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PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

Community Memo

June, 2026

Tribal Council Elections July 13, 2026

Tribal Council elections are coming up! Enrolled tribal members 18 years and up, don't forget to stop by the tribal center and vote!

Elections will start at 8:00am in the council chambers.

Elders Announcement

The Elders Program is no longer the contact for the energy logs or propane or PSE assistance.

Please call Cheryl Miller (360)297-9665 for more details.

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(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

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 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.

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.

Food Bank

The food bank is open from 8-11:45 am and 1:15-4:00 pm 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

Culture

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

Enrollment

2026 Tribal Council Elections

if you have letters of intent for the position you are running for please email them to enrollment@pgst.nsn.us or at the tribal center front desk.

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.

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.

The Home Repair Assistance Program for Large Repairs (Up to 30,000) is closed as we work through the waitlist of current applicants. Funding dependent, we will re-open applications later in the year.

Should you have an emergency repair, please contact housing to inquire about status.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we navigate a new policy.

We are still accepting applications for emergency appliance replacement.

Please note that this is only for refrigerators that are not keeping food to temp, hot water heaters that have gone out, ovens/ranges, and furnaces if that is your only heat source.

Dishwashers and microwaves do not qualify for this program

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

Garhett Jensen

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: July 6 , 2026

Where: Council Chambers

Time: 12:30pm

Topic: Regular

When: July 13 , 2026

Where: Council Chambers

Time: 8:00am

Topic: Council Elections

2026 Tribal Council Elections

Tribal Council Elections are coming up quick!

July 13th Elections will be happening in the Council Chambers!.

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



Natural Resources

The On-Reservation Coho Set Net

Rotation sign-up list opens

Monday, 7/6/26. Requirements for drawing:

- Must be 18+ years old
- Must be up to date on taxes
- Must have a registered boat
- Limited to **2 people per household**

The deadline to sign up is 7/21/26 at 2:30pm. You must sign up by the deadline to be included in the rotation drawing; no exceptions will be made.

Drawing and rotation results will be available on 7/22/26. Sign up in person at the NR Office or call 360-516-3206, be sure to include your name and boat number.

Other Info

Please be sure to review regulations, beach closures for harvesting and new maps, both can be found on pnptc.org or fortess.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html



****VESSEL FOR SALE****
byPGST NaturalResources
\$4,900 as is

Includes:

- 1977 MonArk 20' boat purchased March 2013.
- 2013 Yamaha 150hp purchased new in May 2013
- 2006 EZ Loader boat trailer purchased new in September 2005.



Boat, trailer, and motor for sale:

- Boat can be viewed outside of the Wetlab during business hours.
- Contact Hans (360-689-5169) or Christina (360-509-8050) with questions.
- Tribal member preference. Tribal members interested should submit their name in person to the Natural Resources front desk by June 30th at end of day and a random drawing will be held. The winner will have one week to make payment and take ownership.
- All items were well taken care of and regularly serviced, but fuel tanks need replaced or cleaned and reinstalled, fuel filter needs replaced, and battery and main battery selector switch and fuse need replaced before it can be run.

Hello, my name is Renee Veregge. I am the daughter of Jeffrey and Connie Veregge and the granddaughter of Frank and Cyrene Sullivan and Will and Betty Norris. I am also the proud mother of my two beautiful children, Jaxon and Whitley, who are my pride and joy. I respectfully submit this Letter of Intent for Council Position I.

I have been employed with the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe since 2004, working within our Dental, Medical, and Housing programs, and for the past 14½ years, I have served as Special Projects Director. My longest career has been as a commercial geoduck diver for 29 years, which has taught me the importance of protecting our natural resources and our treaty rights.

I have had the honor of serving as Tribal Council Position I for the past 14 years (7 terms), and I am seeking your support for re-election on July 13th. I take great pride in the work we, as a Council, have accomplished together, and I stand by the decisions and votes I have made in the best interest of our community. During my tenure on Tribal Council, I have been a dedicated advocate for:

- Expanding educational opportunities for our members
- Protecting and enhancing our treaty rights
- Diversifying and strengthening our economic portfolio
- Upholding and defending our Tribal sovereignty
- Providing meaningful, direct benefits to Tribal members
- Supporting programs that improve the well-being of our people
- Representing and advocating for our Tribe in Washington, D.C.

This past year has been difficult for my family, as my mom has been battling cancer. Through this hardship, our community has represented the true S'Klallam way, rooting, supporting, and lifting her up with love, strength, and kindness. I will always be deeply grateful for the care and compassion shown to my mom during this time.

One of my top priorities in the next term is addressing the housing challenges within our Tribe. I am committed to finding solutions that expand access to affordable housing for tribal members of all income levels. Currently, the only rental options on the reservation are low-income housing, leaving many working families without viable opportunities.

