

Governor Jay Inslee recognizes Vanessa Kowoosh from Queets in his final State of the State address



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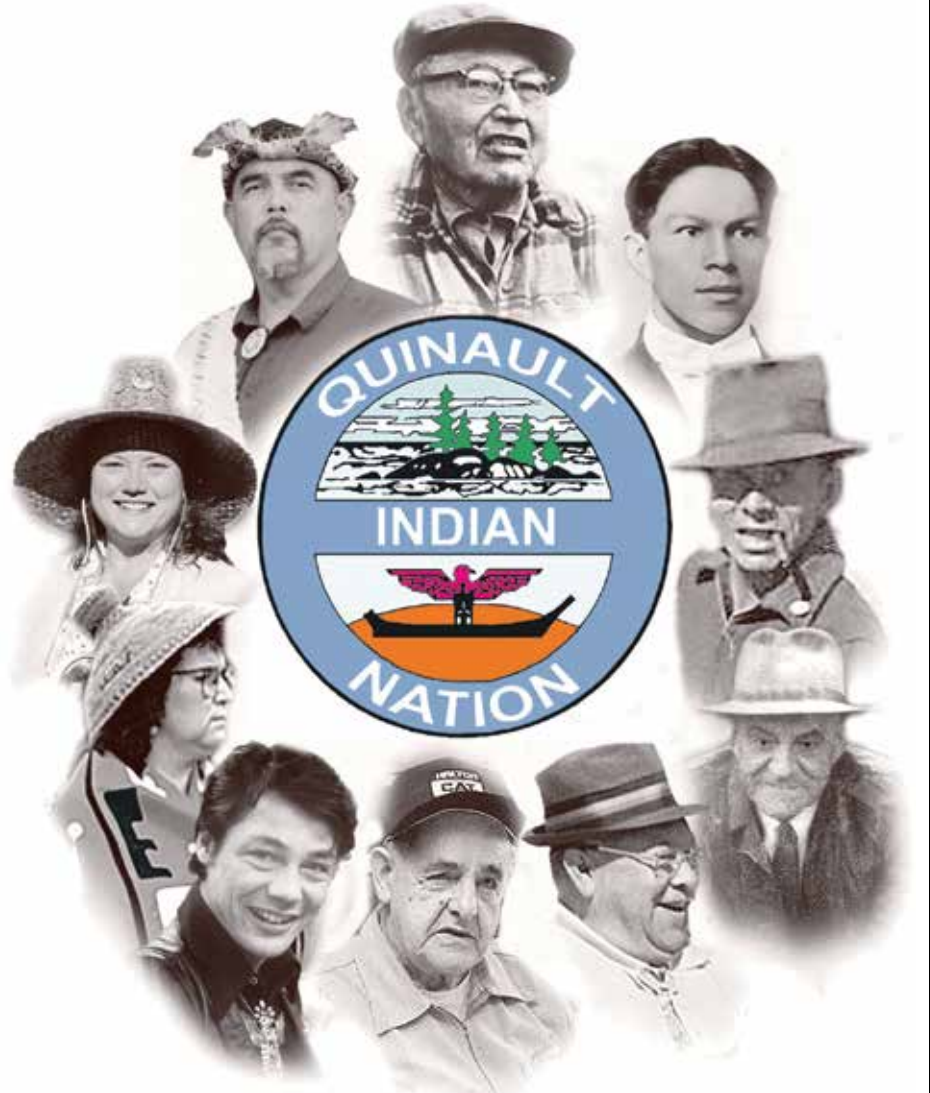
In outgoing Governor Inslee's final address to the people of the state of Washington, he covered the achievements and challenges he and the legislature have faced during his three terms as Governor. In his remarks, the Governor talked about the Climate Commitment Act (CCA), and in doing so, he included how the Act is benefiting coastal communities that are facing impacts from the rising oceans.

The Governor said, "We are glad that today we are joined by Vanessa

Kowoosh from Queets. Vanessa works for the Quinault tribe's Generations Building supporting the community's culture through history and language and early education programs. Community resources like these are threatened because the very land it's on is at risk because of sea level rise caused by climate change. They are not the only coastal communities living with this threat, the climate commitment act is supporting them by charging polluters and investing in those communities' relocation

to higher ground. Thanks to the climate commitment act and the choice by lawmakers to honor its purpose, the people of Queets are getting a new Generations Building on higher ground, safe from flooding, funded by Cap and Invest. It's just one example of so many of how CCA is keeping our communities to be safer and healthier. Vanessa, we wish you well, we are going to keep you high and dry. So, Vanessa, thank you for being here".

QIN Presidents



From top, clockwise:

Harry Shale Sr. 1922-1926 / 1928-1932 / 1934-1935
Webster Hudson 1927
Herbert Capoeman 1933
Cleveland Jackson 1936-1961
Horton Capoeman 1961-1964
James Jackson 1964-1972*
Joe DeLaCruz 1972-1994
Pearl Capoeman-Baller 1994-2006
Fawn Sharp 2006-2021
Guy Capoeman 2021-current

*Helen Mitchell (Sanders) was acting president while Jim Jackson was in the hospital in 1971.

West Coast Ocean Alliance

West Coast Ocean Tribal Caucus - 2025 Tribal Summit

By Jennifer McCrory - Nugguam and Communications Assistant



Many of the tribal representatives tried their hand at razor clam digging. Photo by Joe Schumacker

On January 13 - January 15, 2025, Tribal representatives from the Westcoast of

the U.S. met at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino to honor Tribes' Rights in the

Ocean, with a specific emphasis on Tribal marine lifeways protection and planning areas. The Summit provided a platform for inter-Tribal sharing of successes and challenges that would be informative to others to learn from.

On the first day, the tribal representatives visited Taholah to get a tour and hear from Councilmember Hendricks, staff Lia Frenchman, Justine James, Joe Schumacker and others about how the change in the climate is affecting our coastline, resources and the plans for relocating the lower village to the Northeast Neigh-

borhood to escape the rising ocean. The group was also treated to an opportunity to dig razor clams on the beach directly in front of the Quinault Beach Resort & Casino.

Throughout the Tribal Summit, were panels of representatives to cover topics such as challenges in accessing the resources, impact on resources such as fur seals from commercial fisheries in the Bering Sea with Alaska Natives, and discussions about protective measures and assistance from options like the creation of a Sanctuary approach. In other examples presented where ef-

orts to implement a co-management agreement to benefit or protect resources, but in some cases, they were not successful due to the lack of response or cooperation from the federal agency involved. Each speaker expressed the difficulty in working with outside agencies, states and in some cases, their own tribal council to get agreements created and implemented. In many cases when agreements were developed and implemented, the response by the non-tribal public was a bit fearful of how

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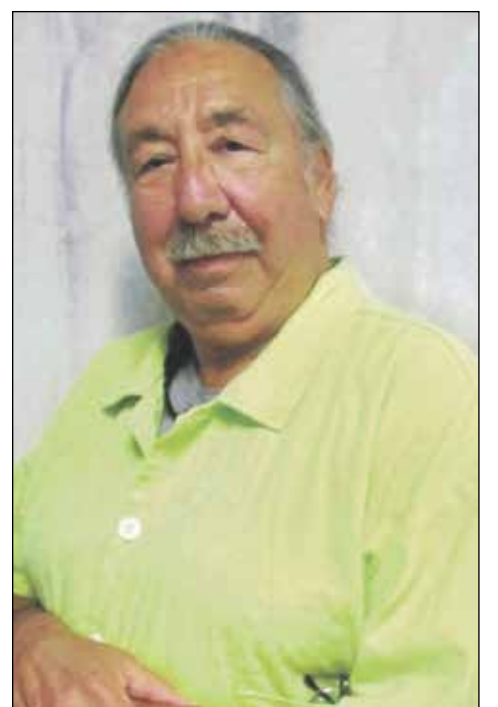
Leonard Peltier is Going Home: A Step Toward Healing and Justice

Washington, D.C. | The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) celebrates the historic decision to grant clemency to Leonard Peltier, an 80-year-old elder of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, federal boarding school survivor, and one of the longest incarcerated Native American political prisoners. In his final moments in office, President Biden commuted Leonard Peltier's two life sentences, allowing him to serve the remainder of his sentence from home. While this decision does not exonerate Leonard Peltier for the crimes of which he was unjustly convicted, nor does it erase the decades of suf-

fering and profound injustice he endured, it offers him the opportunity to return to his ancestral homelands and spend his remaining years with his loved ones – a long-overdue step towards justice that will allow collective healing for Leonard Peltier and the broader community. Upon learning about President Biden's historic action, NCAI President Mark Macarro stated, "After nearly 50 years of unjust imprisonment, President Biden's decision to grant Leonard Peltier the opportunity to return home is a powerful act of compassion and an important step toward healing."

As we celebrate Leonard Peltier's commutation, it is important to recognize that

Leonard Peltier's case has long symbolized the systemic injustices faced by Indigenous Peoples. This victory belongs to those who have fought for justice, especially those who refused to let the injustice against Leonard Peltier fade from public consciousness. This moment serves as a testament to the power of tireless advocacy, grassroots organizing, and intergenerational collective action by Tribal Nations, human rights organizations, and global allies.



Leonard Peltier. Photo by Prensa Latina

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Deadline for the
March 2025 Nugquam
February 25th, 2025

Nugquam

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Nugquam headquarters are located in the Roundhouse at 114 Quinault Street (near the mouth of the river).

The Nugquam is a monthly publication of the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) to inform, educate, and stimulate interest in QIN and community affairs. We believe in freedom of speech, an openness of information and exchange of ideas, cultural awareness and understanding, and respect and trust.

Tribal members and staff are encouraged to submit letters, articles, poems, photographs, drawings or other art to be considered for publication. Written material received should be kept to a minimum of words, either typed, e-mailed, or neatly handwritten, and signed. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and length, and to reject any letter that we feel may be libelous, in poor taste, vulgar, demeaning or unsigned. Respect is a traditional value of the Native People, and will be maintained in these pages.

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Front Page Header: Snow covers Bunch Field which is located on the Lake Quinault North Shore Road just below the Upper Quinault River Bridge. Photo by Larry Workman



If you need to reserve the Taholah Community Center for an event or to get training on the kitchen appliances, please contact Jerome Obi
CommunityCenterInfo@quinault.org

Request Form accessible to:
QIN Staff - I!INX Engage Membership - I!INX on QIN web page under Membership Experience

Quinault Cultural Advisory Committee

Meets the first Friday of the month
Currently zoom meetings only

Contact Tia Allen for information at:
qcac.secretary@gmail.com or Lia Frenchman at:
360.276.8215 ext. 7308

QIN Offices closed on February 17th for President's Day

Please note:

Larry Workman and Jennifer McCrory have delayed their retirement dates as no one has been selected to fill their positions. So they will still be producing the Nugquam for a few more months in addition to their work on the General Council Report, Quinault's 2025-2026 annual calendar and assisting staff and others with photos and information.

2024-2025 Quinault Indian Nation Tribal Council (Business Committee)
P.O. Box 189, Taholah, WA 98587
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Position	Name	phone	email	Term
President	Guy Capoeman	x 1329	Guy.Capoeman@quinault.org	2027
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5th Councilperson	Brittany Bryson	x 2011	bbryson@quinault.org	2025
6th Councilperson	Ryan Hendricks	x 6679	rhendricks@quinault.org	2025
7th Councilperson	Kristeen Mowitch	360.590.2693	kristeen.mowitch@quinault.org	2025

The Annual Quinault General Council is on March 28 and 29, 2025

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Quinault Family Services Department hereby notifies Felipe Farias 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 5/22/2007. 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.

IN THE QUINAULT NATION TRIBAL COURT
IN RE THE DISSOLUTION

Sam Hunt III you are hereby notified that your presence is required on April 22, 2025 at 11:30 am 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. Copies of documents to be considered by the Court during such proceeding can be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at (360) 276-8215 Ext. 2222.

The Bumgarner, Radonski and Howard families wish to say THANK YOU to all who came to our Community Christmas Dinner!

A special thank you to our McCrory cousins for the yummy desserts and our Cousin Victor for the salad and help! And to anyone else who helped or donated, WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL.

We look forward to seeing all of you again on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the Taholah Community Center at 2 p.m.

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DEADLINE

May 7, 2025

988

Suicide Prevention Lifeline

You may press 4 to speak with an indigenous counselor

Quinault Business Committee Meeting Schedule

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

February 10th
February 24th

Legislative Sessions:
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
February 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
February 3rd and 18th 10:00 a.m.
Noreen Underwood – Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Tyson Johnston, Brittany Bryson, Ryan Hendricks

Natural Resource & Community Development Subcommittee
February 3rd and 18th 1:00 p.m.
Tyson Johnston – Chair
Noreen Underwood, James Sellers, John Bryson

Prosperity, Health & Human Services Subcommittee
February 4th and 19th 10:00 a.m.
Brittany Bryson – Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Gina James- Kristeen Mowitch

Education & Community Services Subcommittee
February 4th and 19th 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.

Alison Boyer—360.276.8215 x 7372



QDNR Permits Office

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Call or email to schedule an appointment

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Or email to address below and either one of us will respond
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING FOR QIN ENROLLED MEMBERS

SUBJECT: FORENSIC AUDIT

DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2025; 4:30PM to 5:30pm

QUEETS - At Queets Gym

BUSINESS COMMITTEE IS PROVIDING A PRESENTATION
ON THE FORENSIC AUDIT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS.



Office of the President

Guy Capoeaman



The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of productive meetings, team-building moments, and significant progress for our ongoing projects. With a packed schedule and plenty of exciting updates, we’ve made great strides in key initiatives, especially in relation to relocation.

Many of our regular BC meetings, Subcommittees and community dinners are where we have laid the groundwork for upcoming milestones and worked through critical decisions to ensure we stay on

track. These discussions, combined with a retreat attended by our Business Committee in January, provided the perfect opportunity to step back from day-to-day operations and focus on our long-term goals. The retreat proved to be a productive time of reflection, strategy, and alignment, setting the tone for the months ahead.

Perhaps the most exciting news to share is the successful transfer of relocation funds that will be used for our ongoing relocation projects. This significant financial support will enable us to move forward with important components of the project. With these funds, we’ll be able to enhance our

impact, extend our reach, and continue making a difference in the areas we are committed to.

Despite the demanding schedule, the Business Committee remains energized and focused, driven by the momentum of these key developments. We’re looking forward to the next phase of the project and the many opportunities that lie ahead.

The future is bright, and we’re excited about the road ahead.

Siokwil

Guy Capoeaman

Office of the Tribal Secretary

Mandy Hudson-Howard



The Annual General Council Meeting will be held on March 28 & 29, 2025 at the Taholah School Gym. We will be electing the 5th, 6th, and 7th Council Positions as well as the remaining term for the Treasurer position.

As required, posted notices regarding the Annual General Council meeting can be found at these locations: Queets, Amanda Park, Taholah Mercantile, Post Office, Roger Saux Health Center, QDNR, Tribal Administration Building, Executive Office, and the Business Committee Facebook Page.

DEADLINES FOR 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL:

The deadline for items to be considered for inclusion on the published agenda must be submitted to the Secretary by 11:59 p.m. on February 18, 2025.

The deadline for Proposed Constitutional amendments must be submitted to the Secretary by February 11, 2025. Posting will be on February 26, 2025.

Agenda Requests and Constitutional Amendment Requests will be presented to the Business Committee on February 24, 2025.

Elders Lodging

- Elders Lodging Applications will be made available on January 31, 2025.
- Elders Lodging Applications and required documents must be received at the Secretary’s Office on February 25, 2025. Applications can be emailed to elders.lodging@quinault.org
- Secretary’s Office will provide notification of approval or denial of lodging request by March 21, 2025

Elders Lodging Eligibility Criteria: (Per Elders Lodging Policy)

Overnight accommodation will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

Every effort will be made to accommodate all elders who wish to attend an assembly of the General Council. You must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Quinault Indian Nation.
- Must be at least sixty (60) years of age on or before the scheduled date of the General Council meeting.
- Must reside in the village of Queets or at least fifty (50) miles beyond the Quinault Reservation border.
- Must complete and submit all the required forms and documentation.
- Must have no more than one “no show” for past reservations.

Denial of Applications:

Reasons for denial may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Prior “no show” at hotel /motel.
- Prior acceptance and use of complimentary lodging without attending the General Council assembly.
- Prior abuse/vandalism/ misuse of hotel /motel accommodations.
- Submission of incomplete or partially complete request form.
- Failure to provide requested documentation.

Lodging will be at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino

I want you to know I have been listening over the years about changing voting at General Council meetings. It makes me sad when I hear people speak about the cans that were used to collect ballots. The cans were my idea when I was a college intern. I decorated the cans with an Easter theme using my personal money. Those were great memories being involved with organizing the Annual Meeting with Pearl Baller, Margie Valdillez, Ann Masten, and Charlotte (Tott) Bryson. Later, Grays Harbor Voting Bags were borrowed to collect Ballots, then cardboard boxes, and now plastic boxes. The Office of the Secretary has been looking at obtaining secure lockable election ballot boxes. Unfortunately, these are hard to obtain because of the 2024 United States Election. My goal is to have a new voting system by the time my term ends. I have ideas, but there are a lot that needs to be resolved to make the changes. I have two years and two months to reach this goal.

I would like to close this article by saying I appreciate all who have called me or visited me and given me guidance and have kept me grounded as your Tribal Secretary. I also appreciate everyone for your patience, support, and encouragement when I make mistakes. I have made many mistakes, but I want you to know that I make sure that all decisions I have made over the last 10 months adhere to the Constitution and Business Committee By-Laws, but most of all our Treaty. I have been listening to your words and keep them tight in my memories.

Siokwil and I love each and every one of you.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Service by Publication is at the Petitioner’s expense

- The Petitioner shall publish the Summons once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Grays Harbor and Jefferson County. The Petitioner shall also publish the Summons in the *Nugguam* for the month prior to the date of hearing.
- Once publication has been completed in each newspaper an affidavit of publication must be filed with the court prior to the hearing. The affidavit of publication can be obtained from the clerk of each newspaper.

Daily World - Grays Harbor County
Contact information:
Kathy Bradt: (360) 532-4000 or kbradt@thedailyworld.com

and

Peninsula Daily News - Jefferson County
Contact information:
Linda Clenard (360) 394-5800 or lclenard@sequimgazette.com

and

Nugguam - QIN monthly newspaper
The deadline for requesting publication in the Nugguam typically falls within the third week of each month prior to the month of requested publication. This deadline is subject to becoming much earlier in the month if there are significant holidays in the month of requested publication. Contact person for questions on publication in the Nugguam:
Larry Workman (360) 276-8215 ext. 4287 or lworkman@quinault.org



Google Street View of Quinault Community Health



QUINAULT COMMUNITY HEALTH

PRIMARY CARE- SUITE 203
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January 21, 2025

Dear Employees,

We are pleased to announce that Quinault Community Health is now fully staffed and ready to provide exceptional primary and pediatric care to our community, including you and your family.

This marks a significant step in ensuring accessible and quality healthcare for all Quinault Insured employees and their dependents.

What You Need to Know:

- Proof of Insurance:** To access services, Quinault employees or their family members insured through a Quinault health plan must provide proof of insurance upon registration at Quinault Community Health.
- No Out-of-Pocket Expenses:** When you or your dependents receive primary or pediatric care at Quinault Community Health, you will not incur any out-of-pocket expenses or copayments. This benefit underscores our commitment to supporting your health and well-being. However, please note that expenses may be incurred for laboratory services or other services rendered by third parties.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to receive care through Quinault Community Health. Our team of dedicated healthcare providers is here to deliver compassionate and comprehensive services tailored to your needs.

