



Special Election Issue: Chairperson

Letter of Intent: Amber Caldera

PGST Family and Friends,

I am writing to express my intent to run for the position of Chairperson in the upcoming 2023 special election for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. My name is Amber Caldera (Seachord). I am the proud granddaughter of Darlene Seachord (Wellman), Ginger Ives (Jones), and the daughter of Tim Seachord and Danno Ives. For the last 20 years, I have been blessed to share my life with my husband, Jordan, and together, we are raising our three children within the warm embrace of our cherished Reservation, our home.

My educational journey has been driven by a profound commitment to better serve our Tribe. I have diligently pursued higher education to equip myself with the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute effectively to our community. I hold an Associates Degree from the Northwest Indian College, a Bachelors Degree from the Evergreen State College, and a Masters of Legal Studies Degree in Indigenous Law from the University of Oklahoma. For the past 14 years, my professional path has been dedicated to serving our Tribe through the Children and Family Services Department. This invaluable experience has provided me with a deep understanding of the unique needs and challenges facing our community. Furthermore, I have had the privilege of representing our Tribe as Councilperson IV for the past three years. This role has allowed me to actively engage in tribal governance and work toward the betterment of our people. My educational background and extensive experience within our community uniquely positions me to take on the responsibilities of the Chairperson role and continue serving our Tribe with dedication and capability.

I have been committed to upholding professionalism and nurturing positive relationships both within and beyond the workplace.

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There will be a Special Election for a new Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Chairperson on Tuesday, October 24.

The deadline to request absentee ballots is Tuesday, October 17. To request an absentee ballot, please contact the Front Desk at 360-297-2646 or Jordan DeCoteau at 360-297-6217. An absentee ballot can only be requested by the voter, not by others, including family members.

The Chairperson is a unique, all-encompassing position. They are expected to serve in the interests of the membership, provide leadership to staff, and lead the work of Tribal Council. The Chairperson sets the tone of Tribal government on behalf of the membership and must lead the Tribe in all areas, including those that they personally may not have an interest in or passion for.

Five Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal members have submitted Intents to Run and will appear on the ballot. They include, in alphabetical order by last name:

- Amber Caldera**
- Matthew Ives**
- Eugene Purser**
- Julianna Sullivan**
- Faith Anne Wion**

The candidate Letters of Intent appear throughout this issue. They appear as received from the candidate. No additional edits have been made. In some cases, to retain S'Klallam language properly, screenshots from PDF versions of the letters are utilized.



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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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It has been my privilege to serve as the Council Liaison for several critical groups, including the Tribal Education Advisory Board, the Law-and-Order Committee, the Lot Advisory Committee and the Nookayet Board. Attending these meetings has provided me with firsthand knowledge, which helps me to advocate effectively for our community, and contribute to informed decision-making that aligns with our collective goals and priorities.

Advocating for our people is a responsibility I hold in the highest regard. I have actively supported monetary benefits for our people, such as elder/tribal member discounts at our enterprises, increasing the Elder's distribution payments, eliminating fish taxes, and accelerating the distribution of COVID relief funds during challenging times. I also believe in maintaining an open-door policy, which serves as the cornerstone of effective communication and collaboration within our community. I understand that some individuals may be hesitant to voice their concerns or complaints, for various reasons. As your elected representative, I am deeply committed to being a voice for those who may not feel comfortable speaking up. I am dedicated to making the time to listen to your needs and bring these important issues to the table. My recent advocacy on behalf of enterprise employees at the Nookayet Board meeting is a testament to this commitment. My advocacy led to immediate steps being taken to address the issues.

I have found that it is important to have a guiding principle that ensures decisions and actions align with the broader interests of our people. My guiding force has become, "What would General Council want me to do or say?" This demonstrates my deep commitment to democracy and the will of our community members. It emphasizes the importance of seeking input and consensus from the General Council, as they represent the collective voice and values of our Tribe. I do

not hesitate to remind anyone about the chain of command and how the General Council is at the TOP, always.

I firmly believe in the importance of nurturing positive relationships with external entities as a cornerstone for the growth and prosperity of our Tribe. I have actively worked to cultivate collaborative partnerships at a government-to-government level and am unwavering in my commitment to continue these efforts, drawing upon my experience to further enhance the well-being of our community. Examples of such collaborations include our engagement with the North Kitsap School District to ensure our students receive culturally sensitive and high-quality education, our cooperation with neighboring tribes to foster support and collaboration on shared interests, our dialogue with the Navy and Army Corps to address land use, environmental concerns, regional projects, and safeguard our treaty rights, as well as our interactions with Federal and State Agencies to navigate legislative and regulatory matters impacting our Tribe. I have excelled at representing our Tribe solely at Federal/Tribal Consultations regarding social services and have discovered this type of work is my true passion. My legal background and deep understanding of federal and state laws uniquely position me to defend our Tribal Government from external intrusions and I am committed to protecting our sovereignty fiercely, and at all costs.

