

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM COMMUNITY PROGRAM NOTICE

August 7, 2020

Kitsap County continues to see new cases of COVID-19. It is very important that our community members practice social distancing recommendations. Groups and gatherings over 5 people are still restricted so please make sure you are doing your part.

If you have any type of Symptoms at all it is important that you 1) Stay Home, 2) Call the Doctor, 3) Call employer so that you can be tested as soon as possible. If you have questions call the clinic at 360-297-2840 or Jolene Sullivan.

PGST BURN BAN & FIREWORKS BAN- (SEE FLYER AT END OF MEMO)

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PGST burn ban in effect August 7, 2020 and until further notice.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Transitional Housing Project

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Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

COVID TESTING

Tribal Council has approved a policy making it mandatory that employees reporting to the office, are tested for COVID on a regular basis. We are testing employees since so many of them are coming from outside of the reservation. Our plan is to retest every two weeks and COVID cases are low and stable in Kitsap County.

Tribal members can request to be tested If you have symptoms of COVID-19. *Cough *Fever *Chills *Muscle Pain *Shortness of breath of difficulty breathing *Sore throat *new loss of taste or smell Please call the Health Clinic at 360-297-2840.

TRIBAL POLICE

The police department continues to provide 24/7 service to the Port Gamble S'Klallam Community during this outbreak. As a precaution, every member of the police department is tested weekly for the Covid-19 virus. This is to ensure the health of the officers and the health of our community. We ask that the community call 911 for any police requests, the office number of 360-297-6333 is not monitored 24/7 and messages left here usually go to Ray's voicemail. Your officers may be contacting you by phone. This is to minimize contact and comply with social distancing guidelines. If you need to conduct business at the office during normal business hours Monday – Friday 8AM – 4PM, we ask that you come to the door in the back of the CFS building. We have established a window for you to conduct business through. If asked to enter the department, we ask that you wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, we have disposable masks for you.

The police department has recently discontinued the “Drug Takeback Program”. If you have medications that needed to be disposed of, you have the following locations to turn your medications at.

Rite Aide
27000 Miller Bay Rd NE, Kingston, WA 98346

Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (Silverdale)
3951 NW Randall Way, Silverdale, WA 98383

Central Market
20148 10th Ave NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370

The program does not allow the disposal of needles or liquid medication.

50 MILE CLUB

The PGST Health Department wants to promote exercise for Tribal Members. Those who walk 50 miles from July 1st-August 31st will receive a free pair of Nike N7 shoes. This is only an average of around .8 miles per day. Walking logs will be provided and collected. For more information contact the CHR office at (360) 297-9634

TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES

Natural Resources doors will remain locked, but services are still available. Please call ahead with requests. Contact the office by text/phone at 360 516-3206 for your requests. There are file folders outside our door to pick up/drop off requests. Please plan call ahead as requests may not always be able to be immediately filed. However, requests made by noon will be available by 4pm each day. Please be sure to pick up safety protocols for those participating in commercial fisheries.

WOODCUTTING

There is still wood available for personal use for PGST tribal community at the new lot clearing site on Little Boston Road. The logs are available on Sunday's only until they are gone. No wood harvesting permits are required. If you are a tribal member living off the reservation, you will still need to pick up a wood hauling permit from the Natural Resources department. Please call Nikki 360-865-2678 if you have any questions.

CENSUS

2020 Census Tribal Canoe Race

As of July 26th - Self Response Rates

#1 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe - 77.9%

#2 Upper Skagit Indian Tribe - 69.7%

#3 Puyallup Tribe - 69.3%

#4 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe - 66.4%

#5 Suquamish Tribe - 63.5%

If you have not completed the Census, now is your chance to make #PGSTCount

It is so easy for people to self-respond now:

1. Online at www.2020census.gov 2. Call toll free 844.330.2020 3. Return paper form (if you received one)

2020 Census Update:

As part of its Nonresponse Followup Operation (NRFU), the U.S. Census Bureau is visiting every household that has not already responded to the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and accurate count. Census takers are scheduled to visit the nonresponding household between August 11 – October 31, 2020 to ask a few questions and will enter the answers on their secure Census Bureau smart phone. If a family member is not home when the census taker visits, they will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online or by phone. As necessary, they will make additional visits to collect responses from the household. Census takers will follow social distancing protocols and all applicable state and local requirements with regard to health and safety. Until October 31, 2020, households can continue to respond online or by phone.

www.2020census.gov

The NRFU operation was originally scheduled for May 13 through July 31, 2020 but has been adjusted in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-kits/nonresponse-followup.html>

ELDERS INFORMATION

Elders especially should not be leaving their homes and going into public at all. Please use help to get the things you need or call Alena George at 360-337-9935 or 360-297-9689.