To establish care with one of our providers, or if you have questions about this benefit, please contact Quinault Community Health at (360) 533-6063.

You may also visit us at www.quinaultcommunityhealth.org to learn more about our providers and services.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Quinault family. Your health is our priority, and we look forward to serving you and your loved ones.

Warm regards,



Jason Halstead, MBA, SUDP, CHC
Chief Operating Officer
Quinault Community Health

Cynthia Frank

April 10, 1953 — December 8, 2024

Cynthia “Cindy” Frank (71) passed away December 8, 2024. She was the eldest of her siblings and loved by her family and friends.

Born April 10, 1953, in South Bend, Washington Cindy Frank was the daughter of David “Bug” Frank II and Ethel Marie Frank of Bay Center. She went to Bay Center Elementary through 8th grade then transferred to South Bend where she played sports and graduated from South Bend High School. She took some nursing classes at UW and later studied towards getting her ministerial license.

Cindy was a great woman of faith who always prayed and loved to serve others using her many gifts. Cindy was an amazing singer, guitarist, and pianist. She wrote and is most known for her song “A Million Teardrops”. Cindy was very active in her church where she helped her best friend, Mary Whoverly, of many years wherever she was able (baking, cooking, driving, singing, playing the guitar, playing the piano, praying, teaching, Sunday school, and feeding the homeless). She traveled with her friend Mary to Alaska and Hawaii which were some of her highlights for travel-



ing. Cindy never spoke any unkind words towards anyone and would instead pray for everyone. She was an aunt and spiritual mother to many.

Cindy was the oldest of her siblings and the only girl with three younger brothers. She was known for and enjoyed helping get her brothers in line as they were growing up. She carried this on with her nephews and nieces, always encouraging them to go to church and praying with and for each of them.

Cindy was a proud, active member of the Chinook and Quinault tribes. She enjoyed picking blackberries growing up which many cousins can provide fun stories about. She shook crab at Harbor Bell, and thoroughly enjoyed digging razor clams with her family members on the Washington coastal beaches as well as on the

Willapa Spits. She could out dig many men who were half her age! Cindy also commercially fished with her dad David (Bug) Frank and brothers on the Chehalis River, Palix River and Willapa River.

Cindy also did a LOT of driving for her family members and for clients in and around the areas where she resided. She loved helping people, so this was one of the many great ways she was able to do that.

Cindy is survived by her siblings Herb Frank and Steven Frank; her nephew’s Derick Frank, Kyle Frank, and Chris Frank; her niece’s Angie Frank, Stacy Anderson-Frank, Samantha Eller (Frank), Stephanie Terrell (Frank), and Amanda Frank. Cindy is also survived by many great nephews and nieces as well as many cousins!

Cindy Frank is preceded in death by her parents David (Bug) Frank II and Marie Frank, brother David (Bugsy) Frank III and her nephew David Frank IV.

Cindy’s nephew Chris Frank will be sharing the details of Cindy’s celebration of life (probably in June). Please reach out to him or other close relatives if you are interested in attending.

Michael E. Miller

May 6, 1960 – December 11, 2024

Michael E. Miller, a resident of Aberdeen, passed away December 11, 2024 in Olympia, Washington. He had been attending a charity banquet when he suffered a heart attack, though unexpected, he was surrounded by family in the end.

Mike was born in Aberdeen on May 6, 1960, to Blanche (Wells) and Samuel Miller Sr. He was descended from Quinault and Skokomish and a Nisqually tribal member. His stepfather Charles Lane was a constant in his life, as were his Aunt Angelic and Uncle Francis Napoleon Jr. Along with his siblings Sam, Charles, DeAnn and Joni, Mike spent his childhood in Grays Harbor. He graduated from Weatherwax High School in 1978.

In 1979 he married his high school sweetheart and soul mate Kelly Fisk. They had two children, Ryan and Katie. They made their home in Central Park and Mike worked for Industrial Electric in Aberdeen. He was a Quinault treaty fisherman, spending many salmon runs on the Chehalis River with his cousin Francis Napoleon III. He took great joy in



fatherhood and could always be found at Cub Scouts, 4-H, school and sporting events around town.

After the children graduated Mike took a job with the Quinault Tribe opening the Ocean Shores market and eventually managing the Taholah Mercantile. He and Kelly enjoyed traveling. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Maui and later travelled around Europe. He also made many trips to California to visit Katie and cheer on his future son-in-law Tim. In 2008, Ryan married Mellanie and in 2009, Katie married Tim; Mike loved them like his own.

For the past ten years Mike worked with the Nisqually Tribal Markets in Olympia. He worked there happily

until his passing. As a tribal elder Mike became involved in the annual canoe journeys and cedar weaving, a skill he had learned as a young boy from his grandma Emily Purdy and was passing along to his own grandchildren. He was a loving and silly grandfather to his four grandsons, Henry, James, Luke and Jack. Every summer the entire family would go camping, a lifelong hobby for Mike. In 2019 for their 40th anniversary, Mike and Kelly renewed their wedding vows at a beautiful family celebration.

Mike will be eternally missed and is survived by his mother Blanche Lane, siblings Charles and DeAnn Miller, his wife Kelly, their children Ryan and Mellanie Miller of Aberdeen and Katie and Tim Mattran of Tacoma, his four grandsons, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Family and community were deeply important to Mike, in his honor the family hosted a memorial luncheon on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at noon at the Billy Frank Jr. Gym at 4820 She-nah-num Dr. SE, Olympia.

Dorothy Louise Delacruz

June 20, 1940 - January 14, 2025



In Loving Memory

Dorothy Louise Delacruz entered life on June 6, 1940, in Nespalem, WA to Earl Lemery and Mary (Quintasket) Lemery. She grew up with her four brothers in Inchelium, WA and they made many great memories together.

Dorothy graduated from Inchelium High School and then went on to college in Portland, Oregon. It was in Portland that she met the love of her life, Joseph

B Delacruz, and were married in 1959. They moved to Taholah, in 1967 where they made their home while Joseph became the Tribe’s General Manager and in 1971, the President of the Quinault Indian Nation. During that time, Dorothy worked for the medical clinic in Taholah for nearly 25 years. Upon her retirement, they bought a home in Hoquiam where they lived for several more years. A few years after Joseph passed away in 2000, she moved back home to Inchelium.

Dorothy and Joseph had five children, Gayle, Joe, Steve, Lisa and Tina. In addition to her husband, Dorothy was preceded in death by their daughter Gayle, her parents and her brothers.

Children were her life, and she opened her home and her heart to many. Dorothy is survived by nine grandchil-

dren, 25 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She loved reading, taking walks, going to the movies, finding agates at the beach, and oh how she loved Star Trek!

Dorothy Loise Delacruz entered her eternal rest on January 14, 2025. She was well loved and will be dearly missed. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Rosary was held on Friday, January 17, 2025, at 9:00 p.m., and her funeral service on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., both at St. Michael’s Mission in Inchelium. She was buried at Hall Creek Cemetery in Inchelium.

Arrangements were provided by Danekas Funeral Chapel and Crematory in Colville, Washington.

Keisha Elaine Mowitch Pope

November 21, 1981 - January 19, 2025

Keisha Elaine Mowitch Pope, age 43, a lifetime resident of Taholah, died on January 19, 2025, at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle. Keisha was born in Olympia on November 22, 1981, to Anthony Lee Pope and Jean Lynn Mowitch. She was raised in Taholah, graduated from Taholah High School in 2000 and received her associate degree from Grays Harbor College.

After receiving her pharmaceutical certificate, she began working as a pharmacy technician for the Roger Saux Clinic and had been there for over 20 years.

She is remembered for her love of family and sons. They were priority number one. She was selfless and thoughtful to

those in the community served. She was an avid on-line shopper and known for building the biggest plate at family dinners.

Surviving relatives include her mother, Jean Mowitch of Taholah; two sons, Mekhi Byoune of Taholah and Anthony Pope of Tacoma; her constant companion, Taco; brothers, Anthony Lee Pope, Jr., Jacob Pope, Sr., Jeff Waugh, Brian Waugh, Joseph Comenout and Anthony Hobucket; seven sisters, Stephanie Waugh, Kristeen Mowitch, Maybelle Hobucket, Kaylah Mail, Dawneen DeLaCruz, Tiffany Buck and Misty Schmidt.

Visitation was from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Coleman

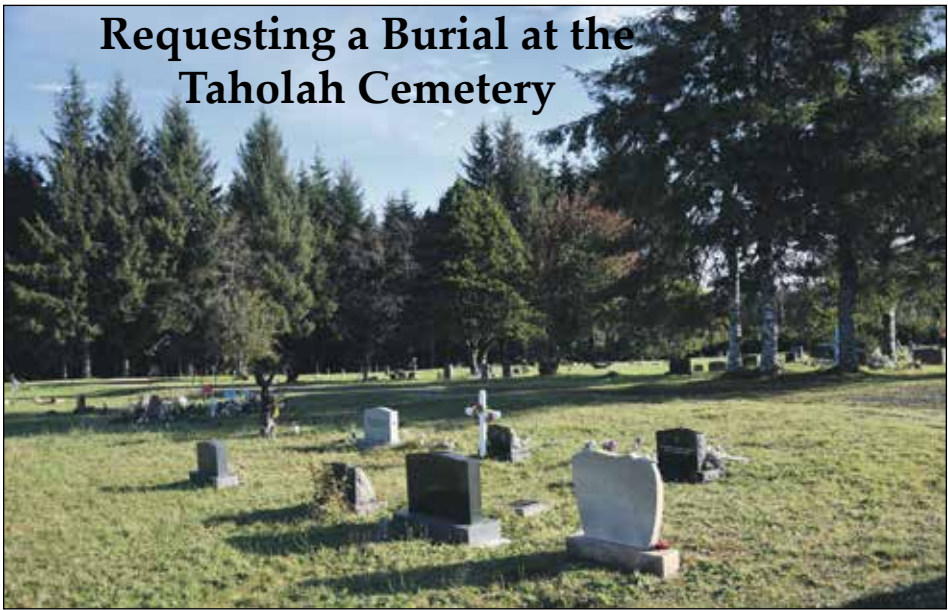


Mortuary.

An Indian Shaker service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the Taholah High School Gymnasium. A dinner followed at the Taholah Community Center.

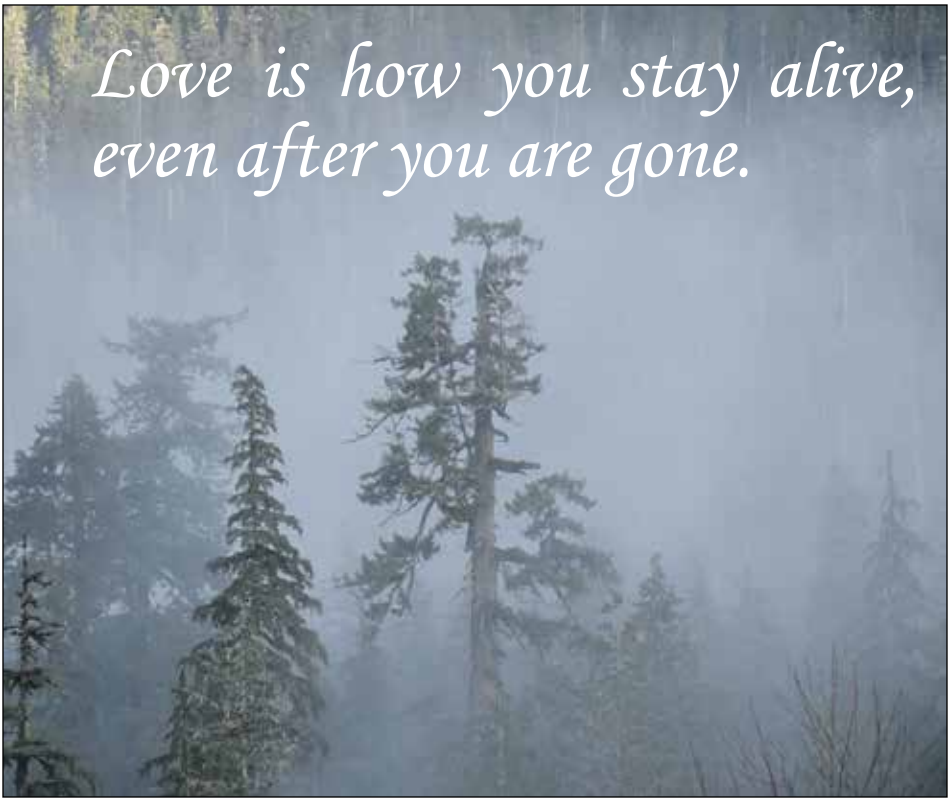
Cremation arrangements were made by the Coleman Mortuary.

Requesting a Burial at the Taholah Cemetery



If you would like to request a burial at the Taholah cemetery, lease contact the following people to schedule a service.

- Hannah Curley, Enrollment Administrator can assist you with a Burial Assistance application. hannah.curley@quinault.org, 360-276-8211 ext. 7219.
- If you live outside the QIN service area, there are additional requirements that need to be followed.
- Contact a funeral home for arrangements.
- If you are a QIN Tribal member, and would like to utilize he QIN Taholah cemetery or columbarium, you will need to contact Community Services a minimum of three days prior to the service date. This is so we can make arrangements with the BIA to stop logging the road, and to coordinate with the grave diggers. Jerome Obi can be contacted at: Jerome.obi@quinault.org, or 360-276-8211, ext. 6206. Jerome will contact the grave digging crew.



Quinault Enterprises



Amanda Park Self Service Gas. Photo by Larry Workman

RETAIL OPERATIONS

Submitted by Retail Managers

- **Amanda Park** Fuel sales for FY23 were 174 gallon. short of FY 24. Last year we based our fuel prices off Q2, but this fiscal year we base the cost of fuel and add our margins on all fuel sales
- Amanda Park is working to replace the generator as clients travel elsewhere when our site is down during power outages. The power went out four times in the past months, with one outage lasting over 28 hours resulting in a full day of zero sales.
- Total sales at Amanda Park for the current period are down \$13,000 compared to FY23 primarily due to seasonal traffic along the coastal highway.
- Maintenance staff at Amanda Park are working on leaning pumps, pressure washing the fuel canopy and maintaining the fuel station.
- **QMart I** – Ocean Shores carton sales for the month were 3,059, which is down by 227 cartons compared to 2023 and down by 941 cartons compared to the benchmark of 4,000 cartons per month.
- QMart I overall sales are down by 1% compared the budget, resulting in a decrease of (\$2,779) for the month of 2024 compared to budget, and below 2023 by (\$405).
- On November 20th, QMart management participated in a TCSA webinar for Interpersonal Skills for Managers, which provided valuable information.

- **QMart II** – Aberdeen began offering great deals on slow-moving liquor/wine items. Sales for liquor/wine reached \$131,570, up 6% from last month.
- QMart II fuel volume sold was 305,677 gallons for the month, 7% over monthly budget.
- QMart II had an issue with the combination of a “king tide” and heavy rain which caused flooding in the Aberdeen area. As a result of the flooding our Premium fuel tank had an intrusion of water. At the first notice of the possible issue, the complete fuel island was shut down. A total of 19 vehicles have filed claims with damage to their vehicles with water in the fuel. Management is working with USI/Tribal First on each claim.
- QMart II is getting a quote to upgrade our Veeder root to a TLS-450 console with upgraded operating software/printer. Our original console has been continually tripping and shutting the pumps down.

- **QMart III** - Bremerton general Merchandise-Carbonated drinks didn’t meet the number of 9,500 due to lack of inventory. An increase in delivery would boost our number of 6822.83 to its expected mark.
- This month QMart III generated \$109,830.25 in OTP sales; cigarette sales went down to 8,674 cartons to an average of 289 cartons a day due to the seasonal drop in sales.
- QMart III has new competition with a new Suquamish smoke shop opening on Kitsap Way, which is about six blocks away from our operations.
- Gross Profit for Tribal Cigarettes is at 52.90%, which continues to be a major selling product for QMart III.

- A work order for maintenance to put lights in our storage crates was submitted and completed by QNEB Facilities. This will help our staff feel safe when getting product/inventory from storage during non-daylight hours of operation.
- **Queets Trading Post** orders from different vendors for groceries that include Walmart, Amazon, Swanson’s, and our main distributor Harbor Wholesale.
- Monthly staff meetings are very beneficial to the staff as well as the manager, being able to handle issues daily has been my main concern.
- Queets Trading Post total fuel sales compared from FY23 to FY24 are up over 5,700 gallons, last year we did not have fuel sales for diesel. Regular was up 3,300 gallons this year from FY23.
- Overall, with FY23 year compared to FY24 year are up \$15,000 with the different vendors we continue to order from and keeping the store stock and full to the customers has helped with this increase, in house charges continue to be steady, and ensuring were ordering accordingly.
- Queets Trading Post budget shows a loss of (11,154) but will be about (7,000) loss after they fix the credits that need to be adjusted in budget.

- **Taholah Mercantile** experienced storms that knocked out power, but we were proactive enough to prepare for those days. We implemented a new safety precaution since we are still without a generator. On upcoming storm days, operations keep the freezer inventory low, leaving small amounts of frozen inventory stocked just in case we lose power. This inventory is replaced as soon as possible with inventory purchase runs to Aberdeen.
- Taholah Mercantile celebrated Edward Comenout for 10 years of employment with customers.
- The new front door was installed.
- QNEB Facilities continues to work to fully repair the generator and will have a leased generator onsite during the winter months for emergencies if the store generator does not start up.
- Taholah Mercantile is advertising open positions and cashiers to ensure operations are fully staffed over the weekend.

SEAFOOD OPERATION

Submitted by General Managers

- **Quinault Pride Seafood** was a relatively quiet November, marked by steady operations and no significant events. The team continued to focus on meeting production targets and maintaining smooth workflows throughout the month.
- Collaboration with Pacific Harvest Seafood continues to highlight the strength of our working relationship. Together, we have made significant progress in moving fresh and frozen inventory efficiently, ensuring a minimal inventory balance is maintained.
- A considerable amount of time and effort was dedicated this month to collecting and analyzing data for the presentation “Quinault Pride’s Sustainability,” which will be delivered at this board meeting. This presentation reflects our commitment to transparency, sustainable practices,

and the long-term vision of Quinault Pride Seafood. The process of compiling this information has deepened our understanding of our operational impact and reinforced the importance of sustainability in everything we do. Additionally, positive efforts with Pacific Harvest Seafood continue to yield excellent results, as we effectively move inventory to maintain balance and meet market demands. This partnership underscores our shared commitment to efficiency and mutual success.

- Tribal vessels for QPS/JR departed on December 29th for the beginning of the crab season. Vessels began delivering to QPS/JR on December 30th/January 1st. Fishermen came in with good loads of quality crab with cooperating weather conditions.

- **Jolly Roger Seafood** purchased new totes and has finished putting the parts together to make live totes with them.
- Jolly Roger Seafood had a HACCP Audit and passed and had no findings. JR also had a department of Ecology inspection and passed this as well with no findings.
- All forklifts and other equipment were serviced and believe we should order a new one once the state crab season has started. This was approved for the 2025 FY budget plan.
- Prior to the crab season, JR purchased 80,000 lbs. of squid for the upcoming crab season and has this in our freezers on site. The JR team completed minor repairs on the icehouse and other preventive maintenance to prepare for the crab season. This included having our crane refurbished and fully repaired.

QUINAULT LAND AND TIMBER

– Submitted by General Manager

There have been no material changes to the log market from the previous past months (*summarized below*). Demand

for logs of all sorts and grades is beginning to trend upward; however, log prices still have not seen considerable changes.

