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PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

COMMUNITY MEMO – FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Frequently Contacted Numbers

Billing Office: 360-297-6235

Career & Education: 360-297-6317

Community Outreach:
360-297-9678

Elders': 360-297-9630

Enrollment: 360-297-6217

Early Head Start: 360-297-6300

Front Desk: 360-297-2646

Health Services: 360-297-2840

Housing: 360-297-6350 Ext 5827

Natural Resources: 360-297-6284

Public Safety: 360-297-9666

CURRENT NEWS & EVENTS

Tribal Council

The next meeting day is
Monday, February 24
in the large conference room

General Council

Agenda request forms for
Spring General Council
are available on the
PGST Website, and
at the front desk.

The deadline to submit
completed form is
Friday, February 28
at 4:30pm

Noo-Kayet Investments

S.P.G. Zoom Only meeting
is scheduled for Tuesday,
February 18 at 4:30pm

Children and Family Services

Family Assistance

The Port Gamble Site for EBT services will operate 5 days a week from 9am-11:45am and 1pm-3pm

Food Bank

When accessing the food bank please see anyone in the Children and Family Services building between 8:15am - 11:45am and 1:15pm- 4:15pm.

We will no longer be doing food deliveries for the food bank. The only exceptions for delivery include emergencies or if you are a home bound Elder. If you cannot come during business hours, please contact any CFS Staff and you can do a porch pick up at the food bank

Elder's Program Meal Service

Elder's meals are available for pick-up only between 11:30am -12:30pm.

We enjoy all the participants coming for the delicious meals prepared by staff but if you do not regularly participate in the lunch program, you need to call the kitchen at 360-297-9627 so we can plan accordingly.

Chair Volleyball

We are still holding chair volleyball in in the Tribal Gym Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Energy Logs

Elders we now have energy logs, come by the Elders Center or give us a call for further information!

Funnies

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

A stick.

How do we know that the ocean is friendly?

It waves.

What is fast, loud and crunchy?

A rocket chip.

Court

Survivor and Victim Services

If you feel unsafe and need help for yourself or someone one you care about, as an advocate, we provide confidential help, safety planning, resources/referrals, education, and empowerment contact Teresa Swope at 360-297-6304 or via email at tswope@pgst.nsn.us

Culture

The Culture Department proudly celebrates the rich heritage of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe!

For the latest on our cultural events, check out our Tribal website at <https://pgst.nsn.us/current-news-events/> or follow us on Facebook at Port Gamble S'Klallams. You can also sign up for community text alerts!

We love hearing from you!

Feel free to visit the Cultural Office for updates or suggestions. You can also reach out to our team:

Rowan Bunich, Cultural Program Assistant:

360-297-9656,

rbunich@pgst.nsn.us

Alicia Fulton, Cultural Programs Manager:

360-297-9657,

aliciaf@pgst.nsn.us

Enrollment

Enrollment & Tribal Records

The Enrollment & Tribal Records department is committed to helping with the enrollment of members, family trees, ordering birth certificates, etc. as well as, maintaining tribal records and archives.

The Enrollment department can order birth certificates for those needing them to go through the enrollment process and administer DNA. You can also get a reimbursement for Washington State enhanced ID's.

Please reach out to Jordan DeCoteau if you have any questions or would like more information. You can reach her by email at enrollment@pgst.nsn.us or phone at 260-297-6217.

CHR's:

Call 360-297-9633 to speak with a member of our team, we offer health transports and assistance with the pick/delivery of prescription delivery

Dental and Medical Clinic:

Call 360-2970-2840 to schedule an appointment or speak to a receptionist.

Mental health support line: 988
Call or text 988 for 24/7 mental health emergency support. Press 4 for Native & Strong Lifeline

Public Health:

After hours Triage Nurse line 360-297-9613

Saturday Urgent Care Clinic hours are 9am to 5pm, closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency call 911

Housing

Homebuyer and Financial Management Course : March 24 and 25 ; 5-7 pm. Location TBD. This two-day course will go over the basics of financial management, credit, and debt. It will also cover information regarding the loan process for homebuyers. Completing both days of this class will satisfy the Homebuyer Education requirements necessary for qualification of Housings Downpayment Assistance Program should you choose to apply for that in the future.

If you wish to sign up please leave your contact information with Stormy either via email stormy.purser@pgst.nsn.us or Phone (360) 297-6350 ext 0

Homeowner Assistance Fund:

Are you a PGST member who owns your home? You may qualify for Utilities and Mortgage assistance through the Homeowner Assistance Fund Program (HAF) through Housing.

These funds were appropriated to PGSHA by the Dept of Treasury to help keep people in their homes, and not lose their utilities such as power and water due to the financial burdens after Covid.

