the QBC has funds available to make donations to non profits requesting funding assistance for programs and projects that directly or indirectly benefit enrolled members of the QIN; Whereas, the Grays Harbor Council of Governments (GHCOG) charges \$6,877.50 for annual membership; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC authorizes a payment of \$6,877.50 to GHCOG for Annual Membership; Be It Further Resolved, the QBC appoints President Guy Capoeman as the Delegate and Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood as the Alternate to the GHCOG until the Next AGC meeting in March 2025.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-293-102 – Action 6

Whereas, the QBC received a request to sponsor McDonald Matthew Brown III to participate in the Cooper Performance training; Whereas, the QBC desires to appropriate said funds; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC authorizes \$8,325.00. This is a one-time donation on behalf of the Quinault Business Committee and will not be funded again.

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Resolutions 25-294-102 – Consent 1

Purchase of undivided interests from Aaron Todd Bryan

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Resolutions 25-295-102 – Consent 2

Purchase of undivided interests from Jean September Smith Jackson

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Resolutions 25-296-102 – Consent 3

Residential Lease for JauVon James-Juneau, Qui-Nai-Elt Village Phase I, Lot 31, 287 Qui-Nai-Elt Drive, Taholah, WA.

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Resolutions 25-297-102 – Consent 4

Purchase of undivided interests from Anthony Allen Seymour.

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Resolutions 25-298-102 – Consent 6

Purchase of undivided interests from Corrine Sansom.

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Resolutions 25-299-102 – Consent 7

Purchase of undivided interests from Mary Simpson.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-300-102 – Consent 8

Whereas, QIN staff have worked in collaboration with the Wild Salmon Center to secure funding to assist QIN with replace fish passage barriers (culverts) within a portion of Allotment No's 740, 786, and T890; Whereas, the QIN will be the applicant for this Right of Way (ROW) project; Whereas, the QIN is required to notify the landowners of its intent to submit a ROW application to the BIA; Whereas, the QDNR staff will mail out letters of intent to the allottees and QIN requesting permission for its employees and contractors to enter upon the properties to conduct preliminary work, e.g. environmental, appraisal, and land surveys for the proposed project; Whereas, the QDNR staff concurs with authorizing QIN to submit a ROW application to the BIA and to authorize its contractors to enter upon Allotment No's 74, 786, and T890 to conduct preliminary work for the culvert project; Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the QBC authorizes the President or his designee to execute the letter of Intent authorizing QIN's contractors to enter upon QIN Allotment No's 740, 786 and T890 to conduct environmental, appraisal and land surveys for the proposed easement for ROW, and to authorize QIN to submit an application for ROW.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-301-102 – Consent 10

Whereas, the QBC approves the attached list of 657 eligible Quinault Tribal Elders, 60 and over, to receive the annual pension payment; Be It Further Resolved, the QBC directs QIN Finance to disburse the annual Elders Pension payment to be issued no later than February 28. 2025.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-302-102 – Consent 11

Whereas, the Health & Wellness (H&W) Division wishes to enter into agreement with Paratransit to establish non-emergency medical transportation billing capabilities; Whereas, the H&W Director has reviewed the Agreement and finds it beneficial to enter into agreement as services are available for capturing reimbursement within programs at H&W; Whereas, the Prosperity, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee has reviewed the attached agreement and recommends that the Agreement be approved and executed; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC hereby approves the attached agreement for services between QIN and Paratransit;

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-303-102 – Consent 12

Whereas, the Nation desires to access land owned by Rayonier Operating Company LLC (ROC) for monitoring of restoration activities within the Stevens Creek Tributary Rayonier Pilot Restoration Project area; Whereas, in order to provide such requested access, ROC requires the Nation to agree to and sign a Right of Entry Permit and License Agreement, No. 2024ANE00561; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC approves the attached "RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT AND LICENSE AGREEMENT, 2024ANE00561" between Rayonier Operating Company, LLC.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-304-102 – Consent 13

QIN hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the EPA-FY25 Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP)Program, of up to \$160,000.00 with no match required, and full indirect support to cover the salary and fringe benefits of the QIN Environmental Quality Section Supervisor.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-305-102 – Consent 14

QBC hereby approves and authorizes submission of a grant application to the BIA Invasive Species Program for funding consideration to control invasive species, Knotweed and Scotch broom on roads, gravel pits and harvest units in the amount of up to \$60,000.00, with a 50% cost share/match, no indirect, and the full amount going into contracts; Be It Further Resolved, hereby authorized to accept a grant award from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Invasive Species funding if is awarded.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-306-102 – Consent 15

Whereas, the QBC recognizes the need to identify fish barriers and restore passage to the benefit of anadromous salmonid species; Whereas, the BIA is soliciting for projects that are directly related to managing Trust resources, are for the benefit of Tribally-significant species on Tribal lands, and that will also achieve compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the QDNR is hereby authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$120,000 from the BIA Endangered Species Program with no indirect or match required to implement fish passage restoration on the QIR; Be It Further Resolved, that ethe QDNR is hereby authorized to accept support from the BIA if awarded.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-307-102 – Consent 16

Quinault Division of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to apply for the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (ERE) Program of up to \$900,000 with full indirect cost support and an in-kind match of \$180,000 which shall be paid from funding source 150099-R300 in the form of staff time and equipment and supplies to develop a black-tailed deer monitoring program and black-tailed deer hunting regulations on the Quinault Indian Reservation; The Be It Further Resolved, QDNR is hereby authorized to accept support from the ANA ERE Program if awarded.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-308-102 – Consent 18

Whereas, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has proposed an Interlocal Agreement with the QIN to share data regarding management of European Green Crab; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC approves the attached Interlocal Agreement Between the WDFW and QIN regarding sharing management data for European Green Crab in Grays Harbor and the surrounding area.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-309-102 – Consent 19

Whereas, the BIA Invasive Species Program is soliciting grant applications to address invasive species causing damage to Tribal Trust Resources; Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the QDNR is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the BIA Invasive Species Program for up to \$200,000 for trapping European Green Crab in Grays Harbor and the surrounding area; Be It Further Resolved, that the QDNR is hereby authorized to accept support from BIA Invasive Species Program if awarded

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-310-102 – Consent 20

QIN hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) FY25 European Green Crab Emergency Measures Funding Solicitation, to be used by the QDNR, to assist in the trapping and reduction of the invasive European Green Crab to below harmful environmental, economic, and cultural resource levels, in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 with full indirect allowed, and no matching funds required; Be It Further Resolved, that the QIN is hereby authorized to accept support from the RCO, if awarded.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-311-102 – Action 1

Whereas, the QNEB finds that recent storms have caused damage and erosion to the Marina and the shoreline adjacent to the Marina; Whereas, the QNEB finds that the City of Ocean Shores (COS) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have funds available to mitigate the erosion to the shore adjacent to the Marina by constructing a barrier (Project) and require access onto and across the Marina for the purpose of moving materials to construct the barrier; Whereas, the QNEB finds that the attached Agreement contains the terms and conditions to allow COS and USACE access onto and across the Marina for the Project; Whereas, the QNEB finds the attached Agreement is in the best interest of the Marina and the QIN and it has reviewed the attached amended operating/business plans for the above listed enterprises and entities; Therefore, Be It Resolved, the attached Agreement is approved and the QNEB CEO, David Martin or QNEB COO, Anthony Enzler, is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the QNEB.

1/13/2025

Resolutions 25-312-102 – Action 2

Whereas, Michael Cardwell applied for a Planning Commission Commissioner vacancy and was select-

ed by secret ballot of the QBC; Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, Michael Cardwell, is hereby appointed to a three-year term effective immediately and his term shall expired 1/13/2028.

