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# PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

## Community Memo

May 18, 2026

### Tribal Council Elections

Tribal Council Elections are coming up quick! The Intent to Run forms are available starting today (4/30). You can get the form on the website, from the front desk, or the enrollment clerk.

The Intent to Run form is due NO LATER THAN 4:30 pm on Friday, June 12th, 2026. Please fill it out completely and return it to the Enrollment Clerk or front desk personnel

### Noo-Kayet Investments



# NOW HIRING

## THE POINT CASINO & HOTEL MARKETING DIRECTOR



Scan QR Code to learn more and apply

Lead Operations. Honor Tradition. Drive Tribal Prosperity.

### Frequent Contacted Numbers

**Career & Ed:**  
**(360) 297-6317**

**Community Outreach:**  
**(360) 297-9678**

**Early Childhood  
Program:**  
**(360) 297-6300**

**Elders Center:**  
**(360) 297-9630**

**Enrollment:**  
**(360) 297-6217**

**Front Desk:**  
**(360) 297-2646**

**Health Services:**  
**(360) 297-2840**

**Housing:**  
**(360) 297-6350 Ext  
5827**

**Natural Resources:**  
**(360)297-6294**

# Children & Families Services

## **Office Hours**

As a reminder that the CFS Office is Closed for Lunch daily from 11:45am to 1:15pm No staff will be there to offer assistance/benefits during that time.

## **Family Assistance Program Happening**

### **TANF**

Is always operating. We now have two case managers to help assist tribal members who may qualify for the program, if you have questions please contact Sandra Horton. [shorton@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:shorton@pgst.nsn.us) or via phone or text at (564)245-0492



## **Food Bank**

The food bank is open from 8-11:45 and 1:15-4:00pm Monday through Friday, please come into the Children and Family Services Building and speak with Miranda at the front desk.

As a gentle reminder each family may use the food bank once a week and we ask you to wait in the lobby or in your car while a CFS Staff member assists.

## **Elder's**

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.

## Court services

### Survivor & Victim Services

If you feel unsafe and need help for yourself or someone 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 email [tswope@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:tswope@pgst.nsn.us)

## Enrollment

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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](mailto:enrollment@pgst.nsn.us) or phone at 260-297-6217.

## 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

## Housing

### Office Hours for 2026

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 am-4:30 PM daily lunch closure from 12-1.

Thursdays the office is open by appointment only.

### **CHR's:**

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

### **Dental and Medical Clinic:**

Call 360-297-2840 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

# 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

James Michael Lineback  
Maesen Michael Lineback  
Anthony L. Casillas  
Amy A. Mitchell  
Madison Ruth-Marian Fritz

## Notice to the Community:

Harboring an excluded person is a crime. Any individual who harbors or allows an excluded person in their home can be charged with a Class C Offense.

Please call 911 to report excluded individuals on the reservation.

# Tribal Council

When: May 11 2026  
Where: Council Chambers  
Time: 8:30pm  
Topic: Regular

When: May 26, 2026  
Where: Council Chambers  
Time: 9:15am  
Topic: Finance

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Scan Me to be sent to the Tribal Council info page on the PGST Website





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# Boards and Committees

## Hunting Committee (2 position)

Hunting Committee advises Tribal Council on hunting code provisions and makes recommendations on hunting regulations. Committee members receive a \$100 stipend for each meeting attended. The Committee meets once per month.

## Child Protection Team Advisory Committee (5 position)

The Child Protection Advisory Committee makes recommendations on the management and/or resolution of open Indian Child Welfare cases.

CPT meets once a month, the first Monday two weeks prior to the civil court date, from 1:30p-3:30pm. Members receive a \$100 stipend for each meeting attended.

CPT Committee members are bound by federal and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Laws and regulations regarding issues of confidentiality. All information and sources of information are strictly confidential.

## Fish Committee (1 position)

The Fish Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the staff and Tribal Council on fisheries related issues. Fish Committee members receive a \$100 stipend for each meeting attended. The Fish Committee meets once per month.

## Education Committee (3 positions)

The Education Committee is one of the Tribe's advisory committees. Its role is to advise Tribal staff and Tribal Council on educational matters — including programs, policies, and education-related concerns for Tribal members of all ages. The Tribe's Career & Education Department supports services like employment assistance and support, youth and adult education, academic assistance, and connections with schools in the surrounding area.

The Education Committee helps ensure that educational goals of the Tribe, including cultural preservation, student support, and post-secondary opportunities — remain connected to community needs and tribal values. The committee meets monthly, with a \$100 stipend.

