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Nisqually Pathway Banquet

By Debbie Preston

The Nisqually Tribe hosted the Building Pathways Banquet to highlight some of the recipients of the tribe's charitable donations at the Olympic Hotel this past week. This year the tribe donated \$1.5 million to 195 organizations in the community.



Nisqually Tribe Chairman Willie Frank III talks about the pride of Nisqually being able to share with the community and the reflection of the tribe's values. Event organizer Nicole Sims, Nisqually tribal Office of Management and Budget, shares a laugh with MC Miguel Pineda after presenting him a jacket.

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Tribal Council Business Nisqually Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/30/23 Minutes Approved on: Meeting Called To Order: 1:33



Willie Frank	Chairman	Absent
Antonette Squally	Vice Chairmar	n Present
Jackie Whittington	Secretary	Present
David Iyall	Treasurer	Present
Chaynannah Squally	5 th Council	Present
Guido Levy Jr.	6 th Council	Present
Leighanna Scott	7 th Council	Absent
Derrick Sanchez	Sergeant of A	ms Absent
Guest: Alvin A Jamie S Dale D Doug D Shannon I Shannon B David W Nat		

Guest: Alvin A, Jamie S, Dale D, Doug D, Shannon I, Shannon B, David W, Nate Sharlaine R, Mike M, Pete A, Hayley F, Deb P, Larry S, David T, Chris E, Brad B.

Agenda Items

Jamie Sanchez – Making a formal complaint about housing and the mess that was left behind.

Doug & Dale Derrickson – Rent increase concern for a tribal elder whose only income is per cap. Requesting to reconsider increasing rent by that much at once. The council will discuss and get back to home buys/ renters.

Shannon Blanksma/ Alvin Aganon – **Approval of 2024 budgets.** *Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Chaynannah Squally. Motion passes, 4-0-0.*

Shannon Blanksma/ Alvin Aganon – **Approval of Renewal of Morgan Stanley Liquidity Access Line (LAL) for 2-year term.** *Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Guido Levy Jr. Motion passes, 4-0-0.*

Shannon Blanksma/ Alvin Aganon – A Resolution to Approve and Authorize a Contract with RSM US LLP (Forensic Audit – Tribal Credit Card Transactions). Resolution #129. Motioned by Jackie Whittington, seconded by David Iyall. Motion passes, 4-0-0.

Shannon Blanksma/ Alvin Aganon – **A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the FY2021 Indirect Cost Proposal. Resolution #130.** *Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Guido Levy Jr. Motion passes, 4-0-0.*

Alvin Aganon – **Approval of Employee Supplemental Econom**ic Aid. Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Jackie Whittington. Motion passes, 4-0-0.

Nate Cushman – Elders Pannel Bylaws. Tabled.

Nate Cushman – Discussion and Approval of Green Rubino Contract, for Public Relations for hawk's prairie in the amount of 6k a month. Will work with Debbie Preston. *Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Chaynannah Squally. Motion passes, 4-0-0.* How to Contact Us Tribal Center 360-456-5221 Health Clinic 360-459-5312 Law Enforcement 360-459-9603 Youth Center 360-455-5213 Natural Resources 360-438-8687

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<u>Nisqually Tribal Council</u>

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5th Council, Chaynannah (Chay) Squally

- 6th Council, Guido Levy Jr.
- 7th Council, Leighanna Scott

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Larry Sanchez – Concerns about canoe being taken out without any tribal members. Chaynannah Squally comments she was present and on the support boat.

Billy Henry – Approval of an updated JD: Fleet Services Master Mechanic – Mobile. Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Guido Levy Jr. Motion passes, 4-0-0.

Lisa Breckenridge – A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Nisqually Tribe and the City of Lakewood for Ft. Steilacoom Park. Resolution #131. Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Chaynannah Squally. Motion passes, 4-0-0.