In my initial intent letter, I refrained from making promises, as I believed it was essential to gain a deep understanding of our Tribe's inner workings first. Now armed with that knowledge, I am prepared to put forth meaningful changes aimed at enhancing our community. These goals, in no particular order, encompass various aspects, including increasing Elders' payments and transitioning to monthly distributions to help them cope with the escalating cost of living. Additionally, I aspire to introduce more Elder/Youth social activities and explore the possibility of establishing an

assisted living facility to improve their quality of life. Advocating for affordable housing suitable for all income groups, fully funding education and trade school expenses, and eventually establishing our tribal school are also on my agenda. Recognizing the importance of prioritizing sensitivity during shoreline relocation efforts is a key aspect and figuring out a way to support our fisherman in retirement without social security. Addressing the low rate of tribal members employed within our enterprises and implementing cultural training programs for non-tribal employees is another crucial focus area. Furthermore, I am committed to continuing the work on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples response plan through available grant funding and conducting a comprehensive review of tribal policies to identify areas of effectiveness and needed improvements. As well as ensuring our policies are followed consistently and not merely when convenient.

I also would like to reclaim the pieces of Tribal Council authority that have been assigned away. Doing so acknowledges the trust bestowed upon us by the General Council through their votes. I firmly believe that this trust is at the heart of our duty, as General Council members place their confidence in us through the election process. It concerns me that so much authority resides with staff members who were not elected by the people. I would like to explore amending the Nookayet Business Charter to broaden the Council's authority beyond just budget oversight, including control over essential resources like food and hotel accommodation in emergency situations. It is crucial for the Council to possess the authority to make critical decisions, with input and recommendations from the Emergency Response Team, rather than the other way around, as it is now. I also believe in ensuring law enforcement accountability, with a focus on protecting our people while upholding proper protocols.

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This includes maintaining the integrity of our power to exclude non-tribals by enforcing our zero-tolerance drug policies and physically removing violators from our reservation boundaries. Also, utilizing our special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction provisions, which allow us to exercise criminal jurisdiction over specific non-Indians who violate protection orders or engage in domestic or dating violence against members of our Tribe. I take pride in our two tribal members in the force and will support initiatives to encourage more tribal and community members to join, strengthening our connection with those who safeguard our community.

My commitment is genuine in serving our community with transparency, fairness, and accountability, always upholding the trust our General Council has placed in us through their votes. Many of the initiatives I've mentioned are already in progress, and I will continue advancing them, regardless of this election outcome, via my current Council position. However, the results will be prolonged,

as serving on Council while working full-time in CFS prevents me from providing 100% dedication to either job. I would love the ability to focus on these tasks exclusively. My main focus would be on our community, as I would have no other commitments. I am finished with my higher education, and I do not harvest commercially, which means zero distractions and complete concentration. Since my teenage years, I've aspired to become Chairwoman, which drove my commitment to higher education. I just never imagined the time would come so soon and under such heartbreaking circumstances. Jeromy's leadership has been inspiring, and I'm honored to have witnessed and learned from him firsthand. I understand the significant responsibility of following in his footsteps. While I won't promise perfection, I'll give my utmost effort. I plan to improve my communication skills by taking public speaking and S'Klallam language classes. I pledge honesty and integrity, while having compassion for those facing challenges. I'll safeguard services for mental health, addiction, special needs, and trauma, always prioritizing our people's needs. With deep community roots, education, Council experience, knowledge

of tribal processes and procedures, I am the ideal candidate to prevent delays in critical projects, while fostering an accessible, transparent environment.

I believe that serving our community means actively engaging with our people, listening to their voices, and taking meaningful action to improve their lives. I am committed to upholding these principles, working to cultivate a harmonious, inclusive, and supportive environment for all Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe members. This is not merely a job to me; it is our family, our life, our everything. I personally have been shaped by the values, morals, and beliefs of our people throughout my lifetime, and I want to continue giving back to show my gratitude. I believe that together, we can continue to build a bright future for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, by bringing positive change to the lives of our people. With deep respect, I humbly request your support in the upcoming election.

Please vote Amber Caldera for Chairwoman of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.



Letter of Intent: Matthew Ives

My name is Matthew Ives. I take great pride in being a Port Gamble S'Klallam Member (#508). I live with my family Barb, Teylor, Charlotte, and our dog Krakken Rambo. I am honored to serve as one of your Tribal Councilmen for the past 5 1/2 years. I have served on many committees as Liaison to the council including, but not limited to Natural Resource, Point No Point Treaty Council, Culture Committee, Utility Board, and Tribal Council Policy Manual.

Before serving on Tribal Council, I served on the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes Fish Committee for 9 years. For the past 18 years I have and continue to be a treaty fisherman. The environment, and the survival of our natural resources

are extremely important to me.

I received my AA Direct Transfer Degree from Northwest Indian College in 2010. I am proud to share that I practiced and participated in the Paddle to Seattle in 1989. Today we continue to paddle and strengthen our culture, we are the Strong People.

I enjoy practicing our culture and exercising my treaty rights by fishing, crabbing, harvesting clams and oysters either commercially or for my own personal needs.

I have been to many talks for our needs here at the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. I have represented at the North Falcon

meetings where we must get our list of agreed fisheries, for all the Tribes and the State of Washington in place. I have also represented at Tribal Policy meetings for crabbing, salmon, and shellfish where I have voiced our concerns about fisheries issues. When I was a liaison for education, I was grateful to have met with the late Senator John McCoy several times to discuss our educational priorities and needs. I have lobbied with our Natural Resources manager, in Olympia and we were successful at getting funding for our land at the Old Mill site in Port Gamble. I have been to meetings with the Navy. At many of them the discussions may have been tough I will continue to have them and put our S'Klallam needs first.

