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Agreement Between PGST Police and Kitsap County Sheriff's Office Goes Into Effect in April

Agreement provides PGST Police jurisdiction to arrest non-Indians for state crimes



The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) will go into effect in April. The ILA was announced and signed by Chairwoman Amber Caldera during a Kitsap County Commissioners meeting in late November.

The ILA will help the Tribe and the County cooperate in the interest of making the most efficient use of powers and resources on the basis of mutual advantage.

As a general rule and without this agreement, PGST police cannot arrest non-Indians on or near the reservation. The police only temporarily detain and wait for a Sheriff's deputy to take further action. When it was not possible for the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) to send a deputy, PGST police are normally forced to release suspects to avoid unlawful detention.

"The ILA and protocols enable PGST to better protect public safety, authorizing tribal police officers to enforce state law against non-Indians even when a Sheriff is unavailable," said David Robinson, PGST Attorney. "The effects of the ILA and protocols are most likely to be felt at the Casino, Gliding Eagle, and other community and governmental areas that are exposed when the Sheriff can't respond or is unable to respond fast enough."

The ILA closes a public safety gap that has existed between the jurisdictions of the PGST police and KCSO. It is intended to allow PGST police to protect the PGST community against smaller Washington state crimes and misdemeanors. More serious offenses, such as murder, will still be presided over by the FBI.

This agreement does not change how PGST Police interacts with the PGST community. In its ability to be able to arrest non-Indians for state crimes, PGST police will be able to strengthen safety on the Reservation.

The signing of the ILA opens a new chapter in partnership between PGST and Kitsap County. It came about through the hard work of internal staff, including PGST police and attorneys and KCSO representatives. Jeffrey Menge, Chief, Patrol Division, KCSO, was particularly helpful throughout the collaborative process.

"PGST and Kitsap County have shared law enforcement interests and history. The ILA and protocols reflect our shared concern in protecting public safety on and near the Rez," said Robinson.

While the ILA affords PGST police more authority over non-tribal individuals on and near the Reservation, KCSO and Kitsap County are not afforded any tribal authority in exchange.



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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Spring General Council

Saturday, March 29, 2025 9am

ALL Port Gamble S'Klallam members are encouraged to attend. A quorum is needed to move forward the business of the Tribe

The General Council Meeting is Closed to Non-Tribal People

Breakfast at 8am in the Tribal Kitchen

Drawings for prizes including: Blackstone w/ Accessories iPad Mini and more.

Child Care is being provided.

Shuttle service is available on rez.



Cultural Resources Department Update: Embracing Community and Craftsmanship





Mary O. (photo above) and Karron (photo below) show off their work during the first wool weaving session of the year. The session was led by Kelly Sullivan (top photo, behind Mary O.) and Roxanne Hockett.

As the indoor season envelops us, the Cultural Resources Department has seized the opportunity to reset and reflect while engaging with our community through various crafts. This month, we successfully hosted two separate beading classes. Participants delved into the intricate world of beading embroidery in one session, while the other focused on the foundational techniques of Brick Stitch. Led by the talented and patient Ariana Griggs and Roxanne Hockett. These classes have provided our tribal members with a wonderful space to learn, share, and connect.

In addition to our beading sessions, we kicked off our first wool weaving session of the year. Instructors Kelly Sullivan and Roxanne Hockett introduced participants to Tumpline Weaving, marking the beginning of what will be a series of weaving classes. Our goal is to foster a new generation of teachers and create beautiful regalia as we prepare for this year's Canoe Journey to Lower Elwha.

We also held our first Canoe Family meeting and would like to remind all tribal members that the Canoe Family is open to everyone. You do not need previous canoe experience or to have participated in the past; however, it is essential to show up and actively participate in meetings and events. Follow the Port Gamble S'Klallam Canoe Family on Facebook Port Gamble S'Klallam Canoe Family to be kept up to date on the latest happenings.

