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Legislative Representatives Tour Quinault Nation on Indigenous Peoples Day

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From Left to Right: 5th Councilwoman Brittany Bryson, 2nd Councilwoman Kristeen Mowitch, 1st Councilman Jim Sellers, Dave Bingaman, Melanie Montgomery, Rep. Ed Orcutt, M'Liss DeWald, Rep. April Berg, Rep. Adam Bernbaum, Marie Sullivan, Senior Staff Counsel Sandra Richartz, Rep. Melanie Morgan, Rep. Beth Doglio, Joshua Weissman, Rep. Zach Hall, Rep. Joel McEntire, Sen. Mike Chapman, 3rd Councilman John Bryson, Sen. John Lovick, Rep. Kevin Waters, Cleve Jackson.

On October 12–13, Washington State legislative representatives joined the Quinault Indian Nation for a two-day tour led by Tribal Council and staff.

The first stop was the Quinault Wellness Center, where representatives learned about the Nation's dedication to community health and future expansion plans. After checking in at Quinault Beach Resort & Casino, the group traveled north to the Village of Queets, where they witnessed firsthand the Nation's development needs — including critical infrastructure such as Allotment 100 and the wastewater facility, which sits dangerously close to the Queets River.

Afterward, the group toured Quai'tso, followed by a feast featuring some of Quinault's finest local foods. The evening wrapped up with an engaging presentation by Dave Bingaman and Emily Wheaton, sparking meaningful conversation between Tribal leaders and state representatives.

The following day, on Indigenous Peoples Day, the celebration continued with a focus on appreciating the land and the Quinault people. Two groups of visitors explored different parts of the reservation. One group, led by Councilman Bryson and local fishermen,

journeyed to the river to experience the Nation's fishing traditions. The second group toured Taholah, visiting key locations including the QIN Administration Building, Museum, Relocation Zone, and Generations Building—all of which offered insight into the Nation's progress and values.

Both groups reunited for lunch at

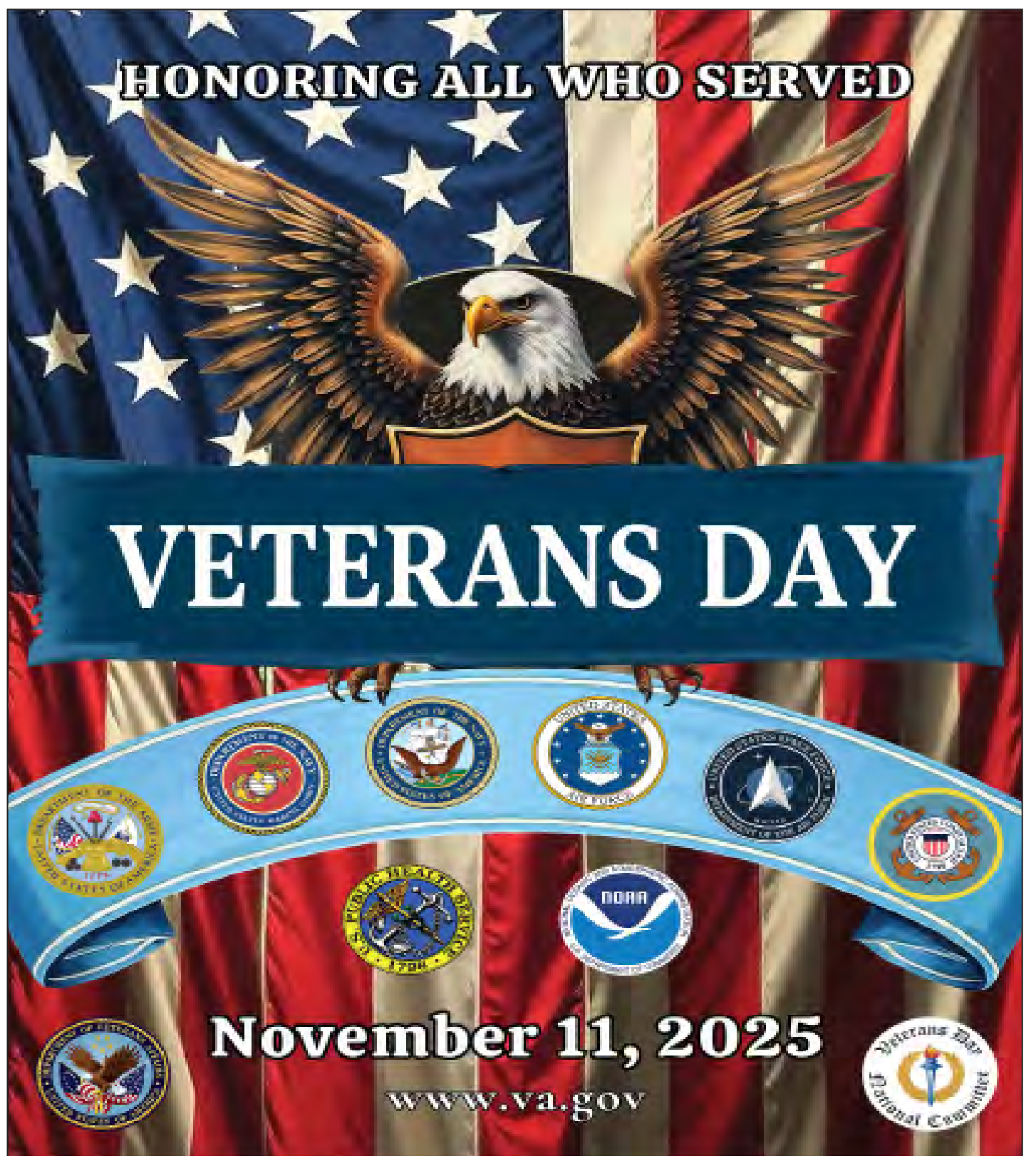
the Generations Building, where QIN CFO M'Liss DeWald gave a presentation on the Nation's relocation efforts. On their return to QBRC, the representatives also toured the relocation zone and the future site of the new Taholah School.

This special tour served as a meaningful way to honor Indigenous Peoples

Day, showcasing the Quinault Nation's resilience, accomplishments, and vision for the future.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to lobbyist Marie Sullivan, the Business Committee, and QIN staff for representing the Nation with pride and purpose throughout the tour.

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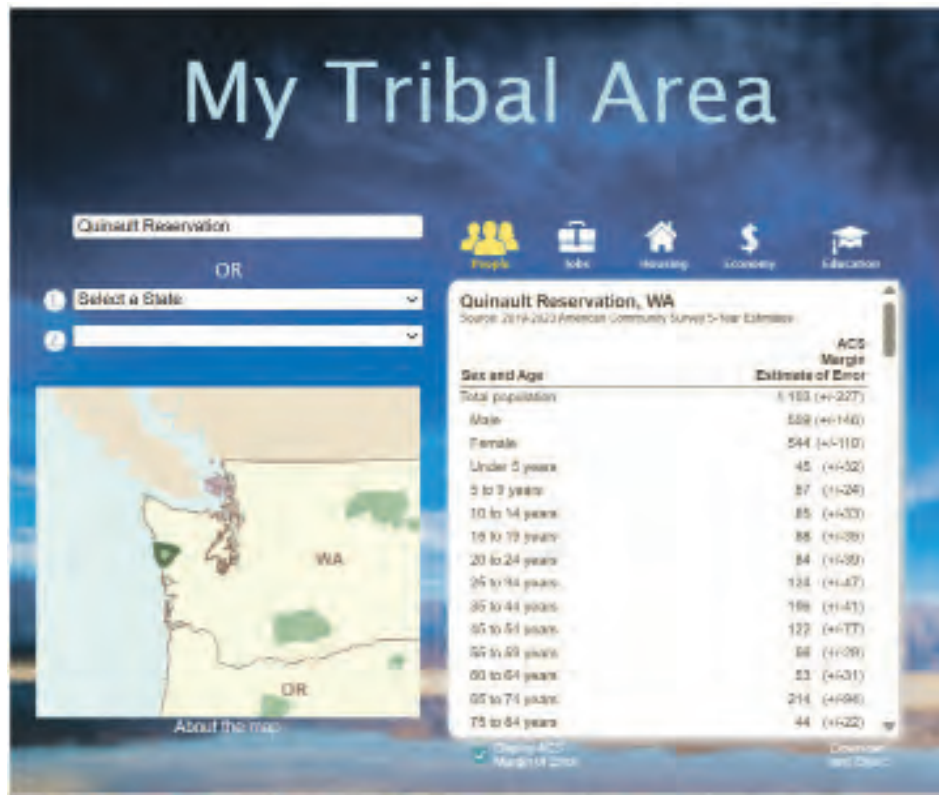
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Did you know?



The Census Bureau collects survey data from households and business every month of every year and employs thousands of interviewers to collect these data. One of the most important household surveys is the American Community Survey (ACS) which provides current data for our community and is used for grants, planning and funding. Every county in the country has sample housing units (addresses, not specific people) selected each month to participate in the ACS.

Tribal leaders, businesses, and nonprofit organizations can use data from this survey to:

- Obtain grants, like Tribal Heritage Grants, to preserve tribal culture.

Apply for financial aid for fuel, electricity, and housing
Plan for projects to improve roads, schools, and senior centers
Develop education and job training programs

If your home is sent a survey, please respond! You can go online, call or wait for a Field Representative to visit your door. Please contact the Liaison, Kristeen Sellers with any questions or concerns.

For more information about the ACS for the American Indian and Alaska Native population visit www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/information-for/aian.html

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Happy Thanksgiving from QIN



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 - Citizen Review Board
 - Public Safety Division
 - QIN Self-Governance
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 - Emergency Management
 - Records Office
 - Communications Department
 - Child Support Office
 - Prosperity, Health, & Human Services (PHHS):**
 - Quinault Nation Enterprise Board
 - Tribal Employment Rights Office/TERO Board
 - Finance Division
 - Human Resources
 - Quinault Tribal Gaming Agency/Quinault Gaming Commission
 - QIN TANF
 - Health & Wellness Division
 - Natural Resources & Community Development (NRCD):**
 - Quinault Division of Natural Resources
 - Quinault Housing Authority/QHA Board of Commissioners
 - Community Development Department
 - Overall Fish & Game Commission
 - Ocean Committee
 - Quinault River Committee
 - Off-Reservation Committee
 - Queets River Committee
 - Quinault Planning Commission
 - Education & Community Services (ECS):**
 - Quinault Utilities
 - Public Roads
 - Enrollment
 - Enrollment Committee
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 - Cultural and Historic Preservation
 - Public Transportation
 - IT/Technology Division
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Quinault Business Committee Meeting Schedule

Legal Session (Closed) @ 1:00 pm
Regular Session (Open) @ 5:30 pm

November 10th and 24th
Legislative Sessions:
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

November 12th and 13th (Closed Meeting)
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Meetings are held in Taholah at the Joe DeLaCruz Council Chambers.
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The subcommittee meetings are held in the

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(These meetings are open to the public)

Justice & Governance Subcommittee
November 2th and 18th @ 10:00 a.m.
Gina James - Chair
Jim Sellers, Kaylah Mail, Hannah Curley, Brittany Bryson.

Natural Resource & Community Development Subcommittee
November 2th and 18th @ 2:00 p.m.
Tyson Johnston - Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Kristeen Mowitch, James Sellers, John Bryson.

Prosperity, Health & Human Services Subcommittee
November 2th and 18th @ 11:00 a.m.
Hannah Curley - Chair
Noreen Jackson Underwood, John Bryson, Gina James, Tyson Johnston.

Education & Community Services Subcommittee
November 2th and 18th @ 1:00 p.m.
Kristeen Mowitch - Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Noreen Jackson-Underwood, James Brittany Bryson, John Bryson.

Fisheries Monthly Committee Meetings

Ocean
TBD

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

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

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

Overall Fish and Game
TBD

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Office of the President

Guy Capoeiman



Onugwitu for the past couple of months, I have been fully engaged in advocating for the needs and priorities of the Quinault Indian Nation through various intergovernmental meetings and regional gatherings. These efforts continue to focus on strengthening our Nation's sovereignty, protecting our resource-

es, and building lasting partnerships with outside governments that respect our treaty rights.

ATNI Culvert Luncheon – Hosted by the Suquamish Tribe

I also attended a regional meeting under the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), hosted by the Suquamish Tribe, where discussions centered around culvert removal, salmon passage, and the enforcement of the 2018 federal injunction.

After a lunch provided by our hosts, presenters Brian Gruber and Lauren Rasmussen provided an overview of the differences between the current injunction requirements and the State

of Washington's recent proposals. Tribal leaders, including myself, participated in a roundtable discussion focused on ensuring that the State's actions reflect both the legal obligations and spiritual responsibilities connected to salmon and water.

I emphasized Quinault's position that culvert removal must be driven by meaningful restoration outcomes, not minimal compliance. Salmon recovery is not a regulatory issue — it is a treaty right, and one of the cornerstones of our identity as a Nation.

The session closed with discussions about extending mediation contracts, feedback from the

mediator, and scheduling future meetings to maintain tribal coordination on this critical issue.

Centennial Accord – Strengthening Government-to-Government Relationships

I attended the 2025 Centennial Accord, an annual gathering between Washington State's federally recognized tribes and state leadership. This forum continues to be a key opportunity to ensure that the government-to-government relationship with the State of Washington is not just honored in words, but in action.

Conversations focused on shared priorities including salmon recovery, the MMIWP crisis,

infrastructure, emergency preparedness, and greater inclusion of tribal consultation in state agency decision-making. I participated in meetings with the Governor's staff and state agencies to ensure that Quinault's voice remains front and center in these critical discussions.

Continued Internal Engagement

In addition to these regional and state-level meetings, I continue to attend our regularly scheduled internal meetings with Council, directors, and staff to remain aligned on Nation-led projects and emerging issues across departments. These regular engagements help ensure

that our Nation stays focused, responsive, and informed as we work together toward long-term goals one of which include our 32 hour work week that began the week of October 12th, I hope our employees have been spending this time as they imagined and are enjoying this new schedule.

I remain committed to advocating for the protection of our lands, waters, and people. I thank each of you for your continued work and contributions to the strength and resilience of our Nation.

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Guy Capoeiman

Tribes could lose hundreds of millions in federal funding

Nearly half of federal funds allocated to Northwest tribes in 2024 is at risk under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

Melanie Henshaw - Investigate West

A new report from Portland State University found that budget cuts under President Donald Trump's new spending bill threaten nearly half of federal funding allocated to federally recognized Native American and Alaska Native nations last year.

Roughly \$530 million of the \$1.19 billion allocated to Northwest tribal nations in fiscal year 2024 — used to fulfill the federal government's trust and treaty obligations to Native American and Alaska Native tribes — is at risk of being cut. The congressionally allocated funds serve myriad functions for tribes in the Northwest, including providing clean drinking water, affordable housing, schools, transit and land management. Funding is decided by Congress on a yearly basis and can be disbursed over a period of time that exceeds the calendar year it is allocated.

"All across the board tribes are worried about the funding cuts that are happening right now," said Serina Fast Horse, who is Lakota and Blackfeet and serves as the co-director of the Northwest Environmental Justice Center, which provides grant application assistance and advising to Indigenous communities in the Northwest.

Fast Horse says there are serious concerns among Northwest tribes about further cuts to vital programs ranging from health and wellness to early childhood education. The report warns of vulnerabilities to programs and grants that tribes rely on for resilience in the face of climate change, like improving home weatherization, managing forestland and renovating aging homes. Federal dollars to help Northwest tribes bolster their infrastructure against the increasing threats from wildfire, drought and sea-level rise could also be slashed.

The Portland State report found millions

in Clean Air Act funding could also go away — the Environmental Protection Agency earmarked nearly \$2 million in 2024 for Northwest tribes in a series of grants for monitoring air quality and pollution. Much of the congressionally allocated funding has yet to be distributed to tribes and is now at risk of being cut altogether.

The report demonstrates how proposed major reductions across the federal government, including at the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, could reverberate across Indian Country.

Tribal officials shared concerns that drastic cuts could cause the federal government to fall short of trust and treaty obligations that mandate the federal government support tribal services, uphold tribal sovereignty and protect tribal treaty resources — responsibilities that courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, have repeatedly upheld.

"All the funding reductions addressing clean water, air and dealing with climate change have impacts on the Tribes' culture and treaty protected resources," said William E. Ray Jr., chair of the Klamath Tribes.

Researchers declined to disclose specific projects at risk of elimination for fear of retaliation, and a number of tribes and tribal organizations declined to comment to InvestigateWest, citing similar concerns.

"Trump and Congressional Republicans are wreaking havoc on Tribal communities with their 'Big, Ugly BETRAYAL' of a law that arbitrarily cuts many programs supporting folks in Indian Country, where chronic underfunding is already impacting services and exacerbating disparities," said Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley, a Democrat.

He added that the federal government plays an outsized role in funding essential services to tribal communities, including health care, education and public safety, and that the Inflation Reduction Act took important steps in advancing funding for water infrastructure and environmental programs for tribes.

In 2024, Clean Air Act related funds were used to fund 15 projects for 12 Northwest tribes. The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Tulalip Tribes are some of the Native American nations set to receive research grants for improving air quality and pollution monitoring. Among 12 tribes selected for funding, several of them focus on minimizing exposure to poor air quality and harmful pollutants to their elderly and medically vulnerable residents. Other tribes intend to study impacts of pollutants on important first foods — culturally significant staple foods consumed before colonization — that officials say are critical to improving health outcomes for their citizens.

Researchers at PSU

examined 469 programs impacted by President Trump's reversal of former President Joe Biden's Executive Order 14008, which sought to address climate change and created a number of environmental justice initiatives. Sixty of the programs identified by researchers were specifically named in the Republican-led spending bill for cuts, and 17 of those provided funding directly to tribes. The programs accounted for roughly 35% of all federal investments in tribes in 2024. The report says not all of the funding will be cut, but a significant portion of it could be.

The cuts come at a time when Native Americans and Alaska Natives already have limited access to federal services and funds, according to a December 2024 report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office, a nonpartisan congressional watchdog. It found when tribes had to compete with other entities for federal funding, they may receive a small portion of the total amount, and that limited access to federal services and funds contributes to known disparities for Native Americans and Alaska Natives compared to other Ameri-

cans.

Of the \$20.15 billion in federal funding that went to tribes between 2010 and 2024, tribes within the boundaries of Idaho received a total of \$304.56 million, Washington tribes \$1.81 billion, Oregon tribes \$690.76 million, and Alaska Native tribes received \$2.35 billion.