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Our education department needs more funding. We have two convenience stores, the Gliding Eagle and the Point Market. We currently tax on gas and cigarettes at the Gliding Eagle. Those taxes get filtered back to our Tribe in the general fund. At the Point Market, we taxed everything, and those taxes went back to Washington State because the land was and is not in trust. I would like to see a Tribal tax on sales at the Gliding Eagle. Those new Tribal taxes could and should be earmarked specifically for education and trade schools. Of course, like all Tribal stores on trust land, we shall not tax our tribal members. Our future generations of scholars and trade schoolers will be in a much better position to further their education with support of the tribe and Tribal Council.

With that being said, we as a Tribe need policies and procedures in place so we can start this work. I would like to see that our legal, tribal CFO, Noo-kayet CFO, and executive staff in a room to fast tract not only our store taxes, but taxes from any entities that will reside on the Port Gamble S'Klallam reservation. With Tribal Council approval, this can and will present more funds for our people and governmental infrastructural needs for now and into the future.

My goal as Chairperson is not to change and shake up the system we already have in place. We employ many great people, around 350, who all our work more straightforward. In the pasted 5 1/2 years I have learned a lot and grown within our Tribe. I have always taken my Council position seriously. When I make deci-

sions, it has always been the needs of the whole Tribe, not just certain factions. The Council and Executives that I get to work with today have grown, and we all strive for the betterment of our Tribe.

My Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Members, thank you for your time. Allow me to facilitate meetings and be a spokesperson for our Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, who will always speak and represent the best interest of our Tribe, and that will move us into a new era while protecting our Sovereignty and Treaty Rights. Please vote, Matthew Ives for Tribal Chairperson. I have always had an open door policy, feel free to contact me in person, by phone at 360-509-7524, or via email at matthewivesn8ive@yahoo.com.



Letter of Intent: Eugene Purser

I'm announcing my candidacy for chairman in the upcoming special election. Submitted by Eugene Purser, September 25, 2023

Please read my entire letter carefully.

I have both the knowledge and the experience to be an affective Tribal Chairman having served on council as Vice-Chair and Councilman many times in the past. I will work every day to improve the lives of my fellow Tribal Members. The last time I ran for chairman the vote was very close, and to the great credit of Chairman Jeremy Sullivan, my nephew, he listened to the voters and through his leadership Tribal Members received more benefits and payments in the last couple years than ever before. If you elect me chairman I will carry on and expand on what Jeremy started.

There are a couple candidates in this election that hold a completely opposite position when it comes to extending benefits and payments to Tribal Members, if either candidate is elected chairman all the progress made up to this point under Jeremy's leadership will be lost. Let's keep

the momentum going!

I want fair and equal treatment for every Tribal Member, and I will make certain this happens.

In both the 2016 and 2018 election I advocated for eliminating the fish tax for all treaty fisherman. And through the continued efforts of fisherman like Jason Purser and my son Darren, Tribal Council eventually voted to eliminate the tax. I believe of all the candidates, I will be the best advocate for treaty fisherman in the future.

I will insist that Tribal Council and administration fulfill their fiduciary responsibility to the tribal membership. This means any and all funds expended will be for the direct benefit of Tribal Members. A fiduciary responsibility is both a ethical and legal responsibility.

I was in attendance at the Tribal Council Meeting when discussion on the purchase of the Kountry Korner store and property was being considered, I asked Tribal Council at this meeting if there was a

business model/plan in place that showed this would be a profitable business acquisition for the tribe, I was told there was. Obviously the plan was not good a one, it was announced recently that Noo-Kayet was closing the store down. My daughter in-law made a great observation, asking why wasn't this property put in trust and why wasn't the store closed down before constructing a new building for the sale of marijuana, her thought was that this would have been a much more lucrative location for the pot shop. Tribal Council needs to hold those responsible for bad advice accountable.

What is Noo-Kayet's function, as I've stated in the past, we haven't seen a new business started by this entity since it's inception. I don't consider opening the marijuana shop a new business created by Noo-Kayet. The tribe needs to diversify our economic base through new profitable businesses. I think Heronswood should be put under the authority of Noo-Kayet.

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I would have Noo-Kayet evaluate several year-end profit and loss statements to determine if it's worth investing hundreds of thousands of dollars for improvements as is currently being planned. Perhaps with Noo-Kayet's expertise Heronswood can be made profitable or at least a break even business.

I'd like to see the tribe move away from getting grants that requires the tribe to open our facilities to the public. I'm really interested in getting the tribe to finance housing for Tribal Members instead of seeking grants or loans from outside organizations or the state. We shouldn't put ourselves in the position of having the state or outside organization tell us who we can rent to or how much we have to charge for rent. We must protect tribal sovereignty.

A couple years ago on a zoom presentation the Planning Department showed plans for a new tribal center. I believe the cost back then was estimated at 40 to 50 million dollars. At todays construction cost the tab would be more like 70 to 80 million dollars. This project would be rated very low on my priority list. I can think of many better uses for this amount of money.

