



# Celebrating the Life of Chairman Jeromy Sullivan



Jeromy Sullivan passed away on June 30, 2023, after a brief illness. He was a member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and the Tribe's Chairman since 2009.

A beloved and charismatic leader, he presided over many significant environmental, cultural, and economic milestones for his Tribe. Jeromy was guided by a love of family, community, and his tribe; he was raised with strong connections to the water and beaches and was passionate about protecting the environment and tribal treaty rights.

As a geoduck diver and shellfish harvester, Jeromy saw firsthand the environmental impacts connected to the operation of a sawmill on the shores of Port Gamble Bay, an important ancestral and cultural waterway for the Port Gamble S'Klallams. He made it a priority to work with the

former Mill's owners and others to help push forward a full cleanup of the Bay—which was completed in 2017—while using his signature tenacity and good humor to educate anyone he could about the Tribe's history and culture.

In recognition of his work to restore Port Gamble Bay, Jeromy was awarded the Billy Frank Jr. Natural Resources Protection Award.

As Chairman, Jeromy increased the Port Gamble S'Klallam's land holdings from 1340 acres to over 2700. This included 937 acres that was a part of a series of historic deals that eventually allowed the Tribe to regain control of the former Mill Site.

**~Chairman Jeromy Sullivan**  
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### PGST Vision Statement

Our vision is to achieve the full potential of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal sovereign nation to be self-sufficient, proud, strong, healthy, educated and respected.

### PGST Mission Statement

The mission of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is to exercise sovereignty and ensure self-determination and self-sufficiency through visionary leadership. We will ensure the health, welfare and economic success of a vibrant community through education, economic development, preservation and protection of the rich culture, traditions, language, homelands, and natural resources of our Tribe.

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### Tribal Council

Jeromy Sullivan (*deceased*), Chairman  
Chris Tom, Vice Chairman  
Renee Veregge, Councilman

Matt Ives, Councilman  
Amber Caldera, Councilman  
Donovan Ashworth, Councilman

### Entity Directors

- Kelly Sullivan, Executive Director
- Greg Trueb, CFO
- Tamara Gage, Administrative Director of Tribal Government
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- Kara Horton-Wright, Port Gamble S'Klallam Housing Authority Executive Director

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The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Council would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the countless friends, partners, neighbors, and governmental agencies that have shown their love and support during this extremely difficult time for our People. This incredible support is a true sign of the positive impacts Chairman Sullivan made and illustrates a legacy that is important for the tribe to maintain into the future.

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Chris Tom, Vice Chair  
 Renee Veregge, Council Person I  
 Donovan Ashworth, Council Person II  
 Matthew Ives, Council Person III  
 Amber Caldera, Council Person IV



## High Point Moves to New Building



*High Point's new building on NE Hansville Rd. is now open.  
 Photo by Tyler Shuey, Kitsap News Group*

High Point Cannabis has moved into its new building at 30521 NE Hansville Road in Kingston.

On July 26, High Point opened its doors for the first time in its new location. The new 4,200-square-foot facility with its modern-looking exterior is a big step up from the portable building it has operated out of since 2017. In addition to more space for product and customers, the new building features a few notable design elements, including high ceilings and vinyl wrap around all four walls depicting scenery from Mount Rainier and Port Gamble Bay.

A grand opening is planned for Friday, August 25. Watch the weekly memo and the Tribe's website for more details.

**Jeromy Sullivan, Cont. from Cover**



Under Jeromy’s leadership, the Tribe also saw significant expansion to programs that support the health and welfare of the Port Gamble S’Klallam community. These include becoming the first Tribe in the nation to run its own foster care and adoption program, the creation of a human dignity approach to reentry that has become a model to other tribes and municipalities, and the 2021 opening of a state-of-the-art Health Center.

Before being elected to Tribal Council, Jeromy was employed by his Tribe, first in the original bingo hall, later in IT. He was proud of the fact that, as Chairman, he oversaw an expansion of the Tribe’s economic holdings, which helped secure the Tribe’s future while increasing job opportunities for Tribal members and the community-at-large.

Jeromy loved sports of all kinds and grew up with a love of baseball. He was a hometown sports fan, always cheering for the Seattle and Little Boston teams and often wearing a favorite jersey. In recent years, Jeromy discovered a love for golf, playing as often as time and responsibilities allowed. He loved spending time with his many life-long friends and cousins; any time on the water, out on a course, or in the dugout were special to him.