- Plywood Veneer and peeler log prices are beginning to trend upward. Demand for Western Hemlock peeler logs is increasing at Pac Veneer. Western Red Cedar sawlog prices are seeing the typical seasonal low.
- Pulp and Chip ‘N Saw demand and pricing remains steady as Willis Moon Island continues to barge chips to Vancouver BC. Reports of Cosmo Fiber reopening during second Quarter of FY2025 could have considerable positive impacts on log pricing and demand.
- Reservation timber sale volume has been below QIN AAC objectives for at least the last 18 months. Recent discussions with QIN Forestry staff suggest that Reservation volume will be lower than expected for the second straight year. This puts enormous pressure on QLTE to expedite its own sale schedule. Inefficiencies in the pre-sale process for timber sale reviews and approvals are the primary cause of low QP timber inventory.
- QLTE continues to increase cedar salvage sale activity on QIN lands following QBC approval. Although QLTE revenue from cedar salvage activity is expected to be minimal, QLTE is focusing on increasing its capacity to administer sale activities outside of QP involvement. QLTE is also committed to generating much higher than historical cedar salvage stumpage values on QIN lands. In the long term, QLTE could develop a program aimed at investing in trust allotments specifically for cedar salvage revenue potential.
- A P&SA was signed for the acquisition of 160 acres of reservation Fee land. This transaction is expected to close in January of 2025. The

160 non-contiguous block of reservation land has some near-term timber and salvage value that can recouped.

QUINAULT CORPORATE ENTERPRISES

Submitted by Executive Management

- COO held a meeting with Circle Seafood and GH Historical Seaport to discuss the proposed operation of unloading frozen salmon. This would be material to Quinault Pride Seafood and operations will need to ensure it does not affect Quinault Tribal fishing rights on the Chehalis River.
- COO and QBRC Executive team are working with Lamar for the removal of the sign behind QMart I – Ocean Shores location. The sign is over 25 years old and is no longer accessible and has been deemed a hazardous structure. It will need to be removed by Lamar in January 2025.
- Working with QNEB legal, we have finalized the process to dissolve Quinault Solutions and close operations. The company Quinault Solutions has not shown any revenue in over three years and needs to be administratively closed.
- Transition to Cougar Den is being reviewed by QIN AG office with the recommendation to enact new codes within the fuel compact and have it approved by General Assembly.
- Due process is being completed for two grant applications with Washington State PLIA (Pollution Liability Insurance Association) to replace the aging tanks at both Amanda Park and Taholah Mercantile.
- QMart I management with COO are with Clarke Signs to replace the sign at the “T” at Hogans Corner for QMart Ocean Shores.
- Central Accounting has started the analysis of QNEB Spend, Facilities Spend and HR Spend into a reviewable budgeted format.
- The Central Accounting Team has been working directly with Moss Adams to complete and finalize the QNEB audit.
- Central Accounting is also working in conjunction with Quinault Pride Seafood internal accounting staff to implement Meritech, a cost accounting and inventory software program to improve inventory management and controls.
- Tony Enzler (QNEB COO) and David Martin (QNEB CEO) now have offices at the QWC Annex building on Park St. in Aberdeen.

The Quinault Wellness Center continues to grow



The Quinault Wellness Center (QWC) has continued growing and proudly hit a milestone in its mission to provide exceptional healthcare services to the community. As of January, QWC has surpassed 430 admitted patients, reflecting the center’s ongoing growth and its commitment to delivering comprehensive and culturally respectful healthcare.

“Reaching this milestone is a testament to the trust our community places in the Quinault Wellness Center,” said Jason Halstead, COO of QWC. “We are honored to serve such a diverse and growing patient population, and this achievement underscores our dedication to meeting the

healthcare needs of the Quinault Indian Nation and surrounding communities.”

Since opening its doors, QWC strives to be a beacon of health and wellness, offering a range of services that include primary care, preventive medicine, behavioral health, dental and more. The center’s patient-first approach has resonated strongly with the community, fostering both confidence and a collaborative approach to health management.

To accommodate the growing patient base, QWC has undertaken several initiatives:

- **Expansion of Services:** New programs and treatments have been introduced to address the evolving

needs of the community, including specialized care for chronic conditions and enhanced mental health resources.

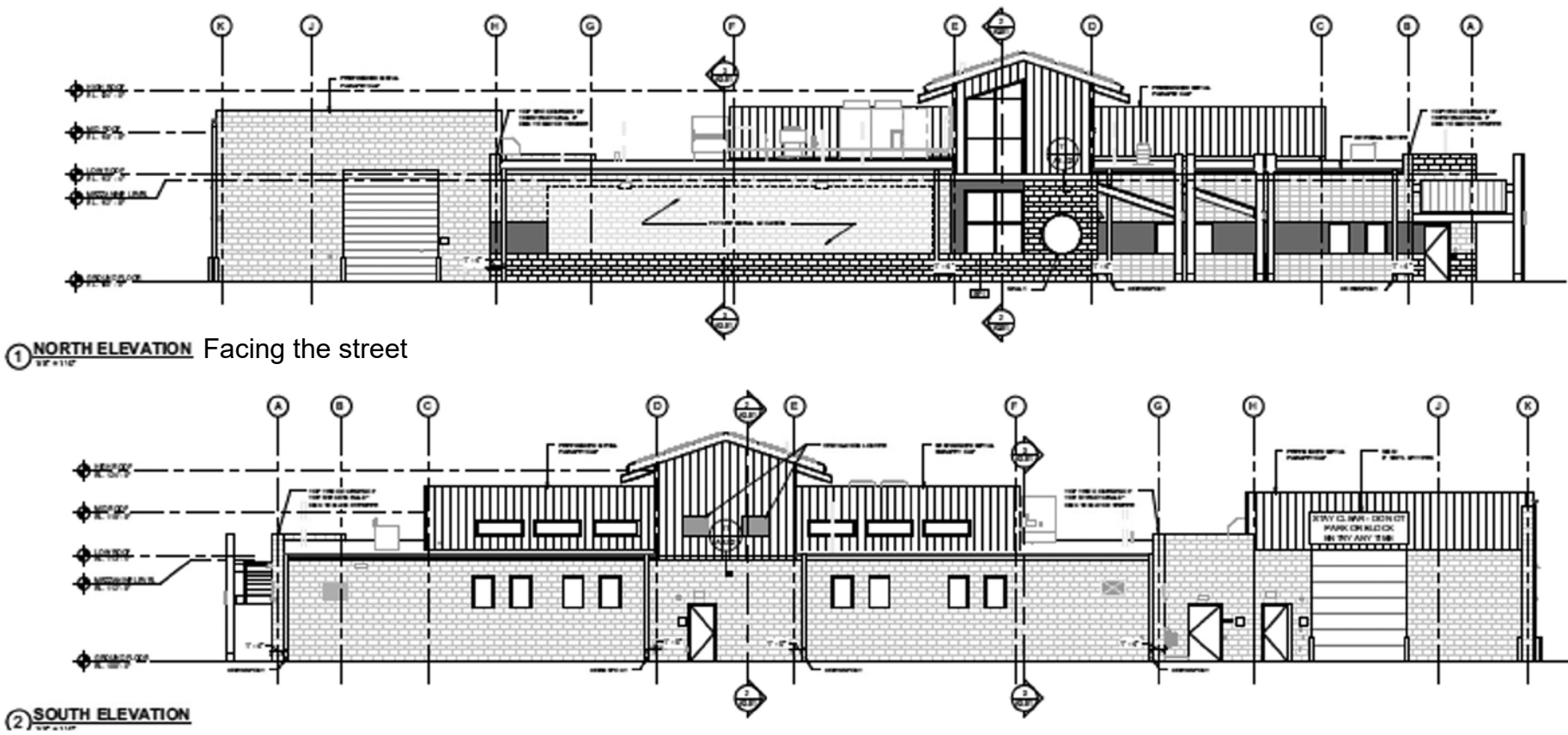
- **Recruitment of Skilled Providers:** In response to increased demand, the center continues to recruit experienced healthcare professionals, ensuring that all patients receive timely and quality care.
- **Investment in Technology:** QWC has implemented advanced healthcare technologies to streamline patient care and improve overall efficiency.

“We’re not just focused on numbers; we’re focused on outcomes,” Halstead added. “This milestone inspires us to continue pushing forward, expanding access to care, and fostering a healthier future for everyone in our community.”

The Quinault Wellness Center remains deeply committed to its guiding values of inclusivity, respect, and holistic care. By blending modern medicine with cultural awareness, QWC stands as a model for community-focused healthcare in the region.

Plans for QIN Public Safety’s new Correction Facility

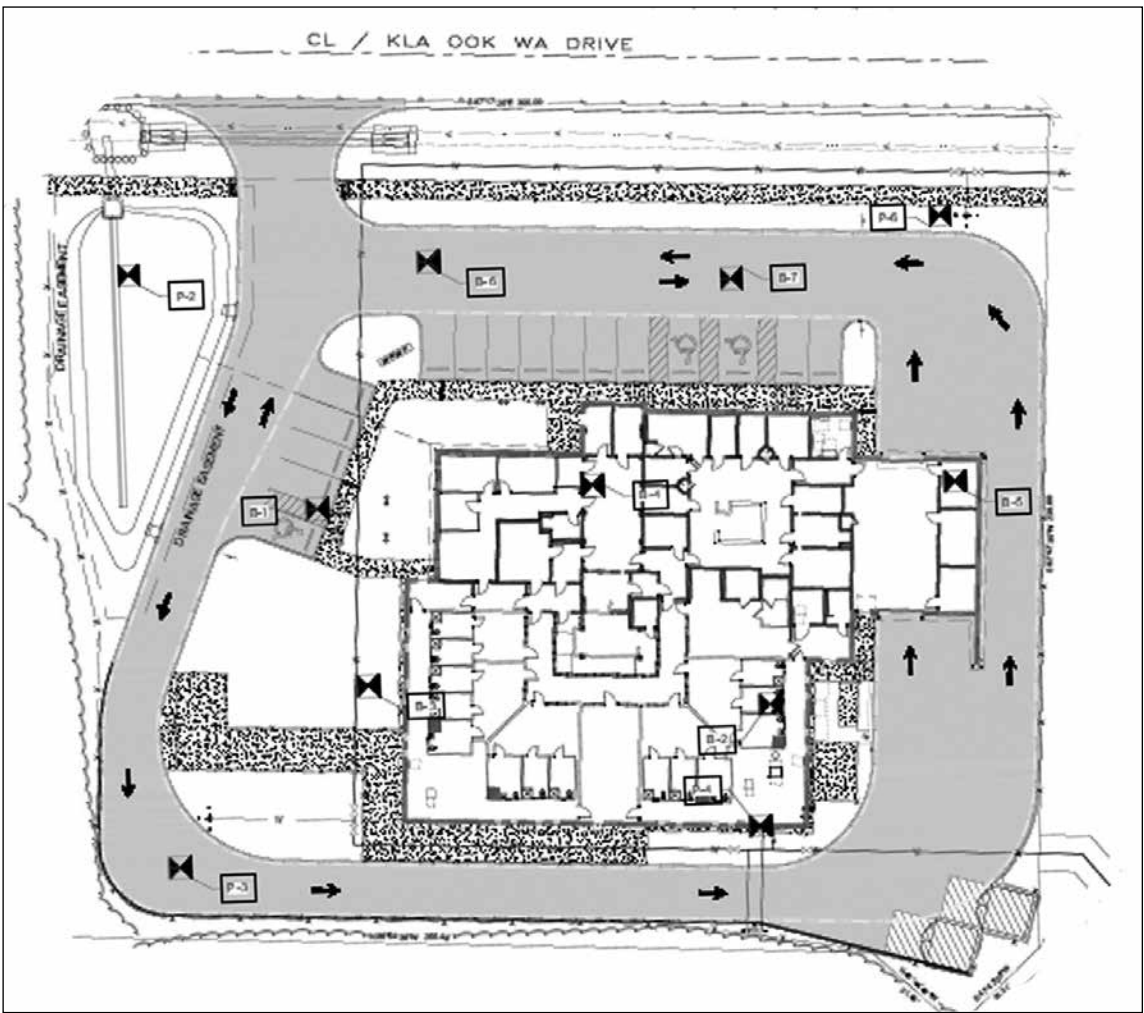
Mark James - Public Safety Director



In 2018, Public Safety began discussions with the BIA to move forward with the building of a new jail facility for Quinault. After much communication and back and forth to repair the facility, the BIA recognized the current facility to be woefully in need of constant repair and that it carried a high liability located in the Tsunami zone. In FY21, the BIA finally started moving forward to design and build of a new facility. The BIA entered into an agreement with the Quinault Nation to relocate and build a new jail facility.

In 2022, Lt. Ron Belcher and I began meeting with the BIA on the scope and search for a location of the new facility. After looking at several areas, the Nation settled on a location located on the South side of KLAOOKWA Avenue across from the Roger Saux Health Center. This area fulfilled the needs of building the facility as well as the various operational needs of the jail. Fast forward to late FY23 and many planning meetings, the BIA selected Godberg Architects to design and build the new jail facility. Lt. Belcher and I attended bi-weekly meetings with the Architect, BIA, Department of Justice, and

other associates throughout the FY23 and FY24 years to develop and produce a 100% design of the new facility. Many things were considered during this phase such as size of the facility, designing in such a way to fit aesthetically in the community, security, modernization and ease of operation. It was a monumental task that pitted concerns of the operational and security aspects of the new facility with a design that enhances and augments the look and feel of the building to fit with the QIN culture. On one hand, the BIA promoted a style of jail they had successfully built on other reservations to utilize plans they were comfortable with, but on the other hand, we wanted a facility that honored Quinault and provided not only the security, operational efficiencies, safety and respect of our inmates, but an aesthetic design that fits in our community. This mandate went forward to the architect who went to work and came up with a great design which after much tweaking, was finalized at the end of FY24. This design allows for all the necessary safety, security and operational needs while meeting the traditional



Floor plan for the new facility. North is at the top of this graphic.

and aesthetic needs honoring Quinault. The attached graphs of the exterior and basic layout of the facility give you some view of what the facility will ultimate-

ly look like. A model of the new facility is on display in the lobby of the QIN Administration building. Construction is tentatively scheduled in May FY25 with a completion date

in late FY26. We are looking forward to moving into the facility and beginning a new era of caring for our people and Nation.



The model of the new facility is on display in the lobby of the QIN Administration building. This would be a view of the Northwest corner of the building. The left side of the model is facing north toward KLA OOK WA Drive. Photo by Larry Workman



Quinault Tribal Court Update

A temporary facility has been set up for the QIN Tribal Court. If you recall, the Courthouse was destroyed by a fire early on the morning of October 15, 2024. The Court hopes to be in this facility by early February. The court has been operating out of the Taholah TANF building since shortly after the fire. A permanent court building will be built in the relocation area.

Photo by Larry Workman

Community Development and Planning

The Community Development and Planning Department is excited to welcome three new staff members in 2024: Emily Wheaton, AICP as Senior Planner, Max Howard as Junior Planner, and Rose Johnson as Administrative Assistant. We appreciate having them on board! Michael Carwell, Land Use Planner, retired from QIN at the end of September 2024. We wish him all the best in retirement!

The Department of Community Development and Planning is primarily responsible for the development and preparation of community plans, the administration of land leasing and the implementation of land use codes. The staff are responsible for and participates in the administration of various indirect funded planning activities including:

- Grant Management
- Economic Development Planning
- Transportation Planning
- Infrastructure Planning
- Building Code Enforcement
- Planning Commission Oversight

Are you looking to start a building project or having lease questions? Stop by the Planning Office in Suite 3 of the Mini Mall or email landuse@quinault.org.

The Planning Department is actively seeking tribal members to fill vacant Planning Commission positions. Contact the Tribal Secretary for applications.

Current Projects include the following:

Quinault Court Replacement

- New Court House in the Relocation Area is moving into the planning phase
- Environmental work has been completed
- Finalizing securing of funding, after the tragic loss of the court trailer

Taholah relocation water system improvement

- Engineering has been completed, and the project is in the constructions phase
- Funding from Commerce, Ecology and IHS are being combined to fund the project
- The three 158,000-gallon tanks will supply water volume and pressure to homes and services in the relocation. Without this step, homes in the relocation would not have adequate water

Photo Voltaic Energy Park

- QIN received a total of \$7.4 million from the Tribal Electrification Program to build 2 MW solar park for homes in the Taholah Relocation
- The energy park is adjacent to the water tanks, and will provide power to homes and the relocation moving QIN towards energy sovereignty

Queets Generations Building

- Will house the Senior Program, Head start, and Daycare
- The 10,000 square foot building will offer emergency shelter in the event of disaster
- The building is scheduled to be fully operational this fall

Taholah Relocation

- QIN was awarded funding through the BIA Tribal Climate Resilience funding to move forward with Phase 2
- This funding will cover lots for additional housing, including apartments, road plans to support the housing and school, locations for civic buildings as well as plans for all needed infrastructure

Museum

- The QIN Business Committee appointed the area south of Kla Ook Wa Drive and east of Kwela Drive as the Cultural Designated Site
- Design is underway for the Museum/Cultural Center and Education Center

Taholah School

- The QIN Business Committee approved a new lease for the new Taholah School location for 35 acres in the upper village.
- The design process is underway for the new school and associated program facilities
- The school district is anticipating starting construction in fall of 2025, and anticipates open for school year 2027/2028

Taholah Generation Solar Panels

- Elemental Energy is finalizing plans for the roof mounted solar panels
- QIN received funding to training tribal members in solar installation

Queets Relocation

- Queets Master Plan completed by Red Plains Professions with significant community outreach. Plan was completed by Kelsey Moldenke, previously Senior Planner with QIN
- Engineering for Queets relocation Phase 1 began in January and will be completed by June 2025. The end goal, with geotechnical and environmental compliance completed, is a shovel ready project with lots for 23-25 new housed
- Earmark for funds to clear Allotment 100 approved by governor’s budget and should be formalized in the June 2025 budget

Detention Center

- The design for the new Detention center was completed in 2024
- Construction is slated to begin in May 2025 (see facing page).



Planning Department

Left to right: Emily Wheaton, AICP, Senior Planner; Rose Johnson, Administrative Assistant; Faith Webster, MS GIST, Senior Planner; Max Howard, Junior Planner; and not pictured Larry Skinner, Building Inspector (Contracted). *Photo by Larry Workman*



Queets Generation Building.



Map of the Queets relocation project. To see in color, go to the Online version of the *Nugguam* at quinaultindiannation.org. We may also run this on a color page and much larger in the next issue of the *Nugguam*.



Detention Center.

bstitt@interpretivecenter.org



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.

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Applications are available!

Applications are available now to apply for the 2025-2026 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) awards. The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) will accept signed and completed applications that are postmarked by March 3, 2025. Applications must be accompanied with all required attachments.

To download the application and instruction materials, go to: <https://wsac.wa.gov/american-indian-endowed-scholarship>
Click on “How do I apply?” (Download requires Adobe Acrobat Reader, Version 11.0 or newer)

There is a priority for upper-division and graduate-level students, however, all qualified applicants are considered. **IMPORTANT:** Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

Mail the signed application, with required attachments, postmarked by **March 3, 2025**, to:

American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program
Washington Student Achievement Council
PO Box 43430, Olympia WA 98504-3430 (Use PO Box if mailing US Postal delivery)
917 Lakeridge Way SW, Olympia WA 98502 (use street address if via UPS or FedEx delivery)

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Community Garden Sign ups

We have garden beds available in the community gardens!

 If you are interested in learning more or want a bed in one of the community gardens this year, please email Leah Hollon Paquette, Wellness Garden Coordinator, at: leah.paquette@quinault.org

We are asking that everyone who had a bed last year to check in to let us know if you plan to continue growing in it this year. If not, we will make it available to others.