ELDERS MEAL PICK UP

Elders: Beginning on Monday July 13 we will be opening the elder’s kitchen for drive up meal service only. Please remain in your vehicle and we will bring your meal to you. We will have a station set up outside to make delivery easier. We are going back to our original meal list, and delivery list, delivering to those have expressed need and are unable to pick up or travel. We will offer some frozen meals for those interested that need the meals but don’t want to go to the center daily. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions. Elder’s menu for Aug 10-14

Mon:	Seafood Chowder Fry bread, crackers Veggie Sticks Seasonal fruit		Thurs:	Anti-pasta salad Seasonal fruit Oven baked chicken Potatoes w/gravy Steamed Normandy blend veggies Jell-O w/fruit
Tues:	Spanish rice Beef Tamales Garden salad Green beans Seasonal fruit		Fri:	Tuna noodle Casserole Whole grain roll Steamed Broccoli Green salad Seasonal fruit
Wed:	Sloppy Joes Steamed veggies			

Low-fat milk, 100% juice served daily. Salads, fruit served is based on seasons and availability. Menu may change without notice

**** When cooking we use Spices and herbs and Low fat milk, yogurts, Creams I make my own from Scratch and do not use French Onion Soup Mix or Salt, We give small Portions and we use Whole Grain Rolls, Jell-O is sugar Free**

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TRIBAL HOUSING

Office hours are Monday-Friday 8-4:30. Please call for an appointment if you need to meet with staff as the doors will be locked during the pandemic. As a precaution you will be required to wear a mask and social distance. Payments and applications for housing programs can be left in the drobox at Housing (now located right next to the front door. You can also You can call Miranda 360-297-6346, Sue 360-297-6348 or Rhonda at 360-297-6347. For after-hours emergency maintenance needs dial 360-340-5860. Applications for housing services such as rentals or rental assistance are available on the Tribal website. Tenants: call the front desk for a lawn mower/weed eater and be sure you have a signed waiver in order to use housing’s lawn equipment. All playgrounds are closed until further notice, please keep your children clear of these areas during the pandemic.

Inspections of all yards will begin September 1st.

MEDICAL/DENTAL CLINIC

Dental Clinic is open for limited services and can be reached through the clinic phone. Wellness Center is open 8-4:30 Monday through Friday. 360-297-6326

The Medical Clinic is still open 8-4:30 Monday through Friday.

Call the clinic for any medical concerns 360-297-2840 during office hours and 360-200-1386 after hours. We have 3 locations for providing medical care; Poulsbo Clinic, A new satellite clinic at the Wellness Center, and through the phone on tele-health.

Use the 360-297-2840 to schedule your appointment for medical.

MASSAGE THERAPY

Angel Stewart LMT is a Licensed Massage Therapist and a Port Gamble S'Klallam tribal member, who has been serving the PGST community since 2019. She is trained in a variety of massage techniques and will treat you with professionalism through communication, mindfulness, relaxation, and in silence. For everyone's safety, she follows all state guidelines for sanitation in her workspace. Call Wellness front desk at (360)297-6326

TRIBAL ACCOUNTING & ONLINE PAYMENTS

Just a reminder, all checks are mailed on Friday morning, please don't come by the Accounting Office to pick up checks. Payments for things can be made through the mail or online please log on to www.pgst.nsn.us to make your Water/Garbage/Internet/Child Support/Court fine/Fish taxes payments. Click on the red "Make Payment" button at the top right and select your payment type from the drop-down button. Checks can be mailed to Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Attention: Accounting Dept 31912 Little Boston Rd NE Kingston, WA 98346

TRIBAL COURT

All functions of the courts are available to ensure that tribal members have access to the justice system during the Tribe's re-opening.