1/15/2025

Resolutions 25-313-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, pursuant to the Taholah Village Relocation Master Plan adopted in 2017, the Northeast Neighborhood of the Upper Taholah Village was platted within a portion of the south 40 acres of Allotment 162 within the area previously leased to the Taholah School District #77; Whereas, in order to accommodate the Taholah Education Center within the Upper Taholah Village, the QBC desires to rescind the Lease No. 2007-01 and approve a Business Lease with the Taholah School District #77 (School District) to replace existing Lease Number 2007-01, by which it confirms an exclusive lease of the following area as depicted on the attached Appendix A to the Business Lease pursuant to a survey dated November 4, 2024; Be It Further Resolved, that the QBC rescinds its approval of Lease No. 2007-01 by Resolution No. 07-163-86; Be It Further Resolved, that the QBC approves the attached Business Lease with the Taholah School District #77 with the understanding that the School District will conduct a survey of said approximate area to establish a specific legal description to be included in a second final Business Lease to be signed by the QIN and Taholah School District #77.

1/16/2025

Resolutions 25-314-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QBC recognizes the need for the Queets Wastewater Treatment Plant; Whereas, funding is available for the project in the following amounts: (1) Indian Health Services will provide \$1,900,000.00 of Regular Funds, and \$150,000.00 of Housing Support Funds, (2) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will contribute \$1,435,682.79 in CWA Funds and \$650,000.00 in BIL Funds, and (3) the Quinault Indian Nation will contribute \$489,147.21 for a total of \$4,624,830.00; Whereas, the QIN will accept this funding through a Title V Construction Project Agreement (TVCPA); Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC approves the QIN entering into a TVCPA with Indian Health Services for the Queets Wastewater Plant Project.

1/27/2025

Resolutions 25-315-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, Toptana is authorized under its Corporate Charter to “engage in any lawful business permitted to a corporation,” which business “shall be managed exclusively by its Board of Directors”; Whereas, the Company wishes to engage Northland Securities, Inc. pursuant to an engagement letter to act as Company's exclusive placement agent in connection with the proposed private placement of securities related to the Company's development of a cable landing station and associated backhaul network in Ocean Shores, WA (“Project”), which agreement (i) may result in the payment of fees to Northland for its services as the placement agent that could exceed \$750,000 if a successful placement is consummated, and (ii) includes a limited waiver of the Company's sovereign immunity; Whereas, the Company requests approval from the QBC to enter into the Agreement and to provide for a limited waiver of sovereign immunity on substantially the terms set forth in the Agreement; Whereas, the QBC, with the assistance of legal counsel, has reviewed the terms and provisions of the Agreement, including the limited waiver of sovereign immunity set forth therein; Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the QBC that it is in the best interest of the Company, and necessary and desirable to promote and carry out the purposes of Toptana as set forth in its Corporate Charter, to enter into the Agreement, and the Quinault Business Committee hereby approves the Company's entry into the Agreement, subject to and on the terms as may be approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

1/27/2025

Resolution 25-316-102 – Consent 1

WHEREAS, the QIN initiated a civil lawsuit in the QIN Tribal Court against Native Network on October 15, 2020, alleging multiple causes of action related to construction of a hybrid broadband system within the QIN Reservation; WHEREAS, to avoid the delay and expense of further litigation, Native Network, Inc. and the QIN entered into a settlement agreement to mutually and amicably settle the claims and controversies between, which was approved by Resolution #20-350-98;

1/27/2025

Resolutions 25-317-102 – Consent 2

Whereas, the QIN wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Clallam County Hospital District #1 to establish a framework for the shared use of specific radio frequencies to ensure efficient communication, avoid interference, enhance coordination during emergencies, and comply with applicable technical, operational, and regulatory standards; and Whereas, the QBC finds it is in the best interests of the Nation to enter into the attached MOU with Clallam County Hospital District #1; Now Therefore be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the attached MOU with Clallam County Hospital District #1 for the purpose of sharing radio frequencies and authorizes Police Chief Mark James to execute the MOU on behalf of the QIN.

1/27/2025

Resolutions 25-318-102 – Consent 3

QBC authorizes the payment of dues for Intertribal

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Timber Council (ITC) membership of \$250.00 to be paid out of 1000/ Budget ; Be It Further Resolved, the QBC appoints John Bryson as the Nation's representative to ITC, with Ryan Hendricks. as the alternate.

1/27/2025
Resolutions 25-319-102 – Consent 4

Whereas, the QBC desires to protect its logos, symbols, and branding-type names that are trademarked from use by others for profit; Whereas, the Quinault TANF Program is ordering coats for its staff members from Pacific Northwest Coast Apparel LLC; Whereas, Pacific Northwest Coast Apparel LLC has requested to license the QIN logo to put on the coats; Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the QBC grants Pacific Northwest Coast Apparel LLC a non-exclusive license to use the QIN logo solely for the purpose of affixing it to the coats ordered by the Quinault TANF Program.

1/27/2025
Resolutions 25-320-102 – Consent 6

WHEREAS, the QIN has previously entered into an agreement with TOPdesk USA, Inc. for the purpose of the Nation's IT ticketing system and the agreement is up for renewal; Whereas, the attached Agreement deviates from the QIN standardized contract and requires approval by resolution of the QBC; Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the QBC approves the attached "TOPdesk PURCHASING AGREEMENT" with TOPdesk USA, Inc. for the IT ticketing system in the amount of \$21,120.00.

1/27/2025
Resolutions 25-321-102 – Consent 7

QBC approves entering into a Forest Carbon Development Agreement, subject to any edits approved by the Office of Attorney General, with Greenline Climate for a period of 10 reporting periods for a development fee of 7% of project revenue after third-party costs have been removed, not to exceed \$3,500,000 for the initial credit issuance and \$550,000 annually with a 2.5% annual inflationary adjustment to develop and administer a carbon credit project for the Nation's 100% owned lands.

1/27/2025
Resolutions 25-322-102 – Consent 9

Whereas, on November 13, 2018, at the QBC meeting located at the Joe DeLaCruz Council Chamber the formal creation of the QIN Employee Benefits Committee was presented by Kim Aiken and tabled; WHEREAS, on November 28, 2018, at the QBC meeting located at the Joe DeLaCruz Council Chambers the formal creation of the QIN Employee Benefits Committee was presented again; Whereas, there is no documenting resolution showing implementation of the QIN Employee Benefits Committee; Whereas, on October 15, 2024, the QBC requested to reduce the Benefits Committee from fifteen (15) members; Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC approves and authorizes the reduction of the Nation's Benefit Committee to a total of eight members (two representatives from each of the following entities: QIN, Quinault Corporate, Quinault Beach Resort & Casino, and Quinault Wellness/Health Center).

1/27/2025
Resolutions 25-323-102 – Action 1

Whereas, the QIN desires to provide confidential geospatial land and forestry data and other information to The Nature Conservancy for purposes of supporting mapping of areas that might be managed for conservation through the Quinault Carbon Project; Whereas, a representative of The Nature Conservancy executed the attached Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA); Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the attached QIN NDA with The Nature Conservancy

1/27/2025
Resolutions 25-324-102 – Action 2

Whereas, the QBC desires to retain Mark Glyde Communications LLC for professional services related to outreach and communications; Whereas, Mark Glyde proposes a two-year agreement for such services totaling \$102,000; Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the QBC hereby approves the attached Standardized Independent Contractor Agreement with Mark Glyde Communications LLC for professional services related to outreach and communications for \$102,000 for two years.

1/27/2025
Resolutions 25-325-102 – Action 3

Whereas, 42 C.F.R. Part 136 authorizes Indian Tribes, at their discretion, to provide Contract Health Services (CHS) to persons who have close social and economic ties (CSET) to the particular Tribe; Whereas, the QIN has allowed members of the community to access CSH because of CSET; Whereas, CSET is a privilege and not a right, and final approval for such privilege is that of the QBC; Whereas, Barbara A. Capoeman, should be granted CSET privileges because he/she has demonstrated long term economic, cultural and or social relationships with the QIN, specifically she was married to Cecil Capoeman, a Quinault Tribal member, has adult children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who are all enrolled. She has been a part of the community since 1965. Barbara first worked as a Vista worker for the Nation prior to working for the Taholah School district from 1971 – 2007; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby affirms that Barbara A. Capoeman should be granted CSET privileges.