**Tribal Council values the input given by these advisory groups.  
Interested members can apply on the PGST website, or submit a letter of intent  
to the front desk. Deadline to submit is May 19, 2026 by 4:30pm  
Terms are 4 years**



## Youth Wildlife Education Opportunity

We are looking for **3-4** youth from 15 - 25 years of age who are interested in participating in some upcoming wildlife work

### 4-day CedarRoot Folk Camp and 2-day CyberTracker Certification

You will learn:

- Plant and animal identification
- Outdoor Survival Education (shelter/fire building)
- Navigate in the woods safely with GPS

### You will receive:

- A stipend and gear (water bottle, backpack, tracking/plant books)
- CedarRoot Folk Camp July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ Quinault (**overnight camping**)
- Tracking Certification in mid-late August (2 days during week of Aug 10th)

If interested in continuing outside of the camp/evaluation, you will have the opportunity to assist with:

- Bear and Cougar field work
- Job shadowing Natural Resources staff

For more information please contact:  
Cassandra 360-297-6282 (O) 360-621-3575 (C)

**Applications can be picked up from the Natural Resources office and must be turned in by 6/10/26**

# Driver License and ID Services



Open to the PGST Community!

Washington Department of Licensing will be in the Longhouse to help with:

- First time Washington driver license or ID card, including enhanced
- Out-of-state transfers
- Renew driver license, permit or ID

**Tribal Members may be reimbursed for Real Enhanced ID costs.**



 **Friday, May 22**

 **12pm - 4pm**

 **Longhouse**

To sign up, please contact  
the Front Desk at:  
**360-297-2646**



## **CALLING ALL PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBAL MEMBER ARTISTS!**

WE ARE SEEKING SAMPLE SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR TRIBAL EMPLOYEE TENURE AWARDS. WE INVITE ARTISTS TO SUBMIT EXAMPLES SUCH AS BEAD WORK, CARVINGS, PAINTINGS, PLAQUES, OR SIMILAR ITEMS, WITH A TARGET PRICE RANGE OF \$20-\$200 PER PIECE.

SAMPLE SUBMISSIONS ARE REQUESTED BY JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026; HOWEVER, SAMPLES MAY BE SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THIS DATE.

ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED A SAMPLE, PLEASE NOTIFY JENNIFER WRIGHT-TOM IN HUMAN RESOURCES, AT (360) 297-6258 AND WE WILL SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO REVIEW YOUR WORK.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR CREATIVITY AND BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK.



# The Local

PIZZA & SWEETS



SCAN HERE TO VIEW  
THE MENU & HOURS



OPEN DAILY  
360-297-6143



**THE POINT**  
CASINO & HOTEL

7989 SALISH LANE NE,  
KINGSTON, WA

# Bears



## **Bear Facts:**

- Bears are prolific Scavengers, meaning they will find any source of food that is not properly secured and will take advantage of it.
- Their breeding season is from June-July with a peak in mid-late June, so you may see them or their mess more often during this time.
- Black Bear attacks are very rare, and most human conflicts are with Bears that are getting into your garbage cans at night.
- They are very skittish and easily scared off with shouting, loud noises, and making yourself look big.

## **How to minimize conflict:**

- Remove and secure any food sources, such as garbage, pet/livestock food, bird feeders, and crab/shrimp bait.
- Ensure garbage cans are secure (especially at night).
- Keep your distance if you happen to see one.
- Make loud noises to scare them off and make yourself look big.
- Keep dogs on a leash.

## **Hunting:**

- Hunting for bears is open for PGST members. Refer to hunting regulations for rules regarding hunting seasons/restrictions and contact wildlife staff at natural resources if you have any questions.
- If you see something of concern, call 911 so an on-duty officer can make a drive-by.

# FOSTER HOMES NEEDED



Children belong with the Tribe  
**The Tribe is family**



**Contact:**

Cristina Pulda  
360-979-6021  
[capulda@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:capulda@pgst.nsn.us)

## A PGST Child Needs YOU!

It has long been the custom of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe that a child may be cared for by persons other than a parent. Becoming a foster parent is another way to carry on this tradition by keeping tribal history and values alive for future generations. Consider being a foster home or a respite home to help a child in need!



# Rebekah “Becky” De La Cruz-Luera

HYGIENIST



I am committed to the oral health of my patients, and serve my community through excellent treatment, the education of the oral systemic link, and making the dental office a place to look forward to and not dreaded. I am passionate about my career and the care of my patients who become my friends. I am always looking for ways to make connections with people and provide a safe place to be authentic. When I am not in the clinic you can find me kayaking or hiking with my husband rain or shine. I grew up island hopping between Puerto Rico, Kodiak, AK, and Oahu, HI with my Coast Guard family and am stoked to put down roots here in the PNW and grow with the Tribe! Come share your smile with me and let's be friends!