Court clerks are available to process paperwork and file documents via email at courtfilings@psgt.nsn.us If you have any questions on court processes please contact the clerks: Penny Purser at 360.297.9682 and Marcie Phillips at 360.297.9681. Forms available on the Court Service's page on the PGST website.

There will not be any "in person" court hearings during the month of June. All Civil and Criminal hearings will remain "virtual" and if you have a hearing in June you will be notified on how to participate. Reminder: if you are scheduled for a criminal court hearing and do not appear you will be in contempt of court and a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

PROBATION AND PRETRIAL

Probation and Pretrial Services are on site to provide supervision monitoring daily with appointments scheduled. **If you have specific questions call: Keith at 360-297-6298 or Michael at 360-509-6440.**

HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT

Drug Court is operating but with Covid-19 restrictions. We are currently accepting applications. Please see the Court Services page on the PGST website for more information. **For questions call Mandi 360-710-1977.**

RE-ENTRY

PGST Reentry has suspended all in person direct services but continues to monitor participants and is currently accepting applications. Please see the Court Services page on the PGST website for more information. **If you have specific questions call: Val at 360-865-0697 or Sha'ree at 360-865-1197.**

WANT A SECOND CHANCE?

*DOES YOUR CRIMINAL HISTORY HINDER YOUR LIFE??
*WANT TO GAIN MORE LIFE SKILLS??
*IS YOUR PAST AFFECTING YOUR PRESENT/FUTURE??
*WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECONNECT WITH YOUR CULTURE?
IF YOU ARE READY FOR A CHANGE AND READY TO COMMIT, THEN THE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM IS FOR YOU! THIS IS A CLEAN AND SOBER PROGRAM.

*** MUST BE 18 OR OLDER**

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SEE IF YOU MEET CRITERIA

PLEASE CALL-

OFFICE-360-297-6301

VALARIE JONES-865-0697

SHA'REE VEBBER-360-865-1197

****OPEN TO PGST TRIBAL MEMBERS AND PGST TRIBAL COMMUNITY**

FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Food Bank is operating during business hours, see or call staff for assistance.
- Contact Shayna to apply for TANF or with any questions about your case.

The Family Assistance staff are all back in their offices! Contact staff below to set up times to meet or have your questions answered.

Kathy Purser-Sullivan
Eligibility Specialist
360-297-9652

Shayna Reynolds
Family Assistance Case Manager
360-297-9651

Stacy Mills
Program Manager
360-297-9650

CHILD SUPPORT

The Child Support Program will be available to meet in person by appointments only. A mask is required for all in person meeting and will be provided if one is needed.

- For appointments or questions, please contact Amber Caldera at (360) 297-9676 email, ambers@pgst.nsn.us and/or Desiree Sullivan at (360) 297-9653, desiree@pgst.nsn.us
- Online payments can be made at <https://www.pgst.nsn.us>

FOSTER CARE

Contact Lena Tunkara with any foster care related questions lenah@pgst.nsn.us or (360) 297-9671

WIC/TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN

Staff will continue reaching out to all enrolled families via telephone, face time or in a virtual meeting space. If you are wanting to enroll, ask questions or have comments or concerns we would love to hear from you! Please call **Sanda Hankins** at **3650-536-8194** or shankins@pgst.nsn.us ***department referrals can be made through email or by phone**

**Reminder- Call your card to verify benefits before going to the store.*

LIHEAP Round 3 is NOW OPEN

To be eligible:

- Your household must meet the annual income guideline below
- Household must be living **on** the Port Gamble S'Klallam Reservation **OR**
- Within Kitsap County **WITH** a head of household PGST member or not a Tribal member, but eligible to be on a Tribal TANF grant

- If you've already been found eligible for Round 2 since May 11th, you are **AUTOMATICALLY eligible for the same allotment when you provide a current bill.**

See Kathy Purser-Sullivan at her window at CFS to turn in bills or applications. Bills can be emailed to kathyps@pgst.nsn.us

**Annual Household Income Guideline for FY2020
60% of Washington State's FY2020 Median Income**

<u>Size of Family</u>	<u>60% Guideline</u>
1	\$30,204
2	\$39,497
3	\$48,791
4	\$58,084
5	\$67,377
6	\$76,671
7	\$78,413
8	\$80,155

TRIBAL BUSINESSES- MASKS ARE REQUIRED

- Tribal Casino and Hotel are open.
- Gliding Eagle Market Open 6:00 am-10 pm daily, Deli open 9 am-5 pm.
- Espresso is open 7-5pm Monday-Saturday and 7 am-4pm Sunday
- Kountry Korner store is open 9 am-5 pm.
- High Point Open Daily 9:00-7:00 (360)297-6191

CAREER AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

K-12 Fall School Plan: NKSD announced the first 9 weeks of school will be remote. We will be working with families to provide support services, computers and tablets. We are collaborating with Strong Families Programs, Early Childhood and Youth Center to conduct a survey. Your in-pu^t is valuable.