1/28/2025
Resolutions 25-326-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QBC desires to retain Minburn Technology Group to provide Microsoft Software Licenses for the period of December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2027 for a total cost not to exceed \$802,598.04, paid in three annual installments of \$267,532.68; Whereas, agreements over \$250,000

require approval by the QBC under the Nation's Procurement Policies and Procedures; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the attached Enterprise Agreement for Government Partners to obtain Microsoft Software Licenses for the period of December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2027 as specified in the attached agreement, and approves a total past and future expenditure not to exceed \$802,598.04,.

1/29/2025
Resolutions 25-327-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QBC recognizes the need for the Queets Wastewater Treatment Plant to replace the existing wastewater treatment lagoons because erosion from adjacent waterways has compromised the structural integrity of the lagoon berms, resulting in periodic leakage; Whereas, funding is available for the project in the following amounts: (1) Indian Health Services (IHS) will provide \$1,900,000.00 of Regular Funds, and \$150,000.00 of Housing Support Funds, (2) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will contribute \$1,435,682.79 in CWA Funds and \$650,000.00 in BIL Funds, and (3) the QIN will contribute \$489,147.21 for a total of \$4,624,830.00; Whereas, the QBC must designate a certifying officer to represent the QIN and assume the status of responsible federal official under applicable laws; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC approves the QIN entering into a Public Law 93-638, Title V Construction Project Agreement with IHS for the Queets Wastewater Treatment Plant Project; Be It Further Resolved, the QBC designates Lauren McFarland, Environmental Protection Manager, as the certifying officer to represent QIN and assume the status of responsible federal official under the Agreement.

2/6/2025
Resolutions 25-328-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QBC is required to administer 1% charity according to the gaming compact entered in to with Washington State; Whereas, the QBC scheduled a working session on January 15, 2025 and thoroughly examined the applications; Now, Therefore, Be It resolved, the QBC authorizes the following distributions be awarded to the following qualified entities for FY24 1st quarter January 1, 2024 through 4th Quarter ending October 1, 2024.

NB School	\$20,987.93
Taholah School	\$43,000.00
Queets Shaker Church	\$ 2,000.00
Light House C18hurch	\$15,500.00
501(c)3 - Non Profits	
Mayday Foundation	\$ 2,500.00
Long Live the Kings	\$ 2,500.00
Santiago Water Ass.	\$14,487.93
Connections Healthy Families	\$ 5,743.96
Central Park Lions	\$ 2,000.00
Indigenous Perf. Productions	\$ 2,250.00
Make a Difference Foundation	\$ 2,000.00
The grand total	\$89,969.82

2/10/2025
Resolutions 25-329-102 – Hand Carry

Purchase of undivided interests from Harold Lloyd Hawkes, Jr.

2/10/2025
Resolutions 25-330-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QBC is prioritizing the revitalization of our Quinault language; Whereas, the Quinault language revitalization is promoted by the use of Quinault language by community members of all ages; Whereas, the ArtsWA (Washington State Arts Commission) is offering grants to support Washington Tribal Communities' arts and culture; Whereas, this non-competitive opportunity will provide support for Quinault Language activities; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC approves the application to the ArtsWA to support Washington Tribal

Communities' arts and culture.

2/10/2025
Resolutions 25-331-102 – Hand Carry

Quinault Division of Natural Resources (QDNR) is hereby authorized to participate as a partner for a grant that will be submitted by Washington Department of Ecology's Office of the Chehalis Basin of up to \$3,000,000 from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, to implement the Tributary to Stevens Creek final designs, develop and submit environmental permits, receive construction support and implement construction; Be It Further Resolved, that the QBC approves the attached letter of support and directs that it be submitted to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

2/10/2025
Resolutions 25-332-102 – Hand Carry

Quinault Division of Natural Resources (QDNR) is hereby authorized to participate as a partner for a grant that will be submitted by Wild Salmon Center of up to \$3,000,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which will rectify two fish barriers on the Washington Coast; Be It Further Resolved, that if granted, the QIN will be sub-awarded up to \$450,000 for which QDNR may increase technical capacity to assist staff in fish passage design reviews, ensuring adequate passage of fish barriers within the QIN Usual and Accustomed Fishing Area, and implement fish passage improvement projects in the QIR.

2/10/2025
Resolutions 25-333-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Marine Debris Program has launched the NOAA Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Project (MDMAP) Nationwide Survey in partnership with 1st Mission LLC to document the status of marine debris on coastal shorelines across the United States; Whereas, NOAA has randomly identified a site to conduct a survey within the Quinault Reservation between Tunnel Island and the Raft River as described in the attached letter; Whereas, NOAA has requested permission to enter the reservation to conduct this survey beginning in summer or fall of 2025; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC approves grants permission to NOAA to access the area between Tunnel Island and the Raft River for the purpose of conducting the MDMAP survey, provided that NOAA agrees to hold harmless the Nation and its agents, contractors, cooperators and employees of the Nation, and to waive any claim of liability against the Nation and its agents, contractors, cooperators, and employees of the Nation for any injury, damage, or harm arising out of such activity.

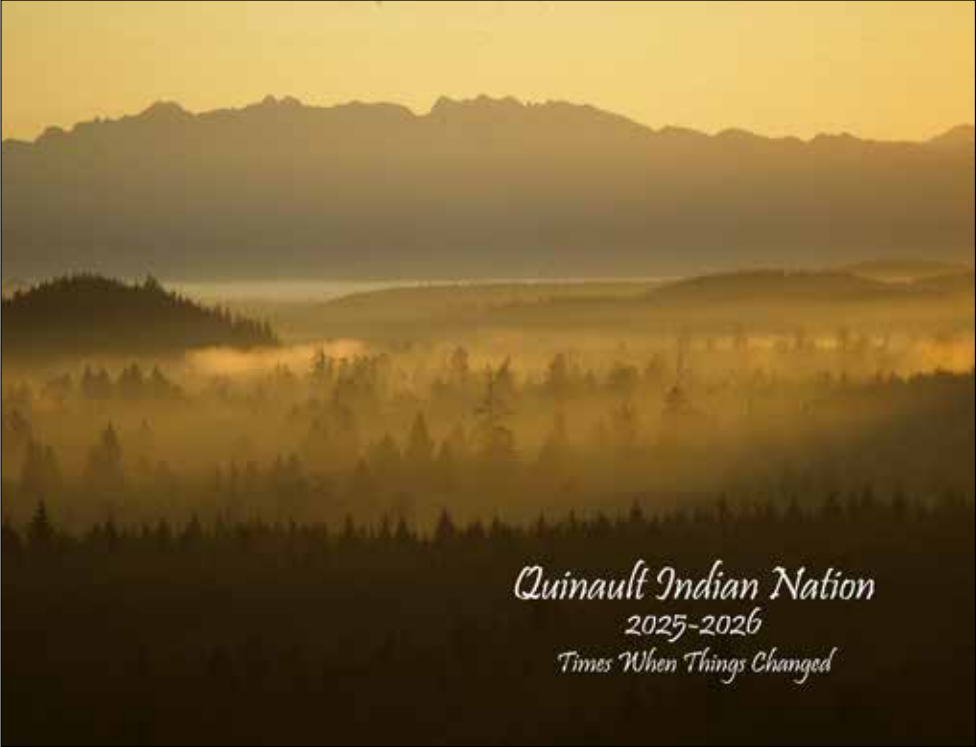
2/10/2025
Resolutions 25-334-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QBC recognizes the importance of employing in-house legal counsel to provide timely and competent advice and representation to the QBC and the Nation's governmental divisions and departments; Whereas, the QBC wishes to continue the employment relationship subject to the terms and conditions of the attached Employment Agreement with Senior Assistant Attorney General Lori Bruner; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC approves the attached Employment Agreement with Lori Bruner, effective February 17, 2025.