Other programs at risk of being cut include the EPA's embattled Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program, which funded initiatives by states, tribes and local governments to support activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health impacts.

Under that program, in 2023, the EPA awarded the Tulalip Tribes \$977,000 to work in conjunction with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Yakama Nation to create a tool to detect which homes are at greatest risk from wildfire smoke infiltration and dangerously hot weather, which are growing issues affecting both communities.

While the federal government has repeatedly affirmed its obligations to tribes, actual allocations remain disproportionately small compared to population

figures. In 2024, Native American tribes received just 1.7% of federal energy and environment spending, despite Native people making up 2.9% of the U.S. population.

Between 2010 and 2024, tribes within the bounds of Idaho, Washington and Oregon received roughly \$2.81 billion in federal investments in energy and environmental infrastructure, which represents roughly 14% of the \$20 billion in allocations made to tribes nationwide.

The researchers determined that programs funded under the Inflation Reduction Act, Biden's 2022 climate, health and tax law, are at particular risk of being eliminated. The funding allocated to tribes under the IRA represented a historic investment in infrastructure in Indian Country, more than doubling energy and infrastructure investment from \$1.51 billion nationwide to \$3.94 billion in 2024, around .04% of total federal grant spending obligations for 2024.

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Coastal tribes that have called the Pacific's edge and rivers their home for generations uncounted are facing threats to their homelands from climate change. The Quinault Indian Nation has endured repeated winter flooding in their lower village, which is at sea level. Flooding in January 2021 inundated the tribal police station, courthouse, multiple homes and critical infrastructure and forced evacuations. Photo by Larry Workman

Allan Albert Youckton

March 27, 1960-October 11, 2025

Allan Albert Youckton was born in 1960 to George “Chop” Youckton and Mary Bumgarner. He was the middle of five boys, growing up between Southern California, Portland, Oakville, and Taholah. No matter where life took him, Allan always carried the strength and heart of home with him. He graduated from North Beach High School in Moclips, Washington, where fate introduced him to the love of his life, Dannita Krise. Together they built a beautiful life and raised two children, Lillian Nina Krise and Darrell Krise—his greatest pride and joy.

In his younger days, Allan was known as the fastest runner around and one incredible baseball player. He nearly went pro with the Seattle

Mariners, but instead he followed a different calling—the sea. Allan became a fisherman in Alaska for nine seasons and later fished with the Quinault fleet for many years. Whether it was crabbing, halibut fishing, or running the rivers of Humptulips and Chehalis, he poured his heart into his work. He and his crew even carried the record for the most halibut caught in one opener—a testament to his skill and determination.

Allan worked hard to provide for his family, but he always found time for the things that mattered most. He and Dannita welcomed their beloved grandchildren—Jazlynn, Bailey, Lila, Delbert, and baby Dannita—who brought endless laughter and light into his

life.

After losing his soulmate, Allan spent his later years living with his daughter in Copalis Crossing. Even after suffering a stroke, he never lost his spirit or love for the world around him. He continued to fish with his brother, enjoy rides with his daughter, and find joy in the simple things—picking berries, harvesting Indian tea, and watching the birds that visited his yard.

Allan had a big heart, a sharp sense of humor, and a soul deeply tied to the water and the land. His stories, laughter, and love will live on in all who knew him. Surviving relatives include a daughter, Nina Krise; a son, Darrell Krise, grandchildren, Jazlynn, Bailey, Lila, Delbet and Dannita and

brothers, George Youckton, Robert Youckton, Michael Cardwell and Israe Newton. Two brothers, Wally Bumgarner and Anthony Youckton died previously.

An Indian Shaker service will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at the Coleman Mortuary in Hoquiam

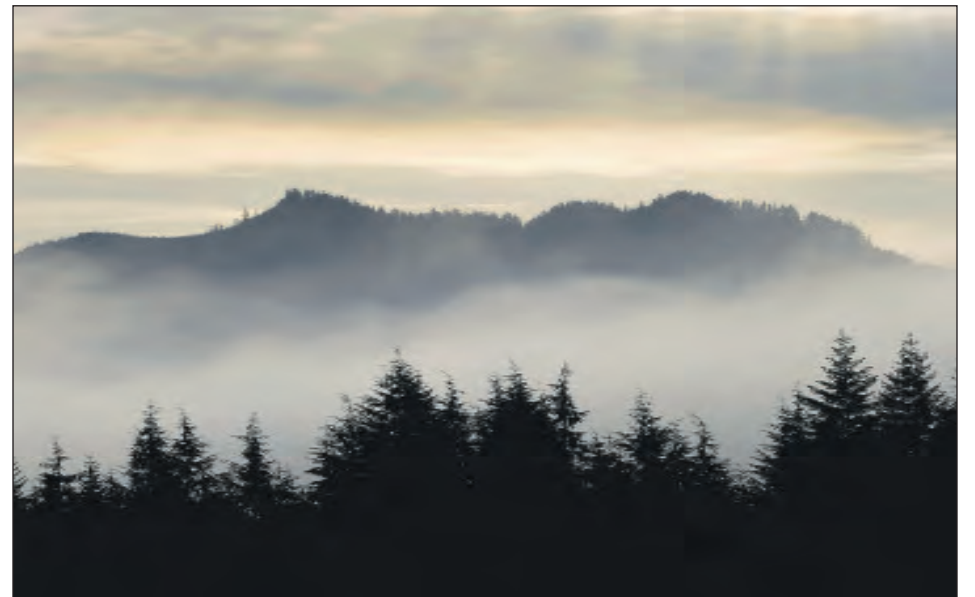
His final wish was to be taken home to Taholah, across the river, to rest beside his mom and the loved ones who went before him.

Allan’s journey through this life was full of love, laughter, and strength. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, his friends, and everyone lucky enough to have known him.



Rod Johnson

Services for Rod Johnson will be held at the Christian missionary alliance church on Friday October 17th at 1pm with dinner to follow at the community center in Taholah this is open to all friends and family that want to pay their respects.



Coping with Grief

Edited by Michael Patten

Grief is a universal experience — yet within the Quinault community, the journey of mourning carries unique traditions, connections, and responsibilities that bind people together through love, remembrance, and respect. Whether it’s the passing of a family member, friend, or community elder, loss reminds us of our shared humanity and our deep ties to the land and one another.

Honoring the Past, Embracing the Present

For generations, Quinault people have turned to ceremony, prayer, and gathering to find strength in times of loss. Memorials, community meals, and the simple act of being together allow space for reflection and comfort. These moments not only honor those who have passed on but also reaffirm the living connections that keep their memory alive.

Grieving in the Quinault way often means embracing both silence and song — recognizing that healing does not follow a timeline. Some find peace walking the beaches or forests their loved ones cherished. Others find meaning in creative expression, storytelling, or sharing teachings passed down through generations.

The Role of Community Support

The Quinault Nation places a strong emphasis on collective healing. When someone in the community grieves, others step forward to offer food, assistance, and compassion. The simple presence of others — whether through ceremony, conversation, or quiet company — helps lift the emotional weight carried by the bereaved.

The Wellness Center and Behav-

ioral Health programs continue this legacy of care, offering spaces for emotional support, counseling, and cultural healing practices. Combining traditional wisdom with modern therapy, these services help community members navigate grief in healthy and meaningful ways.

Cultural Healing and Connection

Healing within Quinault culture often begins with connection — to the land, the language, and the spirit of those who came before. Many community members find that speaking in Quinault, singing traditional songs, or visiting ancestral places brings comfort and clarity. These acts reconnect us to identity and remind us that our loved ones remain part of the circle of life.

In times of grief, leaning on these traditions provides not only comfort but guidance. By carrying forward the teachings, stories, and laughter of those we’ve lost, we ensure their spirits continue to live on in the heartbeat of the community.

Continuing the Journey

Coping with loss is not about forgetting — it’s about finding ways to carry love forward. As the Quinault Nation continues to strengthen community wellness, these moments of collective care remind everyone that no one walks alone through grief. Together, through ceremony, compassion, and cultural renewal, the community continues to heal — honoring the past, nurturing the present, and preparing the way for future generations. Healing Together: The Power of Community and Culture in Times of Hardship

When difficult times arise — whether through loss, illness, or

change — the Quinault people have always looked to one another for strength. Healing is not a solitary path. It’s something shared, nurtured, and carried through the spirit of community.

The Strength in Gathering

Within the Quinault community, gathering has always been a form of medicine. Coming together for meals, ceremonies, or even simple conversation reminds people that they are not alone. In moments of hardship, laughter and tears often share the same space — both are part of the healing process.

From potlatches to community feasts, the act of sharing food remains a sacred practice. Food nourishes the body, but the company of others nourishes the heart. These traditions remind us that connection itself is a form of resilience.

Honoring Balance and Renewal

Healing also means taking time to reconnect with the natural world — the rivers, forests, and ocean that have sustained Quinault people for countless generations. Many find peace by visiting familiar beaches, walking the riverbanks, or sitting quietly among the cedar trees.

The land teaches patience and balance. Just as tides ebb and flow, so too does the process of recovery. By grounding ourselves in these rhythms, we learn to move forward with understanding and purpose.

Cultural Practices as Pathways to Healing

Traditional arts, songs, and stories continue to serve as tools for emotional wellness. Drumming, weaving, lan-

guage revitalization, and storytelling connect community members not just to their ancestors, but to one another in the present.

These creative outlets provide safe spaces for self-expression and reflection. They allow individuals to process grief, anxiety, or stress while strengthening cultural identity. When a person finds healing in their craft or voice, that strength ripples outward — inspiring others to do the same.

Wellness Through Togetherness

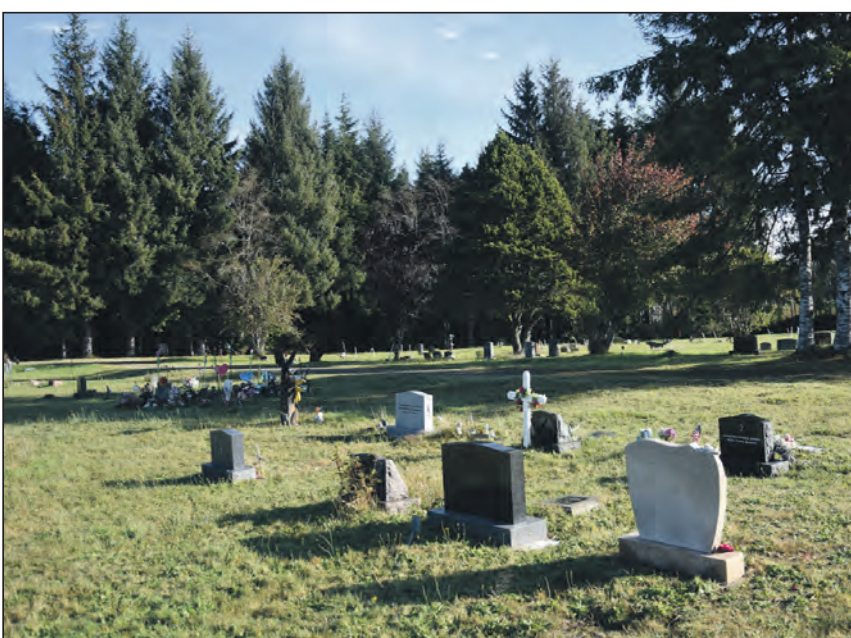
The Quinault Wellness Center, cultural programs, and elders all play important roles in supporting this collective healing. Whether through counseling, talking circles, or traditional activities, these resources encourage people to speak openly about their feelings and find community support.

By weaving together traditional values and modern wellness tools, the Quinault Nation continues to create pathways for its people to thrive — spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Moving Forward with Hope

Healing is a journey that requires compassion, patience, and unity. As the Quinault community continues to honor its traditions and adapt to new challenges, its members prove that strength is found not only in endurance but in shared care.

Together, the Nation’s people carry forward the teachings of their ancestors — reminding us all that no matter what storms may come, healing will always be found in community, culture, and the enduring spirit of the Quinault people.



Requesting a Burial at the Taholah Cemetery

If you would like to request a burial at the Taholah cemetery, please 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 the 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.

Tribes hail U.S. Supreme Court dismissal of Maverick Gaming’s lawsuit attacking sovereignty

From Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA)

In a major win for tribal sovereignty and for safe and well-regulated gaming, the United States Supreme Court Monday declined to hear *Maverick Gaming v. United States and State of Washington*, leaving intact the Ninth Circuit’s unanimous decision upholding Washington’s state-tribal gaming framework under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

“Today’s ruling is a decisive win not just for Washington’s tribes, but for tribal sovereignty and sound gaming regulation nationwide,” said Rebecca George, executive director of the Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA), in a news release. “Washington’s tribes have shown that legal, transparent and regulated gaming works. This decision confirms that IGRA’s balance between tribes and states

remains the law of the land.”

The Shoalwater Bay Tribe had intervened in the litigation to defend the law that helped secure this national precedent.

“Maverick’s suit threatened Shoalwater’s bargained-for gaming compacts, its economic welfare, and its ability to fund critical government functions. We and other tribes in Washington were the real parties in interest in this case, and the courts rightfully refused to allow Maverick to challenge our rights in our absence,” said Shoalwater Bay Tribe Chairman Quintin Swanson in a statement via the Native American Right Fund.

“The Supreme Court has once again rejected a meritless suit that sought to attack the very heart of tribal rights. At the Native American Rights Fund, we stand ready to defend against these

attacks wherever they are filed,” said Native American Right Fund staff attorney Lenny Powell.

Even as the Supreme Court closes this legal chapter, Maverick’s financial troubles continue. Its parent company, RunItOneTime LLC, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protections in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of Texas (Case No.25-33109, Judge Alfredo R. Perez). Public filings show that a company tied to Maverick’s leadership was the winning bidder for three of the gaming assets placed into bankruptcy.

“A bankrupt operator tried to rewrite federal law and is now maneuvering to repurchase the very assets it surrendered,” George said. “This self-serving maneuver underscores why Congress entrusted gaming to

sovereign tribes and accountable state regulators, where integrity, auditing, and public benefit come first.”

“The difference in mission could not be clearer,” George added. “Tribal and state-regulated gaming revenues go to fund government programs – from healthcare and education to housing, infrastructure and environmental restoration. In contrast, private and speculative operations direct profits to individuals and out of state (or country) investors. These laws were written to make sure gaming serves the public good, not private greed.”

Washington’s gaming remains stable, audited and publicly beneficial – generating more than \$7.4 billion in annual economic activity from tribal governments in Washington.

“WIGA is committed to ensuring safe, well-regulated gaming. We’ll fight to protect Indian gaming and keep unsavory characters out of gaming, just as IGRA intended,” George added.

WIGA is a non-profit Indian gaming trade association representing federally recognized tribes in the state of Washington committed to advancing the lives of Indian peoples – economically, socially and politically.

Tribal governments in Washington rely on gaming revenue for essential government services allowing for self-sufficiency. Unlike commercial gaming, tribal government gaming pays for critical housing, healthcare, education, natural resources and jobs for our communities, benefiting tribal and non-tribal communities alike.

Qmart Three gains a new Manager

Article by Cat Raya



Talon Capoeaman

Qmart 3 recently promoted Talon Capoeaman to Manager. This extremely dedicated person filled me in on how he plans to manage his store and staff while supporting our community as well. Talon will now be responsible for making some of the big decisions that keep the store running with a profit. What came across most was his love for communication and how he applies that to his every day.

Though this position has him stepping back from the floor more he makes up for it with vendors for the products. He’s getting more comfortable with the idea of putting himself out there. We spoke about some of the challenges he may face moving forward, he does feel that he will need to take on a more serious persona to make sure his decisions are heard and respected. Though he is open to helping his staff in anyway that he can. He also acknowledges that he can be too focused at times and would

like to be able to see that he doesn’t need to get everything done right away.

Talon wants to work with his staff in whatever way he can to make sure they are happy at work. Qmart makes accommodations for their staff, for students needing to adjust their new schedule or parents needing to take their FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) as well as feel comfortable while they are at work, they need only to come to management to find a way to make it work.

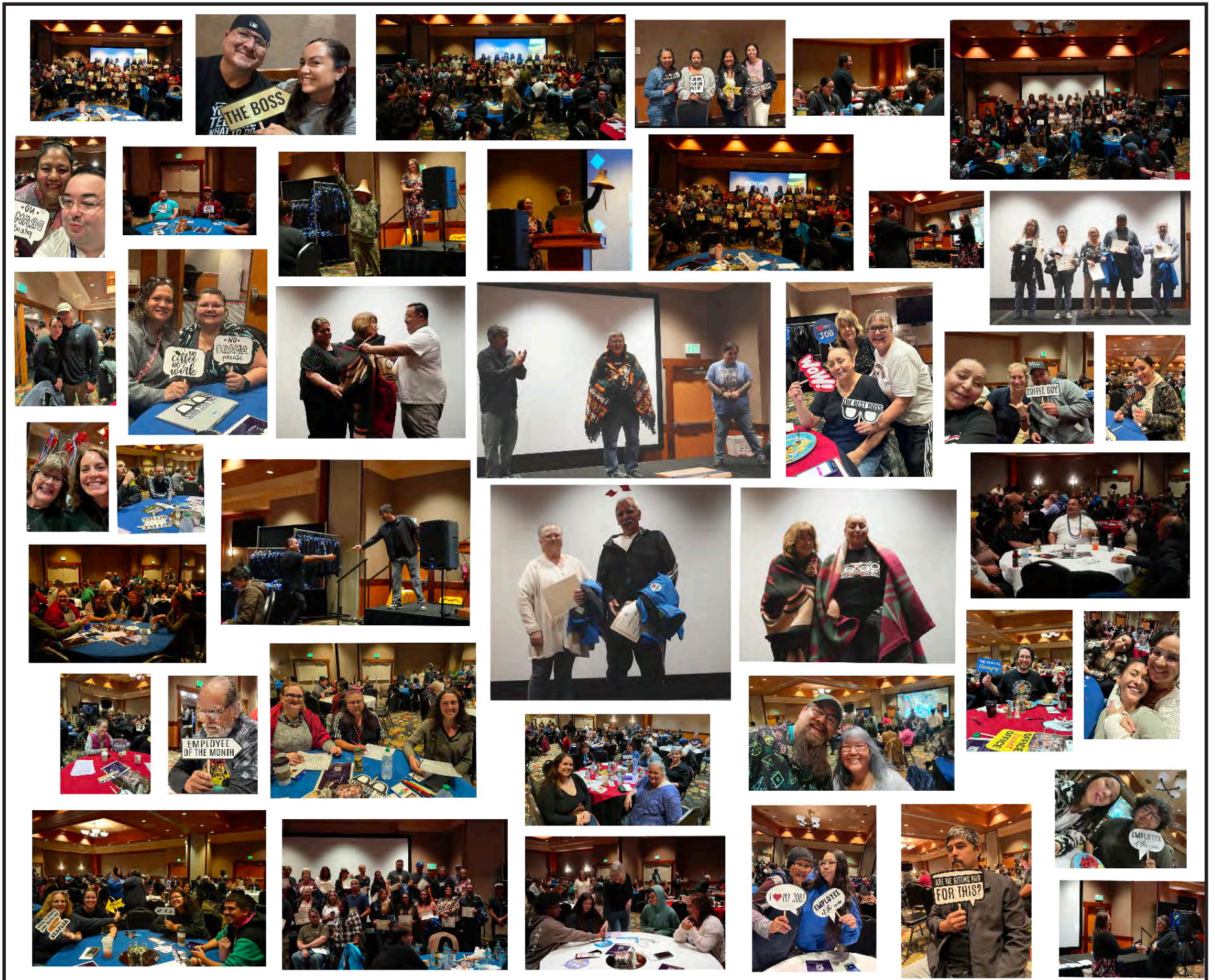
Talon has a lot of goals in this position, he would like to institute weekly company meetings so that all might be heard, as well as able to contribute to ideas for improvement of the store. He’d like to work with the other managers to make sure he is achieving the same sales figures as them, he wants to actively reach out to his vendors to see what they have on the market.