Jeromy and his wife, Toni, married in 2000 and raised their two children, Samantha and Jacob in Little Boston. Jeromy is survived by Toni, Samantha and Jacob, as well as his parents, Melvin (Poe) Sullivan (Wendy), and Diana Purser; his brothers Chad and Corey; Chad's wife (Angela); his nieces Julianna, Maddy, Chloe, Libby, and Coraline; a nephew, Devyn; and two beloved dogs, Abbie and Nina and a cat, George. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Aaron Purser, Geraldine Heimann, and Frank and Cyrene (Dolly) Sullivan; and his dog, Rubie.

On Saturday, July 22, a memorial was held to celebrate Jeromy. Hundreds came together to celebrate his life, including from neighboring tribes and those in the Kitsap community. Former PGST Chairman Ron Charles, Jamestown S'Klallam Chair Ron Allen, and Rep. Derek Kilmer spoke, followed by an open mic where dozens shared their connections and memories.

*Thank you to Tad Sooter, Tiffany Royal, and Don Willott who donated photos for this memorial.*





## Culture Department Hosts Cedar Harvesting



*Rowan Bunich, Mary Oliver, and Kara Wright  
with their harvested cedar*

All photos on this page by Laura Price

**By Rowan Bunich**  
*Cultural Assistant*

On June 16, 17, 21, 24, and 27, the Culture Department was able to go cedar bark harvesting on Rayonier Properties. We had a total of 32 attendants over five days with a few more people that wanted to go but were unable to.

This, along with several other people, was my first time getting to harvest. Although I am clumsy and hurt myself a couple times while doing it, it was, in my opinion, a peaceful experience. Everybody picking their trees, taking out their supplies and just silently getting to work. Take out your hatchet and hit just until you reach the inside bark so that you don't kill the tree, then pull the strip as much as the tree allows.

The trees were perfect for harvesting and made it easy to get beautiful strips, long and short. Then we sat down and cleaned the cedar. It was nice to just sit there; luckily the two days I went it was the perfect weather, so we just sat there and separated the hard bark from the inside bark of the strips we had gotten. All the while, we shared stories, different methods, and got to learn from our elders and mentors.

Overall, I would say the harvest was a success and we all got some gorgeous cedar out of it that we will get to use for future projects.



*Above: the process of harvesting cedar*

*Below: A few of the strips of cedar collected during the harvesting on Rayonier lands*





# Tribal Council Approves Enrollment Change to Move to Membership Vote

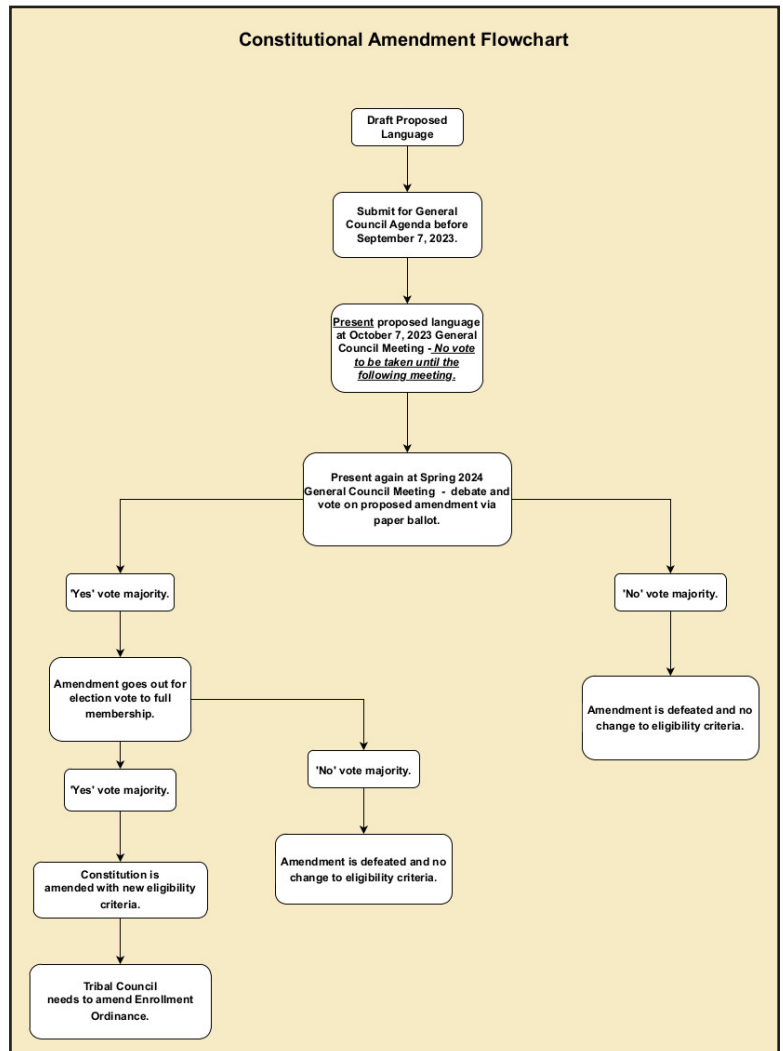
On Monday, July 24, Tribal Council voted to move forward with one of the three options presented by the Enrollment Eligibility Committee to change eligibility requirements for enrollment.