Garden plans this year include potlucks and garden parties, sharing about making healthy garden soil, what grows here, seed starting, transplanting, making our own fertilizers, composting, learning about edible wilds (weeds) that come up in the garden, harvesting, cooking and preserving what you grow, and more!

Post-Secondary Financial Assistance 2024-2025 Deadlines



SCAN QR CODE TO ACCESS APPLICATION 	QUARTER SCHOOLS SPRING QUARTER: FEBRUARY 21, 2025		
	SEMESTER SCHOOLS SPRING SEMESTER: FEBRUARY 21, 2025		
	VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE 30 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE PROGRAM.		
	ADVANCED COLLEGE PLACEMENT SCHOLARSHIP ROLLING DEADLINE - WILL TAKE UP TO 5 WEEKS TO PROCESS.		
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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





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8TH-12TH GRADE
✓ **COLLEGE, LEADERSHIP, ACTIVITIES AND INCENTIVES**
Application deadlines:
Summer - 5/30/2025

questions? email yop@quinault.org

December Chitwhins of the Month - Teachings of salal



Kindergarten
Sa'Keeli Willis
Sa'Keeli is an excellent representative of the salal plant. Much like the Salal, Sa'Keeli helps our classroom lean on each other and support one another. Sa'Keeli is such a loving young boy and his love brings us together. We are inspired by Sa'Keeli's salal-like attitude each day. Keep being salal, Sa'Keeli!



1st grade
Jada Juneau
Jada has demonstrated tremendous resilience in the face of difficult circumstances this year. She has kept a positive and encouraging attitude, and really helped some of the other students, especially new students, adjust to the school and classroom. She has also worked very hard on her reading and made great progress over the past month. Great job Jada!



2nd grade
Catalina Tapia
Catalina is always open to learning and is patient and attentive to instruction. She is soft spoken, caring, and attentive to the needs of others--- observing when they are sad, hurt, or could use a hug, (even teacher). Catalina is resilient like the berry-laden evergreen Salal, and brings her sweetness and energy to others.

Taholah School District would like to congratulate our December Chitwhins of the Month. These students have followed the teachings of salal by enduring hardships. Like the salal they depend on their tight community for support and provide encouragement to others. They enjoy life through all of its ups and downs. Way to go Chitwhins!

"Endurance is not just the ability to bear a hard thing, but to turn it into glory."
William Barclay



3rd grade
Duke Waugh
Duke has been working hard this year to achieve his goals, including improving his reading and math skills. He is now doing math on his own, reading books and researching information online with his teacher. Not every day is perfect, but when Duke gets knocked down he works hard to get himself back up and try again. Duke is always ready to be in class and willing to participate whether that be passing out work, showing his work to the class, or reading aloud. We are so proud of him!



4th grade
Shayla Billie
Shayla is a strong young lady who can withstand anything, whether it is academics or breaking a kneecap. Shaylas spirit brightens the room. Her soul is fierce, her heart is brave, and her mind is strong. We need more Shaylas in the world. Taholah is lucky to have Shayla as a student.



5th grade
Shawn Youckton Jr.
Shawn, you have been such a strong presence in our classroom. You don't hesitate to help out your peers when they are unsure of their next steps. You jump in to work with other students during reading groups, always the first to get things started and supporting other students in their learning. We're so glad we get to watch you grow!



6th grade
Gwenaliz Pena
Gwen is a determined student, friend and athlete. She has been involved in every sport possible, and competes fiercely. She has strong bonds with her friends and helps them with assignments and problems. Gwen wants to do everything well and even when she's frustrated will continue to try and improve until she is successful.



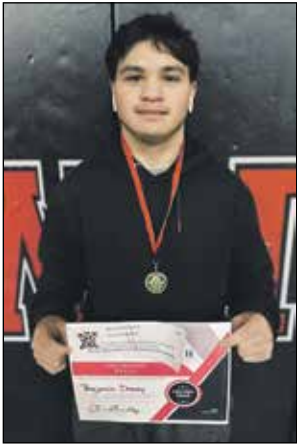
7th grade
Nyeisha Rosander
Nyeisha has made great strides to better herself throughout the school year, working hard, asking for help, completing her daily assignments, and always going out of her way to help others. She also builds others up giving them encouragement to keep trying their best. Especially her brothers.



8th grade
Victor Buck
Victor Buck is a hard worker who doesn't quit. He asks for help when he need it. He brings others up by making them smile. He wants to succeed and puts in the effort and time. Victor rarely misses school or practice because he knows the importance of the team and being reliable.



9th Grade
Hazel Rhodes
Hazel has shown remarkable endurance in the classroom and out of it. He put an effort into everything he does. Setting a goal for himself, he works to do and be better. He has created a close-knit community with his peers and they support one another through challenges. He stays true to himself and shows kindness to all.



11th Grade
Benjamin Cheney
Ben is involved in establishing a strong wrestling program at Taholah. He is working hard and learning quickly and growing into a force not to be reckoned with. He supports his class community and volunteers with events. He also builds up others by making them feel special.



10th Grade
Luvaila Smith
Luvaila is an excellent example of endurance. She keeps herself busy by staying active in everything her school and community has to offer. She works hard to do everything well. She is also a large part in building up her community. She mentors younger students, organizes peers, and cheers on every one. When something is running smoothly there is a good chance Luv is behind it or involved in some way.



12th Grade
Jade Charley
Jade is a strong leader at Taholah School. He is a respectful student and athlete. He always takes the time to build up our younger students as he knows the positive impact he can be on them and does not take the responsibility lightly.



Salal flowers

Taholah employees of the month:
Jake Eyre, Jeremy Walker, Tyler Corssguns, Greg Strom.



Some of our students who have received the Perfect Chitwhin and Excellent Blueback Award by only missing a day or less school for the month of December.



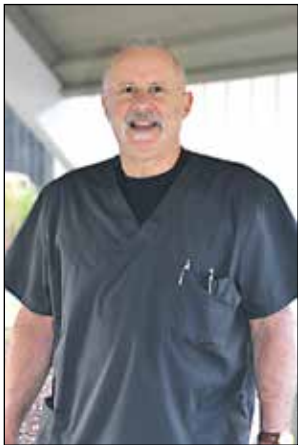
3rd Grade class had the best attendance at 92%!

New and transferring Employees

James R. Davis Sr.
Medical Assistant

James was hired on December 20, 2024, as the new Medical Assistant for the Roger Saux Health Center. James brings 13 years of experience as an Emergency Room Technician to the QIN. As the Medical Assistant, under general supervision, he will assist medical and nursing staff with tasks involving extensive patient contact. These include taking vitals, helping with triage, performing lab procedures, maintaining patient charts, and examination and treatment rooms. James may perform other duties as requested or assigned.

James said he was



interested in working with the QIN because he liked working with Dr. Buck in the emergency room, so he decided to say goodbye to the 12-hour days and work with Dr. Buck again at the RSHC. James is

married and has been for 45 years, they have a son and a daughter, four grandchildren and one great grandchild on the way. His education and training includes being a high school graduate, Divers Institute of Technology, Certified Emergency Technician, and 17 years with Ocean Shores Fire Department.

Hobbies and interests, he said although it's been a while, he likes to hunt and fish, dig razor clams, and he has a small coin collection. He looks forward to helping the people of the Quinault Indian Nation with their health needs.

Lelia Meas
Mental Health Therapist

Lelia Meas was hired on January 6, 2025, as a Mental Health Therapist for the Roger Saux Health Center. In her previous employment, Lelia worked for two years as a Mental Health Therapist. As our new Mental Health Therapist, she will provide a full range of professional mental health services to the clients of the Quinault Indian Nation's Health center. She will provide direct clinical services to the individual, family, group therapy, consultation and outreach services. Lelia will also be responsible to ensuring that mental health programs will provide training to other tribal agencies and education programs to the public



on mental health issues.

Lelia was interested in working with the QIN because she wanted to continue working as a therapist in a position that allowed growth, challenged, and used her background, knowledge and experience. She is married to her husband of 14 years; they do not have children but have

three Chihuahuas. They have five nieces and one nephew, a grandnephew and a grandniece that they adore.

Education and training that Lelia listed includes an AA, BA of Psychology, and a MA of Psychology Counseling. She is a licensed mental health counselor and is certified in treating trauma and autism and specializes in children. She reads for pleasure, loves to cook and bake and makes homemade meals every night from scratch. Lelia said she bakes on the weekends to fill her cookie jar and make things for the week.

She wanted to share that she always has faith and is grateful in all situations.

James Garman
Forester – Sales Administrator

James began his new position with the Quinault Indian Nation's Forestry Department, Timber Harvest Section on January 6, 2025. In his position, James will have responsibilities for timber sale-preparation or contract administration duties for projects occurring on Indian Trust lands within the Quinault Indian Reservation. James will prepare or administrate forest products through field activities such as sale boundary and forest road reconnaissance, design and layout, sale acreage and volume determination, scaling, harvest inspection, sale closure and interdisciplinary team coordination.



Additionally, he will prepare or contribute to completion of all timber sale-related documents, reports including Forest Officer's reports, NEPA documents, appraisals, timber sale contracts and associated permits and other advertisements, and maps.

James was interested in working for the QIN utilizing his Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Grays Harbor College. He lives just 30 minutes away and his grandchildren are members of the QIN. He is the father of three daughters and has four grandchildren who are enrolled in the Quinault tribe as well as a niece and her three children. He likes to hike, camp, hunt, fish, and enjoys swimming, sledding, boating and reading. James said his goal is to help QDNR protect its lands, so it can continue to sustainably harvest forest products in perpetuity.

Tara Perez
Administrative Assistant – Project Manager
QIN Education Program

Tara was hired in December 2024 as the Education Department's Administrative Assistant/Project Manager. She will assist the Education Manager with daily administrative duties and management of grants received by QIN Education. Her position will be responsible for daily administrative duties such as typing, copying, scanning, making orders, organizing and scheduling meetings, generating



reports, working within our financial system Mi-croix and much more.

For grants, she will be responsible for creating and managing a tracking system for grants to ensure that all components are on track to meet reporting deadlines. Tara will work with project staff and the Education Manager to ensure all needed documentation is submitted as required. She will also research for relevant Education grants that will continue to improve our services for youth and supple-

Chyrstine Rowe
Land Records Technician

Chyrstine Ann Maria Rowe started her position as the Land Records Technician on January 2, 2025. Prior to joining QIN, she worked as an Account Technician for the Department of Defense for over two years. In her new job with the Quinault Indian Nation, she will be responsible for a wide variety of responsibilities for the management of ownership records, providing administrative support, and clerical assistance to the Land Manager. Chyrstina will conduct research and documentation of ownership through in-house records, county agencies, title companies, BIA offices, and general professional support to



all sections of the Land Management and Real Estate Services.

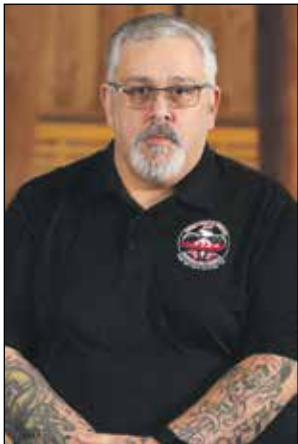
Chyrstina is married to Shawn Rowe, Sr., who is a member of the QIN. In seeking employment with the tribe, she wanted to help and provide her knowledge and experience to benefit QIN. Besides her hus-

band Shawn, they have two sons, Shawn, Jr., and Cameron. Her husband Shawn is the grandson of Juana Mason. Her training and education include computers and technology, her work with the Department of Defense, and studies of cyber security. Chyrstina lists her interests as hunting, family time, working on cars, all outdoor type activities, and hobbies as sewing, baking and learning new things.

In accepting her new position with the QIN, Chyrstina wanted to say how thankful she is to be able to work and be a part of the Nation and to provide help where she can. She loves the QIN and wants to do her best!

Jason Gomez
Chemical Dependency (CD) Clinical Supervisor

Jason began his new position with the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) as the CD Clinical Supervisor on December 2, 2024. He previously worked for the Port Gamble S'Klallam tribe for six years as their Clinical Supervisor. In his position here at QIN, Jason will provide direct supervision to the CD staff and program development and implementation through the direct supervision of the Behavioral Health Program Manager. He will provide counseling and case management services to patients, consisting of individual, group, family and educational services, including assessment, counseling and aftercare services. Additionally, Jason will work with Quinault's Wellness



Court, prevention activities and community education.

Jason said he was interested in working with the QIN's CD program in this position and said he started as a Locum and saw a need for a permanent Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP). He said clients struggling due to so much change makes it

difficult; recovery is hard enough without all that turmoil.

Mr. Gomez is married, has eight children and four grandchildren, and has an emotional support and physical disability service dog. He has an AA Degree in Human Services and is working on an Undergraduate degree in Human Services. His hobbies and interests are his dog, walking the beach and nature mountain driving.

Jason wanted to share that "My job is not just a job; it is a passion. Creator has put me with this Nation, I love what I do, and I am not here for the money. I am here to help heal the people as I have been healing since 2013."

Tiffany Buck
Fiscal Technician I – Floater

Tiffany recently joined the Finance Division as Fiscal Technician I where she will be in a position where she will perform support to the accounting department. Tiffany has been a long-time employee of the Early Head Start program before this job. As the Floater in the accounting department, some of her duties will be to maintain filing system for various accounting records and reports; perform data entry for accounts payable, provide backup for Revenue Clerk and Check Disbursement and other duties as assigned.

Tiffany has worked for the Quinault Indian Nation for over 20 years



and said she was interested in this position because she wants to serve her tribe as a member and for her Quinault people, here in Taholah where her home is. She is a single mother of five children, three who are adults, and her youngest

two who attend Taholah school. She has a grandson named Quinson, who is her first grandchild.

Her Education includes having her high school diploma from Taholah High School and some college credits from Grays Harbor College. Her hobbies and interests are spending time with her children, making memories, going to church with her oldest children, going to movies and going out to eat. Tiffnay said she is very grateful to be working with the Quinault Indian Nation, and looks forward to the new opportunities working for the finance division.



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Lillian “Jo” Luscier Brown

Both articles by Pearl Capoeman-Baller



Every elder interview that we do is amazing, and this one with Lillian “Jo” Luscier Brown is no exception. Lillian expressed her love for her children and grandchildren, how awesome they are and what care they provide her with. She says always be good to them, they are the ones that take care of you later in life.

As we did this interview, probably one of the most surprising things that she shared with us was her love of baseball. She sponsored her own team for many years, spoke highly of all that played on her team. She even turned down going to an Elvis Presley concert because there was a baseball game that she didn’t want to miss.

Her parents, Antonne and Christine raised five kids, Lillian said throughout her life she lived in a variety of towns, ranging from the Taholah to Queets areas, including Neilton and Bay Center. Besides loving baseball, she loved swimming. She shared one of her funny stories about swimming, she remembers being thrown off the fish house dock by Skeeter Underwood. Any person that went swimming down at the docks usually ended up being thrown off the dock. Often kids that swam in the Quinault River always tried to swim across the river, and down by the mouth where the water was always swift. But her favorite swimming location was Lake Quinault. She said that once you jumped in the Lake, it didn’t take long to get used to the cold water.

Most of our elders will remember Judy Millett, who was one of her sisters (Pearl said she certainly remembers Judy, her sense of humor, her smile and her being a strong clam digger). Lillian herself was an avid clam digger. Her family often canned clams, elk, deer, fish and all kinds of fruit. She thought that when you canned food, it all took the same amount of time (cooking and processing them) but quickly learned that you don’t need to cook peaches and can them in the same amount of time as other foods. She loves all tra-

ditional foods, and will never turn down a fish, especially a Blueback.

Lillian worked for the U.S. Government for many years, predominantly the BIA where she worked with Kay Filyaw, Ray Strong, and Madonna Renville.

She had many fond memories of growing up, but one in particular was when she was a very little girl, the family was living in the Clearwater area. It was close to Christmas time and her mom kept telling them that since they recently moved to that area, Santa Claus probably would not be able to find them (her mom didn’t tell her that they didn’t have money to

buy gifts). But she remembers that on Christmas Day, here comes several ladies from the village of Queets bearing gifts, dolls for the girls and trucks for the boys. She said it was like magic, getting a new doll. Today she believes that the Tribal members from Queets are the most kind, friendly and generous people, plus being great cooks. She recalls that Janice Charley and Dar Snell were two childhood friends that she enjoyed hanging out with. She was very blessed in the respect that most of the houses she was raised in had running water and electricity.

She said she loves to go to garage sales, rummage sales, estate sales and bazaars. Her kids at times have to remind her that she doesn’t need to buy everything, or she’ll end up living like a hoarder. Her family is very religious, and always attended the Pentecostal church. She believes that everyone should have faith in the Lord. Lillian did travel, when her daughter Lorinda was serving in the military, wherever she was stationed, she would fly there to visit.

Lillian said she does have reservations about the proposed changes to the Constitution, which would allow a tribal member to serve on the Council if they don’t reside on the reservation. She believes that Council members should reside on the reservation.

Lillian shared many funny moments about the various dogs that she owned. We found out that she is an avid collector of Snoopy items, even her Christmas tree has a snoopy that serves as a star on her tree. She says that you are never too old to learn new skills and would like to attend the Quinault Language classes and is very interested in learning how to make baskets. She thinks we should live our life to the fullest with faith in God, and to be kind to people. And last, but not least, she loves KFC and always has her kids stop and buy chicken, after a quick run to Walmart.

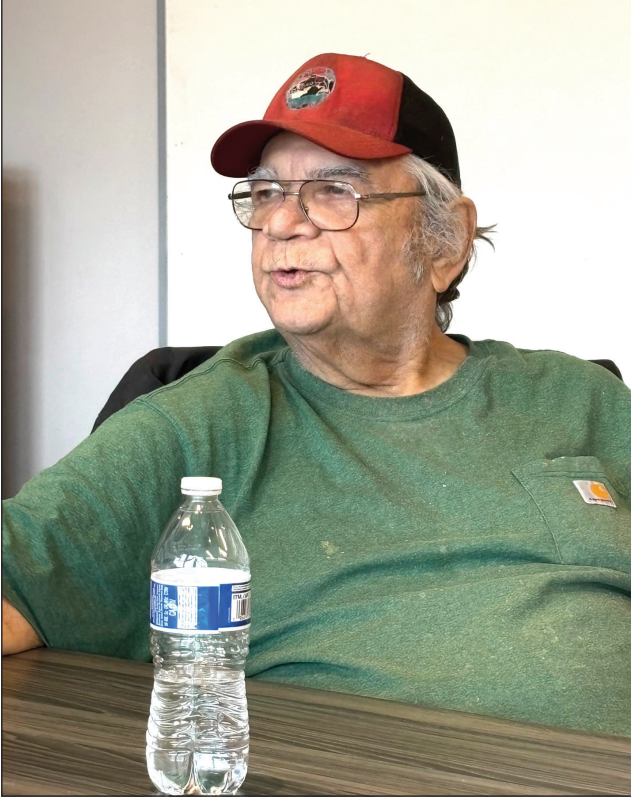
Gerald “Juke” Ellis

Recently the Conversion Center staff interviewed Gerald “Juke” Ellis. Every elder interview that we have done is interesting and unique, and Juke was no exception. He is 80 years old and has lived what most people would consider a fascinating life, sometimes he followed the rules and sometimes he made his own decisions and rules.

His grandfather was Johnson George, and his grandmother was Elizabeth Charley (Nina Bumgarner’s sister). He recalls being in his grandfather’s ocean fishing boat from the time he was extremely young, people used to say that you could see his diapers hanging in the mast when he was on the boat. He fished on the ocean boats probably until he reached the age of 21, enjoyed fishing from the Columbia River to Vancouver Island, and that’s when you just had to have a blue card! Of course this was pre-Boldt. He recalls Horton Capoeman always telling him that it’s bad when we must go to court over our rights, we need to do it, but often lose.