Talon wants to promote a culture of respect. One in which if you come to work and act professionally, do your work and clean and take care of the customer he is happy. Talon follows the tribal guidelines for reviews as well as doing an informal check-in with his staff once a month to see if they need anything. He asks questions like “is there anything I could be doing better as a manager or is there anything going on between you and your leads or you or until that can change the type of service you provide?” You get a family feeling and a great sense of pride from him about the company.

Now he is working on how to develop a stronger client base and better signage for his store. He’d plan to help contribute some of the funds that the store makes to “help take the load off” of the tribe. After meeting with Talon, you really understand why Qmart chose to promote him.

QIN All Staff Meeting

September 26th at QBRC Photos by Michael Patten and other staff



First Gravity Waves Detected 10 Years Ago

Article by Larry Workman



The control room at LIGO. Groups of visitor are limited in size to reduce vibration that can affect the laser. Photo by Larry Workman

Black hole mergers are some of the most violent events in the universe.

On September 14, 2015, a signal arrived on Earth, carrying information about a pair of remote black holes that had spiraled together and merged. The signal had traveled about 1.3 billion years to reach us at the speed of light—but it was not made of light. It was a different kind of signal: a quivering of space-time called gravitational waves first predicted by Albert Einstein 100 years prior. On that day 10 years ago, the twin detectors of the US National Science Foundation Laser Interferometer Gravitational-

wave Observatory (NSF LIGO) made the first-ever direct detection of gravitational waves, whispers in the cosmos that had gone unheard until that moment.

On September 13th, I attended an anniversary talk of that event by Professor Barry Barish, one of the three people who won a Nobel Prize in physics for that discovery, at the LIGO Observatory at Hanford. He gave a history of the work leading to that discovery and what had followed. This event opened an entirely new branch of astronomy.

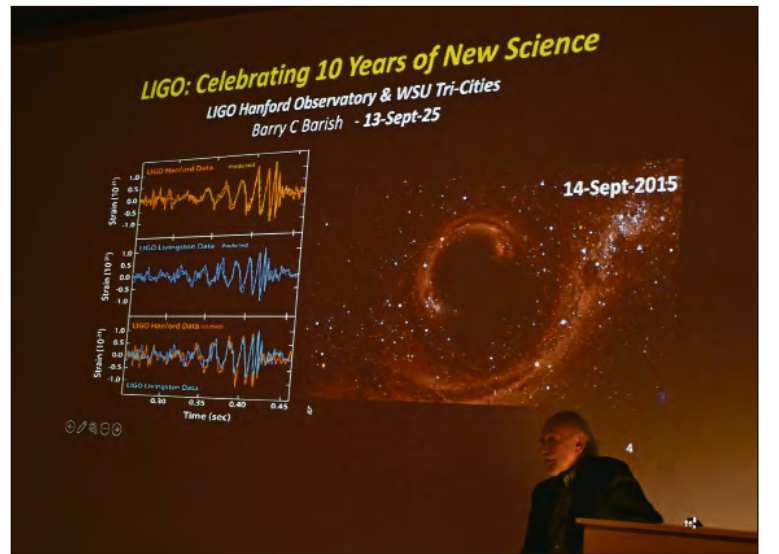
Following his talk, seven members of the staff who were

there at that time talked about the experience of receiving that first gravitational wave.

To detect gravitational waves there are two, 2.5-mile-long pipes shooting lasers in a vacuum at 90° angles, then reflected by a mirror where the two are joined. If there is a detection, the two lasers go out of sync revealing the gravitational waves. The instrument improved sensitivity over the years and is now detecting about three waves each week as black holes and neutron stars merge.

Collisions between a pair of neutron stars—a kilonova—sends gold and other heavy elements flying into space.

This may seem like this has little effect on our daily lives. But it proves many things in physics and could have ramifications on our lives in unexpected ways in the future. LIGO is just getting started.



Professor Barry Barish presenting his talk on gravitational waves. Photo by Larry Workman



Queets River.

Queets River's Summer 2025 Flow

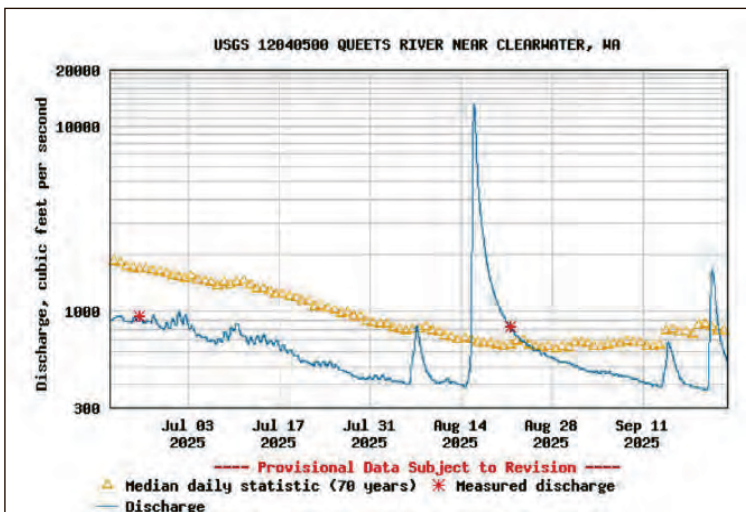
Article and photo by Larry Workman

The Queets River has the highest flow rates of all the rivers on the Olympic Peninsula. It, as are other Olympic rivers, revealing the changes occurring due to changes in the climate.

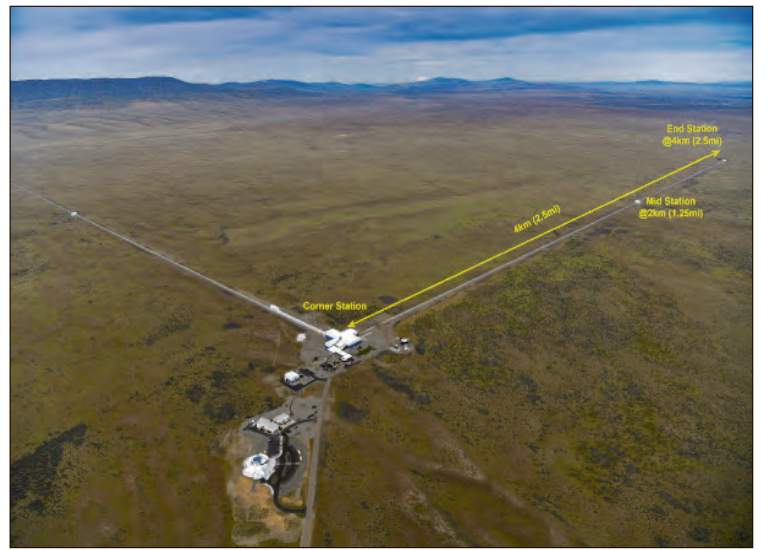
In this graft of the flow from this past summer, we see that the river continues to flow below the average over the past 70 years. We see early snow melt in the mountain snow due to warmer springs which are resulting in lower summer flows.

Early in the summer on this graph you can see little daily squiggles in the flow relating to the daily melt of the remaining mountain snow.

You can see there were four peak flows during this period. We had nearly 1/2" of rain on the coast on August 7th, 2" on August 14-15th, 1/2" on September 13th and on 1st September 21st. Of course, the rain was heavier in the mountains as the clouds rose to pass over them.



Aerial photograph (taken in 2023) of LIGO Hanford Observatory showing the scale of the instrument and the locations of the "Corner Station" (where the laser is generated) and one arm's "End-Station", where the all-important test-mass mirror resides. Note that the arm is so long that the perspective distorts the distance between the Mid- and End-Station. (Credit: Caltech/MIT/LIGO Lab)



Dozens of scientists find errors in a new Energy Department climate report

Part of an article by Julia Simon – NPR September 2, 2025



A group of more than 85 scientists have issued a joint rebuttal to a recent U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) report about climate change, finding it full of errors and misrepresenting climate science.

This comes weeks after the Union of

Concerned Scientists and the Environmental Defense Fund filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration that alleges that Energy Secretary Chris Wright "quietly arranged for five hand-picked skeptics of the effects of climate change"

to compile the government's climate report and violated

the law by creating the report in secret with authors "of only one point of view."

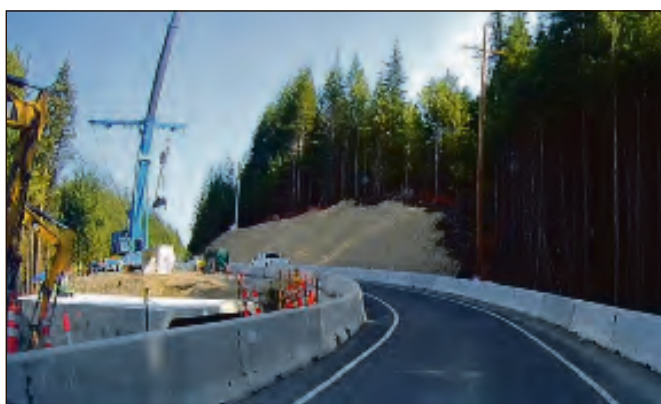
The DOE's Climate Working Group consisted of four scientists and one economist who have all questioned the scientific consensus that climate change is a large threat to the world and sometimes frame global warming as beneficial.

The group of climate scientists found several examples where the DOE authors cherry-picked or misrepresented climate science in the agency's report. For instance, in the DOE report the authors claim that rising carbon dioxide can be a "net benefit" to U.S. agriculture, neglecting to mention the negative impacts of more heat and climate-change fueled extreme weather events on crops.

Salmon Barrier Projects on the QIN this Summer



Approaching culvert work area.



About nice of the culvert section have been lowered into place.



A culvert section about to be lowered into place.

These photos are taken from a car cam passing the culvert project on US 101 just east of the West Boundary Road on Wednesday September 3rd as large pre-casted concrete culvert segments were installed with a large crane. This is one of six project sites to remove barriers to fish migration under US 101 on the Quinault Reservation this year. Those

who travel over the Moclips highway have also seen culvert work this summer. For many years now we have seen such work going on in our region to open streams for salmon which had been blocked by former highway construction. Larry Workman

Chehalis Basin Board Set to Finalize Flood, Habitat Plan in 2026

Reports by Mark Glyde



By this time next year, the Chehalis Basin Board will finalize its Long-Term Strategy recommendation to the Governor and Legislature for a plan to reduce flood damage and restore habitat for aquatic species throughout the Basin. The Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) has been represented on the Board by Councilman Tyson Johnston since its formation in 2017.

For a long time, people have fought over these issues. Now, work on the ground is finally coming to fruition. Under the Board's direction, the state has invested nearly \$340 million in actions to protect communities from devastating floods and to recover salmon, steelhead and other aquatic life.

"Working with a broad coalition of partners – especially willing landowners, local conservation districts, Tribes and state agencies – the Board has approved and overseen more than 140 successful projects

now safeguarding hundreds of Basin homes and businesses from flooding and restoring hundreds of new acres of habitat for salmon and other species," wrote Councilman Johnston and his fellow board member, Grays Harbor County Commissioner Vickie Raines in the Aberdeen Daily World last month.

"All these projects were done on time and on budget. They include funding the Fry Creek and Ramer Street pump stations in Aberdeen and Hoquiam, actions to keep the Montesano Wastewater Treatment Plant from being breached by the Wynoochee River and helping secure \$35.5 million in state grant funding for the Aberdeen-Hoquiam Flood Protection Project (also called the North Shore Levee)."

Now, the next chapter in this critical effort is being written with the Board needing to decide on major structural actions to reduce flood damage.

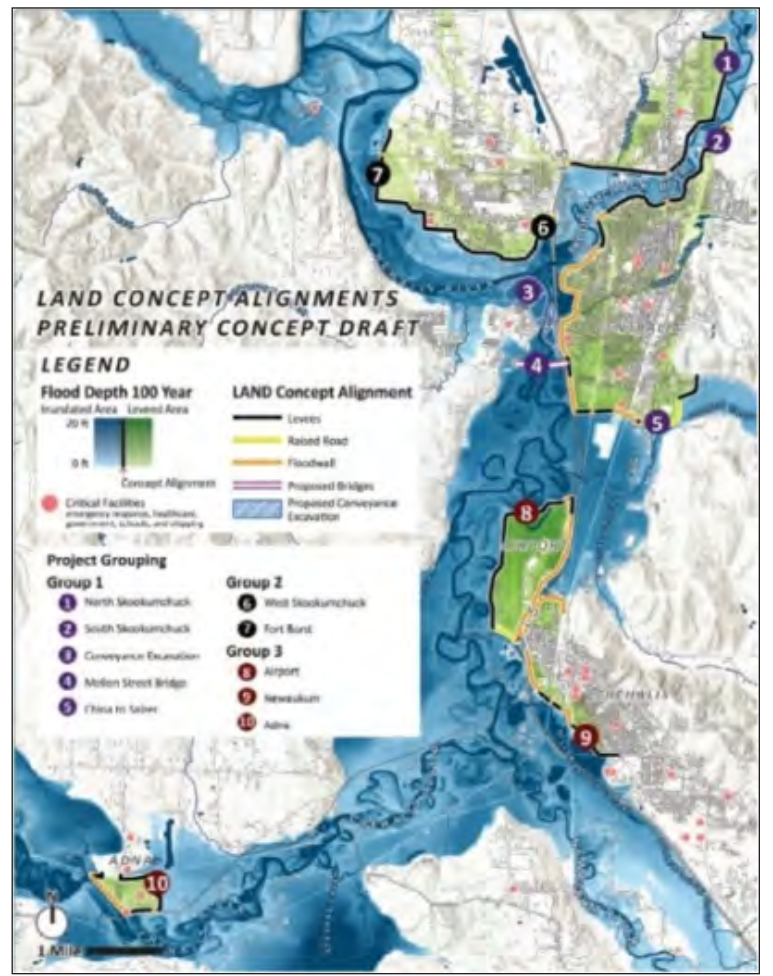
The most impactful and potentially controversial part of the Board's Long-Term Strategy recommendation will likely boil down to a choice between building a series of levees and floodwalls in and around Centralia and Chehalis or constructing what Lewis County's Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) calls a "flow-through dam" on the Chehalis River near Pe Ell.

Other key questions the Board seeks to answer include:

- What is the best pathway for the Skookumchuck Dam going forward: leave it as is, remove it, or modify it to improve conditions for fish and flooding.
- Should land use planning reforms to limit further development in the floodplain play a significant role?
- How much should the plan rely on floodproofing, raising and voluntary relocation of homes, businesses and other structures, especially in and around Centralia and Chehalis.

In addition to addressing these questions, the Long-Term Strategy will include continued support for local projects, policies, and programs that protect basin communities, individual residents, and habitats.

For more information visit www.officeofchehalisbasin.com. You can also watch a short video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=RimQ-5gUSqHq.



Local Actions Non-Dam (LAND) Alternative concept alignment: preliminary cost estimate \$900 million to \$1.6 billion.



Proposed Dam on Upper Chehalis River: Draft Environmental Impact Report Coming in November

The proposed dam is designed to reduce damage from the kind of catastrophic flood that slammed the Basin in 2007. The Chehalis Basin is one of the most naturally flood-prone river systems anywhere with its wide, flat topography and extensive network of tributary rivers and streams which drain three major mountain ranges - the Cascades, Olympics and Willapa Hills.

Located in the upper Basin, the dam is designed to operate only during major flood events, typically caused by extreme precipitation or atmospheric rivers over the Willapa Hills.

According to the sponsor of the proposed dam, Lewis County's Flood Control Zone District (District) "not only will the District be required to ensure that the flow-through dam does not change the function of the habitat for native species, but the District is committed to making sure that the river has healthier habitat than before the facility is built."

The release of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in late November by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) will shed light on the likelihood that requirement can be met.

Due to concerns raised by the Chehalis Tribe about a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) impacted by the original site for the dam, the District proposed a new location or "realignment (see graphic)" about 1,300 feet upstream.

After technical review of the "revised project description" QIN continues to have major concerns about the project.