Summer Youth Program: Started Monday July 27th and runs through August 14th. Youth will participate in on-line career enhancement and life skill training the first week then transition to full time on-site work. "The Crew" will be working in the Elder's yards, please contact Eva to get on the list. Please Note: This program continues to adjust according to health and safety guidelines as Tribal Leadership announces.

Higher Education Information:

Higher Ed. opportunities are continued remotely. If you need application support or have questions call or email: Sasheen DeCoteau, Higher Education Program Advisor, sasheen@pgst.nsn.us , cell #(360)362-9587.

Career Support Services:

If you need support or have questions e-mail: Eva Jones, Career and Education Coordinator, eva@pgst.nsn.us . Or call at (360)297-6316.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Teachers Needed:

If you have considered or already know that your career path leads you to be a teacher, are enrolled Port Gamble S'Klallam, please call or email Kari DeCoteau at your soonest available time. There is a need for Native American Teachers. If you are interested specifically in becoming a S'Klallam Language Teacher in our K-12 public schools, call right away.

If you have any other Department questions, please contact Kari DeCoteau, email kdecoteau@pgst.nsn.us or call (360)297-6323.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Enhanced ID Cards

The Enrollment Department had plans on moving forward with the Enhanced Tribal ID Cards but after further review of the requirements it was determined to be more cost effective to purchase Washington State Enhanced ID Cards/Licenses. The reason for this is because starting on October 1, 2021 they will be required for travel which means if you have a standard Driver's License after that date you will not be able to use it for flying even if it isn't expired.

The Enhanced Driver's License/ID Card works the same way as the Enhanced Tribal ID Card would, you'll be able to enter Canada or Mexico via land and fly within the United States. Tribal Council has agreed to pay for them via reimbursement only.

If you are interested in getting your Washington State Driver's License or ID card new/renewed or upgraded to the Enhanced version, please call the Enrollment Department to schedule an appointment to come in and do paperwork. An application and vendor form must be filled out and a copy of the receipt must be turned in before you are reimbursed.

If you have any questions please call 360-297-6217 or email ctrevathan@pgst.nsn.us

Thank you,
Carilla Sims
Enrollment/Archives Clerk

YOUTH CENTER

Community Tile Mural Project

The Youth Program has ceramic tile kits available for checkout. We are hoping you keep unity, community, strength, family togetherness, etc in mind when decorating your tiles. They will be hung up as a mural in the new health/wellness building when it is finished being built. Pick up is M-F from 10 AM - 4:30 PM. Contact Karleigh Gomez at (360) 328-3405 or karleighg@pgst.nsn.us to sign up for a kit as we only have 9 available for checkout at a time but have a total of 200 tiles for families, elders, and any community members.

Youth Center Re-Opening

The Youth Center will be open Monday-Friday for youth 6th-12th grade from Noon to 7pm. There are limitations and social distancing requirements. At this time there is no transportation provided. Group activities will be advertised throughout the week on the Youth Center Facebook Page.

- Open for PGST Community Youth, 6th-12th Grade.
- Limit: 5 youth at a time, signing up in 1-hour time increments.
- Youth and staff must wear a face mask or face covering at all times.
- Youth are to remain 6 feet apart in spacing from others.
- At entry all youth will have a health check that includes temperature check, face mask, symptoms checklist, hand sanitization, and time in and out recordings.
- Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, difficulty breathing – shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion – runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

- Youth who present symptoms are to stay home for 7 days from the start of symptoms, and 3 days from fever going away.
- If you have any questions please contact Steph Carpenter at 360-981-6106.

Human Resources

Jobs closing soon!! Please see our website for all open positions!! Many jobs closing TODAY!!

