



# THE S'KLALLAM VIEW



## The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Helping bring you the monthly news from your S'Klallam community.

July 2011

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## TRIBAL ELECTIONS: JULY 11TH



Regular elections of members of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Council will be held on Monday, July 11, 2011. Polls are open from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. Due to the construction project, voting will be in the Court Room of the Children and Family Services building.

### Notice of Intent to Run – deadline was June 10, 2011

All candidates for tribal office must be members and eligible voters of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. At least thirty (30) days prior to each regular election, any person desiring to be a candidate must either file a written statement with the Election Committee declaring his intention to run for a particular office or be nominated for an office by the General Council at a special meeting called for that purpose. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) office in each annual election.

### Eligible Voters.

Only members who are over the age of eighteen (18) years and who have registered to vote shall be eligible to vote.

### Registration Voters – deadline July 11, 2011

A person may register to vote at any time, including election day, by completing a registration card and filing it with the Election Committee. If a person does not vote for three (3) consecutive years, his or her registration shall expire and the person shall be required to re-register prior to voting.

### Absentee Voters – deadline July 9, 2011

All persons wishing to vote by absentee shall submit to the Election Committee, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Saturday immediately preceding election day, a written application for a ballot.

*Persons voting by absentee ballot shall mail or deliver their ballots to the Election Committee no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Saturday immediately preceding election day.*

### Positions Open:

**Chairman: Intent to Run filed by Jeromy Sullivan**

**Council II: Intent to Run filed by Francine Swift**

**Council III: No Intent to Run filed**

**Council IV (One Year Term): No Intent to Run filed**

**READ THE LETTERS OF INTENT ON PAGES 6 & 7**

An update:

# CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

by Marie Hebert

There have been some exciting things happening in the Cultural Department. I felt it was time I shared with you.

## S'KLALLAM LANGUAGE>>>

I just finished another year of S'Klallam Language classes with the elementary students. I had about 16 (sixteen) students that attended on a regular basis. For a while I had between 16 and 20 students – I felt I really had my hands full. It was a good feeling to see so many students want to learn our language.

Some of the things that were covered were the alphabet, some numbers, colors, animals and phrases. We played some hot games of Bingo – and they would win some small prizes. We also worked on some crafts. We played other games to try to enhance their knowledge of the language.

## READING TUTOR>>>

I had another rewarding year working with the second grade students at Wolfe Elementary to enhance their reading skills. The students made great strides in improving throughout the year. It is exciting to see them improve and to know you had a little to do with it. Next school year if you can spare one hour per week and you enjoy working with children, this is very rewarding and the children love to see someone they know from the Tribe at school. You can just see how happy they get.

## LONGHOUSE VISITORS>>>

There were many students and visitors who came by the Longhouse this year. Some it was their first time seeing a Longhouse. I would share some history and culture with them. If arrangements are made in advance, it is better to be prepared rather than dropping in. Of course, there are times this cannot be helped when they are international visitors.

## CANOE FAMILY>>>

The Canoe Family did a lot of fundraising this past year, raising funds for the upcoming canoe journey to Swinomish. We were fortunate to do a McTake Over in Kingston McDonalds. What a great and fun way to see so many people – in a different atmosphere. You work but not near as hard as when we do fundraisers at the Tribe.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING>>>

I continue to do some public speaking on behalf of the Tribe in sharing our culture. I did a lot when the Tribe was dealing with the clean-up of Port Gamble Bay. We spoke before the Kitsap Planning Commissioners, Audubon Society and the Kitsap County Regional Council.

## OLYMPIC PENINSULA INTERTRIBAL CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE>>>

We are still in existence even though the gas prices are sky high!!! We don't meet monthly like in the past but more like twice annually. We are currently working on a book on basketry – which is at print. When you work on a book it takes a long time and many eyes to proof.

## NORTH KITSAP INTERTRIBAL PARENT ED. COMMITTEE>>>

I feel this committee was successful in helping our Native students and meeting our goals of reading, math and raising awareness of why its important to be in school and go for less absenteeism.