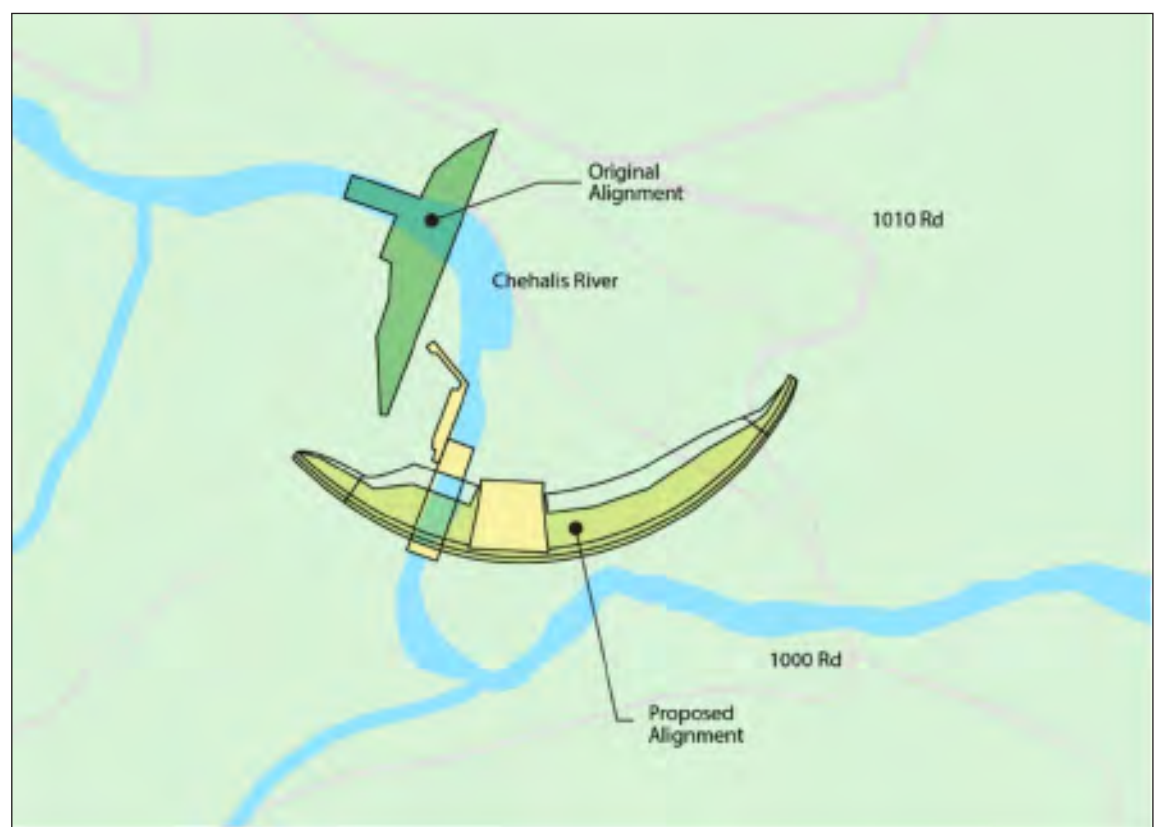
Based on Ecology's findings in the 2020 DEIS for the original alignment of the dam and QIN's own evaluation of

potential impacts based on best available science, QIN opposed the original project. From what it understands about the realignment, QIN continues to harbor deep concerns about the project's potential impact on salmon, habitat and the Tribe's treaty rights.

In comments on the "revised project description" for the dam's proposed realignment Larry Lestelle, a consulting fish biologist for QIN, wrote "In my judgement, both the spring- and fall-run Chinook spawning aggregations that currently exist upstream of approximately the town of Pe Ell would be extinguished by the construction and operation of the proposed FRE (dam)."

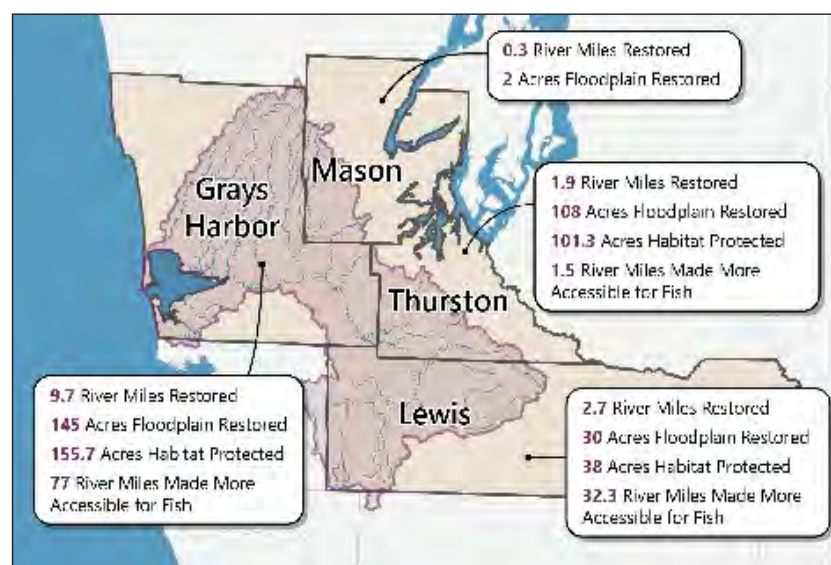
"Chinook salmon on the Washington coast, including in the Chehalis Basin, are in really bad shape, especially spring run fish," said Lestelle. "The dam would not only lead to their extinction in the upper Chehalis River but would also foreclose restoration opportunities upstream of the dam which could be a really important part of rebuilding the coastal Chinook population as a whole."

The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is currently determining whether spring Chinook on the Washington coast warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act. When considering such protection, the agency considers Olympic coast rivers – the Chehalis and other rivers including the Quinault, Queets, Quillayute and Hoh – to be a single "distinct population segment" defined as a "population or group of populations that is discrete from other populations of the species and significant in relation to the entire species."



The width of the proposed realignment would be 2250 feet (1 mile = 5280 feet). A preliminary cost estimate is \$1.3 - \$2.3 billion. According to flood modelling the proposed "flow-through" dam would protect 1418 valuable structures, while the series of levees and floodwalls of the LAND would protect 1748 structures. Of the 1868 structures not protected by the dam, 957 would be flooded by less than a foot.

Chehalis habitat restoration plan well underway



The Chehalis Basin Board in 2026 will also recommend a level of funding for the Aquat-

ic Species Restoration Program (ASRP) over a 30-year or longer timeline. As outlined

in a 2024 progress report, the program has already turned a \$72 million on-the-ground investment into 111 river miles made more accessible for fish, 17 river miles restored, 285 acres of habitat restored and 295 acres protected across the Basin.

A core commitment of the Board and Office of Chehalis Basin (OCB) will continue to divide funding equally between the flood side and fish side of the overall effort, including for the Long-Term Strategy recommendation coming next year.

All The Fall Things

Boosting your immune system in the Fall

Article by Cat Raya

Looking for ways to boost your immune system in the fall? This season brings many gifts but with that also comes weather changes and cold and flu season arrives. Here are some simple and effective ways to stay healthy.

Eating a balanced diet can help if you focus on whole foods that are rich in vitamins and minerals. Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and healthy fats. Foods high in vitamins C and D, zinc, and antioxidants can be very helpful.

Staying hydrated, drinking plenty of water will help your body function better. Herbal teas can also be soothing during the chilly months.

Getting enough sleep, aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep each night. Create a cool dark and quiet bedroom environment. Limit caffeine or other stimulants in the evening hours. Avoid screentime and hour before you get into bed.

Exercise regularly, physical activity helps boost

circulation and immune function. Walking, jogging or yoga can be very effective.

Manage stress, chronic stress can weaken your immune system. Practice stress reducing techniques like belly breathing, meditation or spending time in nature.

Stay warm, as temperatures drop, get out your cozy Pendleton and start a fire or cuddle up next to your heater. Layer your clothing and stay warm and comfortable indoors.

Consider supplements, if you are not getting enough nutrients from food, look into vitamin supplements with your doctor.

Wash your hands regularly, good hygiene goes a long way to prevent illness, avoid close contact with sick friends or family.

Limit sugary or processed foods. This can help lower inflammation and support immune function. These steps can help your body stay strong and healthy as we move into the fall and winter months.

Why do leaves change color in the fall?

Article by Cat Raya

The leaves change color in the Fall due to a combination of changes in daylight, temperature and chemical processes in the leaves. The long and short of it is the lack of chlorophyll in the leaves causes us to see a different hue. The colors are always there; we just can't see them until we get a lack of chlorophyll.

The Chlorophyll Breakdown. What is chlorophyll? It's the green pigment that plants use during their metabolic process called photosynthesis. As the shorter days and cooler temperatures come in the Fall the trees are signaled to get ready for winter. Chlorophyll production slows down to an eventual stop which results in the green pigment breaking

down.

Other pigments are revealed. The chlorophyll fades and colors that were originally masked are shown. These included carotenoids which produce the yellow and orange hues, and anthocyanins that create purple and red shades. This is in response to sunlight during the day and colder weather at night. A good balance of moisture in the soil will result in a vibrant show of color.

The tree species also makes a difference. Maples are known for their reds and yellows while oaks for their reds to browns. This is our visible reminder that it's our time to get ready for winter.



Autumn Maple leaves photo by istock

Natural Autumn Skincare

Article by Cat Raya

When thinking about fall skincare hydration is key. Focus on hydrating your skin for Autumns drier air. Look for natural moisturizers like jojoba, shea butter or coconut oil which all lock in moisture. Switch to a hydrating cleanser that won't strip your skin of it's natural oils. Use a cream or oil based cleanser with ingredients like aloe vera or honey.

Exfoliate wisely, this can help remove dead skin cells that accumulate during the summer. Use a gently natural exfoliator like oatmeal or sugar mixed with honey to avoid irritating your skin. Treat yourself to a nourishing skin mask once a week. You can make a simple mask using ingredients liked mashed avocado, yogurt or pumpkin which are rich in vitamins and antioxidants.

Boost your diet. Incorporate

seasonal fruits and vegetables into your diet, such as pumpkins, apples and sweet potatoes. These foods are packed with vitamins and can help improve your skins health from within.

Although the Sun isn't as strong in the Fall it is important to wear sunscreen if you're spending time outdoors. Choose a natural sunscreen with zinc oxide for effective protection.

Keep a hydrating facial mist on hand to refresh your skin throughout the day. Look for mists that contain rosewater or green tea for added benefits. Fall winds can cause chapped lips as well so use a natural lip balm made with beeswax or shea butter to keep them moisturized.

Incorporate essential oils like Lavender, Tea Tree, or Chamomile



Garden by Roger Saux Health Center Photo by Leah Hollon Paquette

Getting your fall garden ready for winter

Article by Cat Raya

A step-by-step guide to getting your garden prepared for winter

1. Clean up any debris, remove the dead leaves, fallen fruits and anything else that may contribute to disease or pests from overwintering in your garden.

2. Prune perennials. What's a perennial? It is a plant that can grow back for more than one year. It can be herbaceous (dying back in the winter and growing back in the Spring) or evergreen (keeping their leaves year-round). Trim back dead or damaged leaves but be careful with certain flowers, some do better when leaving their seed heads intact for the winter.

3. Apply a generous amount of mulch around your plants. This helps insulate

the soil, retain moisture and suppress weeds. Organic mulches, like straw or shredded leaves can improve soil health as they break down.

4. If you have empty garden beds, planting a cover crop like clover or winter rye can help improve soil structure and prevent erosion.

5. Protect sensitive plants, if you need to help them make it through the winter consider covering them with blankets or frost clothes when frost is expected.

6. Before the ground freezes, make sure your plants are well watered. This helps them and can prevent root damage.

7. Fall is a good time to test your soil so that you can make amendments for

the Fall is a good time to test your soil so that you can make amendments for the spring.

To do a pH test on your soil at home

Place 2 tablespoons of soil in a bowl and add ½ cup of vinegar. If it fizzes, the soil is alkaline.

In a separate bowl, add 2 tablespoons of soil, moisten with distilled water, and add ½ cup of baking soda. If it fizzes, the soil is acidic.

Depending on the results you can then amend it with compost or fertilizer to prepare for spring.

8. Plan your spring garden, design your layout for the next growing season. Think about what worked well this year and what you might change for next year.

Creamy Mushroom Soup Recipe

Recipe from Love and Lemons blog

prep Time: 15minutes mins

Cook Time: 30minutes mins

Total Time: 45minutes mins

Serves 4

This easy mushroom soup is creamy, comforting, and packed with savory flavor! You can make this recipe two ways. Add heavy cream for a richer, more classic cream of mushroom soup, or skip it to give the soup a more concentrated mushroom flavor. Both options are delicious!

Equipment

- Staub Dutch Oven
- Vitamix Blender

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for serving
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- ½ teaspoon sea salt

- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound white button mushrooms, stemmed and sliced
- 8 ounces cremini mushrooms, stemmed and sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, grated
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon tamari
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves, plus more for garnish
- ½ cup heavy cream or creme fraîche, optional, plus more for serving
- Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

Instructions

Heat the olive oil and butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, salt, and several grinds of pepper and cook for

2 minutes, or until softened slightly. Add half the mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes, or until softened. Add the remaining mushrooms and cook for another 5 minutes.

Stir in the garlic, followed by the wine, broth, tamari, and thyme. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Allow the soup to cool slightly, then transfer two-thirds to a blender and blend until smooth.

Stir the blended soup back into the pot with the chunky soup. If desired, add the cream and cook for another 2 minutes, or until the soup is warmed through and the raw cream taste has cooked off. Season to taste.

Ladle into bowls and serve topped with a drizzle of olive oil and/or cream, fresh parsley, and thyme.

Notes


Yields 4 cups



Creamy Mushroom Soup photo by istock

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
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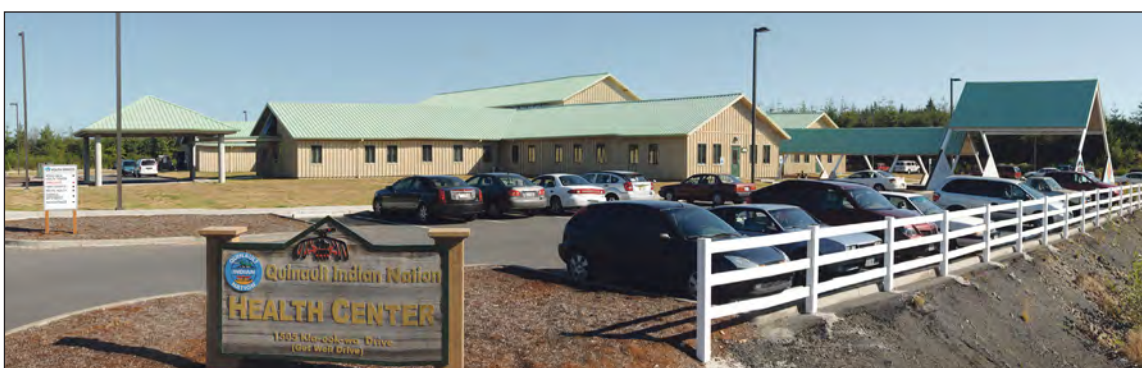


We serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, stalking, adults' survivors of childhood sex and abuse and more. Our vision is to empower individuals to restore healthy family's structure where everyone is safe, honored and respected. Available services include crisis intervention, information and referral, advocacy, outreach and awareness. We also have the Sacred Healing House that provides temporary shelter for DV or SA victims and their children.

Please reach out if you are needing services.
Follow our Facebook page for updates and events.
360-276-8211 ext. 8151

After Hours Urgent Care Information

By Denise Ross Director Health Services - RSHC



RSHC Photo By: Larry Workman

Sick visits: Please wear a mask if you are experiencing fever, sore throat, cough, congestion, shortness of breath, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea to stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

Urgent Care Hours: Monday 8:30- 11:00; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1:00-3:30.

Scheduled visits:

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

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

Other pro tips:

- Please establish care with one provider so they get to know you and can see the big picture. Most medical problems take more than one visit to evaluate and treat, and having the same person making the plan can save you time and tests.

- If you haven't received a referral after 2 weeks, please call and ask about it. Sometimes things slip through the cracks, or we have old contact informa-

tion.

- If you have No Refills on your medications, you might be due for a follow up appointment.

- Please don't communicate about your medical issues with medical staff via email. It is not considered a confidential means of communication and is not HIPAA compliant. Medical staff cannot respond to you. Please use the portal or call the clinic during business hours at (360)276-4405.

A provider is available by telephone for after hours urgent needs at (360) 533-8724.

2025 Riverview/Queets Fitness * Fall/November 24 Day Challenge "120,000 steps"



Registration Form
REGISTER BY: **October 30th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**
Email or print registration and send to: Henrietta Sharp, hsharp@quinault.org
Riverview Fitness ext. 8651 or 8646 Queets Fitness ext. 2163

The Fall November Challenge is for each participant to reach 5000 steps-2 1/5 miles each day for 24 days. This includes steps for all 24 days beginning November 1st and ending but including the steps from the 24th. "120,000" Steps Fall Goal. In this Challenge you can walk, run and participate in any event to get your steps in. One of the upcoming events is World Diabetes Days, Thursday, November 13th.

Challengers... "120,000" Steps Fall Goal, you can always do more if you choose or if you already do more you can always set a new goal to do more if you like 🍁
*Record each day by Phone, Fitbit or Fitness Tracking device.

Just a few fun ideas... maybe get in some beach time, how about hiking in our beautiful forests or mountains or even mushroom picking... whatever it may be, just remember to get at least 5000 steps in each day and always remember to stay hydrated and keep it fun 🍁

Fitness Center Hours:

Name: _____	Waiver & Release _____
Monday-Thursday 6:00am-6:00pm hsharp@quinault.org Felix.HMendoza@quinault.org Tomika.Grover@quinault.org Dimitri.Johnson@quinault.org	Par-Q _____ Staff Initials _____
Phone/ ext: _____	
Signature: _____	

World Diabetes 2025 "Diabetes and Wellbeing"

Thursday, November 13th
12:00-1:00pm
RSHC & Queets Gym


In the Walk for Diabetes
Participants will receive
Snack-lunch & Water

Incentive Drawing Prizes

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Quinault Indian Nation




World Diabetes Day


November 14th is World Diabetes Day. World Diabetes Day 2025 "Diabetes and Wellbeing" serves as a beacon of hope. It reminds us that by coming together, by understanding, caring and acting, we can create a world where diabetes will not dictate our lives.

Roger Saux Health Center Nail Care Services

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



New Hours



Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

A strength, balance and fun fitness class for adults

SAIL Fitness Classes
Tuesdays & Thursdays
2:30pm-3:30pm
@ New Generations Conf.Rm w/
Diabetes Wellness & Fitness Staff

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

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


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



QUINAULT COMMUNITY HEALTH

<p>Primary Care</p> <p>Personalized care for every stage of life—focused on prevention, managing chronic conditions, and building lasting relationships with providers who listen.</p>	<p>Pediatric Care</p> <p>From infancy through adolescence, our pediatric team delivers attentive, age-appropriate care in a nurturing environment designed to help children thrive.</p>	<p>Quick Care</p> <p>Fast, walk-in care for minor illnesses and injuries—with short waits and same-day treatment to keep you moving.</p> <p>Mon- Sat 8am-4pm</p>	<p>Behavioral Health</p> <p>Services are available by referral only from our providers. We offer counseling and mental health support for children, teens, and adults—because caring for mental health is just as important.</p>
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To Schedule- Call us at (360) 533-6063

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Parker Hill

Forest Environmental Planner



Parker Hill is the new Forest Environmental Planner for QIN, during his last job he worked for the U.S Forest Service in Fremont Winema National Forrest in Oregon. He will be working with the QDNR staff to implement the existing QIR Forest Management plan to ensure that all trees from plat to arvest are compliant with the Forest Management Plan and it's regulatory framework.

