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Community Memo

June 2, 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

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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

Food Bank

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 or via phone or text at (564)245-0492

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.

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.

SUN Bucks is coming!

Starting June, SUN bucks, also known as Summer EBT, will start coming in the mail to those families that qualify. NEW CARDS ARE BEING ISSUED this year! Each youth will receive their own card pre-loaded with \$120 per card/youth.

Students are identified by the School Lunch Program applications for youth ages 8-17. Students also enrolled in the PASS program should receive a NEW card! Please be on the lookout for a PLAIN WHITE envelope coming from Idaho, this could contain a new SUN Bucks card.

Please note the Tribal EBT site CANNOT process SUN Buck applications, issue replacement cards or look to see if a youth was eligible. If you think you may be eligible, and have not received a card by the end of June you can apply at FreeSummerMeals.org If you need assistance, please call SUN Bucks Customer Service number at 833-543-3230.

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

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 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.

Health Services

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: June 8, 2026
Where: Council Chambers
Time: 8:30am
Topic: Regular

When: June 22, 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



PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

Notice of New Code & Regulations

Tribal Gun Range

PUBLIC NOTICE

On May 11, 2026, Tribal Council enacted a new section of the PGST Code to establish the tribal gun range. A copy of the new law is available at: <https://ecode360.com/PO6989/laws/LF2679320.pdf>.*

*This is the first code change to be posted on the Tribe's new code website. A pdf of the change will be hosted as a "New Law" (link [here](#)) until the code website is updated next in June. There are also notes in the impacted chapters of the PGST Code, flagging the change until the code is updated (link [here](#) and [here](#)).

On the same day, Tribal Council also adopted the regulations to govern the gun range. These regulations are included within the Tribe's hunting regulations. The gun range regulations will be posted on site and are available upon request to the Natural Resources or Utilities Departments. A copy of the regulations is attached.

BACKGROUND

PGST is building a small gun range on the Reservation and desires it to be regulated in a safe manner.

Before there could be gun range *regulations*, the Tribe needed to enact an authorizing gun range *code*. The gun range needed to be created under the law (code), so that Tribal Council's rules for it (regulations) will have the force and effect of law (penalties).

Gun Range Code	Gun Range Regulations
• Sets the legal foundation for administering the gun range • Code says: ○ Tribal Council will adopt regulations for the range ○ There are penalties for violating Tribal Council's regulations • Code is harder to adapt and update. Tribal Council cannot change the code but for going through a public hearing process and satisfying other standards.	• Sets the day-to-day standards for using the gun range • Regulations say: ○ Who may use the range and when ○ Which guns and targets may be used ○ What is prohibited • Regulations are easier to adapt and update. Tribal Council can change the regulations as needed to ensure the safe and proper use of the range.

FAQ

Q. What is going on with the gun range?

A. The Tribe has built a gun range. To keep it safe, Tribal Council adopted a code to impose penalties and adopted regulations to set the code of conduct.

Q. What are the penalties for misuse of the range?

A. There is a mandatory minimum fine of \$100. The maximum fine is \$500. You may also be required to cover the cost of any damages. For repeated violations, your access can be revoked

Q. Can I do _____ at the gun range?

A. It depends. You may only use the gun range as expressly permitted by the regulations. The regulations should be carefully reviewed and consulted before each use of the range.

Q. Do other laws apply at the gun range?

A. Yes, all other tribal laws apply while using the range. This includes criminal laws related to firearm violations.

Q. What do you mean "new code website"?

A. In May 2026, the Tribe converted its code to an [online version](#). The vendor is called General Code. The service is called eCode360.

Q. What do you mean "New Law"?

A. Because the PGST Code is maintained online, it will take some time for programmers to apply changes. We use the "New Law" tab to post pdfs of newly enacted laws, until the code website can be updated.

New Gun Range Coming Soon!

Opening date is June 1st, 2026

The community Gun Range is located east of the old shooting site on an old north–south running forest road. This project is designed with safety, environmental responsibility, and community access in mind.

Range Details

- The shooting range span is **100 yards**.
- **Concrete pads** have been installed at both the firing line and the target end to make cleanup of lead bullets easier and more efficient.
- The **mid-range area is graveled** to improve footing and reduce maintenance needs.
- A **6-foot-high ecology block wall** will be constructed along the southwest side of the range to increase safety and help direct sound toward the east.
- The backstop features a **14-foot-tall dirt-covered ecology block Catch Berm** on the shooting end to control projectile impact and ensure safe use.



The gun range regulations will be posted on site and are available upon request to the Natural Resources or Utilities Departments.

Access to the Gun Range area along with other backroads will be closed during times of high fire danger.



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 13th-16th 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



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 30TH, 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.





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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

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!