These are just a few things that have been happening in the Cultural Department. Oh, I forgot to mention I am going to get some help in my department – I won't be all-alone!!! Maylene Adams will start working with me soon and possibly a summer youth worker. Hooray.

*Hope you all have a safe and happy summer.*

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## Tribal Council

Jeromy Sullivan,

Chairman

Chris Tom,

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Francine Swift,

Councilman

Kelly Baze,

Councilman

Chad Sullivan,

Councilman

Kari DeCoteau,

Councilman

## Entity Directors

Marjorie Zarate

CEO

Dallas DeGuire

Executive Director,

Tribal Administration

Laurie Mattson

Executive Director,

Tribal Services

Noel Higa

Director

Port Gamble

Development Authority

Chris Placentia

Housing Director

Leo Culloo,

General Manager,

The Point Casino

Linda Helm,

Director,

Tribal Gaming Agency

Denise Comstock,

PGS Foundation

Executive Director



## **Social Hosting: Don't buy alcohol or drugs for anyone.**



**With Summer months upon** us it is a good time to send out a reminder about youth alcohol and drug use. PGST youth are reporting lower levels of alcohol use with each year that passes, however they continue to report being able to easily use alcohol and drugs in their homes and the homes of their friends. They also report their most common place to use is at outdoor locations like the beaches and woods.

The tribal police, prosecutor and judge are cracking down on youth substance use in Little Boston. With stronger language in the laws and new policies and programs in place, the Tribe is sending the message that youth substance use and the adults who contribute to this will not be tolerated. There are always comments about what the tribe should do and what programs we need to develop. There is ALWAYS one thing that we can do that doesn't cost a dime and that is to help enforce these underage substance use laws ourselves.

Don't buy alcohol or drugs for anyone. Check on your kids when they say they are staying somewhere. Set rules about alcohol and drug use with your teen and stick to them. Don't ignore parties where minors are present. Call the tipline and report adults who may be purchasing alcohol or allowing youth to have parties in their homes 930-9061. If we want our community to be healthier we must all work together!

## **Fraud Hotline**

If you become aware of questionable or suspicious behavior that you believe might constitute fraud under the terms of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Fraud Policy, you have an important obligation to every other member of the Tribe and every other employee to report that information. Suspected fraud may be reported either verbally or in writing to your Entity Director, Department Director, the Chief Executive Officer or to the Human Resources Director.

You may also report suspected fraud by telephone to the Tribe's Fraud Hotline:

**(\*67) 360-621-4947**

You may report suspected fraud anonymously, but providing your name and contact information will greatly assist in the investigation of your report. All information provided under this policy will be treated with the highest possible level of discretion. All reports will be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly.

No one acting in good faith in bringing a suspicion to the Tribe's attention will be allowed to be penalized in any way for having done so.

*(Caller ID has been turned off for the Hotline phone. Dialing \*67 before the Hotline number will prevent any capture of the name or phone number of the person originating the call.)*

# Intent to Run – Chairman

**My name is Jeromy Sullivan;** I am running for the position of Port Gamble S' Klallam Tribe Chairperson. In the last couple of years I have learned a great deal about the Tribe and a deeper knowledge of its very important issues. Tribal Council has three very important directives that it has passed by resolution. 1st is Protecting Nookayet (the Bay), 2nd is Casino Expansion and 3rd is Preventive Care for Our Tribal Community. I take these directives very seriously and do my best to represent the Tribe in a positive way.

Protecting the Port Gamble Bay has been challenging as well as very rewarding. Our Tribe has a unique story and a positive message. With help from the community as well as Staff, Our Tribal Council has done a terrific job of stepping up for Nookayet. During the last couple of years we have testified before County Boards, I have carried Our message to legislators here in Washington State as well as Washington DC. The story of Our people and the relationship we have with Our Bay is very compelling and received very well. We have restricted the use of the lands around the bay for the bay's protection. We have stopped the ability to have a Fully Contained Community (FCC) in Port Gamble, which would have undoubtedly had a drastic affect on the Bay. The dock permit was pulled at the Army Core of Engineers.