2/18/2025
Resolutions 25-335-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QIN desires to obtain confidential information regarding a property from the seller; Whereas, the seller has requested that the Nation sign the attached Confidentiality Agreement; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC hereby approves the attached Confidentiality Agreement and authorizes President Capoeman or his designee to sign any relevant documents.

The 2025-2026 Quinault Indian Nation Calendar



Quinault Indian Nation
2025-2026
Times When Things Changed

The 47th edition of the Quinault Calendar should be in the mail shortly after this issue of the *Nugquam* is published.

Since the earliest Quinaults walked this land, many changes have taken place. As the glaciers withdrew back into the mountains, the land and rivers have undergone gradual natural changes over thousands of years, and Quinaults were able to adapt.

Over 560 generations had already passed by the time the first non-natives arrived, yet only 10 generations have passed since their arrival. With

them came diseases that devastated our people. Later, policies imposed upon us by the federal government and other outside forces changed the social order, and the great forests that had existed for more than 5,000 years disappeared in less than three generations. However, while changes once covered a significant time span, they are now occurring at an ever-increasing rate because of industrialization and technology impacting not only our social order, but also with the environment unlike any time in history.

We are all now connected to the entire world. We have yet to see how this will play out. But our home is here in Quinault Country and whatever may befall us in the future, we, like our ancestors, will adapt if we are mindful of the spirit that lies within the land and our people.

We hope you enjoy this year's calendar as much as we enjoy creating it.



Indigenous Leaders Unite for Salmon Recovery

Ed Johnstone - NWIFC Chairman



February 19, 2025

We are stronger together for a common cause.

For 40 years, Indigenous nations in the United States and Canada have participated in the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) to implement the 1985 Pacific Salmon Treaty, with the goal of conducting equitable fisheries to manage salmon responsibly.

From our point of view, government efforts on both sides of the border have failed to stop the decline of the salmon that sustained tribal communities for countless generations.

“Just as salmon are vital to ecosystem health and larger food webs, salmon are essential to every aspect of Indigenous livelihood and culture,” according to a special report to the PSC by Earth Economics. “Salmon are integral to family structures, community cohesion, gatherings and ceremonies, and practices of giving, trading and sharing—all central to cultural identity.”

Unfortunately, we have fewer and fewer fish to share. Habitat degradation, pollution, climate change, marine

mammal predation and inadequate harvest management systems continue to drive down our salmon runs. Harvest management alone won’t save salmon—we need to take holistic approaches that integrate harvest, habitat and hatcheries.

At the PSC meeting in Portland this year, members of the U.S. Tribal Caucus and Canada’s First Nation Caucus put our commitment into words in a Memorandum of Understanding to work together to:

- Sustain healthy salmon populations to meet the social, spiritual, economic and cultural needs of current and future generations.
- Enhance Tribal and First Nations capacity for fisheries governance and resources stewardship.
- Share information to support conservation, resources management, and salmon harvest, use and governance.

At the signing ceremony, the chair of the First Nations Caucus Gordon Sterritt, Xsaxgyoo, (Gitxsan Nation) credited two of NWIFC’s late leaders: “I’d like to acknowledge the late Lorraine Loomis (Swinomish) and Terry Williams (Tulalip), who championed these relationships throughout their careers—knowing the greater the collaboration, the better chance we have for ensuring there are salmon resources for future generations,” he said.

“We’re in a period of great uncertainty on a number of fronts and only with all of us working together will we have a fighting chance to address the issues that salmon—and by extension, we—are all challenged with.”

The memorandum draws from guiding principles recommended by the Earth Economics report:



Murray Ned Kwilosintun, (Semá:th), Haida Hereditary Chief Nang Jingwas Russ Jones, First Nations Caucus Chair Gordon Sterritt, Xsaxgyoo, (Gitxsan Nation), and Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Chairman and CEO W. Ron Allen with the MOU. NWIFC Photo

- Recognize Tribes and First Nations as co-managers and respect their sovereignty, rights and trust responsibilities.
- Commit to joint environmental stewardship to rebuild salmon populations for future generations through habitat restoration and protection.
- Incorporate Indigenous values and traditional knowledge alongside western science in salmon management.

Haida Hereditary Chief Nang Jingwas Russ Jones and Murray Ned, Kwilosintun, (Semá:th) signed the memorandum on behalf of the First Nations Caucus. The caucus is planning a traditional longhouse ceremony next year to commemorate the signing.

Signing along with McCoy Oatman of Nez Perce on behalf of the U.S.

Tribal Caucus, Jamestown S’Klallam Chairman and CEO W. Ron Allen quoted NWIFC’s late chairman—and my mentor and longtime friend: “Billy Frank Jr. always used to say, ‘Every river has a people,’ and we take care of it and that’s our job passed on by our elders.”

“We all agree to help each other understand what we can do to protect the salmon so that it will be sustained for future generations,” he added. “That’s the spirit that’s inside the document.”

Billy also used to say, “It’s going to take all of us.” It gives me hope to stand alongside leaders from First Nations and the Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission to celebrate respectful and collaborative relationships that will help us achieve our shared goal of recovering salmon for the next seven generations.

FIREWOOD PERMITS BY MAIL



OLYMPIA, Washington, Olympic peninsula residents now have the option to obtain Olympic National Forest Personal-use Firewood Permits by mail.

Personal-use Firewood Permits are free, and they allow the public to collect up to six cords of firewood from the Olympic National Forest per calendar year.

To obtain a permit by mail first go to our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/olympic/passes-permits/forestproducts> and download a Personal-use Firewood Permit form. Once the form is completed it along with supporting information can be sent to the forest via email at sm.fs.oly_so_admin@usda.gov or by U.S. Postal Service mail to:

Olympic National Forest
Attn: Visitor Information
Supervisors Office Attn: Forest Officer
1835 Black Lake Blvd SW
Olympia, WA 98512

Instructions and maps on where firewood can be harvested on the Forest are also available online.

The public may still obtain permits in person at all four of a Forest Offices during walk-in service hours.

Please check our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/olympic/about-forest/offices> for specific days and hours of operation.



World Wildlife Day is observed annually on March 3rd, and it is a global observance that raises awareness on the importance of wildlife conservation and educate people about the remarkable diversity of animal and plant species across the globe.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) created this day in 2013 in recognition of the adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in 1973.

The purpose of World Wildlife Day is to acknowledge the critical role that wildlife plays in maintaining the ecological balance and the well-being of the biotic organisms.

The UNGA resolution also known as the resolution UN 68/205 highlights the several contributions of wildlife including the ecological, genetic, social, economic, educational, scientific, aesthetic, recreational, and cultural value.

Wildlife plays a vital role in our planet’s ecosystems and provides essential benefits to humanity, including clean air, water, medicinal resources, and livelihoods.

Wildlife supports sustainable development and provides opportunities for environmental education and research.

It is critical to protect endangered species and preserve the habitats they depend on for survival.

Over-exploitation, habitat destruction, and climate change threaten species worldwide, making efforts to conserve wildlife more pressing than ever.

World Wildlife Day highlights the essential role of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

CITES works to ensure that international trade does not endanger species and has played a key role in regulating trade in wildlife and plants, helping to prevent illegal trafficking that puts many species at risk.



Photo by Larry Workman

Byrdeen Underwood

By Pearl Capoeman -Baller



January 28, 2025

Byrdeen is the only daughter of Robert “Tubbles” and Hazel “Dooney” Underwood, she grew up with four brothers and was raised predominantly by her grandmother, and later her grandfather George Underwood. She is also a descendant of the Purdy family.

Byrdeen grew up in Taholah, but went to a school in Newkirk, Oklahoma at the Chilocco Indian boarding school. There were several Quinault Tribal members that also went there. She said the best thing about the school was that you met natives from all over the United States. She said that one of her brothers wanted to send her there because she was drinking too much here in Taholah but said that there was a huge drinking problem at the school also.