If re-elected, I will continue to stand as the strong S'Klallam woman I am—serving as a voice for our people, fighting for our rights, and advocating for programs, policies, and services that support our members while protecting our sovereignty.

My door and my ear are always open. I welcome your concerns, your ideas, and your voices.

Thank you for taking the time to read my Letter of Intent. I humbly ask for your support by voting for me on July 13, 2026.

To my Port Gamble S'klallam Tribal Members,

My name is Joshua DeCoteau-McLeod, son of Talia DeCoteau and Rory McLeod, grandson of Rick and Betty DeCoteau and Brett DeCoteau, and great-grandson of Millie and Warren DeCoteau and Geneva and Joseph Ives.

I have lived on our reservation for most of my life and recently had the opportunity to return home and build a house where my wife and I are raising our two boys on the same land where I grew up. It is with great respect and humility that I announce my candidacy for Council Person IV.

For nearly 12 years, I have worked for our Tribe. The first half of my career was spent serving within Tribal Government, and for the past six years I have worked with our business entities through Noo-Kayet Investments. I currently serve as the Director of Buildings & Grounds, where I am responsible for constructing, maintaining, and caring for many of our Tribal assets, including The Point Casino & Hotel, High Point Cannabis, Gliding Eagle Market, The Point Development Center, Eagle's Nest Espresso, Ascension, and Minder Meats.

Throughout the last several years, I have reported directly to and worked closely with the Noo-Kayet Board of Directors. I have also served as Chair of the Parks & Roads Committee and am currently serving my first term as Vice Chair of the Housing Board.

During my time serving our Tribe, I have been fortunate to contribute to several significant projects and accomplishments. I stepped into a project management role for many of our recent construction efforts, including High Point Cannabis, the Ascension building, the remodel of the Tribal Development Center, the construction of our new coffee shop and facility warehouse, and the remodel of the Minder Meats property. In addition to these major projects, I have participated in numerous smaller initiatives that continue to improve our community and business operations.

Beyond construction, I have been honored to assist with land and building acquisitions that help strengthen our economic future. Through this work, I have coordinated due diligence efforts to ensure sound investments and learned firsthand about the federal trust land process. I am especially proud that one of our recent trust applications was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. While it was a small parcel and took years of dedication, it is now Port Gamble S'Klallam trust land that will remain part of our Nation for generations to come.

My experience working within Tribal Government, Noo-Kayet Investments, and the Housing Board has provided me with a broad understanding of both the opportunities and challenges facing our Tribe.

One issue I am especially passionate about is housing. While we have made progress in developing new lots and creating opportunities for Tribal members, we know there is still work to do. I would like to see continued investment in our housing programs—not only financially, but also through stronger collaboration between Tribal Council, the Housing Board, and Tribal departments. Our goal should be to create opportunities for Tribal members at all income levels, ensuring they have not only a place to live, but also a pathway to homeownership here on our ancestral homeland. Whether I have the privilege of serving on Council or continue serving on the Housing Board, this will remain one of my highest priorities.

We have also recently approved one of the largest construction budgets in our Tribal Campus Master Plan. While this project is exciting and represents tremendous opportunity, it also comes with significant responsibility. I believe my experience managing construction projects and budgets can provide valuable insight as we move through this important design-build process.

I would also like to see us continue expanding and diversifying our economic enterprises. We have made meaningful progress in recent years, but we must continue building on that momentum. Strategic reinvestment into revenue-generating businesses is essential to our long-term growth and self-sufficiency. Being part of the success of The Point Casino & Hotel over the past several years has shown me what is possible when we invest thoughtfully and plan for the future. Expanding Noo-Kayet's business footprint will help create lasting opportunities, strengthen Tribal services, and build generational wealth for our people.

Serving on Tribal Council has long been a personal goal of mine. Watching previous generations dedicate themselves to our community has inspired me throughout my career. I have always approached my work with a commitment to service and a desire to contribute all that I can. I believe Council members should uphold the highest standards of leadership, act in the best interests of the Tribe, and provide transparency and honesty to our membership.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I humbly ask for your support and your vote for Council Person IV. It would be an honor to serve our Tribe and work alongside you to help build a strong future for generations to come.

Respectfully,

Joshua DeCoteau-McLeod
Candidate for Council Person IV

To My Fellow S'Klallam Tribal Members,

I am writing to share my intent to run for **Councilperson IV**. First, I want to express my deep respect and appreciation for our current Council Members. Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed, and I am grateful for all you do for our Tribe.

My name is **Malissa Purser**, daughter of Victoria Purser Moran and David Purser, and granddaughter of Marlene Wellman, Paul Moran, Geraldine Heimann, and Aaron Purser. I am also the proud parent of five beautiful daughters.

