



PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
31912 Little Boston Rd. NE – Kingston, WA 98346

Request for Proposals
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
2026 Wetland Inventory

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is currently seeking proposals from qualified wetland scientists to perform a Wetland Inventory for the entirety of the Port Gamble S'Klallam reservation and associated properties. Interested firms or individuals must demonstrate extensive knowledge and experience in freshwater and coastal wetland boundary delineation, using the wetland rating system for western Washington (Ecology 2014), hydrophytic and upland vegetation identification, hydric soils interpretation, riparian habitat, and other related environmental components of freshwater and coastal wetland systems. Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS) led team is preferred.

The purpose of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST) Wetland Inventory project is to:

- Identify, map, all wetlands on PGST reservation
- Characterize the ecology and habitat value of wetlands using the wetland rating system for western Washington
- Provide a comprehensive Wetland Inventory Report and rating forms

The PGST Reservation is approximately 1800 acres in size and the majority of it is Douglas-fir dominant forest (map provided in appendix A). The last Wetland Inventory (appendix B) was performed in 2020 prior to the Tribe's acquisition of the approximately 900 acre "Hansville Block," and is thus out of date temporally and geographically. Because of this, it is essential that the tribe determine where its sensitive wetlands lie in order to mitigate the impacts of future development.

The project is located on the PGST Reservation and associated tribally owned properties and is under tribal jurisdiction. Tribal preference in hiring applies to this project.

Please provide a qualifications statement and pertinent work history with your proposal.

Scope of Work

The consultant will lead in mapping and delineating wetlands in accordance with the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (1987). All wetlands will be categorized and rated in accordance with the Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington (2014 Update Version 2.0). A report shall be prepared following the delineation to include methodologies and results. PGST Natural Resources staff will provide input, information, and comments, and will additionally assist with mapping,



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vegetative sampling, wetland classification, wetland delineation, and other field activities. It is anticipated the project will take no longer than 3 months to complete.

The consultant will provide a general breakdown of costs and timeframes for each of the three phases of the project.

Phase I: Identify previously mapped wetlands, identify locations that are likely to have wetlands based on geomorphology, collect other pertinent information from Tribe

Phase II: Map wetland locations, starting with the “Warrior Ridge” block, characterization of wetland vegetation, morphology, and rating

Phase III: Produce deliverables

Deliverables

1. Digital copies of maps and surveys in PDF, Autocad, and GIS and will be provided to the tribe on a USB flash drive, with the survey at 1:1 space.
2. Consultant shall provide a report containing the findings of the wetland survey. This document shall contain:
 - Wetland Inventory Report
 - Biological Assessment Report which will include any state or federally listed sensitive plants or other species of concern documented during the course of field study.

Additionally, any cultural resources discovered during the course of field work will be documented, reported to PGST Cultural Resources Department, and left undisturbed. This document shall be provided to the tribe in PDF format on a USB flash drive as well a hardcopy document. Findings will be presented in the form of text, maps, graphics, and tables.

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe reserves the right to accept any proposal deemed to be in the interest of the tribe, to waive any minor irregularities in any proposal, to re-solicit for new proposals as deemed necessary by the tribe, or not to award any contract at all. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe reserves the right to the award a contract based on the proposal expected to be the most beneficial to the tribe based on qualifications and cost.

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.



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Please submit proposals electronically to jcarter@pgst.nsn.us by March 2nd, 2026. This email address may also be used for any queries related to this Request for Proposals.