He was interested in working with QIN because he wants to play a hands-on role in protecting natural resource and improving local communities. Working here will allow him to fulfill that

roll.

When asked about his family, he says "I was born and raised in the Quad Cities in eastern Iowa. My parents are semi-retired. My mother spent 30 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a chemical engineer. My father most recently worked full-time as a bid contractor for a construction firm and now does realty work part-time. They currently split their time between the Quad Cities and Lake Havasu City, Arizona. My older brother co-manages a card and collectibles store in Des Moines (Hi-5 Comics and Cards if you're ever in the area!) where his wife teaches Spanish at one of the local school districts. My younger brother lives in Des Moines as well and does logistics work for a freighting company."

Parker received his Bachelors degree from Central College in Pella, Iowa during 2019 studying Biology and Environmental Sciences all while lettering in cross country. He volunteered with the Peace Corps in Senegal, West Africa. After the pandemic he would go on to

New Employees

complete a M.Sc. degree in Ecology and Conservation in 2022. He was accepted into a PhD program closer to his home but he decided to move out west after two semesters when he decided a life of academia wasn't for him.

He has a myriad of hobbies including Hiking, backpacking, snowboarding, golf, playing guitar, record collecting and exploring music in general, watching sports (mainly football, basketball, and track), true crime podcasts, and taking care of his houseplants and playing with his cat.

The message he would like to give to the readers is this: One of my favorite quotes is by the writer and conservationist Aldo Leopold, "There are two things that interest me: the relationship of people to each other, and the relationship of people to the land." This succinctly encapsulates many of my core values, and I'll be looking forward to the opportunities to live that philosophy through my work with QDNR!

Welcome Parker Hill.

Kris Salmon

Chief Financial Officer

We are excited to announce that Kris Salmon has joined our team as the new Chief Financial Officer. In her role, she will be responsible for overseeing a range of crucial duties, including governmental financial operations, finance and investment management, as well as conducting audits to ensure our financial practices are both efficient and transparent.

Kris has a deep connection to the area, having grown up on the harbor and developed a strong familiarity with QIN prior to being recruited to work for the nation. Her local insights and background will be invaluable as she steps into this leadership position.

Residing in Olympia, Kris is happily married and enjoys a fulfilling personal life alongside her professional commitments. She holds a graduate degree in accounting from the esteemed University of Washington, where she demonstrated her academic

proress by passing the CPA exam on her very first attempt. Her dedication to excellence in the field has been recognized through prestigious accolades, including being named the NAFOA CFO of the Year.

Outside of work, Kris leads an active lifestyle. She has a passion for the great outdoors, frequently engaging in backpacking and hiking adventures, and she's an avid open-water swimmer. Additionally, she is approaching a remarkable milestone of completing her 3,000th New York Times crossword puzzle, showcasing her love for challenges and puzzles both in life and in work.

Kris has expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to join our organization and is genuinely eager to connect with everyone. She looks forward to meeting her new colleagues and contributing to the continued success of our financial endeavors. Welcome, Kris! We are thrilled to have you on board.

Jacob James

Language Media Specialist



My name is Jacob James. I am an enrolled member of the Quinault Indian Nation, and I have lived in Taholah my entire life, except for the few years I lived in Tumwater attending South Puget Sound Community College, where I earned my Associate of Arts degree.

My grandmother on my mom's side, Shirley (Charley) Ralston was Quinault, and she was married to my grandpa Earl Ralston, who had Scotch, Irish, English, and French ancestry. My grandfather on my dad's side, David James Sr., aka "Shilub", was Quinault, and my paternal grandmother named Laurilee, who I never met, was Blackfeet. I am proud of all of my heritage.

Recently, I completed my first three months working as the Language Media Specialist for the Quinault Language Department.

Our language is more than words: it is part of who we are as a people. It affects how we see the world. I am so honored to be in this position, to work with the language, and to learn alongside the teachers and fellow language learners.

I enjoy studying and practicing certain languages, but mostly I love learning Quinault language. I have taken over two years of formal language lessons with the Language Department before I was hired, but I really started learning Quinault when I was little, in Head Start and during preschool at Taholah School, where I received my education until graduating in 2011.

I also have the honor of serving my community as a member of the Taholah School Board. I've been on the board for almost four years now. While I'm relatively new, and still learning the role (they say it takes at least a full four-year term to "learn the ropes"), I do my best every day to be the most effective school board member that I can be, to make a positive impact for the students.

*This article is written as a request of the Nugquam staff as a correction and follow-up to the article printed in the (August 2025) issue.

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"When you put them in the context of how much money the federal government actually spends on certain things, it's pennies on the dollar," said Sophie Lalande, a co-author of the PSU report.

Soon after taking office and without consulting Congress, the Trump administration suspended some grants that tribal communities used heavily, such as community change grants, distributed by the EPA's Offices of Environmental Justice and of External Civil Rights Compliance during the Biden administration, to support climate resilience and clean energy. Distributed as a part of the Inflation Reduction Act, the grants were suspended as part of the Trump administration's anti-diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

The grants helped tribal communities in the Northwest tremendously, according to Fast Horse.

"They were providing hundreds of thousands of dollars to communities for infrastructure improvements,

like access to clean drinking water and climate resilience hubs, just really essential pieces of community development for health and safety of communities," she said.

The report stresses a multiplier effect from investments made in tribal communities. Infrastructure dollars invested on tribal lands often serve as anchors for broader local development, since tribal lands often share regional infrastructure like power grids, roads or water systems with non-Native communities, with the power of dollars rippling outward into surrounding rural towns and cities.

Bobby Cochran, a researcher with Portland State University and senior project manager at the National Policy Consensus Center, co-authored the report.

"We just haven't made a major investment in infrastructure since the '60s or '70s, so this wasn't fluffy," he said. "It's really important stuff that was just trying to play catch-up."

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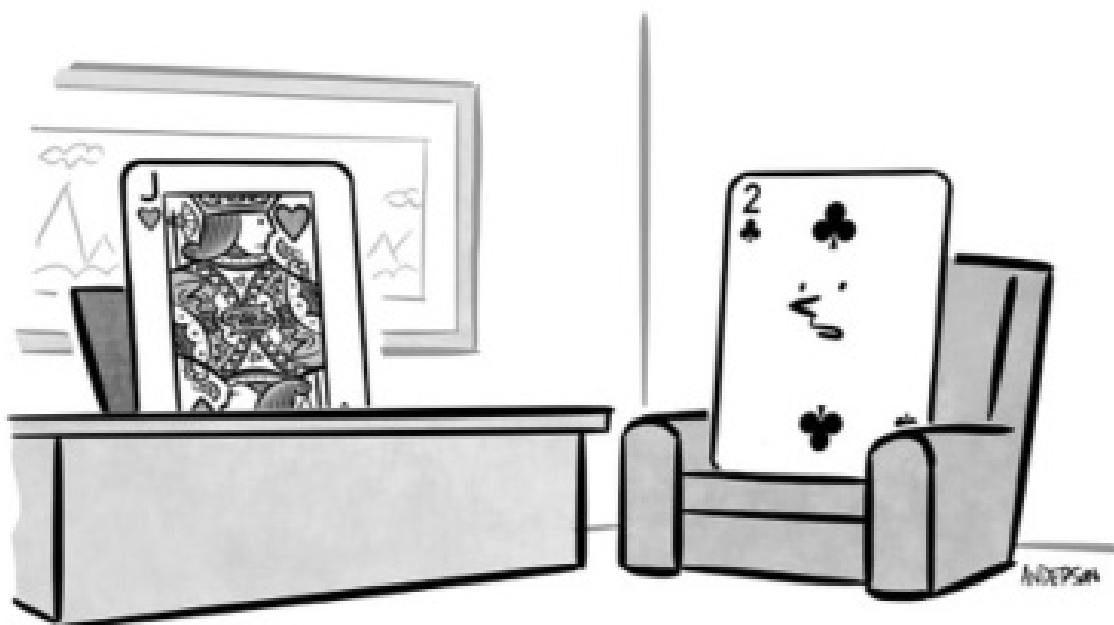
FAMILY NIGHT

WHEN: 12th November @ 5PM

WHERE: QUEETS GYM

Dinner provided, everyone welcome!

Brought to you by QIN Language Department, ArtsFund, & ArtsWA



"Where do I see myself in five years? Maybe a 5 or 6."

September Students of the Month



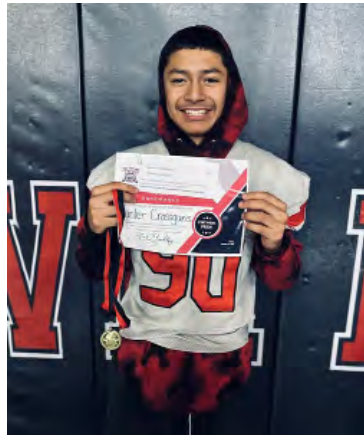
Kindergarten

Levi St. Germaine - Levi continues to be persistent and has the strong endurance of a Salal when learning new things and interacting with his peers. Even when things become difficult, or challenging, Levi continues with a strong grit and endless determination to learn more and become better. I am consistently impressed by Levi's ability to also stand with the presence of Salal in the way that he interacts with his peers. He pushes those around him like the endurance of a Salal, showing the capacity to last or withstand wear and tear even through obstacles. We are proud of you, Levi! Keep being you! 1st



4th grade

River Jackson - River is the 4th grade student of the month. She is consistently challenging herself and others in math and science. River often helps everyone when she is done with her assignments. River is always helpful, courteous and always has a smile on her face brightening up the whole world. She is a great asset to Taholah.



8th grade

Hunter Crossguns - There is no denying how hard of a worker and leader Hunter is. He is always the first to the classroom and helps his peers by being a positive influence. He is a part of every possible thing you can think of and is usually the leader. Hunter does not shy away at an opportunity to try something new and he is also willing to put in the time to continue to grow and be better. He brings joy to those he is around. Thank you Hunter for leading by example.



5th grade

Cecelia Brown - CC has shown incredible endurance this year. She works hard to complete her assignments and isn't afraid to ask questions when she needs help. She consistently supports her classmates and is always willing to help others learn. She was also a fantastic mentor to the kindergarten class during Tech, showing patience and kindness throughout.



9th Grade

Dominique Rodriguez - Dom has started off his high school career strong. He is in classes and studying hard and his grades are a reflection of that hard work. Dom continually steps into a leadership position even if he doesn't always feel confident in it. He sticks with his challenges and rises above expectations. Keep growing and becoming a leader that a community wants to support and is proud of.



1st grade

Alaya Kaleak - Alaya has done a terrific job supporting the other students in our classroom by helping her classmates, being a good friend, and a great example for the other students. She has also gotten off to a terrific start improving her reading and math skills. Great job Alaya!



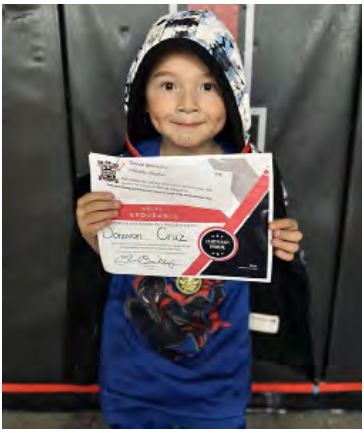
6th grade

Austin Grover - Austin has been a great addition to Taholah School. She has been a very positive influence on her peers and is a great example of the salal plant teachings. Austin is understanding of others and accepting of all. She keeps a positive attitude even through difficult and stressful situations. She loves her friends and family fiercely and protects them and their feelings by standing up for them. We are so happy to have you part of our Chitwhin community.



10th Grade

Hazel Rhodes - Hazel works hard in class and sets the example for others. He endures with a persistent attitude. He will keep trying until he has accomplished his task. Hazel is also responsible and is someone that can always be depended on. Hazel works on himself and continues to grow and improve but his easy going personality also encourages and helps others to grow as well.



2nd grade

Donovan Cruz - Donovan is a calm, even tempered young man who is a good example to his classmates. He is quick to respond when he's given directions, and needs no reminders to stay on task when working independently. He always completes his work, even when there is chaos around him, and then is happy to help another in need. Like the salal plant, Donovan is good at creating a community around himself and those around him. We love his cheerful attitude and are so glad to have him in our class.

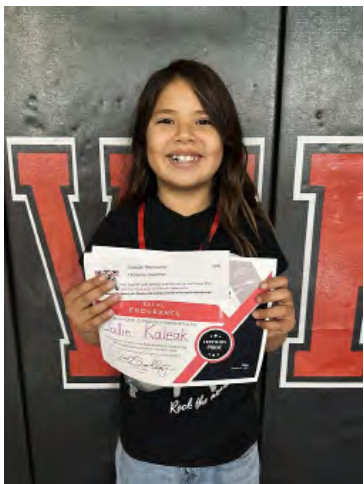


7th grade

Sharon Charley - Sharon is a great student and classmate. She strives for good grades and does not let workload or challenges stop her. She takes the time to work things out a bit at a time being a good example of the salal teachings of endurance. Sharon doesn't just overcome challenges she does so with a positive attitude and high energy. She builds up our classroom community with her dance moves, patience and laughter. Sharon is also quick to laugh at herself. Thank you Sharon for showing us how important it is to not take everything too seriously and enjoy the people around us.



Congratulations to Evalyn Waugh for being selected for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Dar Good Citizen Award.



3rd grade

Clallie Kaleak - Clallie has shown the will power to go above and beyond when it comes to building her endurance of learning. She has shown this by passing 65 I-Ready lessons for the month of September. We are proud to celebrate the Chitwhin of the Month for 3rd grade. Way to go Clallie!

Taholah School District would like to congratulate our September Chitwhins of the Month. These students have followed the teachings of salal by enduring hardships. Like the salal they lean on their tight community for support and provide encouragement to those around them. They enjoy life through all of its ups and downs. Way to go Chitwhins!
"I am thankful for my struggle because without it, I wouldn't have stumbled upon my strength."



11th Grade - Luvaila Smith - Luvaila is the embodiment of salal and endurance. Much like the Salal, Luvaila helps our classroom lean on each other and support one another. She is a natural leader and looks out for everyone. She is reliable to everyone around her. She shows up even when it's hard with a smile on her face. She is the only girl who has not missed a volleyball practice, is a big part of starting cheer, and stepped up to be the ASB Secretary. All while maintaining very good attendance and straight A's. She is strong and supportive and is very involved in the school's community. Luvaila sets the bar high with her excellent leadership and modeling.



12th Grade

Ben Cheney - Ben is a strong leader that builds others up and creates a strong community. Ben has always been a good student but this year he has taken the extra challenge of Running Start. Even with the extra challenge of his academics Ben is still an active member of his class. He steps up and helps staff when they need assistance. He is at all school/class events and also participates in high school classes. He is a true example of what it is to be a Chitwhin and be a part of a community.

Perfect Attendance



Snapshots in time

1 year ago – November 2024

- 4 First “big” windstorm of season KOs power along coast.
- 5 First wooden satellite launched into space.
- 6 Donald Trum elected as 47th president. Only the second person to win non-consecutive terms (Grover Cleveland was the first).
- 19 Bomb Cyclone batters Western Washington causing widespread power outages.
- 20 Lighting strikes Lutheran Church in Hoquiam.
- 26 Port of Grays Harbor groundbreaking for massive expansion.

25 years ago – November 2000

- 7 Presidential election too close to call (Sets off a slew of actions in Florida courts in as well as the Florida State Supreme Court and the U. S. Supreme Court regarding voting ballots and recounts; occupying the nation’s attention until December 13).
- 9 Quinaults overwhelmingly reject a move to recall vice chairman.
- 10 Ocean Shores Cinema opens.
- 16 President Clinton in Vietnam for visit.
- 18 Repairs to the North Jetty in Ocean Shore continue.
- 28 A bent rail derailed a car in a 40-car train for four hours, turning Aberdeen’s Olympic Gateway Mall parking lot into a lunchtime labyrinth.

50 years ago – November 1975

- 14 Queets Douglas-fir largest at 14’5” diameter, 221 feet tall with broken top.
- 17 50 mph wind and rain leave its calling card.
- 20 Work on North Jetty completed.
- 29 President Ford leaves for China.
- 29 National Park Service proposes trading North Shore of Lake Quinault for Quinault Reservation ocean shoreline (*This of course did not happen*).

75 years ago – November 1950

- 1 Truman assassination try fails.
- 2 U. S. population tops 150,000,000 this year.
- 7 The jet saw its first combat when a U.S. F-86 downed a MIG-15 in Korea.
- 9 Chinese Reds enter the Korean War.
- 26 Chinese and North Korean halt U.N. offensive.



- 29 (Photo) Aloha opens new span across the Quinault River near Mounts Creek. This cable suspension bridge was the forerunner of the Chow Chow Bridge. (QIN Archive)

100 years ago – November 1925

- 7 Elks Building in Aberdeen under construction and Saint Mary’s School nears completion.
- 18 Eastbound Harbor train wrecked just west of Olympia.
- 28 Pack horse mail express to Queets Valley difficult.

125 years ago – November 1900

- 2 It is estimated there are a hundred new buildings going up in Aberdeen.
- 6 All logging camps were closed for election day. McKinley win carries the Republican party across U.S.
- 9 Deep Sea fishing will be an important industry on the Harbor someday.
- 19 Cold snap and six inches of snow. The earliest seen in 30 years.

150 years ago – November 1875

- 9 Indian Inspector E.C. Watkins issued a report detailing the hostile stance of Sioux and Cheyenne groups associated with Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse, presaging conflict with the United States.
- 16 Severe gale in Western Washington caused significant damage, destroying warehouses in Seattle and toppling trees and homes.

175 years ago – 1850

- ** Compromise of 1850 and the Fugitive Slave Act: While the Compromise of 1850 was enacted in September, its consequences were felt in the following months, intensifying the conflict over slavery. The Fugitive Slave Act, a key component of the compromise, required citizens to assist in the capture of runaway slaves and fueled outrage in the North, increasing activity on the Underground Railroad.