Professionally, I have 18 years of experience in retail (14 at the Gliding Eagle), worked as an Instructional Aide/Technician at Northwest Indian College, and now serve as the **Training & Development Coordinator** in Human Resources. I hold an associate degree in Science for Business Management, an associate degree in Arts for general transfer, and one bachelor's degree in Art for Native Studies Leadership. I also maintain two HR professional certifications and one certification in Professional Training Management.

My career goal is to continue expanding training and development within our tribal government in ways that provide strategic alignment to provide the best possible services for our Tribe, our membership, and as one of the leading employers in North Kitsap County.

My Priorities

Inclusive Employment & Support Services

I am passionate about the assistance of expanding our **Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (TVR) program** (much gratitude for our Vulnerable Adults Program) to support disabled and uniquely abled Tribal members in finding meaningful employment. Inclusion strengthens our workforce, builds trust, and brings valuable perspectives to our community.

I also want to provide **consistent and practical training** to help employees and community members confidently and respectfully engage with individuals of all abilities—creating a more inclusive environment across our Tribe, including employees who interact with our tribal members. The overall goal is for inclusion to become a natural experience within our community & places of employment for uniquely abled members of our community.

Addressing Addiction with Compassion

I am committed to helping **de-stigmatize addiction and substance abuse**. Generational/Historical trauma and mental health challenges affect many of our people.

While safety and accountability are necessary, compassion and a trauma-informed approach are equally important. We can co-exist respectfully. It takes a village to heal our people in the present and for our future generations.

I would also like to explore **alternative recovery support programs** for individuals using prescribed medications or THC as part of their sobriety journey—recognizing that healing is not always one-size-fits-all. What would this look like? This type of program would support balanced use of prescribed medications and THC while focusing on healing, accountability, and maintaining sobriety from the damage of alcohol and/or illegal drug. Anybody looking for a program like this right now check out Calisober on FB!

Language & Culture

Our language is a direct connection to our ancestors and identity. I support expanding **S'Klallam language use** in our workplaces and community spaces and creating opportunities such as immersive learning weekends to strengthen fluency and cultural connection.

Housing Opportunities

Housing remains a critical need. I plan to explore the return of the **stick-built homebuyer programs** from the past and support initiatives like **tiny homes** for low-income or single members. We need more pathways to homeownership and self-sufficiency for our people. This ensures Tribal members can achieve homeownership success beyond assigned allotments.

Sovereignty & Treaty Rights

I deeply respect the work our Council does to protect our sovereignty and Treaty Rights. I am committed to supporting that work and contributing my perspective and dedication to strengthening our Tribe. What they do behind the scenes orchestrates the protection of our Membership through countless meetings, negotiations, and travels through-out Indian Country and beyond.

I respectfully ask for your vote only if you believe I can serve effectively and be an asset to our community. I am here, and I am ready.

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Malissa Victoria Purser

mpurser@pgst.nsn.us

HR Training & Development Coordinator

Letter of intent for TC position 4

Hello tribal citizens of the PGST (Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe,)

My name is Matthew Ives. I live with my little family, Barb, Tey, and Char. I am and have been clean and sober the last 31 years. I am a treaty fisherman exercising our rights for most of my life. I have my Associates Arts transfer degree from NorthWest Indian College. I served on tribal council 3 ½ terms with pride and honor.

Some of my proudest moments and accomplishments on council was representing PGST advocating for our needs with elected officials and the new administration in Washington DC; standing strong in meetings with the Navy protecting our natural resources in the Hood Canal; representing and keeping our fisheries sustainable at North of Falcon with WA state and other tribes, being part of an ad-hoc committee establishing bi-laws and input for our Transitional housing. And lastly, my biggest and most important deed was being a part and taking necessary steps for our tribe to implement a sales tax to non-tribal customers on taxable goods on our trust lands. This sales tax will bring in revenues for the future of PGST.

A vote for Matthew is a vote for Sklallam's future. Under the new administration the parents of our youth (under 18) are eligible to open an account for their future. Not only can our families and children learn about investing, money compounding, but they can watch that money grow. When the children turn 18 that money can be used for ongoing education, a first home and/or other such things. At 18 this money becomes a traditional Individual Retirement Account with certain perks. The seed money could and should be started from our tribe.. It would be totally awesome for our tribe to do some sort of match with the family. I have always been open to the families of our S'Klallam membership. I take concerns from those people and help guide them to the resources they need to resolve issues before they become a problem. I am transparent and let all know what I think and stand for? If you have any questions feel free to message or call me. 3605097524 Thank you for your time

Sincerely

Matthew Ives

Roxanne Hockett
Enrollment # 642
roxannehockett@gmail.com
June 4, 2026

To the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Community,

I am writing to formally announce my candidacy for the position of Council IV in the upcoming July 13, 2026 Tribal Council election.