In any future logging projects I would require Natural Resources to be in charge and also require that we request BIA oversight. This applies to major logging operations not logging on individual assigned lots.

I have always advocated for full transparency. Money and power can corrupt without full transparency. The amount of money coming into the tribe and go-

ing out is huge, it behooves all of us to be ever vigilante so that no one can ever take advantage of us. We are are a trusting people, almost to a fault, and that's okay, but we need to always require transparency by our government and enterprises. Trust but verify.

We have some very smart and capable people on Tribal Council and in administration, it's going to be very important for who ever is elected to the Chair position to listen and cooperate with everyone involved, and at the same time bring to the Chairman position their vision for the tribe.

Thank you for your consideration and hopefully your vote. Eugene Purser



Letter of Intent: Julianna Sullivan

To my S'Klallam Tribal Members,

My name is Julianna Sullivan, and I am writing this letter to express my intent to run for Council Chairperson for our Tribe. I am the oldest grandchild of Melvin "Poe" Sullivan and Dianna Purser. My parents are Chad and Angela Sullivan. Having grown up on the reservation, the Little Boston Community is my family and has shaped me into who I am today.

I went to daycare in Kingston at the Teen Parent Childcare Center while my Mom and Dad finished earning their high school diplomas. Growing up as a snotty nose Rez kid, my parents would drop me off at the old elder's center to learn from Grandma Thelma Fulton, Grandma Ruth Martinez, and Grandma Maxine Whalbridge at the Foster Grandparent Program. My first Headstart preschool teachers were Aunty Connie Veregge and June Jones, where my Dad became their teaching assistant. I cannot emphasize enough the value these programs had on my life.

I went to Wolffe Elementary, Kingston

Junior High, North Kitsap High School, West Sound Tech, and was the first graduating class of Kingston High School. I earned my associate degree at Northwest Indian College, which provided me with a science internship with the Tribe's Natural Resources Department, enabling me to begin building my career.

I started working as a field technician for the Point No Point Treaty Council while earning my Bachelor of Arts at The Evergreen State College. For the past ten years, I have worked as a marine biologist for the Tribe, a dream I had since age 9. I work for the Tribe's Habitat, Research, and Monitoring Program, where we grow shellfish for the Tribe and conduct research that drives ecosystem restoration and conservation actions within the Tribe's traditional hunting and fishing areas. I am very proud to be a part of a team that strives to improve the lives of our tribal community by protecting and enhancing access to treaty resources. Recently, as a result of a treaty harvest training project that I developed, I was inspired to continue my education. Last June, I earned my Master of

Legal Studies Degree in Indigenous Peoples Law at the University of Oklahoma.

In addition to my formal education, I have been fortunate enough to have my family teach me how to exercise my treaty rights through subsistence harvesting and by participating in commercial fisheries such as crabbing, shrimping, and most recently geoduck diving. I would not dare declare myself as top dog in any level, but actively harvesting has provided me some insight on the unique perspective of our tribal fishermen.

If I am fortunate enough to serve as Tribal Chair, I hope to use the position to improve the well-being of our tribal community by focusing on the following:

Environmental protection – Protecting our environment is crucial to protecting the Tribe's treaty rights and as Tribal Chair I will continue to work and remind our state and federal government of their responsibility to the protection of our treaty-reserved resources.

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Economic growth – I will promote policies and business strategies that are culturally relevant to the S’Klallam People such as expanding direct seafood marketing opportunities and exploring other ways that the Tribe can help our community capitalize on the hard work that our treaty harvesters do.

At the heart of sustainable economic growth is the understanding and appreciation of a community’s unique cultural identity and heritage. For the people of the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe, our rich traditions, history, and connection to the natural world, especially our bond with the sea, play a pivotal role in defining who we are. To foster authentic and lasting economic development, I will advocate for the promotion of policies and business strategies that deeply resonate with our cultural philosophy. Our treaty harvesters, through generations, have showcased unparalleled dedication and skill in harnessing the bounties of the Salish Sea. By fostering pathways that allow the Tribe to market these harvests directly, not only do we ensure fair economic rewards for our harvesters, but we also offer the wider community an authentic taste of the Port Gamble S’Klallam Legacy.

Furthermore, it is important to recognize that our treaty harvesters represent just one attribute of our Tribe’s industrious spirit. Beyond seafood marketing, I believe it is imperative to explore diversified avenues that can help our community capitalize on the hard work of all our members. By aligning our business strategies with our traditional values and practices, we pave the way for an economic model that is both progressive and deeply rooted in our heritage. This approach guarantees not just economic growth, but also the preservation and celebration of the Port Gamble S’Klallam way of life for generations to come.

Increasing educational opportunities – Education encompasses not only the structured learning we acquire through

academic institutions but also the invaluable knowledge passed down through generations in the form of traditional skills and wisdom. As a champion of the comprehensive growth of our tribal community, I strongly believe in the continued support for tribal programs in higher education. These programs serve as critical channels for our young members to access advanced knowledge, skills, and opportunities, bridging the past with the future and ensuring that our community thrives in a rapidly changing world.