Juke also was out in the woods with family making a living cutting shakes and going into the mill business for shakes and shingles. He expressed frustration with the BIA process of obtaining permits and was always disagreeing with Mike Kupka. Juke was one the Quinault members that fished on the Chehalis River post Boldt era and didn’t experience getting shot at, but had plenty of washers, dryers, bicycles, etc. in his fishing net. His education was limited, he went to school until the 8th grade in Taholah but had a Master in BS that continued to be useful during his years of serving on the QBC, often used his BS when visiting with politicians.

Our interview with Juke would fluctuate from the current years to his younger years. His biggest accomplishment thus far is living to be 80 years old, was married to the love of his life Emma, they raised five children, sadly some of his children have passed on. It was tough for him having to take care of the ones that passed on, parents are not supposed to live beyond their children. But he has 15 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren and still counting. He fondly remembers his mother Geraldine being one of the greatest cooks in the village, anyone who needed a meal knew they would have a hot meal if they went to her home, she never turned anyone away. Sturgeon was one the best fish that she cooked, (Pearl mentioned that her brother Amo apparently loved her sturgeon dinner so much that every time their father threw a sturgeon away, he (Amo) would grab it and take it to Geraldine to cook). Juke learned to cook just about anything from his mom, including fry bread, buckskin bread, raised yeast bread. He still loves to cook traditional foods like clams, elk, bear, beaver, and enjoyed snipe soup, duck soup, fish soup and eating geese (but it has been a long time since he had a goose).



Growing up some of his best friends were the Simmon’s boys. Kids used to play kick the can, hide and seek and a lot of football. Kids today pay too much attention to high technology stuff; they don’t have respect for the rights that we have enjoyed for years. He served on the Council for many years but had a lot of frustration with some of the advice of non-tribal staff to the Council, but appreciated Dan Raas, who was one of the Tribal Attorneys. Juke recalls fighting with Guy “Butch” McMinds verbally over many issues, one issue was hunting. He strongly suggested to former Chairman DeLaCruz and Councilman McMinds that they shoot an elk in the Bay Center area to make a statement about Quinault hunting rights, but they chose not to accept his advice.

Juke grew up in a time when there was no running water or electricity in the home but was very grateful when John Doe (Vernon Shipman) had running water put in their house. Was very proud that they had a two-seater out-house (that was high tech 😊- Juke’s words). He fondly recalls cutting kindling for many of the elder ladies here who could probably put many men to shame with their strength and skills, Gram Sarah Sotomish could always carry heavy loads of driftwood on her back with her basket.

Most tribal members know that when there are a lot of eagles flying around that Juke has been feeding them, he loves to feed the eagles fish or seals that have washed up on the beach. His words of wisdom to Council members is to Think Indian. And as far as moving the village to higher ground, he asks that they remember that all members who may want to move to higher ground, just can’t afford to pick up their home and move, they don’t have the necessary resources.

Buying back land has been on the Nation’s great accomplishment, but there are still many small interests of land that can be purchased.

We had a lengthy interview with Juke, this article reflects the highlights. Additionally, Juke spoke highly of Kurtis Cheney, he said that he would always be willing to bend over backward to help tribal members in his job, and there a lot of people who miss working with Kurtis.

We gave Juke some Indian Tea that we hope he will enjoy.

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, Any elder interested in being interviewed, please contact us by calling the Conversion Center.

Pearl Capoeman-Baller 360.276.8215 ext. 4605



Ongoing river erosion continues to threaten roads in the Quinault Valley above Lake Quinault



The Quinault River experienced a high flow throughout the month of December with a section of the river directly hitting the bank and creating a whirlpool effect that eroded the South Shore Road around mile 10. This area, located less than half a mile upstream from QIN's Alder River Rehabilitation site in Jefferson County, has been plagued with washout issues for decades. The road was relocated further from the river several years ago, but ongoing erosion is once again threatening the road. The road was closed before the end 2024 at the Grays Harbor/Jefferson County line. Due to the closure of the Upper Quinault River Bridge, the East Fork of the Quinault River remains only accessible by foot. *Photo by Larry Workman*

Fish War



On January 17 many of the QIN staff attended the showing of FISH WAR in the afternoon at the 7th Street Theater in Hoquiam. There was also an early evening showing of the film for the general public. When the state of Washington made it illegal for tribes to fish for salmon in their usual and accustomed places, it was a declaration of war. FISH WAR follows the tribes' fight to exercise their treaty-reserved fishing rights. A landmark court case in 1974 would affirm the tribes' treaty rights and establish them as co-managers of the resource, but the fate of salmon in the Pacific Northwest still hangs in the balance. *Photo by Larry Workman*

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The group with QIN staff at Point Grenville. *Photo by John Hansen*

agreements like Sanctuary protections would affect them. It was mentioned that explaining and meeting with neighboring communities or governments, is a strategy that can build support for more successful outcomes in managing ocean resources for whatever strategy is being proposed or implemented.

Marine Climate Impacts for Planning and Resource Management was another topic of discussion. The Shoalwater Bay Tribe talked about toxic algae blooms and how they are making their way into the Bay due to the higher temperatures in the waters. The impact on the farming of oysters is devastating and deadly. By sharing experiences of what is working or what solutions or strategies are being used, can help others avoid pitfalls or unnecessary steps.

Collaborations in funding to address these issues was an important topic due to the costs and man hours to study them, work on them, and staffing

them, otherwise it may not be feasible or affordable. As we are experiencing at Quinault, with the flooding, relocation, erosion, and the funds to address all of these comes with a big price tag and many years to develop and complete. And that's in addition to the other impacts to our ocean and river fisheries and other resources.

The last day of the four-day gathering included Federal, state, tribal and two federal sister agencies – Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) for offshore energy, oil, gas, wind and tidal issues. The day was used for interactive group discussion on priorities and goals for the final two years of NOAA Regional Ocean Partnership funding. In the final session, the Summit concluded with a recap of themes, takeaways, and meeting to address follow-up tasks identified over the week-long gathering.



Firewood storage sheds are located in Taholah and Queets. *Photo by Cody Cook-Winscher*

Air Quality News

By Cody Cook-Winscher, Air Quality Specialist

Happy 2025 from Quinault's Air Quality Program to all readers! We're excited to share the program's recent achievements for the health of your air. Firstly— great news for Quinault Elders living within 25 miles of Taholah or Queets, who use a woodstove for heat! Free dry firewood shares are now available for you. In collaboration with the Senior's program, a firewood storage shed has been constructed for both villages. To request your share, call Quinault extension **7419** or **7415**; or email seniors@quinault.org. How does this improve air quality? Dry, seasoned firewood burns approximately four times cleaner than wet wood. Woodsmoke, especially in high concentrations, is harmful to the human respiratory system, and prolonged exposure can affect other systems of the body. These can include the cardiovascular, immune, and reproductive systems. Less wood-smoke = healthier air in your home and the local atmosphere!

We are also excited to share our recent application to the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program; this proposal is supporting Quinault's fishing fleet vessel *The Kraken*. This EPA grant funds emissions-reducing upgrades for awardees' diesel vehicles. Diesel emissions are highly carcinogenic, and of course harmful for the environment. So, fingers crossed for *The Kraken's* application and its Quinault owner!

Lastly, if you are a QIN employee and have an air purifier in your office needing filter replacement, filters will be replaced by March. Budget challenges and missing deliveries delayed things a little, our apologies!

Thanks for checking in, all! As always, please report local air quality issues to our extension or email #7310 or cody.cook-winscher@quinault.org

Catch you later!



There were several panelists including QIN staff such as Lia Frenchman (4th from the right). *Photo by Joe Schumacker*

BYLAWS of the Quinault Business Committee of the Quinault Indian Nation

Revised November 12, 2024

PREAMBLE

We, the Quinault Business Committee, the governing body of the Quinault Indian Nation, having been entrusted by our people, through the Constitution, to pursue our right of self-determination and self-sufficiency; to protect, develop, enhance, and preserve our human and natural resources, our culture, and our identity; and to exercise our sovereign powers over all land, resources, and people within our jurisdiction, do hereby approve and adopt these By-Laws according to Article IV, Section 9, of the Constitution of the Quinault Indian Nation.

ARTICLE I - OFFICERS

The Officers of the Quinault Business Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and seven (7) Councilpersons for total of (11) Officers. The said eleven (11) Officers shall have the right to vote on issues brought before the Quinault Business Committee.

ARTICLE II - POWERS

The Quinault Business Committee shall exercise all powers granted to them pursuant to Articles V, Section 1, 2, and 3 of the Constitution of the Quinault Indian Nation.

ARTICLE III - RESERVED POWERS

Unless approved and enacted by Resolution, Law, Ordinance or By-Laws, the Quinault Business Committee reserves to itself all and every right, power, and authority, express or implied, delegated to it by the Constitution of the Quinault Indian Nation.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Quinault Business Committee meetings shall be open to the public unless expressly stated otherwise in this document. A schedule of Business Committee meetings and subcommittee meetings shall be published yearly.

Art. IV - Section 1. Annual Organizational Meeting

The Quinault Business Committee will meet within forty-five (45) days after the Annual Meeting of the Quinault Indian Nation General Council in order to:

- A. Discuss resolutions and general session items of the Quinault Indian Nation General Council;
- B. Schedule an orientation for newly-elected Officers to the Quinault Business Committee;
- X. Establish and reorganize committees;
- Δ. Review and evaluate Quinault Indian National goals, organizational objectives and tribal programs;
- E. Re-direct efforts found to be inconsistent with the wishes of the Quinault Indian Nation General Council;
- Φ. Review the effectiveness and direction of the administrative organization;
- Γ. Appoint Officers to chair specific committees;
- H. Identify and address any other Quinault Business Committee organizational tasks.

Art. IV - Section 2. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Quinault Business Committee will be held on the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Monday of each month at a location within the Quinault Indian Reservation as designated by the Quinault Business Committee, unless there is a situation requiring that the meeting be cancelled or rescheduled, upon consensus of the Business Committee. Regular meetings will be convened at 5:30 p.m., except when the Quinault Business Committee, in its discretion, sets them at a different time. At least one meeting a quarter will be scheduled in Queets. When the regular meeting date falls on a holiday recognized by the Quinault Indian Nation, the meeting will be held on the following business day. A day other than the business day following the holiday may be chosen by majority consent of the Quinault Business Committee.

Art. IV - Section 3. Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Quinault Business Committee may be held at any time or place within the boundaries of the Quinault Indian Reservation. Special meetings may be called by the President or the Vice-President. Notice shall be given to the public three (3) days in advance but may be held on shorter notice with majority consent of all Quinault Business Committee Officers. The notice shall be posted in the usual public places by the Secretary and corrected if the time or place of the meeting changes. In order for the Officers to address the issue or issues before them, the person or persons calling the meeting must present all pertinent facts, material, and information to those Officers attending.

Art. IV - Section 4. Emergency Meetings

Emergency Meetings of the Quinault Business Committee may be held at any time and any place within the boundaries of the Quinault Indian Reservation. Emergency meetings may be called with electronic notice by the President or the Vice-President. Every effort shall be made to contact all members to give notice of the meeting. The Officer who called the emergency meeting must present all pertinent facts, material, and information regarding the issue or issues to be addressed to each Officer present. A quorum of the Quinault Business Committee Officers shall be established in order for any action to be binding. Emergency meetings of the Quinault Business Committee may be held by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment if the call or meeting is originating from the Quinault Indian Reservation. A minimum of six Officers (a quorum) must be present within the boundaries of the Reservation in order to conduct business. Once the in-person quorum requirement is met, other Officers may participate and vote by telephone or virtual platform.

Art. IV - Section 5. Legal Session

The Quinault Business Committee may hold a Legal Session to become informed and updated

on current legal issues that have or may have an impact on the Quinault Indian Nation. The Legal Session is an information-only session that will be closed to the public due to sensitive legal issues that may arise. Only those persons whom the Business Committee approves to attend the Legal Session may be present. All information, including discussion and documents, presented at the Legal Session is privileged and confidential and shall not be disclosed or made public unless the Business Committee determines otherwise. Any formal decisions on legal issues shall be addressed in a regular meeting of the Quinault Business Committee.

Art. IV - Section 6. Executive Session

From time to time issues of a sensitive nature will come before the Quinault Business Committee. These issues shall not be discussed publicly unless the Business Committee determines otherwise. To address sensitive issues, the Quinault Business Committee will conduct an Executive Session. Such issues will be set apart from the regular agenda for discussion in an Executive Session. Only those persons whom the Quinault Business Committee names will be present in the Executive Session. Issues that shall be discussed in Executive Session, unless the majority of the Business Committee decides otherwise, include but are not limited to:

- A. Personnel that the Business Committee has purview over
- B. Minors and the protection of minors, or victims and potential victims of crime
- C. Confidential or proprietary Quinault Business or Enterprise matters
- D. Matters that require confidentiality under Federal, State, or Quinault law or policy
- E. Matters that require confidentiality under any agreement or contract entered into by the Quinault Indian Nation
- F. When requested by a Tribal member, but only if it is clear what topic the Tribal member wishes to discuss and the administrative process has already been followed, except the Business Committee will not entertain personnel issues or issues related to active court cases.

Art. IV - Section 7. Business Committee Agenda

- A. Submitting Agenda Items. The agenda for each Quinault Business Committee meeting will be prepared by the Secretary and posted each Friday prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. All agenda items shall be:
 - 1. Submitted to the Secretary no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to each regular meeting;
 - 2. Submitted in writing and in the form prescribed by the Secretary and/or through the online portal designated for governmental meeting agendas; blank/incomplete agenda requests will not be accepted; and
 - 3. Items submitted for the agenda shall include:
 - a. an attached resolution if necessary
 - b. a clean version of final document
 - c. an agenda request approved by the designated approver.
 - 4. Assembled and available at the Quinault Indian Nation administrative complex to each member of the Quinault Business Committee on the Friday prior to each regular meeting.
 - 5. Whenever possible, agenda items should be vetted through the appropriate Subcommittee or Committee, Commission, or Board before submission to the Business Committee agenda.
 - 6. The Secretary reserves the right not to accept agenda items that do not meet these requirements.
 - 7. To address privacy and confidentiality concerns, the public agenda packets will only contain copies of the resolutions being presented.
- B. Added Items.
 - 1. Generally, the Business Committee will not add items to the agenda at the meeting.
 - 2. However, there may be times when an item will need to be added. Any request to add such an item to the Agenda including the Executive Session must be stated before the vote to approve agenda with added items.
 - 3. The Chair will ask if there are any objections to the added items. If there are any objections, each added item will be voted on separately, and a 2/3 majority of the members present will be necessary to add the item. If there are no objections, all added items may be voted on with one vote.
 - 4. Any added items shall have supporting documentation and include the action requested.
- C. Elders Agenda Items. Elders 55 years or older who have properly submitted an agenda item and are presenting it at the meeting will be moved to the top of the agenda.
- D. Rejected or Tabled Agenda Items. The Quinault Business Committee may reject or table any agenda item for one or more of the following reasons.
 - 1. The material and information relating to the agenda item is incomplete;
 - 2. The material and information relating to the agenda item has not been reviewed by the appropriate Division or department staff, CCB, and/or Subcommittee;
 - 3. The person who presents the agenda item is not present;
 - 4. The agenda item is an issue which can be decided outside the Quinault Business Committee;
 - 5. The resolution pertaining to the agenda item is incomplete or not in its proper form.
- E. Consent Agenda.

- 1. The consent agenda is a bundle of items that is voted on without discussion. Agenda items that can be moved to the consent agenda are those that are non-controversial, reoccurring and/or routine, or have been vetted through a subcommittee and/or legal session.
- 2. Any Business Committee member can request to move items from the agenda to the consent agenda, or to move items from the consent agenda for further discussion and open voting.
- 3. A list of consent agenda items will be circulated among the members of the Business Committee for voting and the Secretary will certify the list as the official vote.

Art. IV - Section 8. General Council Agenda

The following criteria are established to facilitate proper vetting and discussion of General Council items while allowing the Secretary to meet Constitutionally mandated posting deadlines.

- A. Items to be considered for inclusion on the published agenda must be submitted to the Secretary by 11:59 p.m. on the fifth Tuesday before the annual General Council meeting.
- B. The Business Committee will review and approve the proposed agenda at the next regular meeting.
- C. The proposed General Council agenda will be posted and advertised in a special edition of the Nugquam and/or any other publication formally designated by the Business Committee for public notice no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- D. Proposed Constitutional amendments must be submitted no later than 45 days prior to a General Council meeting to allow for review and posting notice at least 30 days before the meeting.

Art. IV - Section 9. Meetings

The purpose of meetings of the Quinault Business Committee is to conduct official Tribal business, including but not limited to presentations and the adoption of ordinances, regulations, resolutions, contracts, agreements, and budgets. All matters brought before meetings of the Quinault Business Committee shall be recorded, transcribed, and presented by the Secretary or designated Officer for approval in a timely manner but no later than 30 days after the meeting. No meeting shall be recorded by the public without permission from each Business Committee member present. Anyone presenting an item or who wishes to address the Business Committee directly must attend the meeting in person. Questions and comments will not be addressed over any virtual platform. The Business Committee may make an exception at its discretion.

Art. IV - Section 10. Quorum

A majority of six (6) Officers of the Quinault Business Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. When a quorum has been established at any meeting, a majority of Officers present shall make a decision on any approved agenda item brought before them at such meetings, except as otherwise provided by law or by these By-Laws. If a quorum is not established, the meeting will be called to order by the President or designated Officer, a roll call of Officers in attendance will be taken, and the meeting will be adjourned by the President or designated Officer for lack of quorum. If a quorum is not established, it will be reflected on the next Business Committee minutes.

Art. IV -Section 11. Order of Business

All regular meetings of the Quinault Business Committee will be conducted in the following order of business:

- A. Legal Session;
- B. Meeting called to order by the President or designated Officer;
- C. Invocation;
- D. Roll Call;
- E. Ascertainment of a quorum;
- F. Review of the minutes from a regular meeting, special meeting, and/or emergency meeting;
- G. Approval of the minutes by vote;
- H. Approval of agenda;
- I. Special request and introduction of guest(s) (limited to 10 minutes);
- J. Information Items;
- K. Oral Reports and Presentations; (shall be no longer than 10 minutes apiece);
- L. Reading of Consent agenda and approval of Consent agenda by individual officers;
- M. Action Items;
- N. Executive Session;
- O. Open session if needed;
- P. Adjournment.

If order of business is not completed by eleven o'clock p.m. (11:00 p.m.), the Quinault Business Committee meeting may recess and reconvene within twenty-four (24) hours.

Art. IV - Section 12. Voting

All Officers of the Quinault Business Committee have the right to vote on all issues properly presented and placed before them. Issues to be voted on shall be made in the form of a motion properly seconded and recorded. Officers who vote against or abstain from voting on a motion will be recorded. During discussion only, an Officer may request for a matter of record their reasons for their vote. Officers of the Quinault Business Committee who are recorded as being present at a meeting but who are not present at the time a motion is voted on will be recorded on as having abstained.

Art. IV - Section 13. Attendance

All Officers should prioritize attending regular Business Committee meetings. Any absence from a Business Committee meeting must be reported to the Secretary prior to the meeting, and the reason must be acceptable to the Business Committee in order for the absence to be excused. Failure to report to the Secretary will

result in an unexcused absence. If the circumstances prevent the Officer from reporting prior to the meeting, the Officer may ask to be excused at the next regular meeting during review of the minutes. Any Officer who is absent from three consecutive regular Business Committee meetings without excuse shall be removed from office.