My name is Roxanne Hockett. I am the daughter of James Pinkston, Edwina Bonds, and Eric Bonds. I am the granddaughter of Rose and Robert Stewart, and the great-granddaughter of Stan and Irene Purser. My lineage continues through Ed and Irene Purser, and Peter Jackson and Ellen Moses-Jackson. I share this to honor my family and the teachings and responsibilities that guide me.

I was raised with the understanding that hard work means showing up—for our families, our community, and our responsibilities—and that leadership is grounded in service, accountability, and respect for our people.

I currently serve as Secretary of the Tribal Gaming Board of Commissioners, a role I have held since 2021, supporting regulatory oversight and responsible governance. I also volunteer with the Coast Salish Wool Weaving Center as a grant writer, bookkeeper, and weaving instructor, and I can often be found teaching beadwork and wool weaving throughout our community. I began beading and weaving in 2018 and continue this work as both cultural practice and community connection.

As a small business owner, I understand Indianpreneurship and the importance of creating sustainable, self-determined economic opportunities for our people. Through my work, I have seen how entrepreneurship not only supports individual families, but also strengthens community resilience, cultural expression, and long-term economic sovereignty.

I am a graduate of The Evergreen State College, where I earned my Master of Public Administration in Tribal Governance. My capstone project, *Paths to Sovereignty*, translates complex Tribal governance systems into an interactive, culturally grounded learning tool that highlights sovereignty, systems thinking, and relational leadership through experiential gameplay.

I am currently serving as Grants Director, where I built the Tribe's grants department from the ground up—growing from a one-person operation to a team of three grant writers with a strong focus on compliance, sovereignty, and strategic alignment. I led the effort to implement strategic planning across Tribal government, helping shift our approach from reactive to proactive in pursuing funding opportunities.

I also had the honor of steering the Tribe's 2020 Census effort, where we achieved a 100% headcount of all residents on the reservation—a significant accomplishment given the historical undercounting

of Native communities nationwide. In 2025, I organized and led the first Tribal Grants Roundtable, bringing together Washington Tribal grant professionals to strengthen relationships, share knowledge, and build collective capacity. I am also a 2023 alumni of Leadership Kitsap.

I am running for Tribal Council because I have spent the last decade intentionally preparing for this role—learning the systems, building experience in governance and finance, and understanding how decisions impact our community. Through that work, I have come to believe that our Tribe needs strong, forward-thinking leadership grounded in both strategy and cultural responsibility. I bring a non-linear, systems-based approach to problem-solving that I believe is critical for navigating the complex challenges and opportunities we face.

I also want to acknowledge and express my deepest gratitude to our community for the dedication that led to the 2024 Constitutional changes. Because of that work, my 10-year-old daughter, and many other children, are now enrolled—an outcome that has strengthened the foundation of our families and our future generations. I carry that forward with a deep sense of responsibility.

If elected, I will prioritize:

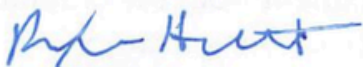
- Transparent and accountable governance
- Strategic, sustainable economic development that benefits the whole community
- Continued advancement of data-informed decision-making to strengthen funding and long-term planning
- Support for cultural knowledge and intergenerational learning
- Stronger communication, collaboration, and community engagement

My leadership style is grounded in listening, collaboration, and accountability to our people—not just to systems. I believe leadership requires humility, consistency, and a commitment to showing up and doing the work.

It would be an honor to serve our community in this way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Roxanne Hockett



Letter of Intent for Vice Chair

Dear Tribal Members,

After a lot of thought, prayer, and talks with family and friends, I have decided to run for Vice Chair of the Tribal Council.

I am running because I care deeply about our Tribe, our people, and our future. Like many of you, I have spent my life, as a single mom of 5, working, raising a family, facing challenges, and doing my best to contribute wherever I could. Through those experiences, I have learned that leadership is not about titles—it's about showing up, listening, helping solve problems, and being willing to do the work.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work in leadership roles, manage projects, serve the community, and help people reach their goals. I've worked with youth, adults, businesses, community partners, and tribal organizations. What I have learned is that every successful project starts with listening to people and understanding what matters most to them.

I am proud to be a tribal member. I understand our community because I am part of it. I know the strengths we have, the challenges we face, and the opportunities in front of us. I believe we can continue building a strong future by honoring our traditions, culture, and values and following them to guide decisions.

If elected Vice Chair, I will:

- Listen to tribal members and encourage open communication.
- Be present and available to engage with any individuals and groups that want my attention and support.
- Encourage economic development that creates opportunities for our people.
- Advocate for workforce development, education, and career pathways.
- Fight and address any obstacles that our elders, youth, and community are facing.
- Help ensure tribal government remains transparent, accountable, and focused on serving the membership.
- Build partnerships that strengthen our Tribe while protecting our sovereignty and cultural values.

I don't have all the answers. What I can say is I will listen, ask questions, work hard, and always keep the best interests of our people at the center of every decision.