We asked her if that’s where she learned to make fry bread, but she told us that she doesn’t know how to make fry bread, nor does she know how to bake. One of her teachers required her to make bread for a class, but it turned out so hard, it was hard enough to bounce off the floor. One of the biggest joys of her life were having her two children, one son, Tommy who is now deceased and a daughter Nancy. But

she’s very proud of her grandkids and their accomplishments and is definitely looking forward to having her first great grandchild in a couple of months.

One of her jobs after high school was working in an electronic assembly line in San Jose, California. Being a cook for the elder program was another job that she enjoyed. After caring for her mom, she thought about being a nurse, and off and on she still transports members to medical appointments. Another job she had was working in Olympia at a dry cleaner then later worked at QBRC.

Growing up in Taholah, one of her best friends was Patty Masten and her sisters. She said she enjoyed playing outside with other kids playing tag, hide-n-seek, etc. She learned how to swim, and like many other rez kids, got thrown off the dock and was told to swim or drown. Also like many tribal members, she went to the berry fields in Puyallup to earn money by picking her favorite berries, which is blueberries. Her family supported many baseball teams, but she herself didn’t participate in sports, but enjoyed playing pool. Byrdeen said her dad was considered a pool shark, and later her family built a pool hall on front street,

and her mom managed it. Her family always sponsored a pool team, and they always played at Tom Lewis’s bar in Aberdeen.

Her mom Hazel used to sit on the front porch of their home and make baskets. Byrdeen said she learned the skill of making baskets, but never was as good as her mom was at making them. One thing that sticks in her mind as she was growing up was the memory of people talking about Temanowos and how powerful it was. Like many elders believed, as a child, you were to be seen and not heard. When asked if she believed in Bigfoot, that was an adamant NO, and she has never seen one and asked what they looked like, we were describing them as something big

and hairy, she said it sounded like we were describing Bill Elliott 😊. She never learned to speak the Quinault Language, her Gram spoke it fluently but never wanted Byrdeen to speak it, because she was told that she was going to grow up in the white man’s world. Personally, I’ve always thought that Bird Bird (Byrdeen) was fearless, but we did find out that she fears snakes and bugs. Her advice to the younger generation is to learn about your culture, get an education and always respect your elders.

And the last time she did a somersault was when the Seahawks won a game. She thinks the Tribe needs to work on building more houses on the Reservation. She said one of her greatest accomplishments was when she quit drinking. She said she enjoyed going to Hawaii and Disneyland with her whole family. Byrdeen shared with us that she would love going on another trip with her family and would love to have her only living brother Dickie to go with them.

On a final note, I have to say that in the many years that I have known Byrdeen, she’s fluent in her own language 😊 and is one of the very few people that I know that is consistent and comfortable with her wardrobe, trunks, tank tops and flip flops. The day we did her interview it was a cold and for this special day, she wore socks and slippers and even had a coat on. What a character she is.

Are you an elder interested in being interviewed?

We continue to do interviews as often as we can. Please contact me at the Conversion Center if you are an elder and are interested in being interviewed. Millie McCrory and Gloria Miranda assisted with the interview process. We are willing to travel to Hoquiam, Queets, Ocean Shores etc. Any elder interested in being interviewed, please contact us by calling the Conversion Center.

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Judith Ann Kintanar

By Pearl Capoeman -Baller



February 19, 2025

Today we had the wonderful experience of interviewing another unique tribal elder, many people call her Judy Judy. It was a special day, it is her 76th birthday! Judy can put a smile on everybody’s face. On occasion she wears special hats and scarves (she says her friend Aggie Shale keeps buying her hats).

She was born in Tacoma to Joe Kintanar and Violet Hudson, she is a descendant of the Ford Family. She comes from a big family and had four brothers and four sisters. Her two living siblings are Dolly Papp and Joey Kintanar.

Judy was raised in Taholah and the first house they lived in burned down so the family ended up residing in the Leonard Rosander home which is no longer standing, but it was right next to Hazel Smith’s house.

She went to the Taholah Grade school until 6th grade; her first teacher was Ms. Nickles, and her second teacher was Clarence Pickernell. She learned Quinault tribal dances and songs in his class. She has fond mem-

ories of singing and dancing at the Becker Building in Aberdeen. Beatrice Black was the head cook back then, she also taught some of the students how to make baskets. From grade 7-12, she went to Moclips, she said she washed dishes everyday so that she could pay for her lunch. Like every other student that went to Moclips, she absolutely loved the Friday lunch of chili and cinnamon rolls.

While attending Moclips High, she joined the chorus and remembers singing *Let me call you sweetheart*. She recalls Shari Curtwright singing solo, she had a very nice voice.

Judy graduated in 1967, and after high school she attended a program called Upward Bound at Mira Mar School and that is where she met Gene Terry. They had two daughters, Cossette and Ilene, who are both very talented and educated and Judy is very proud of both. She has one son, Robert Edwards (aka B.E), and seven grandkids.

In her younger years in Taholah, she loved playing with marbles (you know, like with the cat eye), tether ball

and playing with her friends on the swings. Judy, Alicia and Jiggy Shale would play a lot, and they would go all over to pick and eat sprouts. Her best friends were Tiny Case and Aggie, they liked to go to Auntie Irene Shale’s and look for frogs. At that time Irene’s house seemed to be way out of town, Taholah only had three streets at that time.

Her Mom and Dad were considered strict, she remembered that her dad would come looking for her if she was late getting home. Her Dad Joe was the janitor at the grade school here and they would always help him with cleaning the windows at the school as he was buffing the floors. Even though her parents were strict, she has a fond memory of them going to Tacoma to watch the Daffodil parade, they would put pop in a cooler with baloney and bread and had a great time. On one trip to Tacoma they went to a Filipino party, her dad was Filipino, and they were dancing there. They tried to convince her to marry a Filipino man, of which she had no interest in.

Her mom liked going to the

Kloochman house, so she always tagged along with her.

She learned to swim like many friends, getting thrown into the river. The second time she went swimming she jumped off the top of the roof of the buying station on the dock. Then she decided that she could swim across the mouth of the river with Tiny. They found out about the undercurrent that runs at the mouth of the river, and she was afraid to swim back, but luckily Benji Cheney was fishing in a boat that day and he gave her a ride back across the river.

She always enjoyed the time spent with Marie Jones and traveling around with Hazel Jones. She had the opportunity to learn how to play the accordion and piano. Like many other kids in Taholah she always enjoyed picking berries here and at the berry fields in the Sumner and Poulsbo areas.

She had never seen a Sasquatch, but her sister Candice did. As a kid she heard the stories of Pitch Lady, she said Grace Hall was always telling her stories and reminded her that she could not be outside after dark.

One of her favorite foods then was mustard greens, she said there were always gardens around Taholah. She hasn’t had the desire to get into tribal politics but does recall making a motion this past year at a Special General Council recall meeting that seemed to almost cause a frenzy at the meeting.

As an adult her travels did take her to Greece and Italy, she loved the boat rides there. Her advice to people would be don’t do drugs, especially stay away from Fentanyl. As far as moving up the hill away from the Tsunami zone, unless there is funding for a new home, she doesn’t see her family moving up there.

THE ANNUAL QUINULT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 28th & 29th

TAHOLAH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

For those Tribal elders that travel from afar for the General Council meeting, we are willing to set up interviews for Friday evening or Sunday afternoon (after the meeting).

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The Indian Reorganization Act and the Quinault Constitution

The Indian Reorganization Act, sometimes called the Wheeler Howard Act, has stirred lively debate in Indian country since it became law in 1934. On the Quinault Reservation, the IRA was regarded with suspicion. Certain effects of the Act have been resisted with varying degrees of success. The history of the IRA provides an interesting insight into the politics of federal Indian law.