200 years ago – 1825

- 7 David Douglas starts up the “Cheecheler” (Chehalis River).
- 15 Douglas reaches Fort Vancouver.

225 years ago – 1800

- 17 Congress convenes for its first session in the new federal capital in Washington.

250 years ago – 1775

- 28 Continental Congress orders construction of a naval fleet.

Larry Workman

The History of the Quinault

Article by Cat Raya

The Quinault people are an indigenous group from the Washington State coastline located in the Olympic Peninsula. The Quinault Indian Nation has descendants of Quinault, Queets, Quileute, Hoh, Chehalis, Chinook, and Cowlitz people. We have a rich history deeply intertwined with the natural environment and cultural traditions. The Quinault are a part of the ocean, rivers, and forests here.

The origin of our people dates back thousands of years when the woolly mammoth roamed the land. We traditionally lived in longhouses created with the abundance of Red Cedar logs. Fishing, hunting, and gathering were the pillars of our economy. We relied heavily on salmon caught during the annual runs.

The river not only served us with food but was also an important trade route that connected our people with surrounding tribes, providing important trading opportunities. We would trade salmon and fish products, shellfish, cedar products such as canoes, baskets, and mats, berries, plants, root vegetables, animal pelts, tools, weapons, and cultural artifacts like masks, ceremonial regalia, and artworks.

We used the forest around us to find materials for tools, canoes, and housing construction, while the coastal environment provided opportunities for gathering shellfish.

The Quinault people have a vibrant history of storytelling, art, and traditional ceremonies. Our oral traditions passed down knowledge through generations, encompassing the history of our people, teachings of our ancestors, and our relationship with nature. Storytelling is an integral part of community life and forms the basis of our cultural identity.

Art is so important to our community; the masks, totems, and intricate baskets and beadwork play a big part in our lives and always have. These art forms depict stories and ancestral beings as a way to communicate our beliefs and values. Ceremonial events such as potlatches were central to social life, allowing us to reinforce social ties, celebrate important events, and distribute wealth.

The arrival of European settlers in the late 18th century dramatically changed the lives of Quinault people. Early interactions were marked by trade, but as more settlers arrived, our people experienced significant pressure from logging and fishing industries, leading to a depletion of our traditional resources.

In the mid-19th century, the United States government formalized policies towards Indigenous people, creating treaties that sought to limit the land rights of Native American tribes. The Treaty of Olympia, signed

in 1856, led to the establishment of the Quinault Reservation, which allocated a designated area for our tribe but resulted in a substantial loss of ancestral lands.

“The QIN is a sovereign nation with the inherent right to govern itself and deal with other tribes and governments on a government-to-government basis. By-laws established in 1922 and a constitution approved in 1975 form the foundations of the modern-day Quinault government. Our General Council meets annually on the last Saturday in March to hold elections, accept new tribal members, allocate fishing grounds, and discuss other issues relevant to tribal operations. The Quinault Business Committee, which consists of four executive officers and seven council members, is the elected governing body of the QIN, entrusted with the executive, business, and legislative affairs of the QIN throughout the year.

The Self-Governance Act of 1988 began as a demonstration project within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), providing funding for tribes to assume services otherwise provided by the federal government. In 1990, we took the challenge, along with six other tribes, to implement this law, which was amended in 1991 and authorized funding for the assumption of medical care by tribes from Indian Health Service. After 150 years of mismanagement by the federal government, it was clear that tribes could manage their own affairs better and make their own decisions without external interference. This is the basic underlying philosophy of Self-Governance.

Tribal operations consist of administration, natural resources, community services, health, and social services. In addition, we have several enterprises: Quinault Pride Seafood, Land and Timber, Quinault Beach Resort and Casino, Q-Mart, and the Taholah Mercantile, all of which promote the growth and development of our Reservation. Although it may take another century to correct the many problems created by the Indian agents we once relied upon, we now look to the future while learning from the past.”

Taken from the QIN website

In the 20th century, the QIN has faced numerous challenges, including poverty and cultural dislocation. However, we are a resilient people. We have worked to revitalize our cultural practices, language, and traditions, with an emphasis on education, natural resource management, and economic development. Despite all these challenges and changes, we continue to live in the same area and walk the same beaches as our ancestors.



Quinault Basket Maker, Olympic Peninsula 1935 *photographer unknown*



Quinault Fisherman early 1900's *photographer unknown*.

Upper Quinault River Restoration

Article by Cat Raya



The Upper Quinault Restoration Project is a significant effort for river restoration of the Upper Quinault River involving engineered log jams and revegetation of the floodplain. This initiative, led by the Quinault Indian Nation in partnership with several organizations, spans over 20 years and focuses on revitalizing and safeguarding the Upper Quinault River, particularly its side channels, which are crucial habitats for Blueback salmon spawning.

The main river is characterized by high energy and larger boulders that do not provide ideal spawning conditions. In contrast, the lateral habitats—side channels running alongside forested



islands and containing smaller gravel—offer much better environments for salmon reproduction. There are approximately eight of these high-quality side channel networks located between the bridge and the lake.

I had the chance to speak with Dan Eastman, the Senior Advisor for the Quinault Indian Nation's Habitat Restoration Program. He, along with a team of restoration specialists from Natural System Design Inc., fishery staff, construction personnel, and engineers, are dedicated to making this project a reality. One of their key strategies involves placing engineered log jams within a nine-mile stretch of the Upper Quinault River to protect mid-channel Islands terraces and associated side channels. The team also addresses concerns related to the North and South Shore Road that encircles Lake Quinault. The log jams play an essential role in slowing erosion caused by the fast-moving river as well as flood mitigation.

The success of the restoration project relies heavily on collaboration among various stakeholders.

The Quinault Indian Nation is central to the decision-making process, integrating traditional ecological knowledge with contemporary conservation methods. By conducting geomorphic studies of the interactions between gravel, water, and wood, the team can effectively determine where and what type of log jams should be placed.

This year's primary objective was to slow the rate of channel migration

toward lower Big Creek, recognized for having the highest quality and longest-standing salmon spawning area in the Upper Quinault. Dan Eastman mentioned that they placed clusters of log jams to create a slower-moving environment and reduce bank erosion.

There are currently three types of log jams in use, varying in size, with the upstream-facing wood and several driven pilings adjusted according to specific needs. These log jams play a crucial role in dissipating water energy, allowing for sediment deposition that benefits the habitat. These structures consist of wooden piles driven at least 25 feet deep into the ground, rising 10-12 feet above the ground surface. They're constructed with many logs with root wads, about 200 racking pieces and roughly 350 yards of slash at the front.

The design aims to replicate the functions provided by large old growth trees, approximately 8 feet in diameter, with root balls that stand 30- 40 feet tall and a stem that extends 100 feet.

These large trees were harvested from the valley, leaving mostly smaller trees that are not stable in the mainstream river. Creating such sizable wooden structures directly in the river is challenging with conventional equipment, so the team strives to replicate this natural phenomenon using engineered log jams.

To monitor the river's condition, the team employs hydraulic models and lidar techniques. This year, they will also incorporate surveys for spawning ground surveys of adult salmon. Every three-five years, lidar data is collected from an aircraft, generating topographical maps of the river and flood plain across the entire upper valley. They also utilize ortho photos, aerial images, and oblique videos. This data creates a comprehensive reference surface that helps track changes in bed elevation over time. Dan Eastman emphasized that the project focuses on strategically placing log jams to restore the river system to a more natural state, ideally reducing the current multiple channel threads down to one



or two main channels. This reduces the rate of channel-switching, which is detrimental to successful salmon spawning, it creates stable floodplain surfaces where planted or naturally recruited trees can mature into large old growth trees to restore the natural wood cycle over the long term.

This type of monitoring primarily focuses on the physical bed to observe how changes in that bed relate to modifications in the aquatic habitat that the team aims to establish. The goals include protecting existing side channels, extending their lengths, and creating new ones by creating stable mid-channel islands and terraces. Out of 106 log jams installed since 2008, only 6 have been lost, which is an impressive success rate in this high energy environment.

The project's success also relies on community support, notably from the Lutz brothers, Bruce and Dave, who run a local contracting firm (Quinault Valley Forestry) and are landowners at Lake Quinault. They have been instrumental in building every log jam since 2008, and this partnership continued until last year when federal funding necessitated a bidding process. Despite these changes, the Lutz brothers remained committed as subcontractors for the successful bidder (Rogline Inc.), helping to train them in constructing these engineered log jams (ELJs). Moreover, they allowed the construction crew to establish a new road on their property, facilitating access to the riverbank following the washout of South Shore Road.

The team will be on the lookout this coming season for Salmon spawning this November in some of these older stable habitats that they have put so much effort into.

DECEMBER 4-8, 2025 IN WESTPORT, WASHINGTON

2025 Washington Fishermen's Convention

The 2025 Washington Fishermen's Convention aims to unify and celebrate our state's fishing industry, with something to offer everyone in the community. The Convention will be an up-to five-day learning and networking opportunity for both new and experienced fishermen. If you are a commercial fisherman who fishes or lives in Washington, this convention is for you!

Participants will be able to register for individual components of the Convention.

Convention Agenda

TRAINING: Thursday, Dec. 4 - Friday, Dec. 5
Drill Instructor and Fishermen's First Aid at Sea training.

- Fee: \$75 for commercial fishermen.
- Non-commercial fishermen can attend for \$150.
- Space is limited to 24 participants.

CONFERENCE: Saturday, Dec. 6 - Sunday, Dec. 7
Multi-track educational and networking conference and community meals for both new and experienced fishermen.

- Fee: \$125

Sessions will include topics such as:

- Intro to Washington fisheries
- How to safely find a job
- Day in the life of a commercial fisherman
- Hands-on knot tying and basic fishing gear repair
- Mitigating conflict
- Crew contracts
- Finance and insurance technical assistance
- Making your voice heard with decision-makers
- Regulations and licensing
- Participant networking and crew/captain matchmaking
- Registration will also include options to add on an extra meal ticket for a friend or family member (\$30) and to sponsor a young fisherman to attend the conference (\$125).



SEA TRIAL: Monday, Dec. 8
On-water sea trial

- Test your seaworthiness on a commercial fishing vessel.
- Fee: \$50
- More information and online registration: dl.f/wa-fishermens-convention

CONTACT: For questions or scholarship requests, contact Bridget Trosin, WSG fisheries and boating program lead, beinmett@uw.edu







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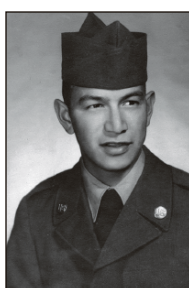
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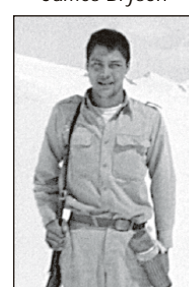
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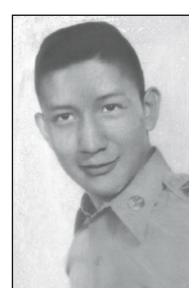
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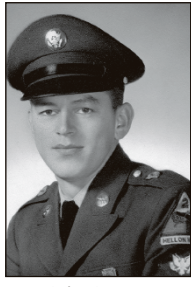
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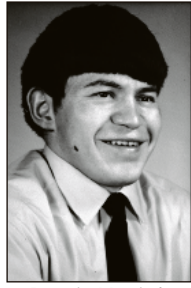
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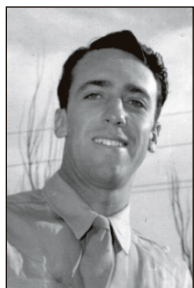
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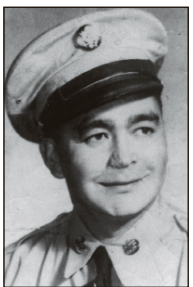
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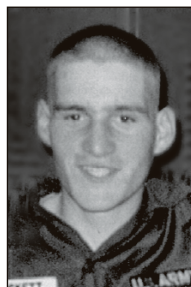
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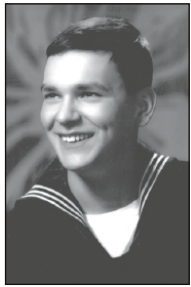
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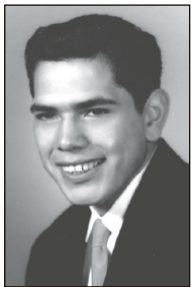
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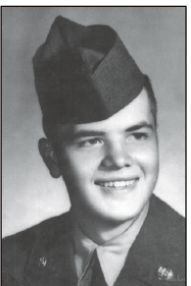
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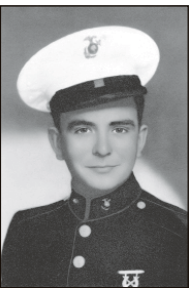
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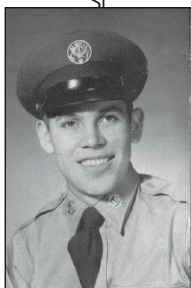
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B.C. Resolutions

9/17/2025

Resolution 25-258-103 – Hand Carry WHEREAS, the current version of the Financial Management Policy, approved April 16, 2025, in Resolution 25-20-103, was drafted under intense time-pressure and the Finance Department wishes to make edits and change the policy to better conform to and describe current procedures; and WHEREAS, while this revised policy better describes current policies and practices, it is still designed to be an interim policy that will be edited further in the future; and WHEREAS, the Department of Justice, by way of letter dated September 4, 2025, requested certain additional technical changes by September 19, 2025, and those changes have been incorporated into the attached revised policy; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the attached, revised Financial Management Policy.

9/17/2025

Resolution 25-259-103 – Hand Carry WHEREAS, the QIN entered into an agreement with Hultman Construction & Environmental, INC. for services related to **remodeling the QIN Administrative Office Building, A.** for \$97,230.00; and WHEREAS, on September 9, 2025, the QBC approved a **resolution authorizing a modification to add \$37,450** for re-framing, window installations, removing data wiring, re-pairing, re-painting areas, varnishing old woodwork, and several other items, which resulted in a contract total of greater than \$250,000; and WHEREAS, the budget referenced in the previous resolution incorrectly referenced funding source 10-1000; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the QBC approves the attached 'QIN Construction Change Order/Contract Modification' with Hultman Construction & Environmental, INC. adding \$37,450 to be paid by Funding Source 13-130099-G771 for a new contract sum of \$281,852.00, rescinds Resolution 25-257-103 and replaces it with this one.

9/19/2025

Resolution 25-260-103 – Hand Carry WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Commerce (DOC) has created the Clean Energy Siting and Permitting program offering grants up to \$1,250,000 to be used for siting and permitting of clean energy projects in communities; and WHEREAS, the Planning Division has drafted a grant proposal to submit to the DOC for an amount up to \$1,000,000, to allow for land use siting studies, planning, and planning actions for future renewable projects as well as to fund positions for ongoing and current energy projects, such as the solar project in Taholah; and WHEREAS, all work under this grant must be completed by June 30, 2027; and WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the QBC approves the QIN Planning Department to apply for the DOC has created the Clean Energy Siting and Permitting (CESP) grant program in the amount of \$1,000,000.

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-261-103 – Consent 1 WHEREAS, the QBC recognizes the **importance and mutual benefit of working** in partnership with the Washington State Patrol to share data and information securely through the National Crime Information Center and the Washington Crime Information Center regarding stolen vehicles, vehicles wanted in conjunction with felonies, wanted persons, and vehicles subject to seizure; and WHEREAS, the Quinault Police Department and the Washington State Patrol wish to enter into the attached "Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for License Plate Scanning" for the secure sharing and transfer of information; and WHEREAS, the QBC **finds it is in the best interests of the QIN** to enter into the attached MOU; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC hereby approves the attached "Interagency MOU for License Plate Scanning Between Washington State Patrol and Quinault Nation Police Department.

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-262-103 – Consent 2 WHEREAS, the QIN has been presented with the opportunity to obtain 40 hours of technical support related to updating the renewable energy feasibility study, at virtually no cost to the Nation; and WHEREAS, to **assess QIN's energy consumption needs, and work toward the production of a strategy of renewable energy use to meet those needs,** the nation may need to share electric bills or other sensitive information such as GIS data; and WHEREAS, the QIN desires to receive and discuss sensitive energy related **information; and WHEREAS, the QBC finds it is in the best interests of the QIN** to enter into such a Non-Disclosure Agreement; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the QBC hereby approves the attached Mutual Non-

Disclosure Agreement with Spark Northwest.

Resolution 25-263-103 – Consent 3 WHEREAS, the QIN has entered reciprocal agreements with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for response **and attack to wildfire on portions of the Quinault Reservation;** and WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has provided **funding to the WDNR to install wildfire detection cameras in various locations to monitor state and private lands for wildfire,** which includes coverage for portions of the Quinault Reservation; and WHEREAS, WDNR has approached QIN for permission to include surveillance on portions of the Quinault Reservation or to exclude the coverage of the reservation from cameras to be located at the Neilton Point communications site; and WHEREAS, WDNR has offered this coverage to QIN for the QIR with no cost to QIN and that QIN staff would be included **on wildfire alerts and would have the ability** to use the cameras to determine where the **wildfire may be to appropriately respond;** and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the use of the PANO cameras to surveille the Quinault Reservation **for potential wildfires at no cost to QIN, and to allow QIN staff access and control of the cameras when wildfires are detected to support attack on the fires.**

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-264-103 – Consent 4 WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC) is soliciting proposals under the Tribal Electric Boats Program, which is funded by the Washington State Climate Commitment Act; and WHEREAS, QIN **fishers desire to upgrade diesel engines on fishing vessels with more modern technology** to reduce the amount of pollutants produced and entering the atmosphere; and WHEREAS, **QIN fishers have long expressed interest in the installation of a shoreside power pedestal at Quinault's dock of the Westport Marina,** which would allow QIN Fleet vessels to load/unload dockside without running diesel engines; and WHEREAS, the QBC supports soliciting the DOC for funding to support QIN **fishers by repowering a QIN Fleet Vessel with hybrid power, and installing shoreside power at the Westport marina for use of all fishers in the QIN fleet; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the QBC authorizes the QDNR to submit an application for funding to the DOC Tribal Electric Boats Program (2025) in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 with no limit on indirect support costs to be used to **upgrade QIN fishers' vessels diesel engines**

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-265-103 – Consent 5 WHEREAS, on August 11, 2025, by Resolution No. 25-217-103, the QBC approved a retroactive payment of \$488.90 for 17.5 straight-time hours to Alannah Cross for services during the April 2024 WDNR Fire Training under the 2023-2025 Tribal Wildland Firefighter Training Initiative; and WHEREAS, QDNR management subsequently became aware that 9.5 of the 17.5 hours should have been paid as overtime; and WHEREAS, the amount due to Ms. Cross is actually \$620.44; and WHEREAS, funds are still available for this amount under the WDNR Fire Academy funding account 55-551625 R106, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves a retroactive payment to Alannah Cross of \$620.44 instead of the payment of \$488.90 authorized by Resolution No. 25-217-103.