Many of you know me already. You know my sense of humor, my determination, and my passion for making our community better for future generations. You know that I care about people and that I believe in helping others succeed. The life the creator has chosen for me has blessed me with a lot of opportunities to learn and

grow. Now I would like to bring what I've learned to the Vice Chair position.

This isn't about personal achievement for me. It's about giving back, encouraging strength and growth of our community and helping create opportunities for future generations.

I would be honored to earn your trust, your support, and your vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dawn Purser

Candidate for Vice Chair



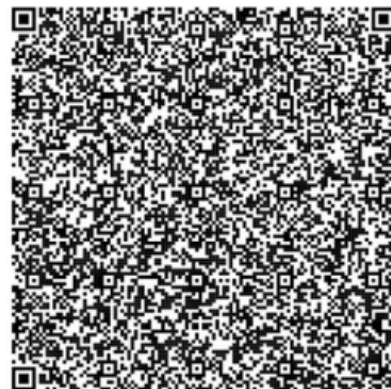
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PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE



The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Gaming Agency is looking for 3 members for the Tribal Gaming Commission, an independent body appointed by the Tribal Council. Terms lengths vary (3 year or 1 year option) and will be determined at random, when the appointments are made. Gaming Commission Members are responsible for implementing and enforcing the Tribe's regulatory duties as defined in the Tribal Gaming Ordinance and Code, the Tribal/State Compact, the National Indian Gaming Commission Minimum Internal Controls, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and other relevant laws and agreements affecting licensed gambling activities on the Port Gamble S'Klallam Reservation. Gaming Commission members are independent of the gaming operation and therefore are not permitted to gamble at the Point Casino. Meetings are held once a month, stipends are \$300 per meeting, and good attendance is required.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest form to savannahs@pgst.nsn.us or complete the online application.

Scan the QR code for the letter of interest form. You must be logged into your tribal member only account to access.



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.



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!



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!

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Elders Meat Program Survey



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Natural Resources
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Library Happenings in July

Adults- All Ages

CrafterNoon

Meet and socialize with other community crafters. Bring along a project to work on and make new friends.

Wednesday, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Puzzle Club

Find your inner "piece" while solving jigsaw puzzles with other puzzle enthusiasts. No experience required.

Thursday, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Book Club

Discuss Timothy Snyder's On Freedom.

Wednesday, July 1, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 7, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kingston Goes to the Movies

Join the library at the Firehouse Theater for a free screening of the film "First Man." Discussion to follow.

Tuesday, July 28th, 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Maker Monday

Drop in and get your creativity flowing as you make the monthly craft.

Monday, July 27th , 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Little Boston Book Sale

Books, movies, and music available by donation!

Saturday, July 11th , 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kids & Teens

Read to a Dog

Choose a story and read to a dog.

Wednesday, July 8 & 15, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Aviation and Aerospace

Explore careers in aviation and aerospace with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through hands-on activities, and even get a chance to fly a plane using their flight simulator. Ages 11-18

Friday, July 17th, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Little Learners

Family Storytime & Play

Stories, songs, rhymes, and full-body movement designed to build early literacy skills and encourage social and emotional development.

Thursday, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Family Free Play

Come and enjoy a family free play for ages 0-5. Children can engage in play that supports learning through natural curiosity.

Saturday, July 25th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



2026 PGST Little Boston Canoe Hosting Vendor Registration

PGST Hosting Event is on Sunday, July 26, 2025
Vendor Hours anticipated 10am-8pm



Register now to secure your spot!
Sign up before July 17, 2026

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
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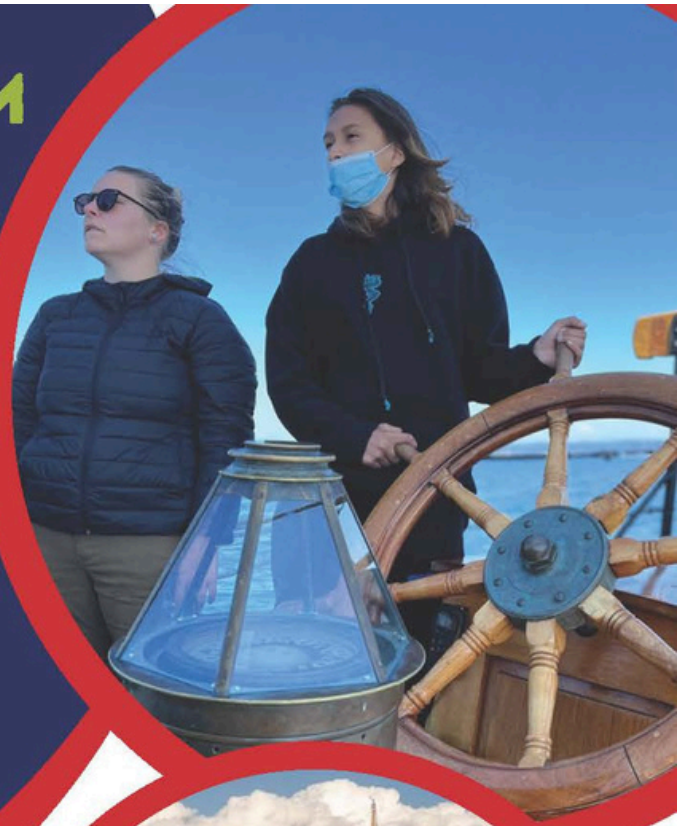
What you will experience:

- 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



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WHY JOIN?