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

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washington



—EVENT DATE—

čəŋkʷítšən
'King Salmon
Time'

June 24th & 25th

—EVENT DETAILS—

Wednesday
02/05/2026
11-4:30pm

Thursday
02/06/2026
11-4:30pm

—EVENT LOCATION—

Cultural Resources Building

—CONTACT—

Sign up with Rowan
call or text 360-731-4324
or email rbunich@pgst.nsn.us

Or come by the Cultural Resource
Office and say ʔáy·kʷaʔčíy!
[https://pgst.nsn.us/cultural-
resources/](https://pgst.nsn.us/cultural-resources/)



Cedar Bark Preparation Workshops

Join us for a special cultural opportunity designed for tribal members to learn how to prepare cedar bark for weaving projects.

Come learn or share techniques for stripping, thinning, and bundling your cedar bark for future weaving projects.

NOTES FROM THE CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Bringing your own cedar is requested, as limited supplies are available to practice on.
We will provide the tools.

This session is open to Tribal Community Members.

Youth under 16 require adult participation

Please provide contact information on sign up

Special Note: Cedar harvesting dates will be offered this Spring! Stay posted.



Elders Meat Program Survey



Please Scan!

Natural Resources
Wildlife Program

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE YOUTH SAILING EXPEDITION

A 3-day, 2-night experiential learning voyage aboard the historic schooner *Adventuress* designed in partnership between the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and Sound Experience. Youth participants will engage in hands-on sailing, teamwork, marine science, and cultural learning while exploring the waters of the Salish Sea.



August 28 to 30, 2026



Starts and Ends in
Port Gamble

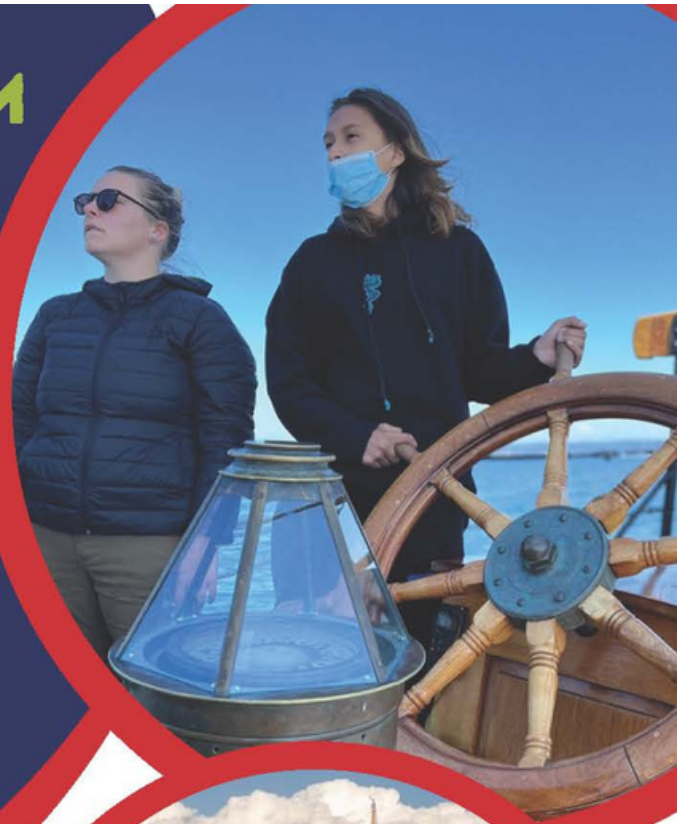
What you will experience:

- Sailing and seamanship
- Navigation
- Marine science
- Teamwork and leadership
- Stewardship of the Salish Sea
- Canoe traditions
- Traditional and modern maritime knowledge
- Community and intergenerational learning

Register Here



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PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE





—EVENT DATE—
čəŋk'ítšən
'King Salmon
Time'
June 26th & 27th

—EVENT DETAILS—

Friday

06/26/2026

5:00-8:00pm

Saturday

06/27/2026

10:00-4:00pm

—EVENT LOCATION—

Culture Building

—CONTACT—

Sign up with Rowan
call or text

360-731-4324

Or E-mail

rbunich@pgst.nsn.us

Or come by the Cultural Resource
Office and say **ʔáy'k'w'aʔčíy!**
<https://pgst.nsn.us/cultural-resources/>



Cedar Weaving Workshop **Hat Weaving Round II**

Join us for a special class to learn how to weave a cedar bark hat with Kaylayla Ives.

This class is an opportunity to weave something special from your own harvested cedar bark. For those without cedar bark, we will prepare a few hat kits to offer for the nominal contribution of \$100.

This small and intensive cedar weaving class has limited space. To secure your spot please contact the staff listed. Reach out early to schedule time if you need any help preparing your bark prior to class.

NOTES FROM THE **CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

The Culture Building and Staff will be available to help students prepare their hat kits using their own cedar.
This class is offered to PGST Community Members 18+up



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 12th.

Letters of intent are advised but not required. You can submit them at the Front Desk or by email to 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 6th, 2026. Any request made after 4:30 on July 6th 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