ARTICLE V - PUBLIC HEARINGS

Where the Constitution or laws of the Quinault Indian Nation require that the Quinault Business Committee shall hold a public hearing, the hearing shall be conducted under procedures adopted by the Business Committee to govern public hearings. In the absence of such procedures or where those procedures refer to these By-Laws, public hearings shall be conducted as follows: The Secretary will act as the Public Hearing Officer, unless the Business Committee in its discretion appoints another officer. At least one Quinault Business Committee member shall be present at each public hearing. The primary responsibility of the Public Hearing Officer shall be to issue proper notice on the public hearing, prepare all public hearing materials, and record public hearing testimony. The Public Hearing Officer will either provide a written summary of comments to the Quinault Business Committee or, if the public hearing was related to new or amended codes, assist the Office of the Attorney General in bringing the code(s) forward for enactment. The Public Hearing Officer shall impose reasonable time limits on the presentation of oral testimony, and shall require that comments which cannot be orally submitted in the allotted time be submitted in writing within seven days after the public hearing. Notice on all public hearings shall be posted in Taholah, Queets, and Amanda Park, as well as the Quinault Business Committee agenda when applicable. Additional notice at the discretion of the Quinault Business Committee may be published and provided to the interested individuals.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Art. VI - Section 1. President

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Quinault Indian Nation. The duties of the President are:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the Quinault Business Committee and Quinault Indian Nation General Council;
- B. Oversee the strategic direction of the Quinault Indian Nation;
- C. Designate an Officer to chair official meetings in the absence of the President or Vice President.
- D. Sign all official papers and documents approved by the Quinault Business Committee or Quinault Indian Nation General Council, unless some other person is specifically authorized to do so by a majority vote of the Quinault Business Committee;
- E. Direct the implementation, administration and enforcement of all laws passed by the Quinault Business Committee;
- F. Act as the principal Officer representing the Quinault Indian Nation in establishing, maintaining, and furthering government to government relations with Federal, State, and Local Governments;
- G. Appoint a Parliamentarian, who is not an Officer of the Business Committee or is a non voting member of the committee/council, to maintain order at:
 - 1. Quinault Indian Nation General Council meetings;
 - 2. Special General Council meetings; and
 - 3. At the President's or presiding Officer's discretion, Quinault Business Committee meetings.

The President has the authority to delegate any of the duties in this Section 1 to any other Officer as well as the authority to assume or delegate the duties and responsibilities of another Officer as circumstances require.

Art. VI - Section 2. Vice-President

- A. The Vice-President shall assume all Presidential duties delegated to him or her by the President.
- B. The Vice-President shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Quinault Indian Nation in the absence of the President or in the event the President is unable or incapable of carrying out the duties of that office. The President is declared absent when he or she leaves the Quinault Indian Nation boundaries and does not intend to return within twenty-four (24) hours. The President is considered incapacitated when for medical or other reasons, he or she is unable to carry out the duties of that Office.
- C. The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President from the time the President resigns, dies, or is removed from Office until the Quinault Indian Nation General Council elects a new President at their next Annual Meeting.

Art VI - Section 3. Secretary

The duties of the Secretary are to:

- A. Keep accurate minutes and records of all meetings of the Quinault Business Committee and Quinault Indian Nation General Council;
- B. Have the care and custody of the Quinault Indian Nation Seal and the authority to affix the Seal on all official documents requiring such Seal;
- C. Establish and implement procedures for certification of official actions, including approval and publication of constitutional amendments;
- D. Receive all information pertaining to issues before the Quinault Business Committee or Quinault Indian Nation General Council;
- E. Prepare an agenda for each Quinault Business Committee or Quinault Indian Nation General Council meeting pursuant to criteria established by the Quinault Business

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Committee and post notice of such meeting;	Quinault Business Committee provided that such funds are on hand and have not previously been encumbered;	Art. VI - Section 5. Councilperson Councilpersons are Officers of the Quinault Business Committee and shall:	lish standing committees, special committees or sub-committees. Standing, special or sub-committees are established by ordinance or resolution which clearly define the following:
F. Assemble and make available all printed information required by the Quinault Business Committee or Quinault Indian Nation General Council prior to each meeting;	C. Dispose of property and other assets in his care and custody as ordered by resolution of the Quinault Business Committee;	A. Make up the legislative body of the Quinault Indian Nation's government;	A. Purpose and objective of the committee;
G. Prepare the minutes of each Quinault Business Committee meeting and present them in a timely manner but no later than 30 days after the meeting for approval;	D. Review and oversee financial affairs of the Quinault Indian Nation and initiate audits when necessary;	B. Carry out Article III of these By-Laws;	B. Time frame in which the committee will act;
H. Prepare the minutes of each Quinault Indian Nation General Council meeting within 90 days of adjournment of such meeting and present them to the Business Committee at the first regular meeting following completion for final discussion, approval, and inclusion in the next Annual General Council Report;	E. Obtain the financial records of any Quinault Indian Nation National Department, Agency, Commission, Enterprise, Contract, or any other entity of the Quinault Indian Nation;	C. Oversee and carry out all delegated responsibilities and report these activities to the Quinault Business Committee.	C. Duties, responsibilities, and authority of the committee;
I. Have published all matters required by law to be published in appropriate public places and in the media.	F. Immediately inform the Quinault Business Committee if the Treasurer learns or is informed that previously committed funds are not actually available and provide recommendations for appropriate action;	Art. VI - Section 6. General Duties of an Officer	D. Reporting requirements;
J. Plan or caused to be planned all General Council meetings;	G. Provide a quarterly report to the Quinault Business Committee reflecting the overall financial condition of the Quinault Indian Nation at the second regular meeting following the end of each calendar quarter;	A. Attend all meetings;	E. Members of the committee and its chairperson.
K. Immediately following the meeting, distribute or cause to be distributed to the Quinault Indian Nation administrative bodies and judiciary all Business Committee policies and directives.	H. Provide a report reflecting the overall financial condition of the Quinault Indian Nation at each Annual Meeting of the Quinault Indian Nation General Council;	B. Vote on all issues before the Quinault Business Committee;	The President shall have the power to appoint a chairperson to a standing, special or sub- Committee.
Art. VI - Section 4. Treasurer The duties of the Treasurer are to:	I. Provide other financial reports that may be requested by a majority vote of the Quinault Business Committee.	C. Listen to the voice of the Quinault Indian Nation people;	ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT The Quinault Business Committee may amend these By-Laws by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of nine (9) Officers at any regular meeting after a public hearing on the proposed amendment.
A. Have care and custody of all funds and assets of the Quinault Indian Nation with the exception of land, water, and wildlife;	J. Post the national budget on a quarterly basis in accordance with the Quinault Constitution, Article V, Section 3(i).	D. Inform the Quinault Indian Nation people of all official actions taken by the Quinault Business Committee;	ARTICLE IX - OATH OF OFFICE Upon election or appointment, new Officers of the Quinault Business Committee shall take an Oath of Office and be sworn in by the Chief or Presiding Judge of the Quinault Indian Nation. The Oath of office shall be as follows:
B. Disburse funds in his or her care and custody as ordered by resolution of the		E. Bring agenda items before the Quinault Business Committee;	“I, _____ DO
		F. Be appointed to and serve on sub-committees of the Quinault Business Committee;	HEREBY SOMEKNLY SWEAR (or affirm) that I shall preserve, support, and protect, the Constitution, By-Laws, Tribal Code of Laws, and the Treaty of Olympia of 1856, of the Quinault Indian Nation to the best of my ability, so help me God.”
		G. Be appointed to and serve on other committees as determined by a resolution of the Quinault Business Committee;	
		H. Perform such other duties as designated by a majority vote of the Quinault Business Committee;	
		I. Must follow any policies, handbooks, rules, or governing documents passed by resolution of the Quinault Business Committee.	
		ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES The Quinault Business Committee may estab-	

BC RESOLUTIONS
December 4- 20, 2024

Submitted by Shannon Bradley

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

12/4/2024 Resolutions 24-271-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, per Title 51 (51.03.020) each mentioned Committee (Quinault, Queets, Ocean, and Off-Reservation) shall submit a yearly budget to the QBC for approval; Therefore, the QBC hereby approves the attached 2024-25 Ocean Committee budget as presented.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-272-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QBC wishes to engage Wipfli LLP to provide professional finance and accounting services and advice regarding the review and attestation of the 2023 financial audit; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC approves the attached engagement letter with Wipfli LLC; Be It Further Resolved, that, provided all of the listed conditions on resolution are met, the QBC grants to Wipfli LLP a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity to be sued under an explicit provision of this Agreement, unless the Nation is otherwise protected from a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act:

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273-102 – Consent Item #2
QBC approves revisions to Quinault Cultural Committee Bylaws.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273a-102 – Consent Item #4
Whereas, the U.S.EPA is soliciting for proposals under the Deisel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA); Whereas, QIN fishers desire to upgrade diesel engines on fishing vessels with more modern technology, to reduce the amount of pollutants produced and entering our atmosphere; Whereas, it is in the best interest of the QIN to pursue EPA DERA funding, to support fishers, to upgrade diesel engines on fishing vessels, in order to reduce pollutant emissions; Therefore, the QBC hereby authorizes the QDNR to submit an application for funding to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency FY24 DERA Program in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 with no required match, and full indirect support.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273b-102 – Consent Item #5
Whereas, the U.S. EPA is soliciting proposals for projects that will develop and/or implement watershed-based plans and on-the-ground projects that will result in significant steps toward solving Nonpoint Source impairments on a watershed-wide basis, which the QDNR desires to submit; Whereas, it is in the best interest of the QIN to apply for funding from the EPA-Competitive Clean Water Act Section 319 to detect and treat invasive plants on the Quinault Indian Reservation and along waters flowing onto the reservation, revegetate streams with native plants, and develop long-term invasive plant management strategies for the reservation; Therefore, the QBC hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the EPA-Competitive Clean Water Act Section 319 Program, of up to \$125,000.00 with no match required, and full indirect support.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273c-102 – Consent Item #6
Whereas, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is soliciting proposals for its Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC) initiative-FY25 Wellness for Every American Indian to Achieve and View Health Equity Project (WEAVE-NW), including grants of up to \$125,000.00 for one year; Whereas, the QIN Health and Wellness-Diabetes and Chronic Disease Prevention Program is eligible to apply for funding from the NWPIAHB GHWIC initiative-FY25 WEAVE-NW grant, to support a proposed program to continue the improvement of the Community Garden, and help deepen community gardeners' skills and abilities, as well as holding educational plant walks and wild food classes. Supplies will be purchased for these events, and contract gardeners will be hired to continue gardening work being done; Therefore, the QIN H&W -Diabetes and Chronic Disease Prevention Program is approved to apply for funding from the NNWPAIHB - GHWIC initiative-WEAVE-NW grant for up to \$125,000.00, with no required match, and full indirect support.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273d-102 – Action Item #1
Whereas, the QBC, through its Committee, Commission, and Board Policy advertised and voted by secret ballot on all interested applicants for the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board (QNEB); Therefore Be It Resolved, Mary Papp is hereby appointed to the QNEB and her term shall expire July 3, 2026.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273e-102 – Action Item #2
Whereas, the QBC finds, that the QNEB pursuant to the attached QNEB resolution recommends entering into agreements with Aristocrat Technologies Inc. (ATI) to replace the Bally system at a cost of \$1,000,784, and \$16,889 per month for licensing and service agreements with ATI; Whereas, the QNEB and QBRC management have determined that replacing the current customer tracking and analysis software with the ATI system will save the QBRC \$132,000 per year, Whereas, the QBC finds ATI will extend the QBRC credit for the purchase of the ATI system upon submission of the credit application also attached to the attached QNEB resolution; Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ATI Master Services Agreement, Systems Maintenance and Support Services Agreement and Commercial Credit Application are approved and Mark Palmer, QBRC GM is authorized to execute same.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273f-102 – Action Item #3
Whereas, the QBC finds that Quinault Wellness Center (QWC) competitively solicited an architectural design firm through a published request for proposal for Phase II expansion services and is currently working with SAJ Architecture; Whereas, SAJ Architecture has provided the attached architectural service request to continue working through Phase III of the QWC expansion, which includes new construction and LEED Silver Certification; Whereas, the QNEB has requested it approve and execute the above referenced documents attached to that resolution; Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the architectural service requests from SAJ Architecture in the amount of \$191,130.00 for LEED Services, \$35,000.00 for QWC Administrative Building Architectural and Engineering Services, and \$661,775.00 for QWC Phase III Design and Construction Administration Services between the QWC and SAJ Architecture attached to the QNEB resolution are approved.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273g-102 – Action Item #4
Whereas, per Title 51 (51.03.020) each mentioned Committee (Quinault, Queets, Ocean, and Off-Reservation) shall submit a yearly budget to the QBC for approval; Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the attached 2024-25 Quinault River Fish Committee budget as presented.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273h-102 – Action Item #5
Whereas, per Title 51 (51.03.020) each mentioned Committee (Quinault, Queets, Ocean, and Off-Reservation) shall submit a yearly budget to the QBC for approval; Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the attached 2024-25 Off-Reservation Fish Committee budget as presented.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273i-102 – Action Item #6
Whereas, per Title 51 (51.03.020) each mentioned Committee (Quinault, Queets, Ocean, and Off-Reservation) shall submit a yearly budget to the QBC for approval; Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the attached 2024-25 Queets River Fish Committee budget as presented.

12/9/2024 Resolutions 24-273j-102 – Action Item #7
Whereas, the Toptana Board reviewed and approved the FY25 Business Plan & Budget on November 15th, 2024; Whereas, the FY25 Business Plan & Budget was presented to the QBC during an oversight meeting conducted on November 19th, 2024; Now, Therefore be It Resolved, the QBC approves the attached FY25 Business Plan and Budget.

12/10/2024 Resolutions 24-274-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, in October, 2024, the QIN contracted with GMA Consulting to assist with hiring a new Chief Financial Officer; Whereas, since then, the QBC has requested that GMA Consulting assist with hiring a Controller, an Attorney General, and a Senior Assistant Attorney General, and GMA Consulting has accepted and acted on such request; Therefore, the QBC approves a modification to the Talent & Acquisition Staffing Contract between the QIN and GMA Consulting to include recruiting a Controller, an Attorney General, and a Senior Assistant Attorney General.

12/10/2024 Resolutions 24-275-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QBC entered a services agreement with Brumfield Construction. for the pre-construction activities related to the Taholah Water Tank installation, including clearing and grubbing, building the access road, and removing unsuitable material to create a stable base for pending foundation work; Whereas, the attached contact modification adds \$166,220, which is over 50% of the original contract amount of \$202,695, and accordingly, under the QIN Procurement Policies and Procedures must be approved by the QBC; Whereas, the ECS reviewed the supporting documents provided by staff and concurs the necessity of this request so recommends the QBC approve said contract modification adding \$166,220, to be paid from funding source C303 - 520223, Therefore, the QBC approves the attached "MODIFICATION TO STANDARDIZED QUINULT INDIAN NATION INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT" between Brumfield Construction and the QUINULT INDIAN NATION adding \$166,220for a total contract amount of 368,915

12/10/2024 Resolutions 24-276-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QIN adopted the Taholah Village Relocation Plan in 2017 in order to relocate facilities to higher ground to avoid the risks posed by sea level rise and tsunami; Whereas, two of the facilities are the Museum and the Community Center, which were previously approved to be relocated to Allotment 164A east of Kwela Drive as depicted on the attached map; Whereas, it is a priority of the Nation to provide a safe place for displaying cultural articles and a place for cultural learning and activity, and the QIN wishes to develop a designated cultural site which includes the Museum, a cultural center, a longhouse, and parking; Whereas, the QIN finds it necessary to expand the footprint of the cultural site to include the portion of Allotment 164A already designated for the Community Center in order to have adequate space for all cultural facilities; Now, Therefore, the QBC hereby rescinds the designation of the 1.56 acre area depicted in purple on the attached map for the location of the new Community Center, and

designates the area of Allotment 164A along the east side of Kwela Drive, outlined in red in the attached map, as the preferred location of the designated cultural site (museum/cultural center and longhouse).

12/13/2024 Resolutions 24-277-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QIN entered Contract No. CONST-C24-27 with Hultman Construction & Environmental, Inc. for services related to the demolition of the QIN Court House to remove fire damaged structure and foundation; Whereas, the two attached contract modifications add \$34,180, which is over 50% of the original contract amount of \$43,510, totaling \$77,690, and accordingly, under the Quinault Indian Nation Procurement Policies and Procedures must be approved by the QBC; Now, Therefore, the QBC approves the attached "QIN CONSTRUCTION Change Order/Contract Modifications 01 & 02" dated 12/12/24 for Contract No. CONST-C24-27 with Hultman Construction & Environmental, Inc. for a total of \$77,690 to provide crushed rock for the foundation and for electricity & water lines.

12/13/2024 Resolutions 24-278-102 – Hand Carry (Rescinded)

12/16/2024 Resolutions 24-279-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QIN is eligible to apply for a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce under the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to sustain and enhance its Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) and provide a culturally grounded, community-based alternative to juvenile incarceration for Quinault youth struggling with substance abuse and delinquency; Whereas, the QIN is requesting \$275,000 in federal assistance over a 12-month period to support the enhancement and sustainability of the JHWC; Now, Therefore, the QBC hereby authorizes and supports the QIN's application to the DOC for \$275,000 in Byrne JAG funding to sustain and enhance the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court; Be It Further Resolved, the QBC hereby authorizes the Tribal Court to administer and implement the proposed project if funded; and

12/17/2024 Resolutions 24-280-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the Roger Saux Health Center (RSHC) wishes to approve a new contract with Tribal Health Connections (THC) that will serve established patients needing MAT by telehealth; Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC abilities to promote and protect the health and/or general welfare of the People, when the health care needs of the individuals who are patients of either RSHC; Be It Further Resolved, the QBC agrees with RSHC to contract the provider with the understanding they will be paid under the sitting grant funds within Fentanyl and Opioid Response; Be It Finally Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the Independent Contract Agreement with THC.

12/17/2024 Resolutions 24-281-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the Roger Saux Health Center (RSHC) wishes to approve a new contract with Tribal Health Connections (THC) that will serve established patients needing MAT by telehealth; Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC abilities to promote and protect the health and/or general welfare of the People, when the health care needs of the individuals who are patients of either RSHC or Charlotte Kalama Health Center; Be It Further Resolved, the QBC agrees with RSHC to contract the provider with the understanding they will be paid under the sitting grant funds leftover until spent from COVID allocated for behavioral health; Be It Finally Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the Independent Contract Agreement with THC.

12/17/2024 Resolutions 24-282-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QIN desires to contract with Selena Davison-Underwood to provide elder care services for the Senior Program; Whereas, the attached contract deviates from the Nation's standardized contract template in that it excludes insurance requirements, and therefore, according to the Nation's Procurement Policies, must be approved by WQBC Resolution; Now, Therefore, the QBC approves the attached "Standard QIN Independent Contractor Agreement" with Selena Davison-Underwood.

12/17/2024 Resolutions 24-283-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QIN desires to contract with Maria Mata to provide elder care services for the Senior Program; Whereas, the attached contract deviates from the Nation's standardized contract template in that it excludes insurance requirements, and therefore, according to the Nation's Procurement Policies, must be approved by WQBC Resolution; Now, Therefore, the QBC approves the attached "Standard QIN Independent Contractor Agreement" with Maria Mata.

12/17/2024 Resolutions 24-284-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QIN desires to contract with Josette Allen to provide elder care services for the Senior Program; Whereas, the attached contract deviates from the Nation's standardized contract template in that it excludes insurance requirements, and

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Dave Upthegrove



Dear Friend,

My name is Dave Upthegrove, and I am your new Commissioner of Public Lands for Washington State.