- Build your child's home library with books they'll love
- Improve reading confidence and independence
- Every order earns points for FREE books & rewards for PGST students
- Flyers available at the education building, library, and tribal center



Calling PGST Artists

Deadline: August 31st, 2026

**All submissions can be made
to Audreena Tom.**

**Contact:
audreenat@pgst.nsn.us
360-297-6218**

**The Port Gamble S'Klallam
Human Resources
Department would like to
put out a call to artists.**

**We would like to find
someone that is willing to
create a tribal HR logo for
our department to use for
promotional items and
swag.**

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2025

Port Gamble S'Klallam CWS, PWS ID: 105300015

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

Spanish (Español)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791) or www.epa.gov/safewater.

Where does my water come from?

The Port Gamble S'Klallam water system is supplied by two groundwater wells. Girls Ball Field Well #1 (Tag ID: ABE034) was constructed on 1994, is 437 feet deep and can produce 127 gallons per minute with 15 hp. Church Well #2 (Tag ID: ABE038) was constructed on 1994, is 450 feet deep and can produce 60 gallons per minute with 17.5 hp.

Source water assessment and its availability

Contact your water system for a copy of the Port Gamble S'Klallam source water assessment.

Ashley Brown

Utilities Director

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Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health

risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or www.epa.gov/safewater.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

Contact your water system to find out opportunities on how to get involved.

Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectant to kill dangerous bacteria and microorganisms that may be in the water.

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5-minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

Cross Connection Control Survey

The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/ Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
- Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Decorative pond
- Watering trough

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Additional Information for Lead

Port Gamble S'Klallam Community water system completed a Lead Service Line Inventory in November 2024, and the inventory results are posted on the Tribal Administration building information board.

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Port Gamble S’Klallam community water system is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the Port Gamble S’Klallam water system. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead> .

For more information please contact:

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Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, EPA sets regulations to limit contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists drinking water contaminants that were detected during 2025. Many more contaminants were tested but only the substances listed below were found in your water.

All sources of drinking water contain naturally occurring compounds. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels.

The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly year to year or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. To help you better understand terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you, below are definitions.

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
mrem	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
pCi/L	Picocuries per Liter: a measure of the radioactivity in water
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
AVG	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2025	1.3	1.3	0.06	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2025	0	15	2	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2025	0.3	0.3-0.3	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2025	1	1.09-1.09	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	6	0-5.69	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2025	1.816	1.816-1.816	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Total Organic Carbon

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month, and the system met all TOC removal requirements set, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Emerging Contaminant Sampling Per- & Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Results

Public Water System: The Port Gamble Sklallam CWS Date distributed: 6-25-26

On 5 / 4 / 26 samples were collected to test for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

EPA has issued Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for certain PFAS (see table below). Results from the water samples showed that these chemicals **were not detected** in drinking water (i.e., found at or above EPA's Minimum Reporting Level). There are also many PFAS for which EPA has not established MCLs. A total of 19 additional PFAS chemicals were tested and **were not detected** in drinking water samples.

Chemical	Minimum Reporting Level*	Final MCL
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	2.0 ppt	4.0 ppt
<u>Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)</u>	2.0 ppt	4.0 ppt
<u>PFHxS</u>	2.0 ppt	10 ppt
PFNA	2.0 ppt	10 ppt
HFPO-DA (known as GenX Chemicals)	2.0 ppt	10 ppt
Mixtures containing two or more of: <u>PFHxS</u> , PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	2.0 ppt for each chemical	1.0 (unitless) Hazard Index

*A minimum reporting level is the smallest concentration of a chemical, using a specific method, that can be measured at 75% of more of capable laboratories with 95% confidence.

What are PFAS?

PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals that have been in use since the 1940s. PFAS are (or have been) found in a wide array of consumer products and as an ingredient in firefighting foam. PFAS manufacturing and processing facilities, airports, and military installations are some of the contributors to PFAS releases into the air, soil, and water. Because of their widespread use, most people have been exposed to PFAS, and there is evidence that exposure to certain PFAS may lead to adverse health effects.

What is EPA doing about PFAS in drinking water?