To see if you qualify please turn in a complete application for 2025 to Stormy either in person, by mail to 32000 Little Boston Rd NE, Kingston, WA 98346 or via email at stormy.purser@pgst.nsn.us

Apps are available in the Housing Authority lobby and on the Tribe's website under Entities > Housing Authority. Call the housing front desk line for any questions. (360) 297-6350 ext 0

Spring General Council

The Spring General Council is quickly approaching. If you are needing to apply for Enrollment by Adoption through General Council, please have the application complete with sufficient documents and submitted to the enrollment clerk NO LATER THAN 4:30 pm on February 21st, 2025.

Enrollment applications are available at the front desk, from the enrollment clerk, or on the PGST website where you can also find the Title 25, the enrollment code, which shows enrollment eligibility. You can submit the applications to the front desk or directly to the enrollment clerk.

Please reach out by email or phone with any questions.

enrollment@pgst.nsn.us

360-297-6217

S'Klallam Worship

· Upcoming:

- **Sunday Service 10:00am**
 - **“Refiners Fire” Prayer**
 - **Sundays 6:30pm**
 - **“Rooted” Tuesdays @ 6:30pm**
- **“Guy Time” @6pm Tuesday, (First Tuesday of month)**
 - **“Girl Time” will be announced.**
- **“Youth” Sundays @ 6:30pm**
 - **“Splendor” (Music w/ Children/Youth) 1x per month with Ruthy – Announced**
 - **Children~Come Forth**
- **Laughing:**
 - o **Childcare Program Fridays – ELC’s monthly Friday closure**
 - o **Questions? Call (360) 271-8760.**

Natural Resources

Just a reminder that wood cutting permits are required to harvest firewood on the reservation. The only exception to this are log piles that the Tribe has made available. Designated harvesters are allowed according to our permit restrictions. Permits are available to be checked out at Natural Resources and you may receive up to 5 permits at a time for a total of up to 20 permits per year. If you live off reservation, a separate wood hauling permit is required. At no time is it legal to sell firewood from the forested areas of the reservation.

Also, permits are for personal use only and must be used only in our designated wood cutting areas located across from S'Klallam Hill/upper housing. Windfallen trees can be harvested in designated areas in the access road behind the ball field and skate park as long as they can be harvested near the road or wood carried out on foot. Please do not drive vehicles or sport utility vehicles off the main forest road as this damages healthy trees. Paper copies of the designated cutting areas are available at natural resources. You can call Nikki at 360-865-2678 if you have questions.

Public Safety

As always we ask you to utilize the Kitsap 911 system for any law enforcement needs, we try to limit the amount of time officers are in the office. The 911 system is the quickest and most efficient way to contact your officers. The Kitsap 911 system handles both non-emergency and emergency calls.

Notice of Exclusion to the
Community
for the following individuals:

Faith Marie Miller
Sarah J O'Shea
Ryli R Robinson

Notice to Community
Harboring an Excluded Person
is a Crime-Any person who
harbors a person who is
excluded or allows that person
in his home, can be charged
with a Class C offense. Call 911
to report excluded individuals
on the reservation.

Library

Check it Out at the Little Boston Library

We are open 10 am to 6 pm Monday-Thursday, Fridays 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 2pm. Call [360-860-5080](tel:360-860-5080) to place a hold, make a curbside appointment, or speak to staff person.

The library will be closed February 17th in observance of the President's Day holiday.

Join Us @ the Library!

**February 19, 26 @ 1:00 pm -
Crafternoon**

**February 20, 27 @ 11:30 am --
Family Storytime**

**February 20, 27 @ 2:00 pm -
Puzzle Club**

**February 19 @ 3:30 pm --
Read to a Dog**

**February 22 @ 10:00 am –
Make a Patchwork Pillow
(call 360-860-5080 to
register)**

Reading Recommendations

Poet Warrior: A Memoir by Joy Harjo (Muscogee): In this second memoir of her trailblazing life, Poet Laureate Joy Harjo offers an inspiring call for love and justice, inviting readers to travel along the heartaches, losses, and humble realizations of her "poet-warrior" road. Weaving together the voices that shaped her, Harjo listens to stories of ancestors and family, the poetry and music that she first encountered as a child, the teachings of a changing earth, and the poets who paved her way.
(Memoir • Book • 2021)

Reading Recommendations

Spirit Game: Pride of a Nation produced by Oren & Rex Lyons (Onondaga Nation): The Iroquois created the sport of lacrosse, the 'medicine game' and the lifeblood of their Nation. The Iroquois Nationals (now called the Haudenosaunee National) Lacrosse Team is not only among the world's best, but ambassadors for their Nation's sovereignty and recognition. In 2015, the Iroquois hosted the World Championships on Native soil for the first time ever; history, politics, and culture all collided on the playing field before the eyes of the world. (Documentary DVD • 2017)

Reading Recommendations

For Kids

Bear and Rabbit: How Winter Came to Be told by Jerry Kanim (Snoqualmie, 1869-1956) and illustrated by Nik-Ko-Te St. Onge (Tulalip Tribal member). A story about the origin of the seasons as told by Jerry Kanim, August 1955. Bear and his younger cousin rabbit play a game and the winner gets to decide what the weather will be like. Who do you think will win?