The IRA was created largely through the efforts of Commissioner of Indian Affairs John Collier and Felix Cohen, who was an expert on Indian law. They sought to break the “iron rule” of the BIA in Indian country. They hoped to free the Indians from so much federal control and to allow them more powers of self-determination. With these goals in mind, they drafted and sent to Congress the original IRA proposals. The bill ended the allotment process which had caused a huge loss of the Indian land base. It extended the trust period for allotments indefinitely. It allowed for the increase of reservation acreage and provided some money to buy back some lost land. Also, it allowed Indians to organize their own governments and to work free of BIA control.

As Congress was considering the bill, it became very clear that the IRA had some stiff opposition. The bill would affect all Indian reservations. So there was opposition from all parts of the country where nonIndians had an interest in preventing changes on the reservation. Cattle interests, timber interests, religious groups and others all objected to the IRA's proposals. They were more comfortable with the existing situation. They resisted changing their cozy relationship with the BIA which allowed them to exploit reservation resources. This meant that a great deal of money, and energy would be used to stop, or to alter the IRA. Needless to say, the BIA also forcefully resisted the proposed erosion of its power.

Indeed, the provisions of the IRA that granted much more self-determination to the Indians were severely cut back by amendments to the bill. Many of the sections that Collier and Cohen had drafted were significantly altered or deleted during Congressional discussion of the bill. Many of the sections were originally meant to give Indians power to make their own decisions. After the amendments, these powers were made subject to the approval of the BIA and the Interior Department.

Even with these changes the bill still had the support of Collier, Cohen and other people who proposed it. It was finally passed by Congress and approved by the President. But it did not take effect on the reservations right away. The Act itself provided that the Indians of each reservation could vote for or against accepting the IRA on their reservation.

The voting gave rise to tremendous problems on the Quinault Reservation. There were many people with allotments on the reservation who did not live on or near the Reservation. Questions arose over whether these people should be allowed to vote in the IRA election. The BIA made rules as to who could vote. Only those people whose home was on the reservation would be allowed to vote. But this restriction was interpreted very loosely. In order to get a voting ballot, all the non-resident allottees had to do was sign

a paper saying that they intended to move “home” to the reservation eventually. This allowed many people to vote in the IRA election even though they had never lived on or near the reservation.

The Quinaults protested this ruling. The local agent, N.O. Nicholson, also objected. But his superiors in the BIA ordered him to send a ballot to any allottee who would call the reservation “home”.

Collier travelled the country to encourage Indians to vote to accept the IRA. He came to Taholah to meet with the Quinault. His visit was occasion for a great deal of preparation. Two months before the visit the people began cleaning the town. Even Superintendent Nicholson helped clean for two days. Everyone dressed up for the meeting that was scheduled in the gymnasium. Finally Commissioner Collier arrived with a large entourage. One of his group asked where the tipis were. An old Quinault explained to her that the Quinault had always lived in lean-to's and houses, not in tipis.

Collier stayed in Taholah for only part of a day. He had lunch and addressed the crowd. He thanked the people for their hospitality, commented on the beauty of the area, and made the usual political comments. He encouraged the Quinault to vote to accept the IRA. He left town after the speech.

Prior to Collier's visit, there had not been much talk about the IRA in Taholah. But now it clearly needed discussion. Most of the people were suspicious of Collier and the IRA. They were even more suspicious because he had come all the way from Washington, D.C., to encourage them to vote in a certain way. The Quinaults already deemed themselves to be quite separate from the federal government. They had challenged the government fishing regulations in the case of Mason v. Sams and had won. They could not see why any more legislation was necessary to show their independence. Many people thought the IRA was another attempt by the government to take some thing from the Indians and they opposed it.

In March of 1934, Harry Shale represented the Quinaults at a meeting of many tribes called to discuss the IRA. When it was Shale's turn to address the group, he spoke of the Quinault self-government. He explained the fishing case and how it meant that the Quinaults could govern themselves. He said that the IRA might be helpful to some tribes, but that the Quinaults did not need any more authority to be self-governing.

On April 13, 1935, there was a vote on the Quinault Reservation on whether to accept the IRA. The people living on the reservation voted 107 to 36 against the IRA. But the non-residents who had been given ballots voted 148 to 69 in favor of the Act. So the IRA was adopted at Quinault by a small margin.

After the voting, the tribal government protested the election. Harry Shale telegraphed and wrote the Commissioner. He said that the vote was improper because the absentees were allowed to vote. He said that the election rules were unfair and that unauthorized people voted. The protests were of no avail. The Commissioner replied that the election had been proper and that its results would be binding on the Quinault Reservation.

Since the IRA had been accepted, the Quinaults had an opportunity to organize a government under that act. No move was made in that direction, though, because the tribe already had functional tribal government. Also, the IRA-type governments had tribal constitutions that required the BIA to review and approve many governmental actions. So although the non-residents had approved the IRA, the residents of Taholah did not want to change the government to come under more BIA control.

The Quinault government was operating under the By-Laws adopted in 1922. The By-Laws were very brief and did not deal with many situations that arose as tribal government became more sophisticated. The tribe set about drafting a new Constitution. It sent copies of the drafts to the BIA but did not ask for Bureau approval. Eventually a final draft of the Constitution was proposed. It was scheduled to be voted on by the General Council in 1975.

A few days before the Council meeting and the vote, the BIA objected to the tribe's procedure. The Bureau said that the Quinaults were an IRA tribe and that they could not adopt a Constitution without BIA approval. The Bureau did not like the proposed Constitution, partly because it did not require BIA approval of tribal actions. Nonetheless, the Quinaults proceeded with the Council meeting. The new Constitution was approved by the necessary 2/3 vote of the Council in a very close election.

An effort was then begun to get the Commissioner to agree that the Quinaults had acted legally, and that the tribe was not operating an outlaw government. The BIA lawyers in Portland had said the new Constitution was illegal. They said that since the Quinaults had adopted the IRA, the tribal government must organize under the Act. The Tribe's officers and lawyers said that the Tribe could organize outside the IRA, no matter what the IRA vote had been. They claimed that the Tribe could still decide whether to act under the IRA or outside it.

Finally the Commissioner agreed with the Tribe. He issued a statement that the Quinaults could organize their new government outside the IRA. The Tribe had never asked for Bureau approval of the new Constitution. So the question had become whether the BIA could stop the Quinaults from forming a

Snapshots in Time

1 Year Ago – March 2024

- 16 Sunny weekend with 70°F temperatures in Grays Harbor.
- 23 Grays Harbor County life expectancy is the second lowest in the state at 75.5.
- 26 Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed after ship crash.

25 Years Ago – March 2000

- 5 The Paula Lee dredge barge, which grounded at Ocean Shores on Friday, is refloated and towed off beach.
- 25 Pearl-Capoeman-Baller re-elected president of the QIN for a third term.
- 26 The Kingdome is imploded.
- 28 Groundbreaking for the YMCA of Grays Harbor and Bishop Aquatic Center.

50 Yeas Ago – March 1975

- 21 C-141 crashes in the Olympic Mountains.
- 22 Quinault Constitution adopted.
- 25 King Faisal assassinated.
- 30 Clarence Esses is *The Daily World* Man of the Year.

75 Years Ago – March 1950

- 1 Commercial razor clam season opens; 35¢ this year compare to 16¢ last year.
- 3 Whooping cough outbreak in Hoquiam subsides.
- 4 Heavy rains the last two days.
- 11 Chaunta, an ocean going tug with a barge load of Columbia River logs, runs aground on the “Middle Grounds” across from Moon Island.
- 14 Java Mail arrives in Willapa Harbor with 9,242 cases of seed oysters for growers in the Twin Harbors area. The Komatmotod will be used to grow “Washington oysters”. It is midway in size between the small Olympic and the big Willapa oyster.
- 20 The Harbor, once top Fir area, now imports it.
- 23 Gale winds sweep Northwest coast.

100 Years Ago – March 1925

- 3 Dense fog.
- 25 Aberdeen has Wynooche water plans.
- 31 Quinaults gather at river at midnight for early opening of Blueback season.