In April 2024, the EPA announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for six PFAS. The agency established individual MCLs for five PFAS (PFOS, PFOA, HFPO-DA, PFHxS, PFNA) and a Hazard Index (HI) MCL for mixtures containing two or more of HFPO-DA, PFHxS, PFNA, and PFBS (PFBS does not have an individual MCL). Community and Non-Transient Non-Community water systems will be required to comply with the PFAS MCLs starting in April 2029. Please note that the information provided is for technical assistance only and does not supersede the requirements in 40 C.F.R. Section 141 and 40 C.F.R. Section 142.

For information on PFAS, including possible health outcomes, please see the attached infographic. You may also visit: <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>

Contact Person: Ashley Brown Phone: (360)621-5320

IN YOUR DRINKING WATER

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)



Removing PFAS in Drinking Water

In home treatment options include activated carbon filtration, reverse osmosis (RO), and anion exchange treatment.

Do not boil water to remove PFAS.



Health Effects of Exposure to PFAS

Research has shown links between exposure to some PFAS chemicals and adverse health outcomes. Research is ongoing to determine how different levels of exposure to different PFAS can lead to particular health effects. Research is also underway to better understand the health effects associated with low level exposure to PFAS over long periods of time, especially in children.

WHAT ARE POTENTIAL SOURCES OF PFAS?



Water and soil at or near waste sites

such as landfills, disposal sites, and hazardous waste sites



Fire extinguishing foam

used in training and emergency response events at locations such as airports, shipyards, military bases, firefighting training facilities, chemical plants, and refineries



Food packaging

such as grease-resistant paper, fast food containers or wrappers, microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes, and candy wrappers



Facilities that use or produce PFAS

such as chrome plating, electronics, and certain textile and paper manufacturers



Household products

such as stain and water-repellent used on carpets, upholstery, clothing, and other fabrics; cleaning products; non-stick cookware; paints, varnishes, and sealants



Personal care products

such as shampoo, dental floss, and cosmetics



Drinking water

in contaminated public drinking water systems and private drinking water wells



For additional information, visit: www.epa.gov/pfas



PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation

Introduction

Safe drinking water is fundamental to healthy people and thriving communities. President Biden believes that all people in the United States should have access to clean, safe drinking water. Since the beginning of the Biden-Harris Administration, EPA has been delivering on the promise to protect communities from the harmful effects of toxic substances, including carcinogens. PFAS are a series of man-made chemical compounds that persist in the environment for long periods of time. They are often called “forever chemicals.” For decades PFAS chemicals have been used in industry and consumer products such as nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, and stain resistant furniture. These chemicals have been important for certain industries and uses. And the latest science shows that these chemicals are harmful to our health.

PFAS exposure over a long period of time can cause cancer and other serious illnesses that decrease quality of life or result in death. PFAS exposure during critical life stages such as pregnancy or early childhood can also result in adverse health impacts. EPA’s responsibility through the Safe Drinking Water Act is to protect people’s drinking water, and the Biden-Harris Administration is taking action to protect public health by establishing nationwide, legally enforceable drinking water limits for several well-researched PFAS chemicals and reduce PFAS exposure for approximately 100 million Americans served by public drinking water systems.

The Rule

As the lead federal agency responsible for protecting America’s drinking water, EPA is using the best available science on PFAS to set national standards. PFAS can often be found together in water and in varying combinations as mixtures. Decades of research shows mixtures of different chemicals can have additive health effects, even if the individual chemicals are each present at lower levels.

In this final rule, EPA is setting limits for five individual PFAS: PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, and HFPO-DA (known as GenX Chemicals). And EPA is also setting a hazard index level for two or more of four PFAS as a mixture: PFNA, PFHxS, HFPO-DA, and PFBS:

Chemical	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)	Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
PFOA	0	4.0 ppt
PFOS	0	4.0 ppt
PFNA	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFHxS	10 ppt	10 ppt
HFPO-DA (GenX chemicals)	10 ppt	10 ppt
Mixture of two or more: PFNA, PFHxS, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	Hazard Index of 1	Hazard Index of 1
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety and are non-enforceable public health goals.		

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology and taking cost into consideration. MCLs are enforceable standards.

ppt: parts per trillion

Hazard Index (HI): The Hazard Index is a long-established approach that EPA regularly uses to understand health risk from a chemical mixture (i.e., exposure to multiple chemicals). The HI is made up of a sum of fractions. Each fraction compares the level of each PFAS measured in the water to the health-based water concentration.

This new rule will significantly reduce the level of PFAS in drinking water across the United States. Many states have worked to monitor for and reduce PFAS exposure in drinking water through state-specific regulations. This rule builds on these efforts by incorporating the latest science and establishing a nationwide, long-term health-protective level for these specific PFAS in drinking water. Communities and states will need to determine whether PFAS is in their drinking water and take actions such as notifying consumers and reducing the levels of PFAS, as needed.