The option Council is forwarding to the General Council is to “expand the geographic area in which automatic eligibility for enrollment applies at birth from the Tribe’s reservation to the counties in which the Tribe’s u & a areas are located.”

Before this change can go into effect, the Tribe’s Constitution must be amended, which requires many steps as follows:

1. Tribal Council will present proposed edits to the Constitution to General Council at the October 2023 General Council. At this meeting, membership will have an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts, but no vote will take place.
2. During the Spring 2024 General Council meeting, the amendment will be taken up again; if there is a quorum, the General Council will be asked to vote by paper ballot. A ‘yes’ vote would move the proposed amendment to a full vote of the membership. A ‘no’ vote defeats the amendment, and the process stops.
3. If the proposed amendment is passed during the Spring 2024 General Council, it is forwarded to the Election Committee, which will administer a vote of the full membership during an election.
4. If the membership chooses to adopt the amendment by majority ‘yes’ vote, it will take effect and be added to the Constitution. If the amendment does not receive a majority ‘yes’ vote, it is defeated, and the process stops.
5. The change also requires an amendment to Title 25, which staff will present alongside the process of the Constitution amendments.

The Enrollment Eligibility Committee was formed in 2018 at the direction of Tribal Council for the purpose of analyzing available data to determine how enrollment will impact future PGST membership. The Committee includes members from the Enrollment Committee, the Law-and-Order Committee, and Tribal members-at-large, as well as a contracted attorney and other related consultants.



A flow chart showing the process of adopting an amendment into the PGST Constitution

Understanding the impact its work could have on the future of the Tribe and its membership, the Committee has been fully transparent about its findings, creating several opportunities for Tribal membership to learn about and comment on the various options being proposed.

The members of the Enrollment Eligibility Committee thank Tribal Council for their guidance and support throughout this process. They also extend their gratitude to all the PGST members who participated in and shared their thoughts during community meetings and surveys. This feedback played a significant role in the process and the Council’s final decision.



# Canoe Journey Returns to Point Julia



Photo by Melia Moore

After a four-year hiatus, Canoe Journey has made a welcome return!

Canoes from tribes across the Pacific Northwest landed at Point Julia on the afternoon of Thursday, July 27. Guests camped and stayed in the homes of PGST community members before departing the next morning joined by the PGST Canoe Family. About 100 canoes in total landed in Suquamish on Friday, July 28.

On Sunday, July 30, canoe families departed for the final leg of the journey to Alki Beach and a week of protocol and events hosted by the Muckleshoot.

The theme of Paddle to Muckleshoot is “Honoring our Warriors Past and Present.” *Photos by Tamara Gage, unless otherwise noted*



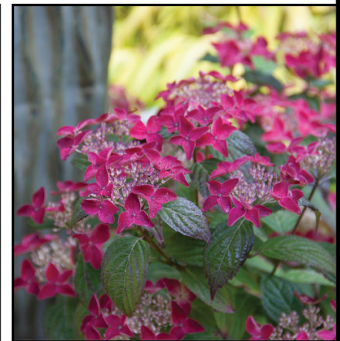




# Hydrangea Festival

at Heronswood Garden

Saturday, August 12  
10 am - 2 pm



## Announcing Heronswood's 1st Annual **Hydrangea Festival**

- Tour Heronswood's prized Hydrangea collection with the Garden's Director, Dr. Ross Bayton
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- Plus: New Variety Showcase, scavenger hunt, themed treats, and more!