Yesterday, I stood in our state’s Capitol, raised my right hand, and swore an oath to protect and steward our state’s publicly owned lands, waters, and forests.

For me, that moment was the culmination of a life and career devoted to public service and to the environment. From my time as a Scout, to my time studying environmental science and energy policy as a student, to my time in state and local government, I have consistently put environmental issues front and center in my work.

I couldn’t be more thrilled to serve as your Commissioner of Public Lands and to lead the Department of Natural Resources. DNR is a special

agency with a long legacy of achievement and service. I hope to add to that legacy by leading with four fundamental values: respect, professionalism, integrity, and joy. I hope to build an agency where everyone feels valued, an agency founded on trust in each other, and an agency that inspires joy and ignites passion for the outdoors in you: the people of Washington.

To do so, our priorities as an agency must be clear. Here are mine:

- To restore and protect clean air, clean water, and healthy habitats.
- To improve wildfire prevention and response across the state.
- To make our lands and waters accessible for recreation to all.

Embedded throughout must be our commitment to environmental justice and Tribal sovereignty. That means making sure EVERYONE has access to clean air and clean water. It means reducing the disproportionate impact climate change has on marginalized communities. And it means honoring and respecting Tribal treaty rights and strengthening the co-management role of our state’s Tribes.

The work ahead of us is vast, but over the years I’ve learned a powerful, unimpeachable truth: working together, we can achieve anything.

The Bald Eagle is now the US National Bird

Public Law No: 118-206



The bald eagle, a symbol of the power and strength of the United States for more than 240 years, earned an overdue honor: It officially became the country’s national bird.

On December 23rd, President Joe Biden signed into law legislation sent to him by Congress that amends the United States Code to correct what had long gone unnoticed and designate the bald eagle — familiar to many because of its white head, yellow beak and brown body — as the national bird.

The bald eagle has appeared on the Great Seal of the United States, which is used in official documents, since 1782, when the design was

finalized. The seal is made up of the eagle, an olive branch, arrows, a flag-like shield, the motto “E Pluribus Unum” and a constellation of stars.

Congress that same year designated the bald eagle as the national emblem, and its image appears in a host of places, ranging from documents and the presidential flag to military insignia and U.S. currency, according to USA.gov.

But it had never been officially designated to be what many had just assumed it was — the national bird.

As I’ve said many times over the past year, these lands belong to We the People, not the powerful few. As Commissioner, I promise to safeguard and steward these lands, waters, and forests for the benefit of all Washingtonians.

Moving forward, I can’t wait to work with you and work for you, to learn from you and listen to you, and to manage these lands for both present and future generations. Thank you all for the trust you have placed in me.

Let’s get to work. Sincerely,

Dave Upthegrove
Commissioner of Public Lands



Today’s youth are tomorrow’s salmon stewards

By Ed Johnstone - NWIFC Chairman
January 17, 2025



As tribal leaders, we are looking ahead to the next seven generations of environmental stewards to protect salmon, shellfish, wildlife and plant resources.

It is our responsibility to provide young leaders with the tools to care for the natural resources our ancestors worked so hard to protect.

As part of the federal trust responsibility to uphold tribal

treaty rights, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission has partnered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to create a workforce development workgroup to help guide tribal members into careers in environmental stewardship.

“Our objective is to support tribal youth to go into fishing, conservation management and science careers,” said Dan Tonnes, workforce development specialist for the NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region. “The very experienced tribal folks are retiring and looking for younger tribal members to take their place, but we need to connect them with the educational and career pathways to take advantage of these opportunities.”

In partnership with the Tulalip Tribes, the workgroup

organized the first Native Youth Salmon Summit in October, bringing together more than 70 students to celebrate salmon culture and learn about potential careers in salmon conservation and recovery.

A highlight of this summit was a job fair where representatives from nearly 50 colleges, government agencies and nonprofits connected with students, showing a wide variety of career options.

In December, the workgroup offered a webinar to share career development opportunities at NOAA, Washington Sea Grant and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Nearly 40 people attended,



Taholah students learn about Green crab and trapping them. Photo by Scott Mazzone

including high school and college students, as well as young people starting their careers.

Working for federal agencies is just one option for our young leaders. The aim of the workgroup is not to create a career pipeline, but instead a braided river with many pathways, including careers in tribal natural resources departments.

We’re bringing together representatives from tribes, weaving a network to share successes and expand programs that provide tribal members opportunities to work for their own communities.

Across the region, tribes are working to train the next generation of environmental stewards.

The Nisqually Indian Tribe partnered with Northwest Trek Wildlife Park to create a nature engagement fellowship. As the first fellow, Nisqually elder Rose Wells mentored tribal youth at the park, teaching them about potential careers working in nature.

Taholah High School students worked side by side with the Quinalt Indian Nation to collect data and trap invasive European green crab. The students’ work filled a budgetary gap in response to the state’s declaration of emergency in Grays Harbor.

At Neah Bay High School, Makah tribal students operate

their own fish hatchery. In addition to giving the students hands-on experience, the hatchery program has been integrated into lessons in social studies, English, science and media classes.

It’s rewarding to see our students energized by these programs.

“We are all connected through salmon, and we all need to do our part to support salmon and each other,” one student said of their key takeaway from the Native Youth Salmon Summit at Tulalip.

Another said the most rewarding part of the summit was “Engaging with Indigenous leaders and hearing that their perspectives and knowledge are being celebrated and intertwined with modern ways.”

We look forward to more educational partnerships in the future. We’re counting on the next generation to continue the work of managing our treaty-protected resources. That means staffing hatcheries, habitat restoration crews, data-gathering teams and other natural resources management positions.

The strength of our tribes needs to be called upon if we’re going to win this battle. If we can get our youth involved, we can gain momentum.



Expanded service hours at select Olympic National Forest Offices

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 10, 2025—The Olympic National Forest is expanding winter service hours at select Forest Office locations. Beginning on January 13 the following offices will offer expanded walk-in service days as follows:

Olympia Supervisor’s Office

Location: 1835 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia, WA 98512
Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Phone: 360-956-2402

Quinalt Office

Location: 353 South Shore Road, Quinalt, WA 98575
Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Phone: 360-288-2525

Forks Office

Location: 437 Tillicum Lane, Forks, WA 98331
Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Every third Tuesday of the month.
(Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18)
Phone: 360-374-6522

Hours and days of operation are subject to change due to staff availability. Alterations to scheduled hours or closures will be posted on Facebook, X.com (formerly Twitter), and our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/olympic>.

For additional information on locations, hours and offered services visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/olympic/about-forest/offices>.

QIN Forest Manager, Jim Plampin, is retiring after 36 years



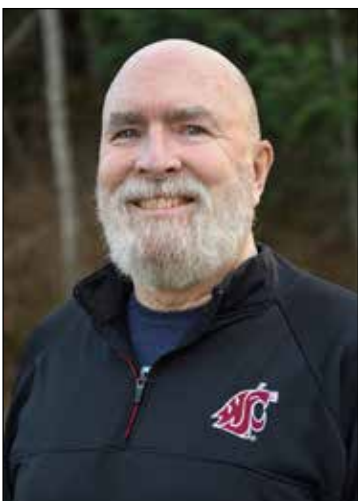
Jim talking about tree seedlings and planting with Taholah students in April 1992. *Photos by Larry Workman*



Jim in February 1994.



Jim speaking during a field trip when the QIN Hosted the National Indian Timber Symposium in June 2018.



Jim in January 2025.

Hello everyone!

Some of you are aware that I am retiring from QIN Forestry but for those of you that have not heard, my last day working for Forestry will be February 5th.

Just a little background about myself and career history. I graduated from WSU with a B.S. Forest Management Degree in 1981. I started working for a forestry contractor in Kelso, Washington. doing all types of forestry work for two years. I then moved to Shelton, to work for a forestry contractor and installed seedling progeny test sites, was foreman of tree planting and broadcast burning crews and cruised timber for five years. I then received a job offer with the USFS at the Lake Quinault Ranger District and worked with the silviculture section inspecting tree planting crews and conducting stand exams or inventory work. In 1989 I noticed a job opening with the Quinault Indian Nation for the Regeneration Forester, I applied but did not get the job.

About four months later Dave Bingaman, Forest Manager at the time, wanted to know if I would be interested in applying for a position that would be the assistant to the Regeneration Forester (Tim Beyer at the time) and the Fire Management Officer (Rick Trudeau at the time). I said sure, and started working for the QIN on September 25, 1989. I could not have asked for better supervisors and mentors at the time between Tim and Rick. I learned a lot about contract administration, budgeting, crew dynamics, and a whole lot more about broadcast burning on the Reservation. Rick also mentored me to become a wildland firefighter crew boss, and I started taking 20 person crews from Taholah and Queets to fight wildfires off-reservation. We had the best crews and always came home safe. Tim later became the Silviculturist, and I applied for the Regeneration Forester position and started my new job contracting with tree nurseries, planting crews, conifer

release crews and site preparation work. When Tim decided to move back home to be closer to family, I applied for the Silviculturist position and really enjoyed working with the Forest Development team, some still work for Forestry, and they are dedicated and hard-working staff. Later in my career the Forest Manager (Nancy Eldridge at the time) decided to retire, and I applied for the position and have been the current forest manager for the past seven years. I have a total of 44 years working in forestry and just over 35 years with QDNR.

During my time with the Forestry program, I have worked on the ID Team, helped produce two forest management plans, participated in four Indian Forest Management Assessment Team reports, became a member of the UW Stand Management Cooperative for silviculture research, responsible for thousands of acres of reforestation on harvest units and worked with nurseries over many

years to help provide the best seedlings for the various soil types found on the Quinault reservation.

Some of the many reasons that I stayed working for the QIN; I enjoyed working for a small organization, it gave me more opportunities and flexibility to try new silvicultural prescriptions, do some of my own research, working on the upper Quinault restoration project, the challenges that the landscape provided with the North Boundary Area, forested wetlands, poor soil conditions, and slash disposal techniques. The other main reason for staying, I really enjoyed the people in QDNR that I had the honor and privilege to work with - the Quinault and Queets people that I have had the honor to know and make friends with, especially Elmer Capoeman and Francis “JR” McCrory, who helped me get through a hard time when my wife Maggie passed and to everyone that helped and came to the fundraisers to help me. I will always be grateful, and

to be honest, I really love the area where I live, close to the beach, mountains, fresh air and clean water, what’s not to love!

My next chapter in life is to clean out my property so I can sell it and move to Olympia where my wife Linda and I will finally be able to live under one roof. And to be able to go fishing when I want to go fishing on select days when the fish are biting, and NOT have to work!! Linda and I also plan to do some traveling and spending time with family and friends.

I will just say that as Forest Manager it has been an honor and privilege working for the Quinault Indian Nation. The QIN has an exceptional Forestry Staff and ID Team, they are some of the best and will continue to make Quinault a leader in forestry and natural resources, they are dedicated and hard-working people.

I hope that our paths will cross sometime in the future.

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therefore, according to the Nation’s Procurement Policies, must be approved by WQBC Resolution; Now, Therefore, the QBC approves the attached “Standard QIN Independent Contractor Agreement” with Josette Allen.

12/17/2024 Resolutions 24-285-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QIN has an existing contract with West Fork Environmental and desires to modify it to add professional services related to Chinook fry sampling in the Chehalis Basin and conduct of a sonar study of returning adults in the Skookumchuck river, adding \$243,000 for a total amount of \$664,600, to be paid from funds provided through December 31, 2025 pursuant to the Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and the QBC; Whereas, the QBC Procurement Policies and Procedures require approval by resolution of the QBC for contracts and contract modifications that exceed 50% of the original contract amount and exceeds the \$ 250,000 threshold for which a Resolution is required; Now, Therefore, the QBC approves the attached contract modification with West Fork Environmental adding \$243,000 amount for a total amount of \$664,600.00, to be paid from funds provided through December 31, 2025 pursuant to the Interagency Agreement between the RCO and QIN.

12/17/2024 Resolutions 24-286-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the Office of the Chehalis Basin (OCB) has provided previous funding to the QIN through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the Chinook Salmon Study Project assessing the interbreeding between fall and spring run Chinook salmon in the Chehalis Basin; Whereas, the QBC has provided additional funding of \$263,750 for this project through RCO’s Amendment #5 to the original Agreement, for a total award of \$1,065,276, that will provide continued support of the project through October 31, 2025; Now, Therefore, the QDNR is hereby authorized to receive the additional \$263,750 through Amendment #5 to the Agreement.

12/18/2024 Resolutions 24-287-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) is the recipient of an appropriation provided in ESSB 5949, CH 375 (2024) PV, Sec. 3037, Project 92001585 which states: “Funding is provided for a grant to the QIN to acquire 11,000 acres of privately-owned timberland on the QIR to benefit fish and wildlife habitat, traditional use, and climate change.” Whereas, the DNR desires to transfer the appropriation provided in ESSB 5949, CH 375 (2024) PV, Sec. 3037, Project 92001585 to QIN to assist in the acquisition of up to 11,000 acres of timberland, subject to all the requirements and restrictions of said ESSB 5949, CH 375 (2024) PV, Sec. 3037, Project 92001585; The DNR has proposed an Interagency Agreement with the QIN to facilitate the transfer of a \$25 million appropriation to the Nation; Therefore, the QBC hereby approves the attached “INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT between the DNR and the QIN” (DNR IAA # 93-108293) to facilitate the transfer of a \$25 million appropriation, subject to all the requirements and restrictions of ESSB 5949, CH 375 (2024) PV, Sec. 3037, Project 92001585, and authorizes President Capoeman or his designee to execute all related documents,

12/18/2024 Resolutions 24-288-102 – Hand Carry (Rescinded)

12/20/2024 Resolutions 24-289-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QIN as awarded Community Driven Relocation (CDR) funds in 2022, and the funds have been held in the Federal Government’s EPA account where they originated; Whereas, due to existing funding mechanisms through the DOI, there are separate fund obligation processes for Planning and Construction related projects, and Construction funding obligations through the Office of Self Governance (OSG) are more restrictive; Whereas, most QIN projects are construction ready projects, but due to the results of the 2024 elections, the QIN cannot risk funds being repurposed while awaiting OSG’s construction funding obligation process; Whereas, the QIN has been working with BIA TCR, Kilpatrick Townsend, BIA, OSG, and DOI to develop a plan to obligate remaining CDR funds in the amount of \$22,513,361.60 as a means to protect QIN CDR funds; Whereas, the QIN CDR Program has proposed a Statement of Work (SOW) to the OSG to facilitate the transfer of remaining CDR funds; Whereas, OSG subsequently proposed revisions to the SOW approved by Resolution 24-288-102 and has now presented the attached and newly updated SOW with requested revision language; Now, Therefore, the QBC hereby approves the attached Statement of Work with requested revisions from OSG to facilitate the transfer of remaining CDR funds in the amount of \$22,513,361.60; and

12/20/2024 Resolutions 24-290-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QIN entered into a contract with Manu Tech LLC for the 911 Communications Expansion Project for Taholah and Queets; Whereas, the attached change order expands the Queets portion of the project to install a telecom shelter near the Trading Post to support essential emergency communications and the deployment of Fiber to the Home (FTTH) connections for all residences in Queets; Whereas, the attached change order adds \$371,800.08, which is over 50% of the original contract amount of \$290,585.00, totaling \$662,385.08, and accordingly, under the Quinault Indian Nation Procurement Policies and Procedures must be approved by the QBC; Now, Therefore, the QBC approves the attached “AIA DOCUMENT G701-2017 (Change Order #03)” dated 12/19/2024 with Manu Tech LLC in the amount of \$371,800.08 (for a total contract amount of \$662,385.08).

12/20/2024 Resolutions 24-291-102 – Hand Carry

Whereas, the QIN desires to enter a contract with JMG Constructors, LLC. in the amount of \$2,856,652.00 to complete the Upper Village Water System Improvements Phase II Project, to be paid from the following funding sources: \$1,984,030.00 from C303-520223, \$727,500.00 from C200-521223, and \$172,500.00 from R710-551123; Whereas. the attached contract between JMG Constructors, LLC. exceeds \$250,000, and accordingly, under the Nation’s Procurement Policies and Procedures must be approved by resolution of the QBC; Now, Therefore, the QBC approves the attached A101-2017- Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor” with JMG Constructors, LLC. for \$2,856,652.00 to be paid from funding sources C303-520223 (\$1,984,030.00), C200-521223 (\$727,500.00), and R710-551123 (\$172,500.00).

Forestry Seasonal worker Antonio Salazar- Retiring after over 30 years with QDNR

By Jim Plampin - QDNR Forest Manager



Antonio and his wife Susie. *Photo by Pearl Capoeman-Baller*

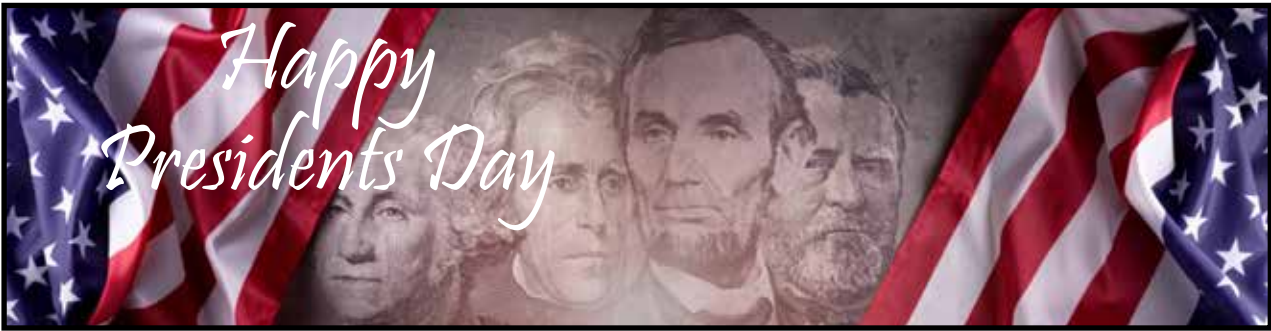
Antonio was hired in the early 90’s as a forestry seasonal worker to work on the tribal tree planting crew, precommercial thinning crew, burning slash piles and became a wildland firefighter. Antonio was also a Camp Crew supervisor on wildfires, he provided the leadership and timekeeping for all the QIN members that were part of the camp crew to support the wildfire resources.

After years of demonstrating good work ethics and gaining experience, Antonio was promoted to assistant Foreman of the seasonal crew where he oversaw crew operations for quality assurance, training new members and provided leadership. Eventually Antonio became the crew supervisor and was responsible for the daily operations of the seasonal crew, timesheets, and personnel issues.

Antonio was always willing to take on new projects and was the one person you could rely on to get the job done and do it right.

Not too long-ago Antonio suffered a stroke that limited his physical capabilities but, in his mind, he was still 30 years old and wanted to keep working in some capacity for forestry. Forestry had a need to provide the Tree Improvement Technician at the QIN seed orchard with assistance on projects, so he was assigned to the seed orchard where he did an amazing job of providing year-round maintenance and cone picking in the fall.

Whenever I would assign projects to Antonio that may have seemed difficult, he would always say “Ok, let’s go! He had such a positive attitude and worked just as hard as everyone else on the seasonal crew. He will be missed, and we wish Antonio and his family all the best in his retirement.



Snapshots in Time

1 Year Ago – February 2024

- 1
- Water reserves low in the Olympics as warm weather and rain diminish snowpack to 36% of normal for this time of year.
- 3
- Timberland Regional Library users borrow 1.9M digital books. In the top 55 public library systems world wide in total digital circulation.
- 6
- The Daily World* feature Quinault language in Grays Harbor Schools.
- 6
- Two day event marking 50 years of the Boldt decision held at Muckleshoot.
- 22
- Odysseus becomes the first ever privately built vehicle to complete a soft landing on the Moon. Despit landing at an angle it is transmitting and deemed a success The Intuitive Machines mission is part of NASAa’s Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) program, in which the agency is paying various private American companies for cargo services to the Moon.