Water systems must take action to reduce the levels of these PFAS in drinking water if the level of PFAS in their drinking water exceeds regulatory standards. Regulated public water systems have three years to complete their initial monitoring for these chemicals. Systems must include their results in their Annual Water Quality reports to customers. Systems that detect PFAS above the new standards will have five years to implement solutions that reduce PFAS in their drinking water. Water systems must also notify the public if levels of regulated PFAS exceed these new standards.

Impacts and Costs of the Rule

People will live longer, healthier lives because of this action, and the benefits justify the costs. Once implemented, these limits will reduce tens of thousands of PFAS-attributable illnesses or deaths. EPA estimates that once implemented, this regulation will reduce PFAS exposure for approximately 100 million Americans served by public drinking water systems. EPA considered all available information and analyses for costs and benefits, quantifiable and non-quantifiable, of this rule and determined that the benefits justify the costs.

Fewer people will get cancer or liver disease, pregnant women will have reduced risks, and more and children and infants will be stronger and grow healthier. EPA calculated measurable health benefits based on fewer cancers, lower incidents of heart attacks and strokes, and reduced birth complications. These benefits are estimated to be approximately \$1.5 billion per year, and include avoided costs of medical bills, income lost to illness, and death. Additionally, EPA could not quantify all the health benefits, including developmental, cardiovascular, liver, immune, endocrine, metabolic, reproductive, musculoskeletal, and carcinogenic effects, and therefore the benefit estimates are likely greater than \$1.5 billion.

Compliance with this rule is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 billion annually. The Biden-Harris Administration has dedicated \$9 billion through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help communities impacted by PFAS pollution in drinking water. In addition, another \$12 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is available to communities to make general drinking water improvements, including addressing PFAS chemicals. Estimated costs include water system monitoring, communicating with customers, and – if necessary – installing treatment technologies.

Implementation and Funding

The rule is achievable and implementable. Drinking water utilities will be able to implement these new requirements as control technologies exist and are in use today. Water treatment technologies exist to remove PFAS from drinking water including granular activated carbon, reverse osmosis, and ion exchange systems. EPA's

final rule does not dictate how water systems remove these contaminants. The rule is flexible, allowing systems to determine the best solutions for their community. Public water systems can choose from multiple proven treatment options. In some cases, systems can close contaminated wells or obtain a new uncontaminated source of drinking water.

There is unprecedented funding for drinking water systems impacted by PFAS and other emerging contaminants to provide safe water to communities. We know that PFAS pollution can have a disproportionate impact on small, disadvantaged, and rural communities, and there is federal funding available specifically for these water systems. With today's announcement of the rule, EPA is also announcing nearly \$1 billion for states and territories, through the [Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program](#), which can be used for initial testing and treatment at both public water systems and to help owners of private wells address PFAS contamination. The nearly \$1 billion announced today is part of the dedicated \$9 billion of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding for communities with drinking water impacted by PFAS and other emerging contaminants. An additional \$12 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is available to communities to make general drinking water improvements, including addressing PFAS pollution. Another option for PFAS funding is the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program, a federal loan program at EPA that provides low-cost, flexible funding to communities for water infrastructure projects, including projects to address PFAS. WIFIA funding is available year-round, so communities can request financing on their schedule. Visit the WIFIA program's [website](#) to learn more.

This funding is available through EPA programs that are part of President Biden's [Justice40 Initiative](#), which set the goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

EPA's free [Water Technical Assistance program](#) ([WaterTA](#)) is ensuring that disadvantaged communities can access federal funding. Too many communities across America face challenges providing safe drinking water services to their residents, and [WaterTA](#) supports communities to identify water challenges; develop plans; build technical, managerial, and financial capacity; and develop application materials to access water infrastructure funding. EPA collaborates with state, Tribes, territories, community partners, and other key stakeholders to implement [WaterTA](#) efforts and the end result is more communities with applications for federal funding, quality water infrastructure, and reliable water services. [Learn more here](#).

Additional Resources

Learn more about water infrastructure funding opportunities by visiting EPA's [water infrastructure page](#).

If you are concerned about PFAS in drinking water, there are key actions you can take. People who are concerned about PFAS in their drinking water should first contact their drinking water utility to find out more about their drinking water, including what contaminants may be present, if the utility is monitoring for PFAS, what the levels are, and to see whether any actions are being taken.

If you remain concerned after talking to your utility, then consider using or installing in-home water treatment (e.g., filters) that is certified to lower the levels of PFAS in your water and/or contact your health care provider as well as your state or local health department. You can find more information about water filters that help reduce PFAS [here](#). If you get your water from a home drinking water well, then EPA recommends you conduct regular testing. If PFAS are found, you can take steps to lower the levels of PFAS. For more visit: EPA's website [here](#).