Additionally, the Culture Resources Department is refurbishing the carving shed. Once completed, this upgraded space will allow us to offer more carving and art classes, providing even more opportunities for our community to engage in these traditional practices. We will be doing a community workday and reaching out to families whose relatives served as caretakers of the building.







At left: Roxanne Hockett helps Emily with her weaving. Above: A few pieces to come out of the beading class.

Please reach out to Alicia Fulton (aliciaf@pgst.nsn.us) with any questions you may have.

We encourage everyone to reach out and connect with our department and share your ideas with us. Your input is invaluable as we strive to create enriching experiences for our tribal community.

To sign up for future classes please call 360-297-9656 or email rbunich@pgst.nsn.us and leave a message including contact information for staff to follow up and send updates. Please note, Facebook is not a reliable platform to sign up.

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Upcoming Culture Events & Classes

Canoe Awakening & First Practice March 2, 2-4 pm @ Point Julia

> **Peyote Stitch Class** Date TBA

Weaving Tunics April 11-13 April 11, 4-8 pm April 12 & 13, 9 am - 3 pm @ Elders Building

Sign up for classes by calling 360-297-9656 or email rbunich@pgst.nsn.us. Stay posted for springtime gathering opportunities.

HERONSWOOD GARDEN

PHOTOGRAPHY Competition

Capture the breathtaking beauty of Heronswood Garden and showcase your talent!



MARCH 8TH-OCTOBER 31ST, 2025

EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Be featured in our exclusive yearly calendar.
- Have your photos exhibited throughout the garden.
- Gain recognition for your creativity and love of nature.





PHOTO CONTEST



PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM 31912 LITTLE BOSTON RD NE KINGSTON, WA 98346 360-297-6304 OR 360-297-6303

MAY 5TH IS MMIWR AWARENESS DAY

In 2022 the White house issued a proclamation that extended the day to cover all gender

identities, changing Women and girls to persons (we choose Relatives). According to the Urban Indian Health Institute "Not only is the murder rate ten times higher than the national average for women living on reservations but murder is the third leading cause of death for Native Women"

Here at Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, we have been honoring missing or murdered women and relatives annually since 2019. The first year we had a walk then covid in 2020 a car parade, 2021 another car parade, 2022 a walk, 2023 another walk and a healing circle, 2024 another walk and healing circle. This year we are planning another walk and healing circle afterwards. The walk will be May 5th2025 rain or shine leaving the Gliding Eagle at noon. There is a limited number of t-shirts available to the first to arrive for the walk so please get there early to ensure you get yours.

In addition to the annual walk we are putting together an Ad Hoc Committee for a Missing, Murdered, Indigenous, Women, and Relatives (MMIWR) community response plan. In this plan we are creating our response as a community (police, advocacy, community and Media) to missing or murdered relatives.



Around The Rez

Opportunities and announcements for the S'Klallam Community

Hunter Education Classes for PGST Members

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

This class has an online portion, followed by a 4-hour, hands-on field test scheduled for April 5 at Health Services. The online portion of the class must be complete by April 4 to qualify for the hands-on session.

The cost of the class is \$25, which will be covered by Natural Resources if the online portion if completed. No reimbursement will be provided if the online class isn't completed.

For more information or to register, please contact Garrett Sitting Dog (garrettsd@pgst.nsn.us, 360-271-0378) or Cassandra Sullivan (claroche@pgst.nsn.us, 360-621-3575). Any person under 18 who wishes to participate must have an agreement form signed by a parent or guardian.

Homebuyer and Financial Management Course

Housing is hosting a Homebuyer and Financial Management Course on March 24 and 25 from 5-7 pm. The location will be announced closer to the date.

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 homeowners. Completing both days of this class will satisfy the Homebuyer Education requirements necessary for qualification of Housing 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 at stormy.purser@pgst.nsn.us or via phone at 360-297-6350 ext. 0.