Jo Jo Makoons: Snow Day by Dawn Quigley (Citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, North Dakota): Wanting to be neighborly and helpful, Jo Jo helps Elders and her classmates after a snowstorm shuts down her Ojibwe reservation.



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Human Resources

Please see below on how to get in contact with HR. Contact between the hours of 8:00am-4:30pm. Mail can be dropped off at the Tribal Center in the Human Resources box.

Jennifer Wright-Tom, Administrative Assistant II

(360) 297-6258

(Contact with general HR questions and she will direct your call)

Audreena Tom, Recruiter

(360) 297-6218

(Contact with questions about job postings)

Current Job Openings:

1. Dentist – 24 Hours Per Week – Open Until Filled
2. Mental Health Counselor – Open Until Filled
3. Accountant – Open Until Filled
4. Civil Legal Attorney – closes 02/14/25
5. Purchasing/Accts Payable Asst – closes 02/06/25
6. Peer Support Counselor – closes 02/06/25
7. EC Classroom Assistant on-call
8. Public Safety Officer I and II

See our website at <https://www.pgst.nsn.us/employment> under Current Employment Opportunities for application instructions. Or scan the QR code!



APPLY TODAY!

**Our doors are always open during normal business hours.
Please, stop by and get assistance with applications!**



NOW HIRING!

CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, January 31st, 2025



Front of House F&B:

Cafe Cashier: \$18+tips

Host/Cashier: \$18+tips

Back of House F&B:

Dishwasher: \$18

Line Cook: \$21

Gaming Floor:

Casino Security Officer: \$22

Table Games Dealer: \$15-\$16.50+tips

Hotel:

Housekeeping Supervisor: \$22

Gliding Eagle Market:

Deli Attendant: \$18+tips

Noo-Kayet:

HR Trainer: DOE



For more details or to apply, scan the QR code above or visit www.noo-kayet.com
www.thepointcasinoandhotel.com or email mnichols@noo-kayet.com

****PGST Youth 16-18 years of age****

PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

PGST CODE SECTION 18.03.29

**Tuesday
February 25,
2025
12:00 P.M.**

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

This public hearing is scheduled for consideration of an amendment to the PGST Code regarding the use of .22 caliber to hunt big game. Currently, the PGST Code only permits the use of .22 caliber to hunt cougar – and no other big game.

It is proposed to amend PGST Code 18.03.29 to permit the use of .22 caliber to hunt deer. This amendment would also impose a minimum bullet weight of 45 grains when using .22 caliber. The other big game hunting restrictions at PGST Code 18.03.29 would continue to apply, such as requiring centerfire cartridges and prohibiting automatic firearms.

**COPIES OF THE PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT
DESK IN THE TRIBAL CENTER**

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Call to Artists

The Cultural and Natural
Resources Departments
invite artists to apply

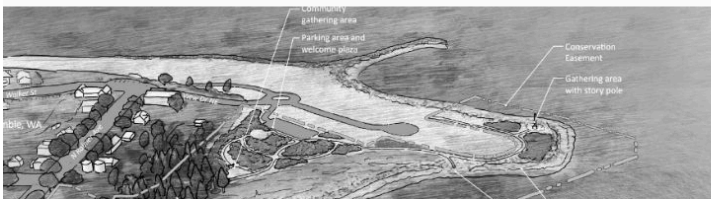


Calling all established and emerging, Port Gamble S'Klallam artists!



Apply Here!