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-266-103 – Consent 6 WHEREAS, Section 51.13.010(c) of the **Nation's Fishing/Hunting/Trapping/Gathering Code – Title 51,** provides that the QBC may authorize the incidental sale of the salmon or steelhead and the clams by resolution; and WHEREAS, it is the intent of the QBC through Section 51.13.010(c) to allow these authorized **and licensed commercial fishermen and clam diggers to participate in the incidental sales of up to ten (10) salmon or steelhead and/or up to thirty-five (35) pounds of clams** to a single individual for any one 24-hour period, provided that the Member commercial **fishermen or clam diggers report the sale on a Tribal fish ticket; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the QBC approves by resolution the incidental sale of salmon or steelhead and clams to authorized **commercial fishermen and clam diggers, as authorized under Section 51.13.010(c).**

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-267-103 – Consent 8 WHEREAS, the QIN entered a services agreement with Resource Synergy for clean energy consultation services in July 2024; and WHEREAS, **the attached modification to that Agreement includes an increase of \$136,000, which both brings the total Not To Exceed contract amount to over \$250,000 and increases the original value of the**

contract by more than 50%, and accordingly, under the QIN Procurement Policies and Procedures must be approved by Resolution of the QBC, and WHEREAS, the QBC approve **said contract modification adding a total of \$136,000; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the QBC approves the attached "MODIFICATION TO STANDARDIZED QIN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT" between Resource Synergy and the QIN adding a total of \$136,000.

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-268-103 – Consent 9 WHEREAS, on the 10th day of April 2023, resolution NO. 23-113-101 was signed to not accept new patients into the medical program unless they are enrolled members of the QIN to steady patient care and prioritize Quinault Members until the medical program is fully staffed or until the end of the calendar year 2023, and WHEREAS, although resolution No. 23-113-101 does not need to be rescinded due to the fact it states that it was in effect only, "until the medical program is fully staffed or until the end of the calendar year" and therefore has expired, it is recognized the need to put on record the end of certain restrictions for new patients. The RSHC no longer has the same type of staff shortage in medical, and the Health Director and Staff recommend opening registration to new patients, including QIN employees. NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the QBC hereby authorizes the RSHC to accept new **patients, including non-Federal Beneficiaries** who are employees of QIN.

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-269-103 – Consent 12 QBC approves the drone insurance policy for the drones owned by the Nation for \$3,464 per year,

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Resolution 25-270-103 – Action 2 WHEREAS, Kevin Elliott is interested in selling their sole fee interest in real property within the boundaries of the QIN Reservation to the QIN described as Parcel #413354003; and WHEREAS, the negotiated purchase price for Parcel No. 413354003 is \$60,000.00 and the negotiated purchase price for Parcel No. 413354003 is \$60,000.00, plus the QIN will be paying all the closing costs; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the purchase of the above-described real property parcel from Kevin Elliott.

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-271-103 – Action 3 WHEREAS, the QBC contracted with Valliant Consulting Group ("Valliant") in August of 2023 to conduct a compensation study for the purposes of bringing the Nation to market facing wages, updating job descriptions, and **reviewing the Nation's benefits package; and WHEREAS, Valliant concluded their study and presented findings to the QBC in August of 2024 with recommendations; and WHEREAS, Valliant priced 349 jobs and revised 516 job descriptions to 349 unique titles aligning with market-based, best practice structures; and WHEREAS, Valliant found that 54.1% of positions were budgeted below the market rate; and WHEREAS, the QIN Finance Division has analyzed the data and has budgeted for the 54.1% below the market to be increased to the minimum Valliant rate in Fiscal Year 2026, as Phase One of becoming market facing; and WHEREAS, HR, Division Directors, and Managers reviewed the 624 job descriptions and made necessary revisions; and WHEREAS, the QBC passed resolution 25-171-103 moving the Nation to a 32-hour work week starting October 6, 2025; and WHEREAS, the OAG has prepared updates **to the HR Manual to reflect the 32-hour work week policy updates that have been fully vetted by the QBC; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the QBC approves and adopts the Valliant Compensation Scale **as the Nation's new compensation scale; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the QBC directs that for any position budgeted above minimum, the Valliant calculator be **used to determine the employee's wages; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the QBC approves the updated Job Descriptions; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the QBC approves moving every position that is below the minimum to the minimum Valliant scale starting October 12, 2025; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the QBC adopts the attached organizational chart effective October 12, 2025 and rescinds any and all previous organizational charts of the Nation; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new effective date for 32-hour work week will be October 12, 2025; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the QBC adopts updated HR Manual effective October 12, 2025.**

9/22/2025

Resolution 25-272-103 – Action 4 WHEREAS, the QBC extensively reviewed **the operating plans, unmet needs, and fiscal** projections brought for consideration, and has collectively validated the proposed additions; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the Fiscal Year 2026 Base Budget, as referenced within the herein attached documents (Attachment 1 – Funding Summary, Attachment 2 – General Fund, Attachment 3 – Indirect, Attachment 4 – BIA, Attachment 5 – IHS), and appropriates **the amounts identified below in Figure 1.**

Fund

Appropriation
General Fund Group
\$40,287,084
BIA Self-Governance Compact
\$39,205,778
IHS Self-Governance Compact
\$22,580,502
Indirect
\$28,190,240

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Resolution 25-273-103 – Hand Carry WHEREAS, the Chief Judge has requested a reduction in force to eliminate the position of Deputy Court Manager from the organization chart; and WHEREAS, the Chief Judge has worked with HR, the COO, and the Budget Committee to add the position of Lead Wellness Court Program Manager; and WHEREAS, the Lead Wellness Court Program **Manager position fills the administrative** support needs of the Wellness Courts that the Deputy Court Manager position previously provided; and WHEREAS, this change in the organization chart means that the Lead Wellness Court Program Manager will assume supervisory responsibility for two employees who were previously supervised by the Deputy Court Manager; and WHEREAS, the QBC has heard the request and approves the reduction in force and resulting changes in the organization chart; and WHEREAS, the **QBC finds that the reduction in force does not pose a fiscal impact as the position is grant funded; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the QBC hereby approves the requested reduction in force to eliminate the position of Deputy Court Manager within the Quinault Tribal Court.

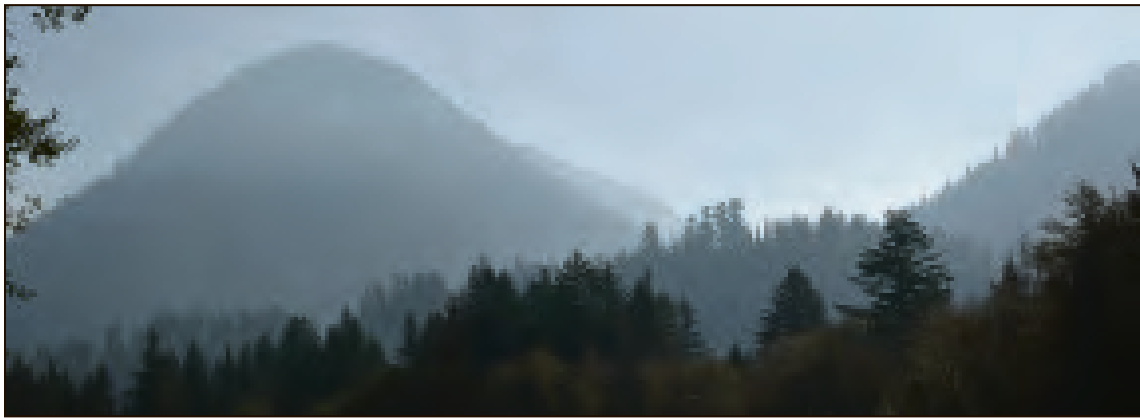
9/24/2025

Resolution 25-274-103 – Hand Carry WHEREAS, Jeffrey Capoeman (Consultant) **was formerly the Nation's Budget Manager; and WHEREAS, QIN and the Finance Division would benefit from continuing to receive** training and consulting services from Consultant; and WHEREAS, Consultant has a Reinvestment Agreement with the Nation, and performing the training and consulting services in the attached Independent Contractor Agreement would represent an **adequate and fair completion of Consultant's** obligations under the Reinvestment Agreement; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the QBC approves the attached Independent Contractor Agreement with Jeffrey Capoeman.

10/6/2025

Resolution 25-275-103 – Hand Carry **QBC is the official governing body of the** Quinault Tribe, and hereby authorize its Delegates and/or Alternates to take necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in ATNI, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 based on the Tribal membership dues scheduled of the ATNI By-Laws Article II, Section I(A) of the ATNI By-Laws, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on membership of **4627 persons, as verified by the records** of the Quinault tribe, shall have 250 votes in accordance with Article II, Section I(A) of the ANTI By-Laws, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article VI, Section (A), and Article VII, Section I, of the ATNI Constitution the Tribes designates the following named person(s) as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s), President Guy Capoeman, Delegate; and the following Alternate(s), Vice President Noreen Jackson-Underwood, Treasurer Hannah Curley, Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, 1st Councilman Gina James, 2nd Councilman Jim Sellers, 3rd Councilman John Bryson Jr, 4th Councilman Tyson Johnston, 5th Councilman Brittany Bryson, 6th Councilman Kaylah Mail, and 7th Councilman Kristeen Mowitch.

Smoky Summer in the Olympics



This was a smoky summer which created haze throughout the Olympic Mountains. This was due in part due to the Bear Gulch Fire burning on the Southeast corner of the peninsula. *Photo by Larry Workman*

Road washouts expose Olympic National Park's crumbling infrastructure crisis

By Sam Hill - Pacific Northwest Contributing Parks Editor (SFGATE)



Michael Patten documenting the Lake Quinault South Shore Road washout last May. *Photo by Larry Workman*

Last December, a washout on the South Shore Road along Lake Quinault cut off a popular loop drive through one of Olympic National Park's most beautiful corners. The damage, caused by heavy rains, still hasn't been repaired — and likely won't be anytime soon.

While determined visitors can still approach the Quinault Rain Forest from the north side of the lake, the loss of the southern route highlights a growing problem across the Olympic Peninsula: Park roads are crumbling faster than agencies can afford to fix them.

The initial estimate to repair the washout was \$600,000, Jefferson County Commissioner Greg Brotherton told SFGATE. But with just a \$2

million budget to maintain the county's 400 miles of roadways, the price tag is too high for the local government.

"It's just beyond our capacity to do that without federal help," Brotherton told SFGATE. "It's been tough with the new administration and also a lot of turnovers at the Washington State Department of Transportation. Both the state and federal funding sources have kind of dried up." The state's transportation budget looks grim — agency officials recently stated that it is "in the early stages of critical failure" and that it needs an additional \$8 billion over the next decade to maintain state infrastructure.

With no help from the state, Jefferson County would usually turn toward programs like

the Federal Highway Administration's emergency relief program or the Federal Lands Access Program for assistance. But those funds haven't come through this year, and the county is looking toward a future without them.

"Despite the county's best efforts, no one will make a decision at the federal level to fund it," Monte Reinders, the public works director for Jefferson County, told SFGATE, "and now there's no one home at the federal government to even wring their hands over the decision."

"This washout will remain unrepaired this winter and is expected to grow significantly in size as a result," he added. "It's only going to get more expensive."

Spirit of Grays Harbor wins award at the LA Indie Shorts Film Festival

Grays Harbor College Music alumna Cathryn S. Davis recently won Best Composer in the Los Angeles Indie Shorts Film Festival for her composition in the historical film *Spirit of Grays Harbor*.

Spirit of Grays Harbor traces the vibrant story of Grays Harbor from 1890 through 1930, weaving together historical footage, archival images, and original narration, as well as contributions from community members today explaining "why we love Grays Harbor."

There is a section devoted to the Quinault Indian Nation. Larry Workman and the Quinault Museum/ Culture Center provided many of the photos in the video.

"I used hybrid music — part live recordings and part midi instruments — in the film festival version and spent about eight weeks recording, mixing, and then mastering the music," Davis said. "Kyla Etges, the incredible clarinet and sax player from the Grays Harbor Symphony, recorded all five of the saxophone parts for the film."

"Special thanks to Dr. William Dyer, conductor of the Grays Harbor Symphony, for commissioning this work with me," said Davis. "It's taken about two and a half years to finish, which makes this festival win so wonderful."

"New film composers really don't have a venue to sell themselves or agents. The best way of getting your music out there is through film festivals," she said. "You must submit and cross your fingers that yours will be chosen. When it does, it becomes part of the festival and gets shown to other film people in the film industry, like directors and potential people to hire you for their films."

The LA Indie Shorts Film Festival is an international competition and annual screening event located in Los Angeles, dedicated to short filmmaking, indie cinema, and arthouse filmmakers across various genres from both U.S. and international creators.

More information about Davis and her work can be found at www.cathryndavis.com. *Spirit of Grays Harbor* will be available soon to stream at www.cathryndavis.com/film-scoring-music-videos.



Kalaloch clam surveys guide harvest management

Trevor Pyle - NWIF

An abundance of young razor clams along the south end of Kalaloch Beach caught the attention of the staff from the Quinault Indian Nation and Hoh Tribe during this year's population survey.

"It'll be interesting to see if they survive to grow big and for us to find them again next year during the assessment," said Scott Mazzone, Quinault's marine fish/ shellfish biologist.

Each year, the tribes survey Kalaloch to assess the razor clam population, check for new sets on the beach, and determine if the population will support subsistence harvest for tribal members. This process also takes place on other beaches where the tribes harvest subsistence and commercial clams.

"Razor clams are an important resource to Quinault

Indian Nation, as we have been taking care of this resource since time immemorial or as I like to say, 'since the first sun,'" said Cleve Jackson, Quinault fisheries policy spokesperson. "This resource nourishes our bodies, souls and life. As time continues, Quinault will always manage this resource, as our ancestors have, for future generations."

In addition to noting the number of young clams, surveyors encountered more harvestable clams on the north end of the beach than the south, Mazzone said.

The survey estimates the number of harvestable clams, defined as 3 inches or larger. If the population is harvestable, per their reserved treaty rights, tribes may harvest 50% of the total allowable catch (TAC) and the Washington Department



Nick Schuldt (right), a fisheries technician with the Quinault Indian Nation, and Philip Riebe, a Hoh staff member, liquefy Kalaloch Beach sand as part of the annual razor clam survey. *Photo by Trevor Pyle*

of Fish and Wildlife may schedule recreational digs for the remaining 50%.

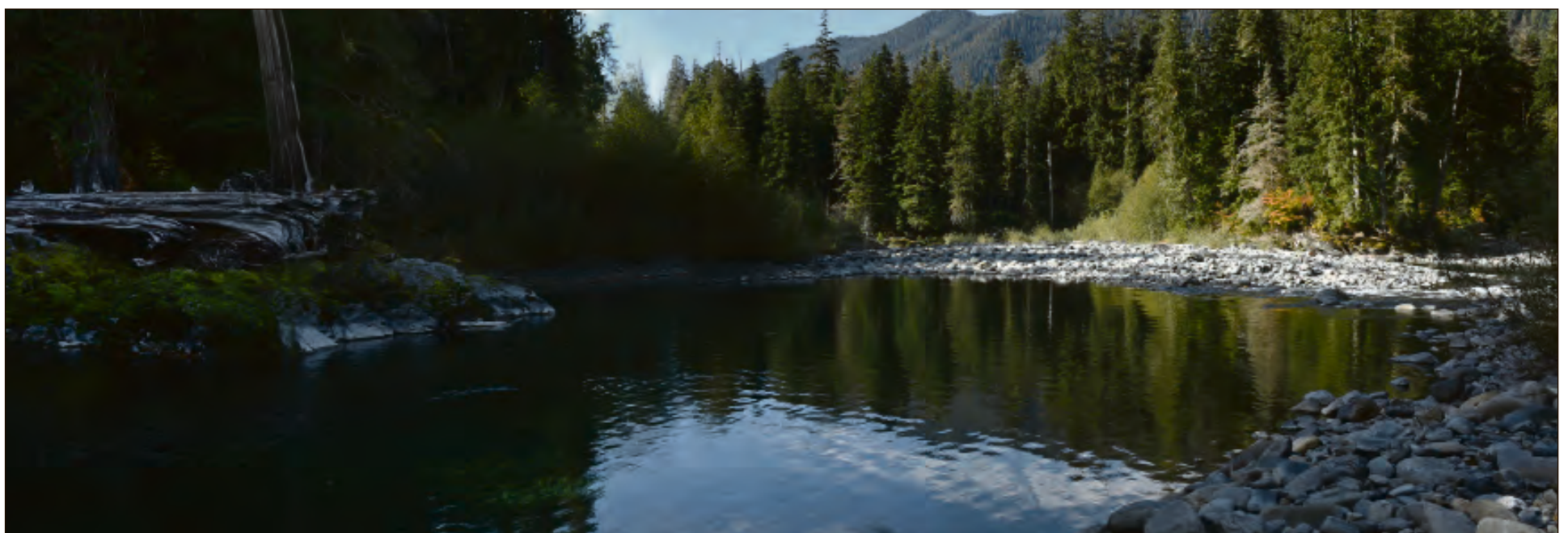
With an eye toward

protecting the future of the harvest, tribes help make sure the TAC isn't exceeded.

"We'll monitor the digs

and if we get close to the TAC, we'll shut it down," Mazzone said.

North Fork Quinault River



The North Fork of the Quinault River is a very swift flowing river over a rocky bed. However, it does contain a few beautiful pools such as this one at Wolf Bar. *Photo by Larry Workman*

Native American Heritage Month: The Quinault Way

Article by Cat Raya

National Native American Heritage Month is a time to honor our rich culture, traditions and contributions of our people throughout history. Here are some ways you can celebrate.

Take time to learn about our history, culture and contemporary issues. Read about our treaty rights (<https://goia.wa.gov/resources/treaties/quinault-treaty-1856>). Watch documentaries. Attend a lecture or workshop that focuses on Native American topics. Attend cultural events celebrating Native American Heritage Month. Western Washington University hosts a month long celebration to celebrate the culture and traditions of Native and Indigenous communities, support native voices and our rich Native history.