However, as we embrace the modern world, we must never lose sight of the immense value of our ancestral knowledge. Skills such as boating, fishing, and shell-fishing are not mere activities; they are an embodiment of our connection to the land and sea, encapsulating centuries of experience, adaptation, and survival. Recognizing and valuing these hands-on skills is essential. By doing so, we not only honor the legacy of our elders but also ensure that these traditions are celebrated, practiced, and adapted for future challenges. I will strive to create platforms and programs that give equal importance to these traditional skills alongside contemporary education is crucial for a holistic educational environment that cherishes the entirety of the Strong People’s heritage.

Continuing to support established programs – At the core of a thriving and resilient community are its foundational support systems, and for this community, our established tribal programs play an indispensable role. I will continue to support our health and wellness programs because a healthy community is an empowered community. By ensuring that everyone has access to quality wellness, we lay the foundation for a brighter future. Alongside health and wellness, housing plays a pivotal role in providing stability. I believe that affordable housing is not just about buildings; it’s about building an environment where every family can thrive, dream, and grow.

The Tribe’s commitment to the community’s well-being extends to both our young-

est and eldest members. Early childhood education is more than just a stepping-stone; it is the foundation upon which a lifetime of learning and personal growth is built. Investing in the early years ensures that our children are equipped with the skills, values, and knowledge to navigate the world with confidence and purpose. Meanwhile, our elders, the pillars of wisdom and tradition in our community, and I will advocate for programs that recognize their invaluable contributions and address their unique needs. By ensuring that they are supported, respected, and engaged, we not only uphold our cultural values but also reinforce the intergenerational bonds that have always been the strength of our Tribe.

Final Thoughts – I see great potential in how this position can provide the chance to lead and guide the Tribe towards its goals, aspirations and advocacy for our interests, but what is most important to me is having the ability to voice tribal member concerns. Learning from past leadership has been crucial for my personal and professional growth. In particular, the leadership of my Uncle Jeromy Sullivan, Jake Jones, and Ron Charles are exceptional standards to study and learn from. Their experiences, skills, and approaches have provided invaluable guidance and inspiration. Even though writing this letter breaks my heart, I know that by examining their leadership styles, decision-making processes, and accomplishments, I can better understand effective leadership and apply those lessons to my endeavors.

I humbly request your consideration for the Council Chairperson.

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Thank you, my friends and family. Take care of yourself.

Most truly,

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Letter of Intent: Faith Anne Wion

*Faith Anne Wion cn sna,
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 Reeda ee John Raub ee Jessie Williams.
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*I am Faith Anne Wion, my mom's name Martina Armstrong, my father's name Bennie Armstrong,
 my grandparents Geneva & Joseph Ives and Evelyn & John Armstrong and Beatrice Nilluka & Melvin Williams,
 my great grandparents Clara & Foster Jones and Martina & Irwin Ives and Martha & Bennie George and
 Reeda & John Raub and Jessie Williams.*

I am Port Gamble S'Klallam.

I would like to express my interest in the upcoming special election for the Chairperson position. I have complete respect and admiration for the gracious and engaging leadership Jeromy provided for our tribe and our community. He was a leader many of us aspire to be for our people. I feel I can continue that open-door policy with respect to hearing all of our tribal member's concerns while striving to meet the shared goals that have a mutual purpose towards the common good for all of us. I would like to have a larger experience doing what I do. Larger in the sense that it connects me to something bigger than me, something I believe in, something I have faith in. Doing this will allow me to experience more fulfilment and meaning through working for our people.

I feel my administrative experience has prepared me for the required Chairperson responsibilities and office duties (understanding a budget, policies, procedures and tribal law). I have tribal governance administrative experience and excellent business leadership skills for the past 14 years I have worked for the Point No Point Treaty Council as an Accountant, and also own a thriving drive-thru tribal espresso business which I've owned for over 20 years. I am a lifelong student and goal achiever. I received high honors attaining my degree of Bachelor of Arts in Tribal Governance & Business Management at Northwest Indian College. I learned the importance of our sovereignty, tribal leadership, eco-

nomie development and management. I was driven to continue on my education path which I am currently enrolled with the University of Minnesota for a Master of Tribal Administration & Governance to learn more in regards to nation-to-nation relationships, self-governance, and culturally knowledgeable leadership. I feel confident about committing the time to learn and follow through on the important issues of the Tribe. I feel I can represent our tribe in a good way professionally to continue the ongoing relationships between PGST and tribal, local, state and federal representatives.

Many of us live off rez, more than 60%, either because of housing, education, work location or even because of where our family lives. We all try to attain that connectedness to the tribe through weekly newsletter by email, monthly newsletter, multiple Facebook groups, PGST text messaging and family/tribal gatherings. I am proud to be S'Klallam and I am involved culturally and socially which would be a strength I can attribute to the tribal council. Knowing and living our culture is our inherent right which is what I do through prayers to the Creator, song, dance, weaving, beading, carving, pulling in our canoes, fishing, hunting, clam digging, picking berries, speaking Klallam, potlatches and through my work at Point No Point Treaty Council. I am happily married to my husband James Wion and have raised six children in our community. Two of them are proud Port Gamble S'Klallam

members. Three are proud Suquamish tribal members. One is a proud Samish tribal member. We raise our children to be proud of who they are and the communities they come from. Because all of us take part in their growth. To stay involved I have been privileged to sit as Chair on the Enrollment Committee which I have been a part of for twenty years. I previously held the Secretary/Treasurer Board of Directors position for Noo-Kayet Investments for five years. As well as in the beginning stages when we had a bingo hall, I was a Board Member of the Tribal Gaming for three years.