Now we are trying to be proactive. We have commented on the "Clean Up" process that the Dept. of Ecology is running. We have a strong voice in the effects of the clean up and the process that is going to be used. What we really want is for the Clean Up of the Bay to be done right. Our Tribe is currently working with the Suquamish Tribe and Kitsap County to try and acquire as much of the land that OPG currently owns in North Kitsap. We have partnered with Cascade Land Conservancy and we all are working closely with Olympic Property Group. This is a very exciting venture. Lastly, We are in heavy negotiations with the U.S. Navy about mitigation. The Navy is building a new wharf for the Submarines and we feel as though we should be compensated for loss of Treaty Right opportunity as well as Cultural loss. Per Council direction, Our goal is to protect the Bay, Acquire Land and gain monetary value.

The directions are listed in order. We have a couple of proposals as well as some back up plans to achieve these goals. This is the very short version of the things I have participated on behalf of the Tribe to protect Nookayet.

Our Goal of expanding gaming here at PGST has

been a goal of the Tribe for quite some time now. The Tribe is currently in the process of finalizing the Terms with East West Bank. This will fund Our Casino Project. The Tribal Council and the Staff has worked very hard to accomplish this Goal. We are very close and have a very impressive project and I can't wait to move forward on. Tribal Council and Staff has been very careful to protect the Tribes interests. I look forward to reporting the Bank Deal and the beginning of a project, when those things happen. I really feel like we are getting close.

As I stated at the General Council meeting, it is hard for Tribal Council to determine how well we are doing with Our last Goal. Health in Our community is a real concern to everyone that has the privilege of living here. Our people were called the Strong People; it would be great to promote that way of life. I certainly have my issues when it comes to healthy living. I remember losing all that weight for the Challenge and here I sit with most of it back.

We need to find a sustainable solution for Our Children and Grandchildren. I certainly do not have the answers for this, but I hope we as a Community will figure it out. Preventive Care would also speak to helping Our Tribal/Community Members make better choices when it comes to Drugs and Alcohol.

Over the last couple of years Chi-e-Chee has done a great job of providing knowledge to the Community. I believe this community has let it be known that we don't want Drug Dealers and people willing to hurt or take from Our Tribal Community. We have promoted law changes and helped to develop ways to implement those laws. I know that support for Our people who are doing the right thing for themselves is here. We need to find more ways for Our Members to find what works for them. The Tribe needs everyone's help in that endeavor.

In closing, I want to say that I love living here and appreciate the opportunity to represent this Tribe. The Port Gamble S' Klallam Tribe has given me great opportunities and I appreciate all of those. I want to continue to work at making this Reservation an even better place to live.

Jeromy Sullivan



# Intent to Run – Council II

**Francine Swift has served** one year on Tribal Council. During this year, I experienced the generosity of our tribe in investing not only \$300,000 in ARRA funds to fund four jobs working in Wolfle and Kingston Middle School, but continuing funding beyond the funding date with tribal hard dollars. This is temporary, but rewarding experience getting to know kids, teachers, principals and liaisons at both schools. Kids need parents to volunteer and support them in school if at all possible. School funding is being cut, so parent involvement is crucial for the coming years to make good grades and succeed in school.

I also work for The Evergreen State College as part-time faculty, instructing junior and senior level students. This challenge is like continuing college to stay up with my students as well.

As council member, we faced more tough issues in this year. No tribal council member has power to do anything without support of each other. I wanted to see if I had patience to do this work and time, considering my obligations. I also want the community to know that each and every member of the current tribal council considers community support and safety before making any decisions. Honesty and integrity of tribal staff is critical to success of any organization. Our administrators are well equipped to guide us in taking care of tribal assets. Where there have been weaknesses in the system, new safeguards had to be implemented.

