

Tribal Relations and Concerns

August 10, 2021. 8:00am

Intros & Agenda

8:00 - 8:10am	Intro & Audience Poll:All our Relations.... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Members in the Mountain Bike Community?• Audience experience with Tribal / Projects / Policy / Recreation Planning?
8:10 - 8:30am	The Challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreation impacts on the land are increasing: Projects on Hold due to Tribal Concerns• Working with “deliberate unknowns” about spiritual/sacred places” (5050 Rule)• Current planning system with “legal” outreach does not foster collaboration....• No insight into “how to do it right”
8:30 - 8:40am	The Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Training underway:• Tribal Initiatives underway: how can we engage?
8:40 – 9:00am	Discussion and Suggestions for Increased Tribal Consultation and Engagement

The Landscape: Challenges

Projects on Hold/Delayed due to Tribal Concerns

1. Tulalip Tribe Concerned about Recreation Impacts within Highway 2 Corridor.

- Projects on hold: Maloney Rock / Reiter / Alpine Baldy
- Tulalip Released Recreation Impact Study:

“The pressures on public lands and waterways were made all too clear this past year (2020) during the COVID-19 pandemic. News sources as well as reports from land managers in our region described extreme crowding and heavy use across all seasons, overflowing parking areas at trailheads and boat launches, litter, human waste, erosion and a near total lack of enforcement. Tribes and many agency staff view last year’s large numbers of recreationists less as an anomaly than a *preview* of what the future holds in our region.”

The “Recreation Boom” on Public Lands in Western Washington: Impacts to Wildlife and Implications for Treaty Tribes

A Summary of Current Literature



The Tulalip Tribes
Natural Resources Department
Treaty Rights Office
6406 Marine Drive
Tulalip, WA 98271

February 28, 2021

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2. Snoqualmie Tribe Concerned about Recreation Impacts within I-90 Corridor.

- Projects affected / Reduced in scope: Raging River / Middle Fork / Olallie
 - Snoqualmie Launches **Ancestral Land Movement**:
<https://snoqualmietribe.us/snoqualmie-tribe-ancestral-lands-movement/>
1. Treat the lands with the respect they deserve, by picking up your own trash, and that of others that you see, properly disposing of pet waste, and staying on designated trails.
 2. Commit to experience the lands in a way that is centered in mindfulness, rather than conquest.
 3. Learn more about the Snoqualmie Tribe and its history and deep connection to these lands, and support the work the Tribe does today to continue stewarding these lands.
 4. Acknowledge that you are recreating on Snoqualmie ancestral lands through both written acknowledgement and through practice.
 5. Help the Tribe spread its message by encouraging others to learn more and practice land acknowledgement both on and off the trails.



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3. Colville Tribes / UCUT Engaged in Columbia River Salmon Restoration Initiative.

- Projects affected: None yet.... but asked to engage in cultural appropriation within Colville NF: “Land of the people”
- **Upper Columbia River Basin Restoration:**
<https://ucut.org/fish/restoring-salmon-upper-columbia-river-basin/>



“If we can save salmon, we can save the world” Shelley Boyd



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March 8, 2021

Planning Projects affected due to Tribal Concerns:

4. NW Indian Fisheries Commission letter to Governor

- Centennial Accord meeting on November 19, 2020: designate a State task force to work with treaty tribes to address recreation concerns and develop solutions.
- Hope to facilitate a pathway for state agencies to work with tribal co-managers at the earliest stages of policy-making and planning for new recreation and to also address changes to existing recreation on lands and waterways.....
- It is critical that treaty tribes, as sovereign governments and natural resource co-managers, be involved early in the planning, funding, and development and management of any new and existing recreation opportunities. Tribes should also be engaged with any expansion or improvement of existing recreational infrastructure and the development of recreation policy.

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Re: Request for a Special Task Force to Develop Solutions to Address Recreational Impacts to Tribal Treaty Rights

Dear Governor Inslee:

On behalf of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) I write to reiterate our concern over the increasing recreation across the region and its negative and accumulating effects on the environment and our ability to access and exercise our treaty-reserved rights, and our cultural lifeways. We made a formal request at the Centennial Accord meeting on November 19, 2020 to designate a special task force for the State to work with the treaty tribes to address recreation concerns and develop solutions. Since that time, the treaty tribes in western Washington formed a special working group on recreation through the NWIFC.

We are now respectfully requesting your office and state agencies schedule a time to meet with tribes. The purpose of this meeting would be to continue the discussions concerning impacts to tribal treaty rights from recreational activities. Our hope is that we can help facilitate a pathway forward for state agencies to work with tribal co-managers at the earliest stages of policy-making and planning for new recreation and to also address changes to existing recreation on lands and waterways. At the Centennial Accord meeting, and in the spirit of government-to-government and co-management, we requested that these discussions be conducted through the establishment of an appropriate forum- such as a workgroup or task force- to best address tribal concerns and to develop mutual solutions.