I have been attending the monthly council meetings to gain a better understanding, knowledge, and witness how our tribal council is functioning. I feel they are doing a great job with the current extenuating circumstances. Their work is to be applauded too; the council has stepped up on their duties to fill in where they are needed. They support each other with confidence and reassurance. I would love the opportunity to work together and see how I can add to the group to bring out each other's positive assets to have a strong team to represent our people. Being able to plan strategically by analyzing what our strengths and weaknesses are in our community so we could effectively meet all the needs of all of our programs.

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I would love to ensure the Federal government is honoring their commitment to Tribal Nations and Native communities by our tribe utilizing the funding available for addressing the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons by implementing tribally-centered responses, tribal infrastructure and affordable housing, and language program to expand opportunities for students to learn our Klallam language such as full-immersion programs.

I come from a strong, spiritual, cultural, and loving family who has always been humble in their leadership roles. I hope you can see these values in me and know that humility will allow us to grow as a tribe and prepare for the next 7 generations.

Thank you for your time and I would appreciate your vote!

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All Candidate Letters of Intent and info about an upcoming election community Q&A available at:

www.pgst.nsn.us/2023-special-election



Around The Rez

Opportunities and announcements for the S'Klallam Community

October 20 & 21: Haunted Heronswood

In celebration of Spooky Season, Haunted Heronswood is back again! The popular seasonal event is scheduled for Friday, October 20 & Saturday, October 21 from 5-9 pm at Heronswood Garden.

This year's event will include carved lit pumpkins along the main drive, a graveyard display in the Potager, the Trail of Terror in the Woodland Garden, trick or treat stations throughout the Garden, and refreshments (including alcoholic beverages) under the tent to the rear of the Garden.

Already appearing in the Garden are S'Klallam Stories, displays made from organic materials depicting a traditional S'Klallam folk tale. A new S'Klallam Story will appear in the Garden weekly up through Haunted Heronswood.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 7-17, and free to those under 7. Advance tickets are not required.

For more information, please visit www.héronswoodgarden.org.

Birth to Pre-K Clothing Assistance Available

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe wants to ensure its infants and toddlers have sufficient warm clothing for the fall and winter seasons. To this end, it is policy to provide purchasing assistance of \$150 per qualifying child for clothing for kids from birth to pre-school age.

To qualify, your child must be an infant or pre-school age and also be Enrolled PGST, Descendant of Enrolled PGST in Kitsap County, or Other/non-tribal living perma-

nently on the PGST reservation in a PGST member household. Please note that children old enough to be in Kindergarten or above do not qualify for this program.

The application period begins October 1, 2023 and ends October 31, 2023. Applications are available from the Front Desk or at www.pgst.nsn.us/2023-clothing-assistance. Please review the application carefully and fill it out completely.

Applications can be turned in via email at vouchers@pgst.nsn.us OR in the Black Drop Box outside the Children and Family Services department building. DO NOT hand your application to staff.

If you have questions, please contact Danielle Folz at 360-297-9662 or at vouchers@pgst.nsn.us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

...to everyone celebrating in **OCTOBER!**

October 1

Angela Charles
Jaymee Jones
Jeromy Jones
Donald Rogers Jr.

October 2

Julia Anderson
Jennifer Decoteau
James Gresham
Anthony Jones Sr.
Kyle Loescher
Aaliyah Sullivan

October 3

Ann Beckham
Lillian Combes
Kyle Jacobs
Alexandra Rapheal
Jaxxon Rogers

October 4

Eddies Charles Jr.
Marie Hebert
Maverick Redbird
Jaleena Woodruff

October 5

Candace Aguayo
Gabriella Doleman
Abraham Jackson
Stephanie Taylor
Ava Williams

October 6

Talisha Affonce-Carter
Donette Fulton
Karleigh Gomez

October 7

Eliana Brooks
Naciya Knight

October 8

Bernett Najera
Leola Purser
Makenzee Wellman

October 9

Janet Reynolds
Joshua Sutherland
Ha'tsi Trevathan
Alisha Williams

October 10

Yvette Jones
Preston Scott

October 11

Reid Charles
Austin DeCoteau
Richard DeCoteau
Matthew Purser
Jennifer Schneider

October 12

Eliza Aikman
Steven Frederick
Wendy Roane

October 13

Trisha Sampson
Katrina Smart

October 14

Marc Plankenhorn
Kaliya Purser
Kathy Sullivan
Kyle Wellman
Misty Wellman

October 15

Lisa DeCoteau
Donovin Opulencia-Roger
Elaine Schneider

Kanim Sullivan-Lawrence

October 16

Jayda Alexander
Miya Alexander
Bryce Black
Tia Knepper
Joseph Lund
George Sparks
Brittney Stephenson
Dawn Stephenson
Jolene Sullivan
Claudette Tom