125 Years Ago – March 1900

- 2 First Quinault Salmon of the season arrived in Hoquiam last week. This is a month earlier than normal and the Indians say that this means an early spring.
- 14 U.S. adapts gold standard for all currency.
- 18 Rainfall heavy all week.
- 30 With the fish season closed on the Harbor and a big landslide near Point Granville (Grenville), the markets have experienced considerable trouble supplying the trade.
- 30 Humptulips loggers wear broad smiles as the last big freshet nearly cleared them the entire river of logs and set into the boom.
- 30 T21N-R9W sold a few weeks ago to eastern parties.

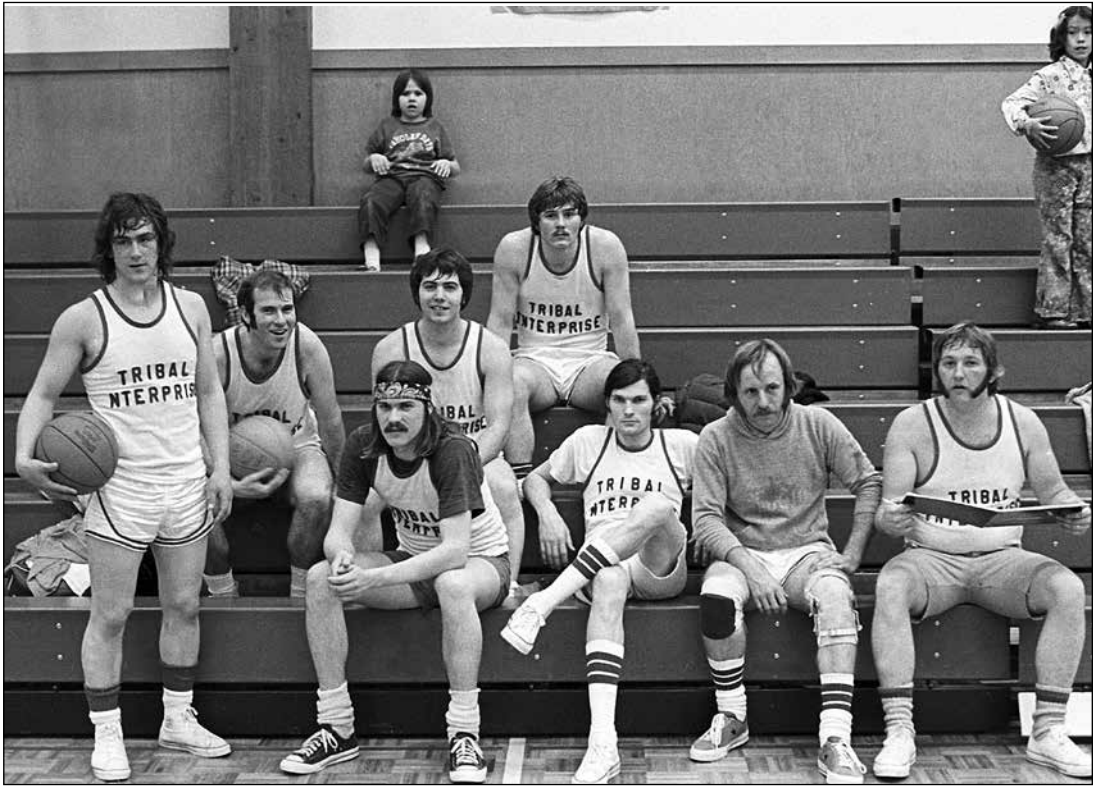
government in this way. This put the Bureau in a tricky spot. The Tribe might go to court to seek a decision allowing a new Constitution outside the IRA. If the Tribe won such a case, other tribes would follow suit and try to get out from under BIA control. If they lost, the Tribe could still operate its government in opposition to the BIA. Then the BIA would have to wage a bureaucratic and financial fight with the Quinault. Since it was already using these weapons, the tribe felt it had nothing to lose. Rather than risk losing a court case, the Commissioner agreed to allow the Quinaults to organize outside the IRA.

The right of the Quinault

to operate a government independent of the IRA and extensive federal control was recognized. The government bgan operation under the new Constitution. The actions of the tribal government were not submitted to the BIA for approval. While the IRA had been approved in the 1935 election, the Quinaults had protected a large measure of their self-government.

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50 years ago



Left to right: Willie Johnstone, Terry Wright, Tim Sheldon, Lynn Hatcher, Cary Feldman, Gene Terry, Larry Gilbertson and Jim Figg. Photo by Larry Workman