Special General Council Meetings in 2025

2025 brings a new schedule of Special General Council meetings, which focus on the work of PGST departments. Upcoming Special General Council meetings include:

- Tuesday, April 1: Finance
- Tuesday, May 6: Child & Family Services
- Tuesday, June 3: Health Services
- Tuesday, September 2: Point No Point Treaty Council
- Tuesday, October 7: Legal
- Tuesday, November 4: Heronswood

All meetings take place over Zoom. Please check the News section of the website for Zoom details.

Celebrate 80 Years of the Kitsap Regional Library

Passport to Explore is here! Now through the end of the year, Kitsap Regional Library invites you to pick up a passport, visit each library branch (including Little Boston!), uncover fascinating facts from KRL's 80-year history, and dive into the unique stories that make each location special.

Once you receive all nine stamps, show your passport to a Kitsap Regional Library staff member to win a prize: a collection of nine illustrated note cards, among other options.

At the end of the passport, complete additional side quests and receive a stamp and bookmark for each side quest accomplished. In addition to passports, limited-edition library cards with a unique design for each branch are available! Pick up your favorite design at the front desk of that location.

Stay tuned for more exciting extras as Kitsap Regional Library celebrates 80 years of service!

2025 MMIWR Walk: May 5

The 2025 Murdered, Missing, Indigenous, Women, and Relatives Walk is scheduled for Monday, May 5 at Noon.

The walk will begin at Gliding Eagle and end at the Tribal Center. More details to come.

Annual Bite of Boston

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Please Join Us in the Tribal Kitchen





March 28th from 11am to Sell Out

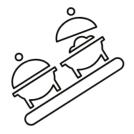




Tables for this community favorite are still available!



Please contact 360-297-9652 or email jpsullivan@pgst.nsn.us by March 18th to reserve a table.



Tickets go for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 All proceeds go to the Elder's Center and the Food Bank.





HAPPYBIRTHDAY

...to everyone celebrating in MARCH!

March 1

Glenn Brown Kade Chalcraft-Fulton Dale George

March 2

Harry Fulton III Tyler Hardman Lou Anne Pullen Leann Sampson

March 3

Jacqueline Frederick Christopher Gould Charlene Lakins Leighton McLeod Selina Ramirez

March 4

Norman Jones, Jr. Donald Purser, Jr. Auriahna Sullivan

March 5

Sa-Teela Carpenter Mandolin Charles Raelee McDonald Cattleya Quintana Jeffrey Schell II

March 6

Ronald Laub Anthony Najera Carlos Najera

March 7

Tanner Chalcraft-Sullivan Denny Henderson Jennifer Kelliher Justine Moran

March 8

Tenaya Fritz Jeffrey Lafrance Cannon Strode

March 9

Kwangksun Decoteau Sheree Fulton Merrilee Miguel

March 10

Christopher Freeman Brandon Fulton Deborah Hanson Shylynn Pluff

March 11

Harvey Combes Autumn Headley Keoni Hillier Alan Leonard Evelyn Leonard Joy MacKenzie

March 12

Alicia Cagey Robert Carpenter, Jr. Jeffrey Fulton Aliecia Jones Dawayne Rakoczy Carol Toppan

March 13

Jennifer Antig Benjamin Cole, Jr. Dawn Lamont-Holman Debrah Purser II Ivy Reynolds Jeffrey Veregge Jesse Whisler

March 14

Elise Countryman Charin Godbolt William Ives Lauren Moon James Streun

March 15

Logan Charles Trisha Ives Esmae Stark-Stokes March 16 Zanna Knoch

March 17

Julia Jackson Gene Jones III Angeline Rogers

March 18

Jack Countryman Ethan Efferson Casey French Andrew Harter Marjorie Letson Dharsea Mommsen William Plankenhorn Liberty Sullivan Stephanie Sullivan Taylor Tomer