25 Years Ago – February 2000

- 9
- The Web hit by wave of attacks.
- 10
- Bob Basich, ex-coach, legislator, and popular Harborite, dies.
- 14
- The Department of Interior issues a decision in favor of granting federal acknowledgment to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.



** The Quinault Beach Resort and Casino (photo above) is entering the final phase of construction and should open in June. *Photo by Larry Workman*

50 Years Ago –February 1975

- 20
- 50 mph gale followed by snow.

75 Years Ago – February 1950

- 1
- Main Aberdeen water line breaks from cold.
- 2
- Wishkah River freezes across.
- 4
- Water emergency and mills close in Aberdeen.
- 7
- U.S. recognizes one of the Viet Nams.
- 8
- Aberdeen water emergency ends.
- 11
- Ocean City oil well blows-out.
- 22
- A rusty Japanese horn-type mine discovered 1/4 mile north of Moclips. First discovered on coast in several years.
- 23
- The Moclips Mine was disarmed, moved 400 yards and detonated, failed to explode, but did split open. Tide should wash powder away.
- 27
- Ocean City oil well produces 80 barrels.
- 28
- 24 days of rain this month.

100 Years Ago –February 1925

- 1
- 60 miles per hour gale sweeps Harbor.
- **
- Stories appear about the trapped cave explorer, Floyd Collins. Fills the news from 3rd - 18th.

125 Years Ago – February 1900

- 9
- North Western Lumber Co. in Hoquiam is getting out some big sticks that are beauties; some measure 36” x 36” and 75 feet long.
- 16
- Polson Bros. opened their big logging camps this week.

150 Years Ago – February 1875

- **
- The Yavapai and Tonto Apache were forced to walk 180 miles (290 km) from the Verde Valley to the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in February and March. The march was called the Exodus and was a result of the closing of the Yavapai-Apache Camp Verde Reservation.

The Nugquam 50 Years Ago

February 14, 1975

The Upcoming Annual Meeting

The Business Committed today is typical of a pattern we’ve been following for three years. The pattern is one of frustration, mistrust, and indecisiveness because of the rapid growth and change that has occurred in our community.

In 1967 the OEO Community Action Agency was the only funded program of the tribes with \$36,000 of federal funds. Since 1967 we have become totally involved in expansion and growth, which some refer to as the Quinault Reservation “Frankenstein Monster”. We can’t view 80 new homes, and \$4.5 million dollars of federal programs as a “monster”.

If people today feel that the projects and programs the Business Committee have generated are not the ideals of Indian people and beneficial to the Quinault Indian Community, we ask that they review our history. You don’t have to go back too many years to see what real frustrations are. It’s a matter of record – in the late 1950’s and early 60’s the moral problems our people faced. We’re speaking of the high unemployment, the suicides and attempted suicides, the high drop-out rate of our youth in public schools. No one will really know the total answer of why the Quinault people went through those bad years. We could go on and on about the bad situations that have been created by the federal government, or someone else, but history cannot be changed. We should learn from our past and bury its mistakes.

In 1971 you elected a Chairman of the Quinault Tribe, who recommended to the Business Committee and stressed the need to centralize the then fast-growing tribal programs. Input was not only from the Business Committee, but from professional and non-professional staff. That was two and a half years ago. Since then, the Business Committee and Indian staff personnel have been to many workshops and meetings trying to address the problem of an organizational structure that we would all understand, and which would work to satisfy our needs.

We believe there is no organizational structure or government that would satisfy everyone’s problem. We have been kicking the subject of a central government around for five years and we don’t seem

to be any further along on the subject than when we started. We feel the reason we’re still on the starting line is that people are letting their own personal hang-ups get in the way of good, sound thinking and judgement.

We’re sick and tired of hearing that an idea or recommendation is no good for us because it is a white, black, or yellow idea. We think it’s time you people look into your own personal hang-ups and prejudices and recognize that the Quinault Reservation is an under-developed nation and that we need all the help we can muster. We should trust all people until proven otherwise.

The Business Committee consists of duly elected people who you, the electorate have placed your respect and faith in, to look out for your interests.

We’re tired of discussing and debating organization. We’re setting 10:00 a.m., March 8, 1975, for a special meeting to review the proposed Tribal Constitution. There will also be an announcement from the Queets Office concerning a constitution meeting there.

The Annual meeting of the Quinault Tribe will be on March 22, 1975, instead of March 29, because of the Easter Holiday. Both meetings will be at the Taholah School Gymnasium. They are going to be your meetings, your future, your nation, that’s on the line. You will decide and you will make the decision as to the coming years of the Quinault Indian People.

Joe DeLa Cruz
Tribal Chairman

STATE TAX RULE 192 LAWSUIT

Anyone being charged state sales tax on goods delivered to the Reservation should contact Reservation Attorneys Mike Taylor or Dan Raas at Taholah, or Walter Palmer in Queets.

Sub-Committee Disbanded for Business Committee

In mid-January at a regular Business Committee meeting, the council decided to break down into sub-committees on a month trial basis in the hope of getting more in-depth knowledge on subjects of concerns for the Quinault Tribe. On February 10, 1975, the Tribal Business Committee decided to disband the sub-committees. The entire Business Committee will now meet at the regularly

scheduled times.

Fisheries Yield 4,500 lbs. of Pan-sized Coho Salmon

Two pens (approximately 4,500 lbs.) of pan-size coho were graded for the market. These pan-size fish were moved to the Seafood Pocessing Plant from pen rearing at Lake Quinault.

In a test fishery at pen rearing site, 30 adult steelhead (25 females) returning from a meager plant and escapement have been caught. This is extremely promising as 75,000 eggs, which could have been unavailable for planting and other use have now been reclaimed for use. The value of pen rearing to the steelhead fishery can now be documented as their fish returned to the place at which they were reared.



Willie Johnstone and Skip Pickett at Penned Rearing.

Quinault Tribe One of First to Implement Court Decision

Quinaults are one of the very first to implement Judge Boldt’s decision of off-reservation fisheries. In this unique decision, the Quinault Tribe is entitled to 50% of harvestable fish and also allowed to set up self-regulation authority in our “usual and accustomed” fishing grounds.

Quinault off-reservation fishing has been mostly on the Humptulips River. Three tribal patrolmen have been hired to uphold the regulations set up by the Quinault Tribe: Ted Trom, Earl Ralston and Fred Koontz. Jeff J. Fujioka was hired as a fisheries biologist, and there are eight tribal fishermen. Through January 31, the fishermen have caught about 1,250.

Permission to obtain 200,00 steelhead eggs from Eagle Creek National Hatchery was granted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. These fish will be used by the off-reservation fisheries program.



Above: All the early railroad logging relied on steam powered yarders, loaders as well as the locomotives. *QIN File photo*

Left: This August 1, 1939 air photo, the first taken over the Reservation, show rail-road logging activity just to the east of Taholah. The freshest logging shows up as star patterns because of how the logs were yarded to a landing. *USGS Photo*



February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Time of Beach Willow pan alaeah-kileč (late in the month)

Birthdays	04 Jesse J Purdy	09 Sto'Lo Lewis	15 Barbara J. Washington	18 Talon Capoeaman-Williams	24 Cheryle K. Starr
01 Lila M. Nichols	05 Sarah Sotomish	09 Oliver Mason	15 Wesley V. Taft	18 Daniel Jackson	24 Gerald A. Dan Jr.
01 Karen L. Cultee	05 Veronica M. James	09 Ke'olani Caldwell	15 James Craig Davis	18 Ismael Visarraga-Jackson	24 Daniel P. Ebling
01 Alicia I. Pope	05 Leonard L. Cultee	09 Spencer Cleveland-Cooke	15 Bessie L. Benjamin	19 Leona Colegrove	24 Jayson Mowitch
01 Larry A. DeLaCruz	05 Robin Mail-Gedda	09 Joelle Porter	15 Donald O. Thomas Jr.	19 Tahmirah Grover-Curley	24 Javier Warrior Ramirez
01 Barbara Billie	05 Paul Schwab	10 Jeanne M. Gill	15 David A. Benjamin	19 Shirly M. Hoyt	24 Justin Krise-Grundvig
01 Jeffrey Tottie	05 Anna Boldt	10 Corinna R. Mundell	15 Jaden Mowitch	19 Glenna Gardner	24 Nakyah S. Pluff
01 Traci McBride	05 Alyssa Boldt	10 Alicia S. Mariscal	15 Jamie Mail	19 Judith A. Edwards	24 Matthias Markishtum
01 Kaylee Krukoff	05 Tasheea Moore	10 John K. Tolliver	15 Kassie Marie Fuller	19 Richard R. Pickernell	24 Saquanna Sotomish
01 Abygail Buck	05 Michael S. Black	10 Ashley Hidalgo	15 Douglas Mayfield	19 Leonard D. Obi	24 Yvette Kowoosh-McGraw
01 Azuriah Tackett	05 Arron Mix	10 Dakotah Ward	15 Christian Boldt	19 Tania J. Troit	24 Elvis Lopez
01 Jairus Madril	05 Kendall Juneau	10 Layla Bain	15 Ariel Elkins	19 Israel M. Serrano	24 Azaylia Mosqueda
01 Paige Lorton	05 Karina Hernandez-Antonio	10 Steven Pinkard	15 Jolene Charlie	19 Mary Hopper	24 Phoenix Curley
01 Cianna Malla	06 Daniel G. Papp	10 Joyce Capoeaman	15 Dulce-Maria Rivera	19 Kameron Mullins	25 Janelle L. Mason
02 Gloria L. Fairchild	06 Rose E. Laird	10 Luke Jacobson	15 Kynslee Lingnau	19 Travis Lorton	25 Veronica Bradley
02 Benjamin Cheney	06 Daeja Butler-Begay	10 Nayeli Lopez	15 Kenrah Grover	20 Antone W. Luscier Sr.	25 Jennifer L. McCrory
02 Harold L. Charles Jr.	06 Crystal K. Boothe	10 Tyler Maxfield	15 Sophia Blodgett	20 Richard A. Klatush	25 Tammy S. Capoeaman
02 Narciso Lopez Jr.	06 Mary Ann Ralston	11 Tiffany Voss-Hedrick	15 Marcos Alvarenga	20 Michel'le Taylor	25 Charles P. Bighead
02 Kurtis W. Cheney	06 Gary S. Sotomish	11 Joseph Prado	15 Angel Mason	20 Kelly M. Sasticum	25 James M. C. Franzen
02 Anthony L. Hobucket Sr.	06 Mishelle C. Jackson	11 Cara MacDonald	16 Shoni Jasabe	20 Karlottah Wagner	25 Lucretia A. Pope
02 Tashia DeLaCruz-Arnold	06 Leomie Davis Harwood	11 Thomas F. Mail Sr.	16 Derek Winn II	20 Tsalee Mail	25 Rachel E. Snodgrass
02 Jacob Peterson	06 Eugene Jackson	11 Teresa Mowitch	16 Graceful Belmonte	20 Alex Kelly	25 Nathaniel Eselin
02 Rena Capoeaman	06 Cooper Sansom	11 Marissa Buck	16 Yessica Coyote	20 Victor Buck	25 Megan Capoeaman
02 Cassie Roberts	06 Audrina Moseley	11 Barbara Pierre	16 Agnes E. Shale	20 Noah Prigmore	25 Illijah James
02 Heidi Younger	06 Sonja Xiggores	11 Ramona Hughes	16 Veronica G. John	20 Tyson Lorton	25 Enrique Haugen-Goodell
02 Mahalah Wagner	06 Rocklyn Wellman III	11 Eloise Hughes	16 Edward A. Panit	20 Destiny Baxter Cook	25 Emi Fryberg
02 Joanne Krueger	07 Ara L. Guindon	11 Brianne Dimalanta	16 Lucas K. Newton	21 Mya Foster	25 Tiana Torres
02 Nathan Wallace	07 Cynthia A. Hunter	12 Victoria Buck	16 Matthew A. Ebling	21 Clifford N. Sampson	25 Alishawnee Bastian
02 Gracie Castillo	07 Frank N. Overstake	12 Trinity Anderson	16 James Madril	21 Joshua D. Curley	26 Bryon Mason
03 Howard S. Eselin Sr.	07 Julia R. Shale	12 Christopher Anderson	16 Sophia Estrada	21 Patricia Howtopat	26 Leona Dan
03 Gail Ellen Fuller	07 Carly R. Martin	12 Shawnene K. Simmons	16 Hattie Hill	21 Emberlynn Christopherson	26 Lisa M. Lehman
03 Charlene R. Hawkes	07 Mahala Robinson	12 Che-Vonne Obi	16 Orlanda Castillo	21 Evan Dimalanta	26 Tootie M. M. James
03 Howard N. Walcott IV	07 Hawk Larson	12 Rachel Cheney	16 Milez Krautler	21 Tristin Williams	26 Malaki` Bradley Mora
03 Lisa K. Bastian	07 Joseline Capoeaman Mora	12 Tommy Underwood Jr.	16 Kelly Steinhauer	22 Kim Bumgarner	26 Destiny Capoeaman
03 Jaleh R. Heck	07 Kole Karlsvik	12 Cecilia Ancheta Oya	17 Joyce Watson	22 Cindy Lee Sharp	26 William J. Chenois
03 Shaylah R. Youckton	07 Hunter Turchan	12 Kai Kalama-Ramirez	17 Susan M. Cummings	22 Teresa M. Mail	26 Rozlynn Warne
03 Vincent L. McCrory	07 Jennifer Harwood	12 Anthony Pope	17 Wondell S. Sanchez	22 Frankie Pope Jr.	26 Desmond Martin
03 Patricia I. Blackburn	08 Lexi Lorton	12 Jack Winn	17 Almeta R. Juanillo	22 Nora J. Reeves Mix	27 Sonya M. Bonga
03 Lindsey E. Morgan	08 Karen A. Charles	12 Areya Island	17 Matthew C. Hartstrom	22 Carlos Corwin Jr.	27 Edna R. Underwood
03 Vicki Snell	08 Kenneth G. Wiley	12 Mackenzie Island	17 Lydia M. John	22 Evelette Hill	27 Taft C. Charles
03 Chipah James Jr.	08 Fawn P. Tadios	12 Brannen Rowley	17 Henry Rivera	22 Dracen Potter	27 Clifford J. Mowitchman III
03 Mary Itterly	08 Rosa L. Mason	13 Julie Hart	17 Joseph Quilt	22 Camille McGraw	27 Bethany M. Swift
03 Tracey L. Bastian	08 Latosha L. Underwood	13 Archie Boome Jr.	17 Jordan Harrison	22 Ezra Arnold	27 Jeremy McAllister
03 Ashton Moody	08 Kelly Prayer Warrior	13 Leon R. Almendarez	17 Bonnie Owens	22 Noah Capoeaman	27 Helena D. Lemieux
03 Turquiano Haber	08 Tory M. A. Johnston	13 Rylie Schnase	17 Antonio A. Arreguin	22 Stella Capoeaman	27 Declan E. Potter
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03 Daniel Taylor	08 Karen George Sailto	13 Guindalyn Pluff	17 Jayce Lingnau	22 Karter Martin-Pink	28 Jerry Jeremiah
04 T. Conrad Williams	08 Lois Charley	14 Caleb McGuire	17 Shelly Cox	23 Natisiah Logan	28 Akyah Corwin
04 Grace M. Sanchez	08 Robbie Hidalgo	14 Xanto Osias Raya	17 Raymond Ferry	23 Glenda M. Pine	28 Lisa R. Bryson
04 Becky S. Beatty	08 Cory Garza	14 Elizabeth M. Ditton	17 Owen Pennypacker	23 Raven R. Cole	28 Neil P. Overstake
04 John W. Sampson	08 Coreen Larson	14 Julie A. Reed	18 Sarah C. Sotomish	23 Clara Nicole Sanchez	28 Natosha R. Kautz
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04 Larry J. Bradley Jr.	09 John W. Boyer	14 Sonny I. Curley	18 William D. Bryan	23 Alyissa Hawkes-Johnson	
04 Louis H. Bennett	09 Alfred K. Obi	14 Sable L. Mason	18 Joanne Martin-Squiemphen	23 Jonny Law	Anniversaries
04 William G. Swift	09 Fallon J. Mail	14 Heather M. Yaros	18 Burl A. Shaw	23 Carter Eastham	12 Dorothy & Angel Ramirez
04 DeWayne Capoeaman	09 Talisa M. Torres	15 Lavonne Bonnie Gouley	18 Clayton J. A. Chambers	23 Nicholas Tarabochia	
04 Curtis Broten	09 Tiegona A. Kimbler	15 Mary A. Schimelpfenig	18 Jesse M. Frank	24 Delores J. Thomas	
04 Carrie Broten	09 Harvey Knapp	15 Gerald L. Ellis	18 Justin M. James	24 John E. Lemieux Jr.	

Please help us to keep this list up to date. Send corrections or additions to jscott@quinault.org. Siokwil to Jennifer McCrory and Hannah Curley for review and updating the list.

Happy Birthday SS
Lisa Beans
Love yoy,
Lorra E

Jennifer
Happy Birthday to my most
Beautiful ex-wife, who is still
My best friend.
Randy

Happy Birthday Lyndsey- February 1
Love you & miss you.
Love Mom

Happy Birthday
Salish,
Xanto,
Lucas,
Gamma Judy,
Krista,
Carlos,
Honey
and
Akyah

Special Wishes

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Happy 17th workversary to the
big man, Mr Dave Bingaman!
Almost 36 years all together
with QDNR. Thank you
for being an awesome boss!

Happy 12th workversary to
Eric North in forestry.

Happy birthday to:
Mary Ralston February 6
Clifford Sampson February 21
Kim Bumgarner February 22

From all of us at QDNR

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Happy Birthday Mom!
Love,
LaTyus, Baby Shawn, & Adrian

February 22 Kim Bum
If Sisters were Boogers,
I'd pick you first.
Happy Birthday Sister
Love You
From Your Favorite Sister



To my nephew Vince – Where does time go?
Happy 40th Birthday
You are such a wonderful person, a
great dad, brother, cousin, nephew, husband and son.
I love you! Auntie Jennifer

Happy Birthday
Latosha Lee Ann
Love you to the sky and
back
Love Mom

Happy Birthday to my
Husband
Larry Morgen – February 1
Love Ya,
Lorra

February Birthday Wishes to
our family members
02 – Kurtis
03 – Vince
08 – Latosha
12 – Rachel
24 – Nakyah
28 – Natosha
Your McCrory family wish
each of you
A very blessed birthday –
We love each of you very
much!

To the three Quinault
Women who all
Celebrate a milestone
this month!
Happy 7* Birthday to
each of you.
Aggie Shale
Sarah C. Sotomish
Judy Edwards
Wishing you many
more to come!
With love – Jennifer



For February 22nd
Happy Birthday to
the best mom and grandma in the world!!!!
I couldn't do this crazy life without you.
You are the definition of a super Grandma.
The boys and I appreciate everything that you do for us.
I could never thank you enough!
We are so blessed to have you with us every day.
I hope you get to dance the night away like no one is
watching on your birthday!
We love you to the moon and back
times infinity!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A wide landscape view of a coastal wetland or marsh. The foreground is dominated by tall, dense, golden-brown grasses. In the middle ground, there's a flat expanse of water or mudflats extending to the horizon. To the right, a grassy dune or ridge rises, topped with a small white structure. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds.

It wasn't until 2012 that hybrids of these two grasses were first suspected to be present, in our region.



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