		March Birthdays and Anniversaries					
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March Birthdays	07 Melissa L. Sivonen	11 Violet Villa	16 Madelynn Raven Obi	22 Candy Knight	27 Anthony L. Carter		
01 Maria A. French	07 Robert T. Sivonen	12 Nancy M. Gracy	16 Maliah Veronica Louise Pluff	22 Luke Mason	27 Kilee R. Bastian		
01 Darrin L. Winkler	07 Mary L. (Comenote) May	12 Steven D. Lehman Jr.	16 Faith Underwood-Pickernell	22 Talon Hawkes	27 Tracy Lewis		
01 Brendon Peterson	07 Laura E. Obi-Sansom	12 Styles McFarland	16 Brynn Tarabochia	22 Marietta A. Gillette	27 Bryce Curley		
01 Cade Capoeman	07 Celina P. (Charley) Markishtum	12 Colton David Wise	16 Samantha Sansom	22 Gloria A. Estrada	27 Jazmine Curnew		
01 Samuel Lorton	07 Sunny M. (McMinds) Pierce	12 Adam Morgan	17 Brooklynn Smith	22 Benjamin Russell Heath	27 Lalisia Russell		
01 Makaio Wilder-Cook	07 Melba C. Bennett	12 Ryan Lancaster	17 Anna M. Strong	22 Virginia G. L. Montgomery	28 Dolly R. Papp		
01 Kendall Balch	07 Katherine D. Wells	12 Styles McFarland	17 Patricia A. George	22 Jasmine Flores	28 Ethan Edwards		
02 Tessah Hawkes	07 David J. Simmons	13 Todd S. Pickernell	17 Tracy L. Parker	22 Valarie Markishtum	28 Jennie DeGeorge		
02 Beverly J. Reese	07 Dolleda Mowitch	13 Regina L. W. Wolfe	17 Robert W. Thomas	22 Talon Hawkes	28 Francis Napoleon		
02 Larissa A. Williams	07 Nicole Marie Law	13 Jefferson Rosander	17 Cameron J. Wyatt	22 Serenity Allread	28 Patricia L. Ward-Sheridan		
02 Lolita S. Black	07 Reese Stanley	13 Jaymie Ralston	17 Cheney Mason	22 Miya Uchiyama	28 Michelle M. Connally		
02 Tina K. R. James	07 Olivia De Rita	13 Roberto Joseph Davis Padron	17 Juan Carlos Espinoza	22 Hellen Schwenk	28 John S. Streeter		
02 Tillie Grover-McCrory	07 Jonathan Boldt	13 Brayden Jeremiah	18 Daymond L. Cole Jr.	22 Loren Rowley	28 Evelyne M. Kalama		
02 Desmond A. Underwood-Dan	08 Lance L. Saunders	13 Trinity Sellers	18 Wilson E. Pickernell	22 Khalix Smith	28 Howard S. Eselin III		
02 Vincent James Buckle	08 James E. Hobucket-Shale	13 Amara Dunn	18 Rebecca L. Waugh	23 Alena L. Lopez	28 Riley A. Kindle		
02 Tessah Hawkes	08 Robert L. Ramos	13 Jayce Galeana	18 Martha J. McBride	23 Sarah M. Serrano	28 Colton Tanner		
02 Conner Normand	08 Sophia Brown	13 Mark Benefiel	18 Sarah J. McBride	23 Heidi L. Gerdes	28 Tayven Davis		
02 Koen Harrison	09 Herbert J. Frank	13 Aurelia Escarcega	18 Tandy R. Charley	23 Sandra M. Curley	28 Steven Tobeck		
03 Patricia Ward	09 Virginia D. Brings Yellow	13 Kaden Morton	18 Lester L. Vitalis	23 Joshua T. Harrison	28 Nathaniel Pluff Jr.		
03 William W. Bailey	09 Loretta M. Williams	14 Edith N. Capoeman	18 Jeremy T. Rosander-Mail	23 William J. Pickernell	29 Dorothy R. Evon		
03 Michael D. Snell	09 Colby Lopez	14 Tim Dixon	18 Haiyle Markishtum	23 Gene T. Piffero Jr.	29 Joni D. (Collens) Hunter		
03 Marla L. Obi	09 Skip E. Saunders	14 Julie L. Burnett	18 Cherie Hartstrom	23 Barbara Allen	29 Raven Brown		
03 Michael A. Winkler	09 Tashia D. Iverson	14 Pete L. Wahwassuck III	18 John Howard	23 Charlie Grover	29 Michael S. Landon		
03 Kelly N. Dewald	09 Robert F. Edwards II	14 Angel A. Miller	18 Shane Compo	23 Jamie Mail II	29 Joshua D. Butler		
03 Mauriayah Hernandez	09 Guy Arnold	14 Sarah W. Miller	18 Cheyenne Compo	24 William J. Haynes Jr.	29 John Johnson		
03 Cash Fryberg	09 Kona Arnold	14 Kathryn Fay Parks	19 Helen J. Capoeman-Jones	24 Cleve A. Masten	29 Craig Goodface		
03 Tony Wheeler	09 Tre'Ann Andrew	14 Justin Hammell	19 Clinton A. Underwood	24 Jordan Waugh	29 Wanda Merrill		
04 Tristan Rhoades	09 Lanai Mason	14 Jayden Black	19 Kevin D. Frank	24 Gregory J. Lewis	29 Cambria Drywater		
04 Bill Adams	09 Lisa Green	14 Tanner Napoleon	19 Candice M. Capoeman	24 Kiona Johnson	29 Josejulian Vargas Romero		
04 William W. Vitalis	09 Salish Kowoosh	15 Dorothy M. (Eselin) Wools	19 Jamie L. Kalama	24 Meka Boncie-Machine	29 Bode Knodel		
04 Michelle (Grover) Ramirez	09 Jaysen Holmes	15 Reginald H. Ward II	19 Joseph Tsaleese Mail	24 Azaiden Williams	29 Marissa Hardy		
04 Kale Comenout	10 Susan J. Salazar	15 Brian W. Johnson	19 Ariyana Sotomish	25 Raymond F. Lundy	29 Natalie Peterson		
04 Etta Orris	10 Maria D. (DeGeorge) Edwards	15 Angeline L. Cheney	19 Ethan Pickernell	25 Robert S. Charles	30 Jaime Tena		
04 Liberty Linford	10 Gaileen M. Butler	15 Joshua L. Sansom	19 Vega Pope-Jackson	25 Jamie A. Brown	30 Shantal Y. Charlie		
04 Bryan Califf	10 Andrew Evon	15 Timothy M. Ebling	19 Flynn Burdick	25 Sigh F. Mason	30 Staci Radonski		
05 Kiho-Yee Smith-Zea	10 Gidget Cole	15 Frederick Pope Jr.	19 Karlma Lewis	25 Takweetano X. Black	30 Ashley Harp		
05 Terry E. Beckwith	10 Grover DeLaCruz	15 Ronald Landon	19 Debra Dee	25 Kiana Mail	30 Blaine Ancheta		
05 Sheila Reik	10 Jon-Thomas Quannah Mail	15 Xavier Lingnau	19 Liam Bryan	25 Charlee Kramer	30 Tyler Waltrip		
05 Ivy M. Pulsifer	10 Zakiah Kowoosh	15 Matthew Tarabochia-Gast	19 Virginia Dooley	25 Celestine Markishtum	30 Cloe Currier		
05 Ariana Underwood-Newton	10 Hannah Juneau-Velador	15 Payton Pappan	20 Jesse T. Pete Jr.	26 Faye Bryant	30 Jordyn Uchiyama		
05 Aurelio Black	10 Emma Barrett	15 Khelani Campos	20 Marquel R. Waugh	26 Vivian Buck	31 David C. Sotomish		
05 Harmony Pink	10 Dax Trimble	15 Patricia Villa Villa	20 Stacy Radonski	26 Ronald Obi Sr.	31 Larry R. James		
05 Rocecilia Chavarria Dan-Lopez	11 Lori A. Lehman	15 Tina Stuck	20 Kylie Tuengel	26 Michelle D. Ramon	31 Jamie S. Larson		
06 Frederick C. Landon	11 Gina M. Piffero	15 Jacob Evans	20 Santos Najera Jr.	26 Jennifer R. Ralston	31 Delma M.E. Mason		
06 Jaclyn N. Tumbaga	11 Donald E. Waugh Jr.	16 Alexander Bacon	20 Nicholas Newlun	26 Jon Brown	31 Brandi E. Markishtum		
06 Shari Curtright	11 Uriah C. Eselin	16 Mackenzie James	20 Kaya Duggins	26 Toni Johnson	31 Madison Parker		
06 Michael Francis Lawson	11 Brooke M. Pino	16 Tiffany Kica Buck	21 Sandra J. Roth	26 W'eyanna Valenzuela	31 Ricky Tackett		
06 Truman Santiago	11 David A. Quintasket	16 Verdi C. McCloud	21 Casper B. Boyer	26 Hugh Ellingson	31 Tallulah Tackett		
06 Hunter Preston	11 William A. Comenout	16 Cynthia R. Kautz	21 Mindy I. Jones	26 Devin Carter-Pink	31 Sam Buck		
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07 Jose Luis Reyes-Espinoza	11 Kamiyah Robinson	16 Alex M. Bedford	21 Katie Morgan	27 Leonard J. Jackson Jr.	14 Steven and Karen Frank		
07 Hailey Mays	11 Kyrell Robinson	16 Arlen L. Sansom	21 Deanna Gardner	27 Jeanette M. Lemieux	22 Rich & Letty Potter		
07 Samuel Morales	11 Isaac Jack-Kreiman	16 Joshua F. Ridge	21 Corrine Mason	27 Joe A. DeLaCruz			

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Siokwil to Jennifer McCrory and Hannah Curley for review and updating the list.

Happy Birthday Wishes to
Sister Helen Capoeman Jones
Enjoy your day ...
with love from your family



Happy birthday Mom (Daisy Begay)
Love your son
Baby Drue



Happy Birthday my daughter
Lahela Wilder
I'm so very proud of you
In evything that you put your mind to
I Love you!
Your Mom



Happy Birthday to my Sister
Edie Capoeman
March 14
Wishing YOU a day full of Love,
laughter
and good things.
Love Pearl (John)
and all the Ballers



March 9th
Happy Birthday Virginia!
Love from friends and
Family.



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Justin Madanifard - 18 years
Stan Markishtum – 17 years
Kevin Della – 12 Years
Ryan Miller – 12 years
Janice Martin – 7 years
Nakota Brown - 2 years

Birthdays

Cade Capoeman – March 1st
Ryan Eide – March 2nd
Ryan Miller – March 16th
Charley Foxx – March 17th

From all of us at QDNR

Happy birthday Francis Napoleon III (Bub)
Love your sister
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Happy birthday Daisy Begay
Love
Mag



Special Birthday Greetings to
Pat (Bennett) George for
March (St. Patricks Day)
Happy Birthday Pat, thank you for your many
Years of being there for not only the Quinaults
But other Tribes as well. May your special wishes
Come true on your “Lucky Day”.
With love, Pearl Capoeman-Baller



Happy 44th Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Frank!
Thank you for being the best parents
& grandparents!
We love you!!
Love, your kids and grandkids



It may have been a winter wonderland the first week of February 2025, but there was enough snow and icy roads to shut the Quinault Nation down for two days. This photo was taken from the Finley Creek bridge on Lake Quinault's North Shore Road. *Photo by Larry Workman*

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