March 19

Mark Bjorklund Angie Shaw Maegan Sullivan Lavonne Tom

March 20

Deborah Decoteau Quinton Metheny Dianna Purser Dean Quinnett

March 21

Donald Fulton Gregory Hillier Ronald Komok, Jr. Joseph Komok Gracelyn Sullivan

March 22

Trinity Horton Joseph Price Donald Rogers

March 23

Eileen Charles Alicia Fulton Jeremy Gritton Weldon Park Anna Scheibner Chad Sullivan

March 24

Cathy Harvey Kendra Jones Angel Stewart

March 25

Clara George

March 26

Vanessa Schaffer Sharmane Seachord

March 27

Kylie Carpenter Jerry Hirschman Kelly Sullivan Lane Trevathan

March 28

Jordan Caldera

March 29

Leah Harnack Diana Hill Jennifer McCloud Ramona Tom

March 30

Lindsey Fulton Dawn Purser

March 31

Molly Knowlton Larry Pollock, Jr.



CHECK IT OUT AT YOUR LITTLE BOSTON LIBRARY

COMMUNITY NEWS— 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 to place a hold, make a curbside appointment, or speak to staff person.

The library will be closed Thursday, March 13th for staff training.

Join Us @ the Library!

- March 4 @ 1:00 pm -- Little Boston 1st Tuesdays Book Group
- March 5 @ 10:00 am -- Little Boston 1st Wednesdays Book Group
- March 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 1:00 pm Crafternoon
- March 6, 20, 27 @ 11:30 am -- Family Storytime
- March 6, 20, 27 @ 2:00 pm Puzzle Club
- March 17 Maker Monday
- March 7 @ 11:00 am Little Explorers
- March 12, 19 @ 3:30 pm -- Read to a Dog
- March 17-21 @ 10:00 am Take & Make: Forest Animal Mini Painting

Reading Recommendations

We Will Be Jaguars: A Memoir of My People by Nemonte Nenquimo (Waorani Nation, Ecuador) & Mitch Anderson (Memoir – Book – 2024). Indigenous activist Nemonte Nenquimo spearheaded an alliance of Indigenous nations across the Upper Amazon and led her people to a landmark victory against Big Oil, protecting over a half million acres of primary rainforest. Her message is as sharp as a spear – honed by her experiences battling loggers, miners, oil companies and missionaries. (Nonfiction • Book • 2024)

The Pretendians produced and featuring Drew Hayden Taylor (Curve Lake First Nations): In Canada and the U. S., several public figures have made the front pages for claiming distant Indigenous identity which later is found to be fraudulent. Why would someone fake an Indigenous identity?

Drew Hayden Taylor crosses Canada in search of what really lies behind this explosive issue. (Documentary DVD • 2023)

Magazines

Country Living: an American lifestyle and home magazine.

Feature articles consist of:

- What to Collect Now trending treasures
- Taking Root beets should be coming into their prime about now
- Soup Season comfort food, hearty and crowd pleasing
- Back to the Basics breathing new life into an 1850's farmhouse

American Patchwork & Quilting: A signature craft magazine from the publishers of Better Homes and Gardens.

Sewing articles include:

- Box of Chocolates wall hanging
- 2024/2025 Block of the Month
- Fair Isle Flakes quilt inspired by a snowflake sweater
- Log Cabin and heart block cross stitch pattern

A Library For All: Celebrating 80 Years

In 1944, Kitsap County residents made history by voting to create a county-wide library system, sparking a legacy of learning and community. By January 1, 1945, the Kitsap Rural County Library District was officially in operation, and ten years later, it adopted the name Kitsap Regional Library, becoming a vital resource for the entire county. 80 years later, we're celebrating this remarkable milestone with a year-long journey through our shared story.

See you at the Library!