***Make Your Appointment Today!***



# Request for Proposals

## **Artist Wanted**

### **S'Klallam Energy Journey Coloring & Adventure Book**

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Collaborate with the  
Energy Sovereignty Program on:

- Full color cover and final acknowledgment pages
- 20-30 black & white activity and coloring pages

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### Submission Requirements:

- Name, phone number, and email
- Desired total compensation
- Examples of artwork from your existing portfolio (max 10)
- Website portfolio or social media link (if applicable)
- Sample page for S'Klallam Energy Journey Coloring & Activity Book *optional*
- Statement of interest (500 words or less) *required*

Submit by  
May 22 to  
[rhgates@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:rhgates@pgst.nsn.us)

Additional details at [pgst.nsn.us/energy](http://pgst.nsn.us/energy)



Get extra money for groceries this summer!

## What are SUN Bucks?

SUN Bucks is a federal program that works in tandem with Free Summer Meals to support families when school meals are unavailable. Families receive **\$120 per eligible child** to purchase groceries over the summer.

## Is my child eligible?

Children of any age are eligible for SUN Bucks if they attend a school that operates the National School Lunch Program and have a household income below 185% of the federal poverty line.

Children aged 8 through 17 who are enrolled in SNAP or TANF are also eligible.

There is **no immigration requirement** for SUN Bucks.

## Do I need to apply?

Most eligible children will be automatically identified and enrolled in SUN Bucks, though some need to submit an application. Visit **FreeSummerMeals.org** to use our screening tool and learn if you need to apply.



## 3 Tips for SUN Bucks Success

**Confirm your mailing address at school** (or with DSHS, if you receive SNAP/TANF) to ensure your SUN Bucks card is sent to the correct place.

**Have a question about your benefits?** Call the SUN Bucks Contact Center at 833-543-3230.

**Not sure if your child is eligible?** Visit **FreeSummerMeals.org** and submit an application today!

[FreeSummerMeals.org](https://www.FreeSummerMeals.org)

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**Yəhúməct Workshop**  
Take care of yourself  
**LIVING WELL**

Overview of ALL the services provided by the  
Port Gamble S'Klallam  
Community Health Center

**TUESDAY, MAY 19TH**

Prizes!!!

**5:30 PM**

Dinner  
provided!

**LOCATION: LONGHOUSE**

Open to all PGST community, all ages!





# Elders Meat Program Survey



Please Scan!

Natural Resources  
Wildlife Program



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### **Call for Artists – Voting Logo**

Any inquiries related to this call are directed to: Amber Hunt, Legislative Program Manager [amhunt@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:amhunt@pgst.nsn.us). Technical support can be made available for interested artists who are not familiar with vector files. *Please read the entire document before emailing with questions or a submission.*

#### **Introduction**

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (Contracting Party) is seeking design proposals from PGST Tribal Members for a logo to be used for PGST voter registration, civic engagement events, and related accessories. This logo will likely be used in “I Voted” stickers, clothing, and posters. Designs should relate to the culture, history, and/or landscape of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and the surrounding area. Inclusion of voting specific imagery or related symbols is encouraged. If you decide to include written language in the logo design, use of the S'Klallam phrase “ʔələʔkt” (“I voted for someone; I elected someone”) is requested.

The chosen artist will receive compensation of \$500.

#### **Timeline**

April 28, 2026: Call posted

June 1, 2026: Artist submissions *due*

June 5, 2026: Artist selection notification (this date may vary slightly due to review process scheduling)

#### **Submission Guidelines/Requirements**

- Artists must PGST Enrolled.
- Artwork submitted must not currently appear (nor have been previously used).
- The chosen artist(s) will receive compensation of \$500 and must grant full rights to the artwork.
- No more than three distinct colors should be used (not including black).

## Example Designs:



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Please email the following materials to [amhunt@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:amhunt@pgst.nsn.us) with the subject line “PGST Voting Logo Art” followed by your name. All materials must be submitted by June 1, 2026; late submissions will not be accepted.

*In the body of the email include:*

- Your Name
- Phone Number
- Website Portfolio Link (if applicable)
- Statement of Interest (500 words or less)

*Art Attachment:*

- Proposed color logo
- Proposed grayscale logo

Notice of Tribal Council Elections

Elections are scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Main Tribal Center Administration offices.

Notices of Intent to Run for Council positions are due by Friday June 12, 2026. See the form below or you can get a copy at the Front Desk. Please fill it out completely and return it to the Enrollment Clerk or the Front Desk personnel by 4:30 pm on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Letters of intent are advised but not required. You can submit them at the Front Desk or by email to [enrollment@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:enrollment@pgst.nsn.us).

If you would like information about an Absentee Ballot, you can contact the Enrollment Clerk at (360) 297-6217. Absentee ballot requests must be made NO LATER than July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Any request made after 4:30 on July 6<sup>th</sup> will not be considered.

Positions up for elections are:

Vice-Chairperson: currently held by Chris Tom

Council I: currently held by Renee Veregge

Council IV: currently held by Kyle Carpenter

**INTENT TO RUN**

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Council

Position of:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Write in position)

Positions available in the July 13 2026 election are:

Vice-Chairman, Council I, Council IV

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT OR FRONT DESK**

**Due date: June 12, 2026 by 4:30**