Roc your mocs takes place at Heritage University from November 10-15, maybe Taholah can do our own version in alliance. There are a number of events happening in the region. You will find a list below.

Spokane area

Native-inspired dinner at Northern Quest

What: A dinner event celebrating Indigenous flavors

with a Native-inspired buffet menu created by chefs Lynn Hawthorne and Tyler Leonard. Attendees can also enjoy a Salish performance.

When: Saturday, November 1, 2025.

Where: [Northern Quest Resort & Casino](#), Airway Heights.

Native Jam

What: A performance featuring Native performers Stella Standingbear and Vaughn Eagle Bear.

When: Saturday, November 8, 2025.

Where: Northern Quest Resort & Casino, Airway Heights.

Seattle area

“An Evening with our Chefs” Series

What: The “Eat the Right Thing” event is the first part of a series celebrating Indigenous culinary traditions. Chefs Jason Vickers and Jeremy Thunderbird will share stories and prepare dishes based on ancestral recipes. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Charlotte Coté.

When: Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Where: [Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center](#)

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

Annual Convention

What: An annual gathering bringing together tribal leaders, NCAI members, Native youth, and allies from across the country. It includes a marketplace showcasing Native artists and federal job recruiters.

When: November 17–20, 2025.

Where: [Seattle Convention Center](#)

And many more. Search the internet and you will find celebrations of all types for Native American Heritage Month

Support Native artists and businesses. Buy art, crafts and products created by Native Artisans. Check out Sister Sky at <https://sistersky.com/> for body products or Rez gear at <https://www.rezgear.net/> for fall clothing. Buy a coffee at Mean Mugz. Treat yourself to some fresh fish at Quinault Pride Seafood <https://www.quinaultpride.online/>.

Engage with your community, participate in events, discussions, or community service projects to build relationships to gain a deeper understanding of what is happening in our community.

Use social media to amplify



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Native voices, share stories, art and content created by Natives for Natives to raise awareness among your friends and followers.

Explore traditional foods, whether it be pre or post commodities. Find out from your Elders what traditional foods they enjoy, maybe it's smoked salmon candy, or

skunk cabbage, whatever it is make that connection with your elder. We have an abundance of fresh traditional foods. Look into what other traditional foods can be foraged around the village.

However you choose to celebrate, I am so grateful to be a part of this community of beautiful indigenous people.



Masked Dancer Photo by Larry Workman



Dancers line up in traditional wear Photo by Larry Workman

Becoming a Successful Artist

Article by Cat Raya

How to become a successful artist. First you will need to develop your skill. Practice, practice and continue to practice even after you have gained some momentum. Continuously improve your technique. Experiment with different mediums to find your unique style.

Create a digital portfolio. Create a collection of your best work to showcase your abilities. This can be sent out through email giving you easy access to any venue you would like to show at. When you are ready you can simply look up the name and website of the place you would like to show. Find their email and send your portfolio. This will help you get into store fronts, galleries, coffee shops and restaurants. Choose venues that are high traffic so you can be sure your work is seen and sold.

Establish your brand. Define your artistic identity and what sets you apart from other artists. This includes your style, subject matter and the message you want to convey through your art. What is your story?

Utilize social media and websites. Instagram, Pinterest, Facebook, TikTok and YouTube

are all free ways to get your work out there. Make video content about your process. During my time helping artists, the number one request I received was to tell the story of the artist. Who they are and what goes into their art. If you can do this for yourself then you are ahead of the game. Platforms like WIX can help you establish a quick and affordable website for your work. You can then put this website or a QR code on your business card to share your work easily.

Network, attend art shows, workshops and community events to meet other artists, curators and potential clients. Building relationships in the art world can lead to exhibitions and commissions. Don't be afraid to submit your work, for every no you receive there is a yes. Submit your work to local galleries. One of our own community members runs a gallery called Sacred Road in Ocean Shores. David Shale is a very kind person who would like to host more Quinault artists at his gallery. If you would like to stop by the address is 877 Point Brown Ave NW, Ocean Shores 98569. Call him for an email to submit your digital portfolio 520-221-8242. Getting your artwork seen

is crucial for gaining exposure and credibility.

Sell your work. Explore different ways to market your artwork, such as online marketplaces, your own website or local shops. Make sure to price your artwork appropriately based on the materials and effort as well as checking out other similar artists and see what their prices are so that you don't have to guess what might be appropriate. Stay inspired. Keep your creativity flowing by seeking inspiration from other artists, nature, literature, and personal experiences. Regularly challenge yourself to explore new concepts and themes. Seek feedback. Ask for constructive criticism from fellow artists or mentors. This can help you grow and improve your work. Stay resilient. As Natives we are nothing short of resilient. The art world can be competitive and challenging. Stay persistent, keep creating and don't let setbacks discourage you.

Check out this artist grant if you need a little support. First people's fund offers several artist grants and fellowships throughout the year sign up for their newsletter to get the most up to date information.

<https://www.firstpeoplesfund.org/programs/yeego-action-grant>



November Birthdays

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| 01 Alaysha Gisselle McCrory | 08 Easton Sky Overstake | 16 Chet Walter Tweed | 23 Jean Irene Ramos |
| 01 David Lee Cole | 08 Elizabeth Christine Moi | 16 Del Wade Allebaugh | 23 Luna Analizee Jackson Shahan |
| 01 Dorene Leona Estavillo | 08 Jacob James Daly | 16 Edward Aimus Comenout | 23 Raven Gail Bryson |
| 01 Francine Joyce Biller | 08 Kaydee Mitchell Bumgarner | 16 James Melvin Bastian | 23 Rebecca Leticia Romo-Capoeman |
| 01 Harvey Gene Anderson | 08 Kenai James George Rodriguez | 16 Justus Isaiah Chavira | 23 Stacey-Tae Alexandria Roberts |
| 01 Jeffrey Lee Green | 08 Klara Izabel Gaches | 16 Paul Lynn Heath | 23 Steven Carl Alan Joseph Maupin-Bureau |
| 01 Jerry Harvey Hyasman | 08 Knox Wayne Crow Feather Jack-Bastian | 16 William Robert Boyer | 23 Troy Dee Masten |
| 01 Kimberly Ann Arnold | 08 Liam Joseph Bacon | 17 Benjamin Brad Lee Poplin | 23 Victoria Scott Koch |
| 01 Lei Lani Elizabeth Reyes-Purdy | 08 Marcus Bayak Cole II | 17 Charlotte Marie Anita Purser | 23 Winterhawk Terry Munoz |
| 01 Leon Thomas Butler | 08 Naquoia Rain Blodgett | 17 Cory John Christopherson | 24 Brandon Dwyer Hobucket |
| 01 Leonard Otto Rosander | 08 Phoebe Kathryn Capoeman | 17 David Michael Bennett | 24 Carol Ann Pickett |
| 01 Natalie Kaye Charley | 08 Rachel Dyan McNary-Anderson | 17 Jackson Solomon Moi | 24 Mary Louise Lawrence |
| 01 Nikole Alexandra Akers | 08 Sky Lynn Upham | 17 Jeremiah Anthony Webb | 24 Mia Mena Klatush |
| 01 Sean Michael Klamn | 09 Aurora Fay Tanner | 17 Katharine Gay Rosenmeyer | 24 Nalani Nelson Marie Knopfler |
| 02 Alexander Lyle Bighead | 09 Caleb Joseph Gonzalez | 17 Landon Joe Johnson | 24 Titus Nathanael Capoeman |
| 02 Belinda Slattery | 09 Debra Diane Romero | 17 Michael James Natale III | 25 Christopher John Stout-Heisen |
| 02 Britt Brooks Boldt | 09 Gary Alan Mitchell | 17 Naryia Jasmine Von Reichbauer | 25 David Bobby King |
| 02 Carrie Lavonn Lancaster | 09 Jessica Ann Frazier | 18 Adrienne Rose Golden | 25 Derek James Abad |
| 02 Darrel John Boyer | 09 Launa Lisa Butler | 18 Brokk Jon`de Perry Martin | 25 John McCrory |
| 02 Emmeline Dorothy Jean Sansom | 09 Nakota Shane Brown | 18 Gary Charles Brown | 25 Lauren Kate Rosander |
| 02 Guadalupe Marie Vazquez | 09 Rasheed Joseph Sotomish | 18 Grace-Elizabeth Winterblossom Mail | 25 Maria Goodell |
| 02 Harmonia Mildred Rose Smith | 09 Skyah Lloyd Ryan Smith | 18 Kevin Ryan Sivonen | 25 Maynard Mark Johnson |
| 02 Kordell Gilbert Obi | 09 Tina Louise DeLaCruz | 18 Lacy Allen Holman | 25 Phillip Daniel Martin |
| 03 Abel Jason Peters | 10 Amanda Marie Frank | 18 Mary Lee Simpson | 25 Quincy Jerome Daniels |
| 03 Alaia Vega De Jesus | 10 Charli Elizabeth Cribbs | 18 Maybelle Jean Doris Hobucket | 25 Rick Kenneth Rosander |
| 03 Elizabeth Patrise McNulty | 10 Elijah Wayne Itterley | 18 Michael Ray Stanton Jr. | 25 Riley Hugh Boyer-Bryan |
| 03 Francine Elaine Souza | 10 Erik Israel Tweed | 18 Rosalin Sol Garcia | 25 Trena Lee Mowitch |
| 03 Gabriella Guadalupe Janelle Aguirre | 10 Geraldine Maragrete Coyote | 18 Shirley Ann Ditton | 26 Angela Lee Keating-Washburn |
| 03 Layla Kathleen Pinnell | 10 Kixi Lauren Katherine Carlton | 18 Tayleigh J Bumgarner | 26 Calvin Skyler James Bercier |
| 03 Melehk James Morquecho | 10 Kya Lasley Bryan | 18 William Masatoshi Sugiyama | 26 Evelyne Rae Lee Comenout |
| 03 Quincy Ma -Tote Ancheta | 10 Laila Grace Satiacum | 19 Ariana Francine- Ann Satiacum | 26 Flora Ann Huber |
| 03 Reginald Harris Ward | 10 London Edward Brown-Glendenning | 19 Cole Curnew | 26 Jason Jay Abraham |
| 03 Simon Harold Purser | 10 Megan Joy Capoeman-Yniguez | 19 Craig Loren Knaus | 26 Kylie Ashlyn Knodel |
| 03 Sonja Marie McGraw | 10 Mila Marie Cole | 19 David Leroy Krise | 26 Kyra Rae Hodges |
| 04 Errica Rae Myers-Rios | 10 Randolph James Blackburn | 19 Holly Michelle Bonga | 26 Leslie Kristine Shaw |
| 04 Laayoni Rose Valenzuela | 10 Shayna Lorayne-Graci Spears | 19 Jada Faye Jackson | 26 Michael Joseph Bonga |
| 04 Luis Miguel Ramirez | 11 Abigale Rae Potter | 19 James Allan Politis-Johnson | 26 Orlando Dee Schimelpfenig |
| 04 Mary Jane Shale | 11 Emmett George Schuckenbrock | 19 Jennifer Rene Buck | 27 Alakai Patrick Rotter-Billie |
| 04 Riel Joseph Davis Padron | 11 Esperanza Maria Manwell-Romero | 19 John Wesley Whetung | 27 Bryan James Capoeman |
| 04 Sally Ann Machin | 11 Howard Dawson Boyer | 19 Jordan Vincent Tommy Charley | 27 Candice Charleen Curley-Sailto |
| 04 William Henry Mowitch-Wagner | 11 Lucianna Rocky Stanton | 19 Julie Moriah Tarabochia | 27 Erica Noemi Mendez |
| 05 Andrea Rochelle Halstead | 11 Ruby Patricia Saunders-Jeremiah | 19 Maelee Marie Krukoff | 27 Hartlon Hugh Swift Jr. |
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| 05 Lorenzo Oneal Colyer | 12 Silas Antonio Lopez | 20 Isaac Alexander Schlaht | 28 Colby James Hylton |
| 05 Maya Lynne Lebeis | 12 Tanner Phillip Overstake | 20 James Vernon Valentine | 28 David Wayne Sagebark |
| 05 Rema Sue Stanton | 12 Tara Nicole Iverson | 20 Katalina Linda Ambrocio-Santos | 28 Evelyn Jeanne McFarland |
| 05 William Alexander Vitalis | 12 Winona Irene Weber | 20 Theresa Ann Butler | 28 Gina Ann Sowers |
| 06 Abigail Sue Kemp | 13 Atticus Reign Moffett | 20 Timothy Allen Mason | 28 Jace Chae Turk |
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Siokwil to Sarah Martin for review and updating the list.

Happy Birthday Shayna...
We love you and wish you
the best day ever!
Love you. Dad, Nancy and
all your sibs

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Happy 19th Wedding Anniversary to my Husband
Shawn Rowe Sr.
I love you, (married 11/18/2006)
Your Wife, Chyrstina Rowe

For November 14th
Happy 6th Birthday to the baby of our family, Lincoln
Bernard.
You are the funniest, silliest, smartest, fearless, and most
outgoing kiddo out there.
I hope you never let anyone dim your light and I hope
you always keep dancing to the beat of your own drum.
You make this momma so proud every day.
I hope you have a great birthday and that all your
birthday wishes come true.
Mom, Big Brother Timmy, Daisy, and Naia love you to
infinity and beyond.

Happy workversary to Mary Rollins – 6yrs, Lauren
MacFarland – 10 yrs, Alison Boyer – 9 yrs, Arnold
Black – 1 yr, Patricia Raya – 18 yrs, & Mick Wheaton –
3 yrs. Happy Birthday to Rebecca Rollins – 10th, Tony
Hartrich – 16th, Charlotte Purser – 17th, Maybelle
Hobucket – 18th, Drue Nations – 20th, Lauren
MacFarland – 23rd, Ryan Vosbigian – 24th, Mark
Johnson – 25th, Chet Jensen – 27th,
From all of us @ QDNR.



Happy Birthday Kenai J G
Rodriguez, Have a great day
and we love you so Much.
Grandma & Family

Happy Birthday David!
With a blast from the past
and ishes for the best in the future.
Love Dad

A Very Happy 32
Birthday
To our Son Nicholas
Sansom
We hope you enjoy your
day!!
Mom & Dad Quilt

Happy Birthday
Kenadee Baller
Hope your day is as special
as you are
Love Gram & Grandpa

Happy sweet 16 Caleb!
Love,
Auntie Rikki and girls



Erica Jackson, to your Chucky
smile, within this beautiful life
you have, rise to the horizons, to
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Love,
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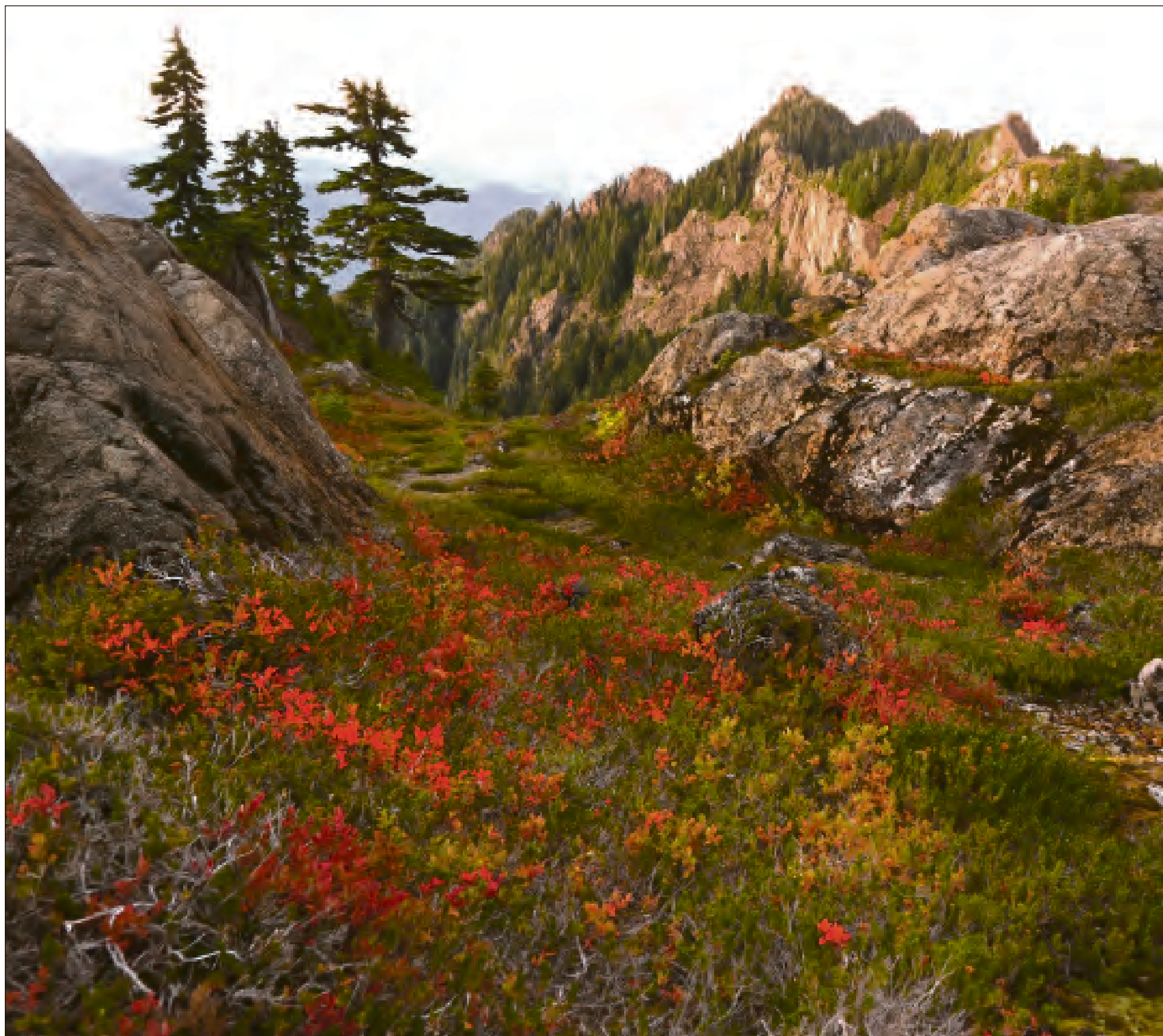
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