



THE S'KLALLAM VIEW

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

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Preservation for Tomorrow

Port Gamble Bay budget approval and coho net pen program



The protection and restoration of Port Gamble Bay is a major priority for this Tribe and Tribal Council has reinforced their commitment by approving our new Port Gamble Bay Protection Program and budget for the next three years!

This means we'll be able to optimize and continue our efforts to ensure the best on a cleanup plan is

implemented and restoration of the Bay and support related land and bay conservation and restoration efforts.

In an upcoming newsletter, we'll share our goals for the program and how we will work toward a healthy and productive Bay for generations to come!

If you were near Point Julia on

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February 13, 14, or 15th, you were probably witness to what has become an important annual event: Over the course of these three days, our Tribe worked with the Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife to release more than 225,000 juvenile coho salmon in Port Gamble Bay.

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Each year, this cooperative effort with WDFW helps us bring in around 420,000 coho salmon for commercial, sport and sustenance fishing. This year, the fish were trucked in from the George Adams Hatchery in Shelton and then dumped into a 2,300-gallon tank on the shores of Port Gamble Bay. The fish flow out from the tank down a 1,300-foot-long, 4-inch pipe leading to the 63,000 cubic-foot PGST net pens. On average, the fish take an average of eight minutes to make the journey down the pipe.

The fish will live and be fed daily in the net pens until June, when they are

released into the ocean. The time spent in the net pens is important as each fish imprints to the location where it first gets into salt water so that they can find their way back to the area as an adult after a year or two at sea.

The PGST net pen program has been in operation for nearly 30 years. A big thanks to Tim Seachord, the PGST Hatchery Manager, who has been managing this and other hatchery programs for almost three decades!

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Volunteer Tax Site



The Volunteer Tax Site is here to help you even if you haven't filed a tax return in several years. Don't ignore those unfiled tax returns bring them in to the tax site and let us see if you're due a refund.

According to the IRS there are an estimated 1.9 million taxpayers with more than \$2.5 billion in refunds waiting to be paid out for 1999 alone but you have to file a return to get the money. Some of these people may not even of had any tax withheld but would be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit. So don't procrastinate come on in and let us see if you are one of the lucky 1.9 million taxpayers who are owed a refund.

We want everyone to get their 1999 refunds if they are entitled to it but if it turns out that your one of the unlucky ones who owes money don't stress, we'll be happy to let you know what your options are. The main thing is to have your return prepared so you know where things stand. There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund so let's get them filed.

REDESIGNED WEBSITE

If you haven't had a chance yet, take a moment to visit the newly redesigned PGST main site at www.pgst.nsn.us.



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Be sure to check out new features such as **Community Spotlight** and the **S'Klallam Word of the Day!**

Looking Back

Taking a moment to visiting our past, Learning from history, and Gleaning moments from family long ago.

Refusal to Relocate>>>

The historic record is silent about what transpired between Talbot's men and the original occupants of what would become the mill town of Port Gamble. But, according to tribal oral history, the S'Klallams complied with Talbot's request that they relocate across the bay at Point Julia, with the promise they would always have work at the mill and lumber to build their new homes

Gamble store. While continuing their traditional hunting and gathering activities for substance, they sold fish and clams to the settlers at Port Gamble and Port Townsend.

Point Julia>>>

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One of the first chores Talbot's men accomplished was to construct a store for trading with the S'Klallam people, as well as the nearby Twana, Suquamish and Chemakum Tribes. By late September of that year Talbot's Puget Mill Company began operations, and the history of the S'Klallam settlement at Point Julia, named Little Boston by a Yankee sea captain, begins.

In 1878 the Little Boston population was estimated to be about 100. That number remained consistent, more or less, through the last quarter of the nineteenth century. S'Klallam people living at Point Julia were quickly drawn into the developing American economy. They provided labor for the mill and acquired food and supplies at the Port

England- style frame houses, a school and a Catholic Church.

The sand spit forming Point Julia sometimes flooded, and also enclosed a small lagoon, so the buildings had to be elevated on posts. A covered trough was constructed to carry water from a nearby creek to the village. Gravity fed, it started at the bluff above the spit and ended about 3 feet off the ground. Tribal elders today remember getting water from the trough by lifting a board in the side, and also recall icicles forming on it during the winter.