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TIDE TABLES FOR PORT GAMBLE, WASHINGTON

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DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	1 ST TIDE	2 ND TIDE	3 RD TIDE	4 TH TIDE
Sat, 3/15	7:19 am	7:16 pm	12:04 am, 2.0 ft, low tide	6:21 am, 10.2 ft, high tide	12:44 pm, 2.2 ft, low tide	6:41 pm, 9.0 ft, high tide
Sun, 3/16	7:17 am	7:18 pm	12:37 am, 3.0 ft, low tide	6:40 am, 10.1 ft, high tide	1:12 pm, 1.5 ft, low tide	7:24 pm, 9.1 ft, high tide
Mon, 3/17	7:15 am	7:19 pm	1:11 am, 4.0 ft, low tide	7:02 am, 10.0 ft, high tide	1:42 pm, 0.9 ft, low tide	8:10 pm, 9.1 ft, high tide
Tue, 3/18	7:13 am	7:21 pm	1:46 am, 5.1 ft, low tide	7:27 am, 9.7 ft, high tide	2:16 pm, 0.6 ft, low tide	8:59 pm, 9.0 ft, high tide
Wed, 3/19	7:11 am	7:22 pm	2:24 am, 6.0 ft, low tide	7:52 am, 9.3 ft, high tide	2:55 pm, 0.4 ft, low tide	9:54 pm, 8.9 ft, high tide
Thu, 3/20	7:09 am	7:23 pm	3:07 am, 6.9 ft, low tide	8:18 am, 8.9 ft, high tide	3:39 pm, 0.5 ft, low tide	11:01 pm, 8.7 ft, high tide
Fri, 3/21	7:07 am	7:25 pm	4:02 am, 7.7 ft, low tide	8:46 am, 8.5 ft, high tide	4:32 pm, 0.6 ft, low tide	n/a
Sat, 3/23	7:05 am	7:26 pm	12:31 am, 8.7 ft, high tide	5:35 am, 8.1 ft, low tide	9:27 am, 8.0 ft, high tide	5:34 pm, 0.7 ft, low tide
Sun, 3/23	7:03 am	7:28 pm	2:08 am, 8.9 ft, high tide	8:13 am, 7.9 ft, low tide	10:57 am, 7.7 ft, high tide	6:42 pm, 0.6 ft, low tide
Mon, 3/24	7:01 am	7:29 pm	3:04 am, 9.3 ft, high tide	9:00 am, 7.3 ft, low tide	12:31 pm, 7.7 ft, high tide	7:47 pm, 0.3 ft, low tide
Tue, 3/25	6:59 am	7:31 pm	3:37 am, 9.6 ft, high tide	9:27 am, 6.5 ft, low tide	1:48 pm, 8.1 ft, high tide	8:43 pm, 0.0 ft, low tide
Wed, 3/26	6:57 am	7:32 pm	4:03 am, 9.9 ft, high tide	9:55 am, 5.4 ft, low tide	2:53 pm, 8.6 ft, high tide	9:33 pm, 0.0 ft, low tide
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Wed, 4/9	6:29 am	7:52 pm	4:06 am, 10.0 ft, high tide	10:22 am, 3.4 ft, low tide	3:48 pm, 8.1 ft, high tide	9:49 pm, 2.0 ft, low tide
Thu, 4/10	6:27 am	7:53 pm	4:28 am, 9.9 ft, high tide	10:51 am, 2.5 ft, low tide	4:40 pm, 8.4 ft, high tide	10:30 pm, 2.7 ft, low tide
Fri, 4/11	6:25 am	7:55 pm	4:44 am, 9.8 ft, high tide	11:16 am, 1.7 ft, low tide	5:25 pm, 8.8 ft, high tide	11:07 pm, 3.5 ft, low tide
Sat, 4/13	6:23 am	7:56 pm	5:01 am, 9.8 ft, high tide	11:40 am, 0.9 ft, low tide	6:07 pm, 9.1 ft, high tide	11:43 pm, 4.3 ft, low tide
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