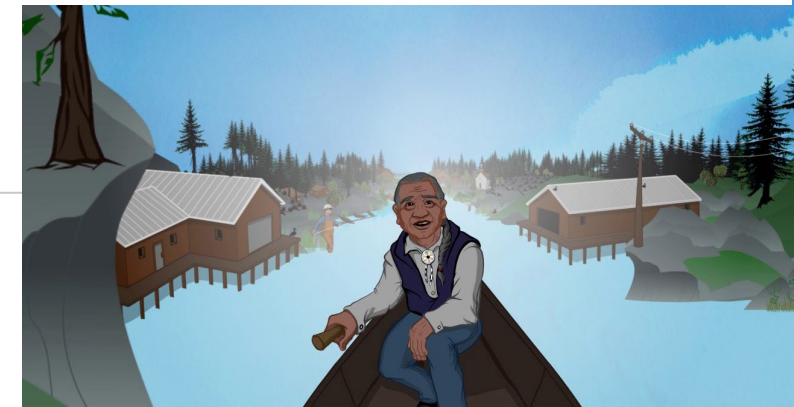
As you are aware, the NWIFC is composed of the 20 tribes in western Washington¹ that have treaties with the federal government. Our tribes possess treaty-reserved rights to take fish and shellfish at our usual and accustomed areas, as well as to hunt and gather

¹ The NWIFC member tribes are the Lummi, Nooksack, Swinomish, Upper Skagit, Sauk-Suiattle, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Nisqually, Squaxin Island, Skokomish, Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Makah, Quileute, Quinalt, and Hoh.

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HB 1372 – Billy Frank Jr Statue



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Projects affected: All!

5. Governor's Executive Order 21-02 (05-05)

Review capital construction projects and land acquisitions for the purpose of a capital construction project, not undergoing Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106), with the DAHP and affected Tribes to determine potential impacts to cultural resources. This review shall be required on all capital construction projects unless they are categorically exempted by DAHP. Cultural resources are defined as archeological and historical sites and artifacts, and traditional areas or items of religious, ceremonial and social uses to affected tribes. This review should be done as early in the project planning process as possible.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 05-05

ARCHEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS Washington has a rich and diverse cultural heritage, as represented by the numerous archaeological and historic sites that have been identified and located throughout our state; and

WHEREAS preservation and protection of these sites provides educational and cultural values for all citizens and leads to better understanding between cultures of our shared history; and

WHEREAS many citizens of Washington contribute their time and efforts to preserve and protect Washington's unique archaeological and historic sites, and traditional cultural places; and

WHEREAS these sites and places hold special cultural, historical, and spiritual significance for both tribal members and citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA) have key statewide responsibility to enhance the public's awareness of the need and value of protecting Washington's heritage and establish effective consultation with Native American tribal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, hereby order all state agencies to:

1. Review capital construction projects and land acquisitions for the purpose of a capital construction project, not undergoing Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106), with the DAHP and affected Tribes to determine potential impacts to cultural resources. This review shall be required on all capital construction projects unless they are categorically exempted by DAHP. Cultural resources are defined as archeological and historical sites and artifacts, and traditional areas or items of religious, ceremonial and social uses to affected tribes. This review should be done as early in the project planning process as possible. Should DAHP identify a known culturally significant site in the area of a project, or should DAHP inform the agency of the potential that such a significant site is likely to be found in a project locale, the agency shall:

What's Been our Approach?

- Little to no direct collaboration: Tehaleh....
- Staff Treaty Rights Training – usual and accustomed areas.
- Setting up meetings with tribes (Snoqualmie, Tulalip, Muckleshoot, Colville) to listen & learn
- Reaching out to Tribal members who ride!
- Trail Crew Cultural Resource Training with King County

The Landscape: Opportunities

Collaborative Projects:

1. Colville NF
2. Markworth Forest
3. Events together
4. Building together
5. Research together
6. Teach together
7. Trail Naming
8. Create the most culturally appropriate, co-designed, informative, and sustainable trail network out there – made to be regenerative, and made for inspiration, insight and reflection, rather than conquest.....

The Landscape: Opportunities

Discussion & Thoughts on Collaboration & Inclusion:

- Collaborative trail and research projects
- Innovation in how we deliver trails and plan trail projects to help improve the land and educate users
- Understanding the carrying capacity of the land and our role as mountain bikers.
- Increased community connections, education and a more sustainable and culturally significant trail planning process