Today's elders spent their childhood living on the spit, attending the Little Boston day school. A government teacher would travel

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to Port Gamble and row across the bay to Point Julia, returning home on weekends. Like many others Washington Indians, residents of Little Boston went to Puyallup Valley to pick hops during the late summer and early fall. Travel time to Tacoma was about two weeks by canoe. Berry picking jobs also attracted the S'Klallams to the southern part of Puget Sound. After stopping in Seattle, they typically voyaged to Tacoma, and camped along the shores of the Puyallup River. Their employers picked them up in a wagon and took them to the berry fields. At times, during the period between 1910 and 1920, families spent the winter at Washington Harbor near Sequim, and the cannery there. Some of the S'Klallams also went to Victoria, British Columbia, by way of Whidbey Island, to work in the fish canneries.

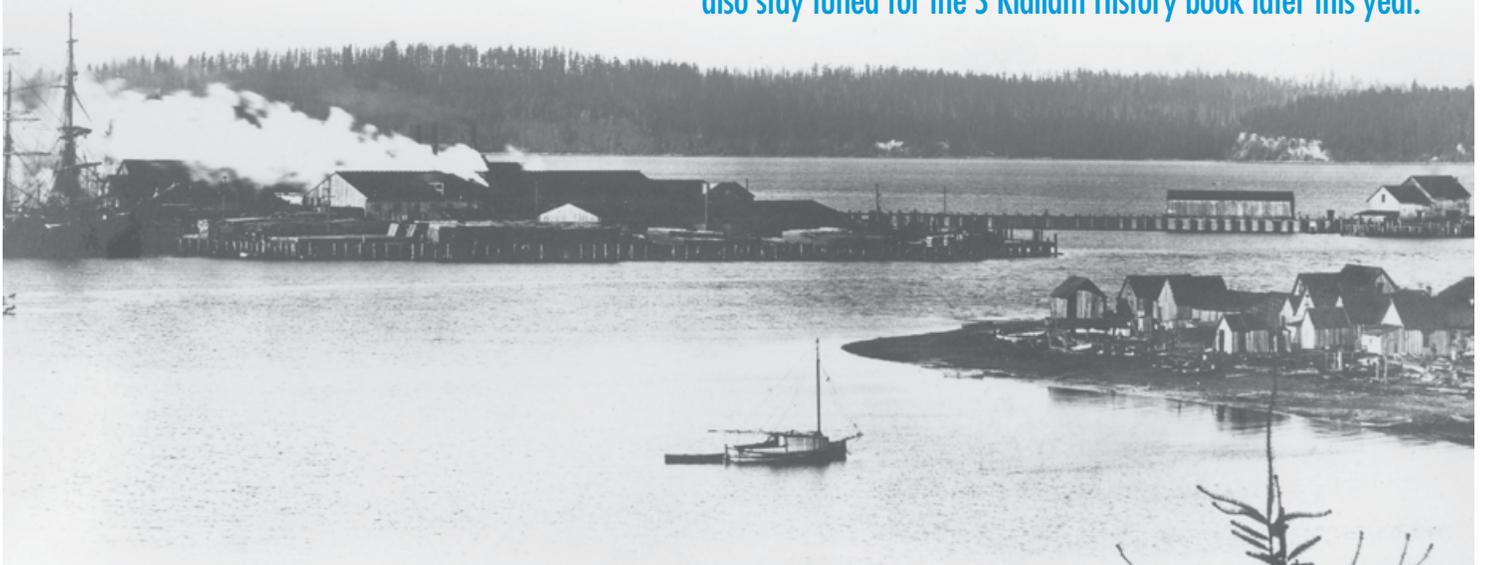
During this time, parents of today's elders were sent off to government-run boarding schools, such as the Cushman Indian Trade Schools on the Puyallup Reservation near present day Tacoma. Officials used these schools to foster a program of assimilation.



After the many hardships our people have faced on Point Julia, it is still a place we are all proud to call home. It is a place of family fellowship and a cradle to helping preserve our culture.