*Tickets \$10/adults, \$5/kids (7-17), and free for kids 6 and under, and Garden and PGST members.*

For more information, please visit  
[www.héronswoodgarden.org](http://www.héronswoodgarden.org)

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*...to everyone celebrating in AUGUST!*

## August 1

Kyle Clausen  
John DeCoteau  
Mila Flores  
Cynthia Thompson

## August 2

Domyinique Archambault  
Gordon Donaldson  
Justin McGovern  
Tyler Streun

## August 3

Talia Decoteau  
Richard Fulton  
Thaddeaus Harrison

## August 4

Skylene Gritton  
Joseph Tom

## August 5

Earl Affonce  
Janie Brinkman  
Kolbie Carpenter  
Dakota Gaines-Melton

## August 6

Tristan DeCoteau-Gurney  
Brooklyn Weaver

## August 7

Ian Baze  
Lisa Magdaleno

## August 8

Ciarra Hanna  
Faith Williams

## August 9

Sophia Clifton  
Sabrena Edwards  
Naomi Reynolds

## August 10

Derek Bendixson  
Kiana Charles  
Phillip Davis  
Brad Taylor Ives  
Bradley Paul Ives  
Alishawnee Pierce

## August 11

Devlin Bowling  
Justeen Komok

## August 12

Lennie Murphy  
Riquelle Weaver

## August 13

Walter Jacobsen  
Georgia Makris  
Gregory Sullivan  
Halle Trevathan  
Linda Turman  
Ann Zent

## August 14

Geronimo Jones  
Nakaya Purser-Decoteau

## August 15

Sylvia Charles  
Judith Fitzgerald  
Viola Loescher

## August 16

Cheyenne Decoteau  
Matias Evans  
Leonda Najera  
Aaron Newman  
Katrina Plankenhorn

## August 17

Tawny Decoteau  
David Perry  
Emily Sullivan

Victor Tom  
Joseph Wooster

## August 18

John Decoteau  
John Ewing  
Randal Michalscheck  
Jayla Moon  
Jonathan Smart II  
Kasen Sullivan  
William Trevathan

## August 19

Addison Arciaga  
Penny Decoteau  
Edna Ives  
Sarah Leavitt  
Presley Veregge

## August 20

Benjamin Jones-Stewart  
Alexander Moff  
Alan Nystrom

## August 21

Derryck Decoteau

## August 22

John Gresham  
Benjamin Knowlton  
Conlee McDonald

## August 23

Rodolfo Alarcon  
Josef Swift

## August 24

Scott Fulton  
Darlene Peters  
Marcelene Sparks  
Adrienne Stricker  
Carriana Wellman

## August 25

Marissa Fulton  
Bailey Horton  
Ryleigh Horton  
Jeffrey Lund  
Avery Rogers

## August 26

Rayna Espinosa-Ives  
Misty Gamble

## August 27

Lillian Bennett  
Lorreena Broten  
Aletcia Ives  
Kaysen Purser-Butler  
Jennifer Wiese

## August 28

Hillary Purser  
Francine Swift  
Samantha Wise

## August 29

Cindy Combes  
Mark Nilluka  
Kelly Tom

## August 30

Carla Edwards  
Sharlene Jackson  
Cassandra Laroche  
Danielle Maxwell  
Patricia Melton

## August 31

Misty Bowechop  
Kish Castenguay  
Grace Gouley  
Peyton Moyer  
Ashton Purser



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- **August 2 @ 10:30 a.m.** — Virtual and In-Person Little Boston Book Group
- **August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 1:00 p.m.** — Crafternoon
- **August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 11:30 a.m.** — Family Storytime
- **August 9, 16 @ 3:30 p.m.** — Read to a Dog
- **August 21-25 @ 10:00 a.m.** — Take & Make: Pinwheels

### Now Through August...

#### Take on Challenges & Win Cool Prizes

Participate in the Dig Into Reading Challenge, read for 10 hours and celebrate with a book or journal to take home. Read 50 hours to earn a drawstring bag for all your Summer Learning goodies or read all 100 hours for your very own celebratory 100-hour Reader T-shirt! Or complete the Dig Into Learning Challenge or Bingo Bonus Challenge for an end-of-summer prize drawing entry. For more information stop by the library or visit [www.krl.org](http://www.krl.org).