One thing I wanted to see was tribal employment policies come into place to grow tribal members into every position within the tribe. I had hoped for Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, but we have an Upward Mobility Policy, which is a step in the right direction, thanks for Marjorie Zarate, CEO and Tim Scott, HR.

I want to thank each councilperson for their contribution to the body's work:

- Jeromy Sullivan-historical and contemporary research into complicated issues our tribe

faces. Developing excellence in public speaking skills on behalf of our tribe.

- Chris Tom — staying out in the direct field of natural resources and keeping the tribal council in direct contact with the realities from a fisherman's viewpoint. He keeps us real in month-to-month seasonal issues. He studies each issue as well.
- Kelly Baze — don't know how she carries a full-time management job and studies to achieve a master's degree and tribal council all at the same time, not to mention being a loving mom. A S'Klallam woman to be sure. She listens and she cares.
- Chad Sullivan — He is always the same no matter where or when you see him. That generosity in spirit and strength comes through such a balanced life. I trusted him and the ECE staff with my children and now my grandchildren. His leadership is excellence of character.
- Kari DeCoteau — Sharp, quick, loving and concerned. I want to acknowledge her recognition of the importance of each tribal member during budgeting time. It was her stand to make sure tribal members get the small increase in holiday certificates. She studies everything and carries every decision for the best of this community.

I want to see our tribe grow into true self-governance. I want to see us get our property through the federal trust system, our casino & hotel break ground, and grow our youth to take our places. They are doing that now, how beautiful.

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# Around the Reservation . . .

## OUR MOST RECENT NEWS & EVENTS:

### Lorene (Rena) Mendenhall



*July 10, 1946 to  
September 15, 2011*

It is with great sadness that we tell you of the passing of our tribal elder, Lorene (Rena) Mendenhall. Rena passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 4PM, surrounded by her loved ones. Her parents were Bill and Dorothy George.

### New Births

**Congratulations to Greg and Alise Fulton** on the birth of their baby boy Blaine Elliot Fulton, born May 25th, weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces and 20 ½ inches long.

**Congratulations to John Aikman and Mary Klahn** on the birth of their baby boy Dakota James Klahn-Aikman, born June 1, weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces.

### The winning team



Our men's baseball teams continued their championship reign as they dominated the Chehalis Tribe Memorial Day Tournament. Little Boston One was undefeated in the double-elimination tournament, earning them the Championship. Little Boston Pistols took second place.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MILLIE!

Wishing Millie DeCoteau very Happy Birthday on July 25th



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# Around the Reservation . . .

## Welcome to new Directors in Housing Authority and Career and Education Department

We extend a hearty handshake and welcome to two new employees: Chris Placentia and Juanita Holtyn.

Chris Placentia



**The new Executive Director of Housing is Chris Placentia.** A longtime resident of Washington State, Chris attended high school here, and went on to graduate from the University of Washington with a degree in architecture. He has worked in the construction and land development industry for over twenty years, including professional work experience with civil engineering, land development, architectural design, and custom home building firms. As a member of the Juaneno Tribe in California where his father grew up, Chris wanted to become actively involved in Indian country housing, and contribute to the S'Klallam tribal culture through the built environment.

**Juanita Holtyn began working as the Career and Education Director** on June 8th. Juanita comes to her new position from Northwest Indian College where she was the site manager in Little Boston for

the past 3 years. Prior to that she served as the Assistant Director of Education for Suquamish Tribe. Juanita has her Master's degree in Education, is a certified K-8 teacher, and of course is a member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

### Thank you to Darlene Peters

Our gratitude and sincere appreciation to Darlene Peters for her dedication, hard work, cultural understanding and genuine commitment to the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and all Indian people. Darlene served as Interim Career and Education Director for the past 1-1/2 years. She has served on numerous boards and commissions representing Native American education throughout the State of Washington and national associations, including the Olympic College Board of Advisors.

*(Adapted from Marj Zarate CEO Report.)*

Juanita Holtyn