October 17

Keanei Ashby
Maelynn Ashley

October 19

Graham Heleniak

October 20

Juan Hernandez
Hannah Leavitt

October 21

Maylene Adams
Shelia Charles
Armez Jackson
Laylah Margart
Vivian Sullivan

October 22

Tyler Hayes
Zachary Moran
Nevaeh Sullivan

October 23

Isaiah Jones
Mason Purser

October 24

Cheryl Archambault
Vivian DeCoteau
Avery Ives
Anthony Seachord

October 25

Joel Jones
Virginia Nicholson
Brittany Sanders

October 26

Valorie Bryant
Cynthia Symes

October 27

Cedar Calhoun
Devin Culley
Marie Donaldson
Chenoa Jones
Lexus Jones-Hart
Stephen Schneider

October 28

Danette Ives
Delecia Jackson
Victoria Quinney
Michael Stewart
Elaina Tom

October 29

Miranda Ives
Michelle Jones
Aaron Purser
Ralph Purser
Mila Sullivan

October 31

Dadrian Arciaga
Lance Bjorkland
Krista Hanna



CHECK IT OUT AT YOUR LITTLE BOSTON LIBRARY

COMMUNITY NEWS— We are now open 10 am to 6 pm Monday-Thursday, Fridays 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 2pm. Call 360-860-5080 to place a hold, make a curbside appointment, or speak to staff person.

All branches of Kitsap Regional Library will be closed Thursday, October 19th for staff training.

Join Us

- October 4 @ 10:30 a.m. -- Virtual and In-Person Little Boston Book Group
- October 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 1:00 p.m. -- Crafternoon
- October 5, 12, 26 @ 11:30 a.m. -- Family Storytime
- October 6 @ 11:00 a.m. -- Little Explorers
- October 11, 18 @ 3:30 p.m. -- Read to a Dog
- October 23-28 @ 10:00 a.m. -- Take & Make: Flapping Bat Craft

Reading Recommendations

Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology edited by Shane Hawk (Cheyenne-Arapaho/Hidatsa/Potawatomi): These wholly original and shiver-inducing tales introduce readers to ghosts, curses, hauntings, monstrous creatures, and chilling acts of revenge. Introduced by bestselling author Stephen Graham Jones (Blackfoot), this collection is a celebration of Indigenous peoples' survival and imagination. (*Fiction • Book • 2023*)

Gifted Earth: The Ethnobotany of the Quinault and Neighboring Tribes by Douglas Deur / The Quinault Tribe: Gifted Earth presents a rich and living tradition of plant use within the Quinault Indian Nation, developed in collaboration with and endorsed by the tribe. It provides detailed information on the use of more than seventy species of plants for food, medicines, and materials--all based on the knowledge and wisdom of traditional plant users. Includes full-color photographs and illustrations and a glossary. (*Nonfiction • Book • 2022*)

Tawâw: Progressive Indigenous Cuisine by Shane Chartrand (Cree): “tawâw” [ta-wow; Cree]: “Welcome, there is room.” Indigenous cuisine, like other aspects of Indigenous cultures, is now reawakening with a fresh vitality and creative energy unlike anything we’ve seen in decades. Containing over 75 recipes along with personal stories, interviews with Chartrand’s culinary influences and family members, and photographs of his journey, Tawâw is part cookbook, part exploration of ingredients and techniques, and part chef’s personal journal -- a visionary book that will invite readers to leaf through its pages for ideas, education, recipes, and inspiration. (*Nonfiction • Book • 2019*)

“Spawning Grounds: Saving the Little Red Fish” - directed by Nils Cowan: This film chronicles a critical season in the life of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee, a unique but little-known species of landlocked salmon with immense cultural and ecological importance. The film follows a young educator with the Snoqualmie Tribe, a newcomer fish biologist, and a private landowner/activist as they work together to save this fascinating species and its habitat amid development pressure. (*Documentary DVD • 2019*)

Online Learning

(<https://www.krl.org/online-resources>)

Brainfuse (Library Card Required)

Need homework help? Discover online learning for all ages at Brainfuse. Engage in digital study support, test prep, video lessons, and online homework help. Resources include live tutoring daily 1 p.m.-10 p.m. as well as Writing and Language labs.

LinkedIn Learning (Library Card Required)

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TIDE TABLES FOR PORT GAMBLE, WASHINGTON