### Reading Recommendations

#### Books

***Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses*** by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Potawatomi): In this earlier work, “Braiding Sweetgrass” author Robin Wall Kimmerer explains the biology of mosses clearly and artfully, while also reflecting on what these

fascinating organisms have to teach us. Drawing on her diverse experiences as a scientist, mother, teacher, and writer of Native American heritage, Kimmerer explains the stories of mosses in scientific terms as well as in the framework of Indigenous ways of knowing. (*Nonfiction • Book • 2003*)

### Magazines

Better Homes & Gardens (BHG)

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- Homes
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Crafts
- Healthy living
- Decorating

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# TIDE TABLES FOR PORT GAMBLE, WASHINGTON

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	1 <sup>ST</sup> TIDE	2 <sup>ND</sup> TIDE	3 <sup>RD</sup> TIDE	4 <sup>TH</sup> TIDE
Tue, 8/15	6:03 am	8:23 pm	4:09 am, 8.6 ft, high tide	11:02 am, -0.8 ft, low tide	6:35 pm, 10.1 ft, high tide	n/a
Wed, 8/16	6:05 am	8:22 pm	12:12 am, 5.8 ft, low tide	4:50 am, 8.6 ft, high tide	11:37 am, -0.7 ft, low tide	6:53 pm, 10.0 ft, high tide
Thu, 8/17	6:06 am	8:20 pm	12:37 am, 5.3 ft, low tide	5:30 am, 8.6 ft, high tide	12:10 pm, -0.4 ft, low tide	7:11 pm, 10.0 ft, high tide
Fri, 8/18	6:07 am	8:18 pm	1:04 am, 4.8 ft, low tide	6:11 am, 8.5 ft, high tide	12:43 pm, 0.2 ft, low tide	7:31 pm, 10.1 ft, high tide
Sat, 8/19	6:09 am	8:16 pm	1:34 am, 4.1 ft, low tide	6:54 am, 8.4 ft, high tide	1:15 pm, 1.0 ft, low tide	7:53 pm, 10.1 ft, high tide
Sun, 8/20	6:10 am	8:14 pm	2:07 am, 3.3 ft, low tide	7:41 am, 8.2 ft, high tide	1:49 pm, 2.0 ft, low tide	8:18 pm, 10.0 ft, high tide
Mon, 8/21	6:11 am	8:13 pm	2:44 am, 2.6 ft, low tide	8:33 am, 8.0 ft, high tide	2:24 pm, 3.2 ft, low tide	8:44 pm, 9.9 ft, high tide
Tue, 8/22	6:13 am	8:11 pm	3:24 am, 1.9 ft, low tide	9:32 am, 7.8 ft, high tide	3:01 pm, 4.6 ft, low tide	9:11 pm, 9.6 ft, high tide
Wed, 8/23	6:14 am	8:09 pm	4:10 am, 1.2 ft, low tide	10:43 am, 7.8 ft, high tide	3:45 pm, 5.9 ft, low tide	9:41 pm, 9.4 ft, high tide
Thu, 8/24	6:15 am	8:07 pm	5:02 am, 0.7 ft, low tide	12:11 pm, 7.9 ft, high tide	4:46 pm, 7.1 ft, low tide	10:20 pm, 9.1 ft, high tide
Fri, 8/25	6:17 am	8:05 pm	6:01 am, 0.1 ft, low tide	2:01 pm, 8.3 ft, high tide	6:21 pm, 7.9 ft, low tide	11:16 pm, 8.9 ft, high tide
Sat, 8/26	6:18 am	8:03 pm	7:04 am, -0.5 ft, low tide	3:25 pm, 9.0 ft, high tide	8:07 pm, 8.0 ft, low tide	n/a
Sun, 8/27	6:19 am	8:01 pm	12:28 am, 8.8 ft, high tide	8:07 am, -1.2 ft, low tide	4:14 pm, 9.6 ft, high tide	9:17 pm, 7.5 ft, low tide
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Wed, 8/30	6:23 am	7:56 pm	3:49 am, 9.7 ft, high tide	10:48 am, -2.3 ft, low tide	5:52 pm, 10.6 ft, high tide	11:33 pm, 4.7 ft, low tide
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Fri, 9/8	6:35 am	7:38 pm	6:19 am, 0.4 ft, low tide	2:50 pm, 9.3 ft, high tide	8:29 pm, 7.0 ft, low tide	n/a
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