**Hardcopy applications can be found
at the Cultural Resources
Department.**



For more information:

Misty Ives mives@pgst.nsn



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INVESTMENTS

NATIVE PROSPERITY: FINANCIAL TOOLS FOR GROWTH & SUCCESS

REPRESENTATIVES AND RESOURCES FROM



**SMALL BUSINESS OWNER RESOURCE TABLES,
ENTREPRENEUR TESTIMONIES, DOOR PRIZES,
REFRESHMENTS & MORE!**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 2025 5:30-8:30PM

LONGHOUSE, 31912 LITTLE BOSTON RD. NE KINGSTON, WA 98346



38TH ANNUAL STAN PURSER MEMORIAL POWWOW

FEBRUARY 28TH & MARCH 1ST, 2025

**Location: Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, 31912 Little Boston Rd NE,
Kingston WA**

**Questions: Please call Leslie Purser at 360.621.5369 or Penny Purser at
360.271.7422**

COASTAL JAM

Friday, February 28th

Dinner @ 5 pm

Costal singing and Dancing



POWWOW

Saturday, March 1st

Dinner @ 2 pm Grand Entry @4 pm

Intertribal singing and Dancing, Musical Chairs, & Candy Toss

**Vendors with native jewelry, apparel & more!
All dancers, singers, spectators invited & welcome to attend!**

**Vendor space available for Friday & Saturday: \$50 10x10 space. Please
contact Dawn Mae Purser at 360.860.0326 and or
purserworld30@gmail.com**

Stay at The Point Casino & Hotel Call 360.297.0070 to reserve

**This is a drug and alcohol-free event. The powwow Committee or the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property. We reserve the right to exclude
anyone exhibiting behavior we deem inappropriate for this event.**



PAY LESS FOR YOUR ENERGY

Get a monthly discount of up to 45% off your utility bill*

Bring your PSE account number/utility bill

The Elder's Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 | 1 – 3:00PM

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO APPLY?

THE AMOUNT OF YOUR GROSS MONTHLY INCOME (PROOF NOT REQUIRED)**

NAMES/DATES OF BIRTH FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN THE HOME

***One application is for two programs: Ongoing monthly discount and a grant of up to \$1000 (once per year)**

****Tribal monies not counted as income**

Are you eligible?

If you live in Kitsap County and your monthly income does not exceed the limits listed in the table to the right, you may qualify for our Bill Discount Rate and HELP programs. Assistance will be provided for PSE electric bills.

Bill Discount Rate & HELP income guidelines	
Number of persons in household	Monthly net household income limit*
1	\$5,588
2	\$6,383
3	\$7,183
4	\$7,979
5	\$8,621
6	\$9,258
7	\$9,896
8	\$10,533

* Your household's net monthly income is the combined monthly income after taxes and deductions.

Questions? Contact Leslie Purser, 360-731-0637



Call for Ad Hoc Committee Members: MMIWR Tribal Community Response Planning

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is seeking dedicated tribal members to **join our Ad Hoc Committee** in developing the **Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP) for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR)**. This collaborative effort will create a culturally grounded, community-led response to protect our relatives, support families, and seek justice.

Why Join?

By participating you will:

- Help shape a coordinated response to MMIWR cases.
- Support families through developing protocols for prevention, reporting, and community mobilization.
- Work alongside tribal leadership, service providers, and grassroots organizers.
- Receive training in crisis response, victim advocacy, and community safety.

Who Can Join?

We welcome **tribal members of all backgrounds** who are:

- ✓ **At least 18 years old** (youth leadership roles are available).
- ✓ **Committed to justice and safety for our community.**
- ✓ **Willing to contribute time and effort** to developing the response plan.
- ✓ **Team players** who can collaborate with diverse partners.
- ✓ **Willing and able to participate in meetings, training and outreach activities.**

If you are interested in joining this effort, or for questions or more information, please contact **Holly Skinner** – hskinnner@pgst.nsn.us

The deadline to sign up is Friday, March 7, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.



Exploring Herbalism

w/ Erin Lanum & Debby Purser

Tues. March 4, 2025
10am-1pm

Where: Heronswood Garden

**What: This class is open to the public but FREE
to PGST Tribal Members**

**Why: Learn a range of herbalism concepts for
personal empowerment**

***This is a 3-hour class with an indoor and
outdoor portion. Dress accordingly!***

Interested? Space is limited so get registered:

You can register by 1. Emailing admin@heronswoodgarden.org, say you want to join the March 4th herbalism class, include your full name and phone number; OR 2. By calling the Foundation at (360) 297-9621 and if leaving a message, include your full name, phone number, and an email address in the message. You will receive confirmation. Taking registrations until class is filled, so don't delay! Each attendee will go home with new tools & goodies!



PGST Natural Resources

HUNTER EDUCATION

Exciting News!

The Natural Resources Department, in collaboration with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, is thrilled to offer a free class exclusively for Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal members!

Program Details:

- This class has an online portion, followed by a hands-on field test scheduled for April 5th at the health service building that will take about 4 hours.
- The \$25 fee associated with this course will be covered by Natural Resources if the online portion is completed. (**NO** reimbursement will be given if not completed!)
- Completion of the online course is required by April 4th in order to participate in the hands-on portion.
- Any person under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign an agreement form.

For registration and further details, please contact the Natural Resources Staff:



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PGST Natural Resources
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