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	1 ST TIDE	2 ND TIDE	3 RD TIDE	4 TH TIDE
Sun, 10/15	7:26 am	6:23 pm	6:10 am, 9.4 ft, high tide	11:51 am, 4.3 ft, low tide	5:28 pm, 9.8 ft, high tide	n/a
Mon, 10/16	7:28 am	6:21 pm	12:13 am, -0.2 ft, low tide	6:52 am, 9.7 ft, high tide	12:28 pm, 5.2 ft, low tide	5:51 pm, 9.7 ft, high tide
Tue, 10/17	7:29 am	6:19 pm	12:46 am, -0.8 ft, low tide	7:37 am, 9.9 ft, high tide	1:08 pm, 6.0 ft, low tide	6:16 pm, 9.5 ft, high tide
Wed, 10/18	7:31 am	6:17 pm	1:24 am, -1.2 ft, low tide	8:25 am, 10.0 ft, high tide	1:52 pm, 6.7 ft, low tide	6:42 pm, 9.3 ft, high tide
Thu, 10/19	7:32 am	6:16 pm	2:06 am, -1.4 ft, low tide	9:21 am, 9.9 ft, high tide	2:44 pm, 7.4 ft, low tide	7:13 pm, 8.9 ft, high tide
Fri, 10/20	7:34 am	6:14 pm	2:54 am, -1.2 ft, low tide	10:25 am, 9.7 ft, high tide	3:50 pm, 7.8 ft, low tide	7:54 pm, 8.5 ft, high tide
Sat, 10/21	7:35 am	6:12 pm	3:50 am, -0.8 ft, low tide	11:40 am, 9.7 ft, high tide	5:22 pm, 7.8 ft, low tide	9:02 pm, 7.9 ft, high tide
Sun, 10/22	7:37 am	6:10 pm	4:54 am, -0.4 ft, low tide	12:54 pm, 9.8 ft, high tide	7:07 pm, 7.1 ft, low tide	10:48 pm, 7.5 ft, high tide
Mon, 10/23	7:38 am	6:08 pm	6:04 am, 0.1 ft, low tide	1:50 pm, 10.0 ft, high tide	8:10 pm, 6.0 ft, low tide	n/a
Tue, 10/24	7:39 am	6:07 pm	12:30 am, 7.5 ft, high tide	7:14 am, 0.5 ft, low tide	2:32 pm, 10.3 ft, high tide	8:55 pm, 4.5 ft, low tide
Wed, 10/25	7:41 am	6:05 pm	1:57 am, 7.9 ft, high tide	8:17 am, 1.0 ft, low tide	3:06 pm, 10.5 ft, high tide	9:33 pm, 2.9 ft, low tide
Thu, 10/26	7:42 am	6:03 pm	3:11 am, 8.5 ft, high tide	9:14 am, 1.7 ft, low tide	3:36 pm, 10.7 ft, high tide	10:11 pm, 1.3 ft, low tide
Fri, 10/27	7:44 am	6:02 pm	4:16 am, 9.2 ft, high tide	10:05 am, 2.6 ft, low tide	4:06 pm, 10.9 ft, high tide	10:48 pm, -0.1 ft, low tide
Sat, 10/28	7:45 am	6:00 pm	5:15 am, 9.8 ft, high tide	10:54 am, 3.7 ft, low tide	4:35 pm, 10.8 ft, high tide	11:25 pm, -1.3 ft, low tide
Sun, 10/29	7:47 am	5:58 pm	6:11 am, 10.3 ft, high tide	11:43 am, 4.8 ft, low tide	5:06 pm, 10.7 ft, high tide	n/a
Mon, 10/30	7:48 am	5:57 pm	12:02 am, -2.0 ft, low tide	7:05 am, 10.6 ft, high tide	12:33 pm, 5.8 ft, low tide	5:39 pm, 10.3 ft, high tide
Tue, 10/31	7:50 am	5:55 pm	12:41 am, -2.2 ft, low tide	7:58 am, 10.7 ft, high tide	1:26 pm, 6.6 ft, low tide	6:14 pm, 9.7 ft, high tide
Wed, 11/1	7:51 am	5:53 pm	1:21 am, -2.0 ft, low tide	8:52 am, 10.7 ft, high tide	2:25 pm, 7.1 ft, low tide	6:52 pm, 9.0 ft, high tide
Thu, 11/2	7:53 am	5:52 pm	2:04 am, -1.5 ft, low tide	9:48 am, 10.5 ft, high tide	3:35 pm, 7.4 ft, low tide	7:35 pm, 8.3 ft, high tide
Fri, 11/3	7:54 am	5:50 pm	2:50 am, -0.7 ft, low tide	10:49 am, 10.2 ft, high tide	5:07 pm, 7.2 ft, low tide	8:30 pm, 7.5 ft, high tide
Sat, 11/4	7:56 am	5:49 pm	3:41 am, 0.2 ft, low tide	11:52 am, 10.0 ft, high tide	6:47 pm, 6.7 ft, low tide	9:45 pm, 6.9 ft, high tide
Sun, 11/5	6:57 am	4:47 pm	3:39 am, 1.1 ft, low tide	11:49 am, 9.8 ft, high tide	6:52 pm, 5.9 ft, low tide	10:15 pm, 6.5 ft, high tide
Mon, 11/6	6:59 am	4:46 pm	4:43 am, 1.9 ft, low tide	12:36 pm, 9.8 ft, high tide	7:34 pm, 5.0 ft, low tide	11:46 pm, 6.5 ft, high tide
Tue, 11/7	7:00 am	4:45 pm	5:49 am, 2.5 ft, low tide	1:11pm, 9.8 ft high tide	8:05 pm, 4.0 ft, low tide	n/a
Wed, 11/8	7:02 am	4:43 pm	1:05 am, 6.9 ft, high tide	6:49 am, 3.1 ft, low tide	1:38 pm, 9.9 ft, high tide	8:30 pm, 3.0 ft, low tide
Thu, 11/9	7:04 am	4:42 pm	2:09 am, 7.5 ft, high tide	7:41 am, 3.7 ft, low tide	2:01 pm, 9.9 ft, high tide	8:53 pm, 2.0 ft, low tide
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