Isolated from their elders, the children were indoctrinated into the ways of the white world, learning the three R's and receiving training in manual trades and domestic sciences. Tribal language and traditional ways were prohibited. Many of today's tribal elders recall hearing their grandparents speaking S'Klallam, but not being able to understand them.

To Learn more of our S'Klallam history visit our website, also stay tuned for the S'Klallam History book later this year.



Kingston Middle School Parents!

This is the beginning of a new quarter Kingston Middle School has recognized the following students as student of the quarter, with a breakfast hosted on 2/8/2012. Congratulations are in order for: *Gabrielle Turnier (8th grade), Brienna Metcalf-Donaldson (7th grade), Adam Charles (6th grade), and Skylar Fulton (6th grade.)* Students are nominated by teachers.



The Morning math lab is still going from 7 am to 7:40 am-Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Francine is taking kids about 6:50 am. Students who are participating are completing more math homework than before participating. Ms. Kinyon is the teacher, Ms. Van Diest and Francine participate as well. Sometimes Ms. Cindy and her son Bear help students as well. The youth program has allowed us to use their van as sometimes we have as many as 8 early students.

Students deserve a pat on the back, *Mistaya Benefield, Brienna Metcalf Donaldson, Judy Fitzgerald, Casey Jones, Conner Anderson, Domonyque Archembalt, Jemenia Tom, Bryce DeCoteau and Duane Aikman.* Text 620-7905 if your student wants to participate.

Check with your students to see their MSP scores. They were returned this week. The MSPs are in math and reading. At the end of the year, students take a test to see if they improve over the course of a school year.

CONTACTING US:

Academic Coaching staff-Sandra, Kylie & Shayna phone: 360.633.0092. Francine & Shallee 297.6279.

Please leave a message, we are in class most days, but return to the office after school hours.

Math lab-Tue/Wed am KMS 7 am-7:40, rides available from PGST tribal center 6:50 am. (frosty days may delay departure.)

Ed. CLINIC-homework help-Monday and Thursdays @ Ed. Center 3:00-4:00 pm. Francine and Susan will be available to help. The Ed. classroom has new computers for checking homework assignments, Skyward, organizing school work and working on assignments. I also want to help touch base with students, especially 8th graders to help them recognize what they will work through to graduate. Thank you-Academic Coaching staff.

News & Updates

IN THE SPIRIT>>>

Tribal artists are invited to submit up to two individual pieces of original art work for consideration for the 2012 In the Spirit juried art exhibition at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, WA. The exhibition is part of the Northwest Native Arts Market and Festival, organized in partnership with The Evergreen State College Longhouse Education and Cultural Center. The Festival will take place at the Washington State History Museum on August 11th, from 10 a.m. to 7 pm. Cash prizes are awarded in several categories for the exhibition. Deadline for submission for the art exhibition is April 17th. The festival also features an outdoor market and performance arts stage. Vendor deadline to sell art work at the festival is June 25th. For application materials or for more information, please see:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/longhouse/nativeartexhibits>.

Thank you for helping to get the word out to tribal artists!

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FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS>>>

Financial Workshops will be held at the Tribe from Noon-1:30pm

April 18, 2012 - The Psychology of Spending: Helps participants in three areas of good money management. (1) Examine the forces that shape you're shopping decisions and become wiser consumers; (2) Address a variety of steps that can be taken to help master your finances; (3) Learn how to create a well-designed budget to help reach your goals without having to sacrifice all of life's pleasures

April 25, 2012 - Solving the Mystery of Credit Reports & Identity Theft Prevention: (1) Understand the reporting and scoring process. (2) How to maintain and protect

a strong credit history (3) Common ways that identity thieves are gaining access to personal information and (4) Learn ways to protect yourself from identity theft.

May 2, 2012 - Recovering From a Financial Crisis. Financial emergencies happen to everyone. Even if you have no savings to speak of and your credit is shot there is hope. Learn how to survive financial setbacks and minimize the damage to your credit score.

Space is limited so sign up early by contacting Sandra Starnes at 360-297-9667

LITTLE BOSTON LIBRARY>>>

The Winter Reading Program for adults is at the library in February and March! Read a book, review it at our website www.krl.org, and enter a drawing for a gift card at a bookstore. Drawings will be held at the end of February and March.

Little Boston Book Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 11AM to noon.