- Public Safety Officer

Lateral/ Entry

- EC Bus Monitor/Housekeeper- Closes 8/17/2020

Full-Time

- Dental Hygienist- Closes 8/20/2020

On-Call

- EC Infant/Toddler Classroom Assistant-Closes 8/17/2020

Full-time/Part-time

- Heronswood Garden Director- Closes 8/13/2020

Full-Time

- Housing Construction Carpenter Laborer

Seasonal

See our website at <https://www.pgst.nsn.us/employment> under Current Employment Opportunities!!

There are multiple Tribal Gaming Agency Positions closing TODAY

If interested, please contact:

Audreana Tom

31912 Little Boston Rd NE

Phone (360) 297-6218

Email: audreanat@pgst.nsn.us

PGST BURN BAN & FIREWORKS BAN

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Outdoor Burning Information

- no bonfires, small recreational fires are allowed in a fire ring or pit
- small beach fires are allowed on sandy areas near the shore at Point Julia
- fires must be a maximum of 50 feet away from any structures, including fences
- fire must be attended at all times, and a means of extinguishment—bucket of water, shovel, garden hose, etc.—must be readily available.
- **No Fireworks of any kind at any time of day or night until further notice**

Tribal Fireworks Code 5.04.13 States:

“Any person who discharges fireworks in a reckless manner that creates substantial risk of property damage or death or serious physical injury to another, or who discharges fireworks while under the influence of intoxicants, or who discharges fireworks while a PGST burn ban is in effect shall be guilty of a Class C Offense”

Individuals who cause damage due to fire from Fireworks may still be prosecuted and held liable for damages

All gated backroads on the reservation will be locked. Signs posted at gates will instruct how to get permission to access forest areas or call Christina Charles at (360) 297-6294 to check out a gate key.

Any questions, call Misty Ives-Bowechop Safety & Emergency Manager at (360) 297-9629

IN CASE OF FIRE IMMEDIATELY CALL 911

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Transitional Housing Project

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., a Draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared for providing Federal financial assistance to The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. The project is subject to NEPA review because it is being funded, in part, with Federal funding available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Proposed Action

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's is proposing construction of two 3,321 square foot prefabricated modular permanent buildings built on two existing concrete pads. The buildings will be used as clean and sober transitional housing for tribal members re-entering the community after treatment or incarceration.

Location

The project is on Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST) trust land, located at 30150 Hansville Road NE, Kingston, Washington. The site is sometimes referred to as the "Blue House Property".

Finding

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has determined that the construction of the facility would not significantly affect the quality of the human or physical environment. It is not expected that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for this project.

Public Comments

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment from or may submit written comments relating to this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact to the following address:

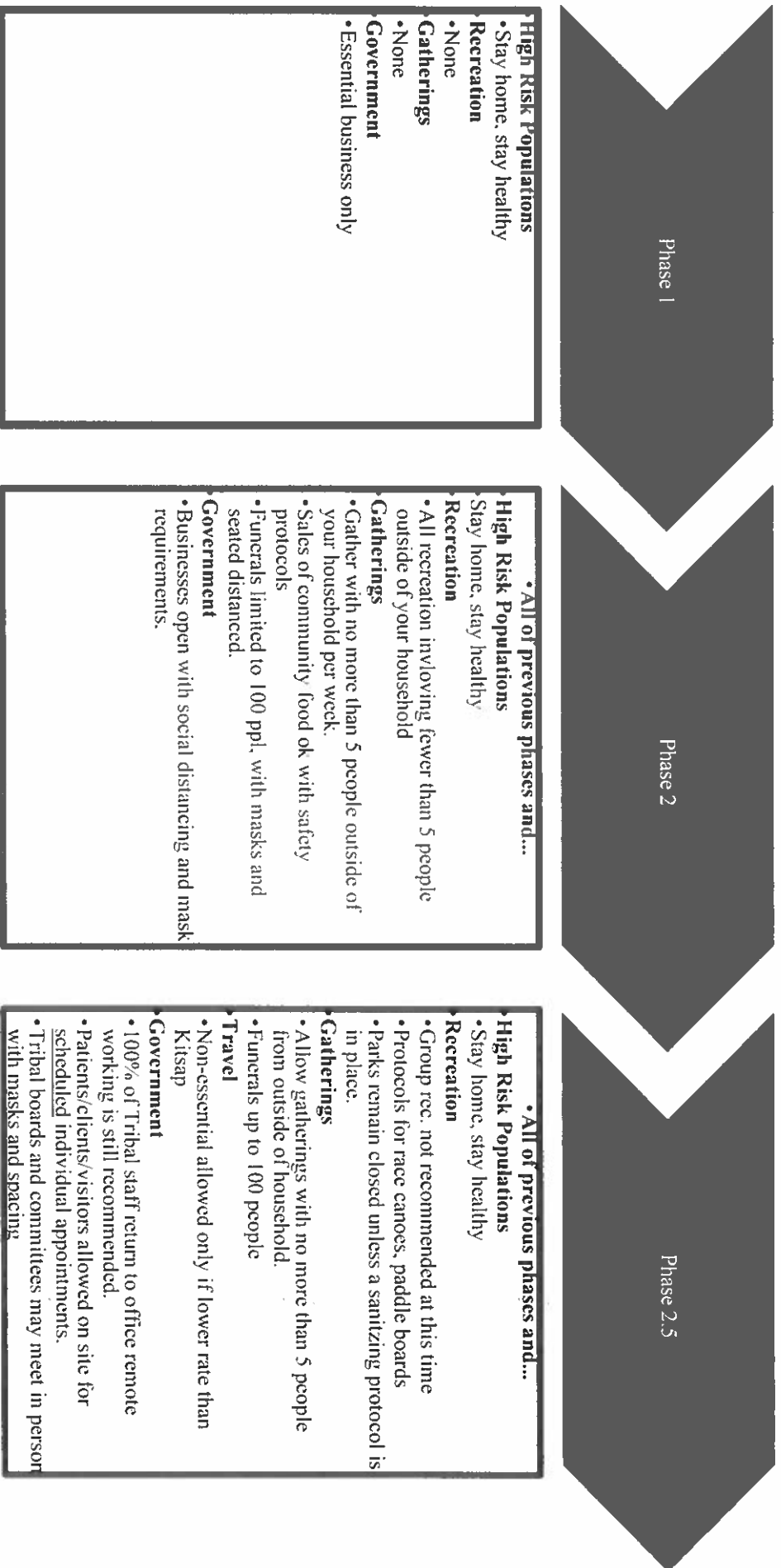
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Planning Department
Attn: Joe Sparr, Planning Director
31912 Little Boston Road NE
Kingston, WA 98346

It is also possible, and highly recommended, to use email to obtain a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment or Finding of No Significant Impact, or to submit comments, by emailing:

Joe Sparr, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Planning Director, at jsparr@pgst.nsn.us.

No administrative action will be taken on the project before September 14, 2020, which is 30 calendar days after the second publication date of the public notice of this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact.

PGST Reopening Plan



**The PGST reopening plan may or may not directly align with the WA safe start plan.*

Peninsula College Longhouse Scholarship Announcement



Peninsula College
1502 East Lauridsen Blvd
Port Angeles | WA | 98362
www.pencol.edu

The Peninsula College Longhouse Scholarship was established in 2012 to reflect the College's commitment to further grow and nurture the mission of the Longhouse and to support the academic success of tribal youth and adults.

The Longhouse's mission is focused on building bridges of understanding and knowledge. It is a gathering place to teach, learn and share cultural traditions, knowledge, and identity. ʔaʔkʷustəŋáwtxʷ "House of Learning" is a place to acknowledge and respect our unique differences and diversity.

Peninsula College is proud to announce a one-year scholarship for tuition and fees will be awarded to each of the following local tribes:

Hoh Tribe	Quileute Tribe
Makah Tribe	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

Selection Criteria:

Member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

- Enrolled Members Port Gamble Tribes are eligible for funding.
- Applicants applying at the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe who are PGST enrolled members will be given first priority.
- Priority will be given to recent high school graduates first, other graduates second.
- Significant achievement in academics, leadership, the arts, or community service will be considered.
- A typewritten personal statement addressing your goals and plans to achieve them. Include in your personal statement your achievements in academics, leadership, and community service.

Eligibility: To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in at least 6 credits each quarter at Peninsula College and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Deadline: Thursday, August 27, 2020 by 4:30 pm

Contact Information:

Sasheen DeCoteau (360) 297-6322 sasheen@pgst.nsn.us