Cleo Frank – **Approval of a one-time elder's assistance check for \$2,000**. *Motioned by Chaynannah Squally, seconded by Guido Levy Jr. Motion passes. 4-0-0.*

Shannon lyall – A Resolution Approving the Automatic Enrollment into the Nisqually Indian Tribe of Avayah Samuels. Resolution #132. Motioned by Jackie Whittington, seconded by Chavnannah Squally. Motion passes, 4-0-0. David Trout on behalf of Joe Cushman – A Request to put in a offer on a property by the River that is a critical habitat for Chinook Salon. David/ Joe will come back with a strategy plan. Chaynannah Squally – **A Resolution Calling for an** Immediate Ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, the Return of all Hostages, and the Delivery of Humanitarian Aid: and Affirming **Opposition to Antisemitism and Islamophobia:** and calling for an Annual Observance of November 29, International Day of Solidarity with Palestine. Tabled and will bring back to next meeting.

Sommer Sanchez – Approval of TC Minutes from

November 2nd, 2023. Motioned by Guido Levy Jr, seconded by David Iyall. Motion passes, 4-0-0. David Wolff - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize Seconded Restated Bylaws of **Greenfoot Government Corporation. Resolution #133.** Motioned by Jackie Whittington, seconded by Guido Levy Jr. Motion passes, 4-0-0. Mike Mason – Approval of Letter of Support Appointing Mike Mason as a Representative for the FCC Native Nations Communications Task Force. Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Jackie Whittington. Motion passes, 4-0-0. Nate Cushman – A Resolution Approving Annual Charitable Distributions. Resolution #134. Motioned by Jackie Whittington, seconded by David Iyall. Motion passes, 4-0-0. Nate Cushman – A Resolution Approving a

Nate Cushman – A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the FHWA, SHPO, Nisqually Tribe and WSDOT Regarding the SR 510 / Yelm Loop New Alignment Phase 2 Project. Resolution #135. Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Jackie Whittington. Motion passes, 4-0-0 (Passed with suggested changes to add funding) Chris Elings – A Resolution to Approve and Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Resolution #136. Motioned by David Iyall, seconded by Chaynannah Squally. Motion passes, 4-0-0.

Jackie Whittington states for the record that GC mailout pages 3 & 4 were not attached and apologizes.

Executive Session 3:25-3:39

Motion to Adjourn by David Iyall, seconded by Jackie Whittington.\ Meeting ends at 3:40

Nisqually Tribal Office Holiday Closures <u>Monday, January 1</u> News Years <u>Monday, January 15</u> Martin Luther King Jr. Day <u>Friday, January 26</u> Chief Leschi's Birthday

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Nisqually Indian Tribe

The Nisqually Tribe Canoe Family shares the culture of song with those in attendance. Bob Iyall, CEO of Nisqually Tribe's Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation thanks all of the recipients of the charitable funds from the tribe's Red Wind Casino for the work they

do in the community. "This is a room filled with superheroes." See next picture for the socks he wore in honor of those doing good in the community. God's Portion Food Bank grew from a garage to delivering food to five counties. They also are able to provide a walk-in food bank twice a week and for a number of years, many of those who come are families. Jillian McCloud, Asst. General Manager for Nisqually's Red Wind Casino, talks about the upcoming improvements to the casino, including the recently opened sports betting lounge and the upcoming new restaurants in 2024.









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Bob Iyall MCEC





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Office Holiday Happens



Staff Christmas Celebration





Community Christmas Party

By Debbie Preston

The Nisqually Community Christmas Party had lots of fun for kids and adults along with a delicious meal. An estimated 400 people were in attendance, including those providing the games and crafts.





Opening of Renovated Old Clinic

By Debbie Preston

The Nisqually Tribe celebrated the opening of the renovated upstairs of the old clinic to be the new Human Resources and Nisqually Language departments. The work was completed by the Nisqually Building Department at a significant savings compared to doing a contractor award. Both sides of the building have a meeting room and the language department has a classroom for teaching. There is now a proper reception area, particularly for those applying for jobs, with seating and the availability of a place to fill out paperwork. The downstairs was renovated for IT in 2022.





New Transit Drivers

By Billy Henry

Transit has two new drivers Lisa Mowrey and Vanessa Hipp.



Lisa joins the Nisqually Tribe with a 25 year career in real estate and title insurance. She is a licensed Esthetician and a notary public. Although her career was in King County where she raised her son, she is an Olympia native and glad to be back in Thurston County and she looks forward to meeting all of you!



Vanessa Hipp is an enrolled member of the Quinault Indian Tribe and has three kids and one grandchild. She is excited to be a part of the Fleet Transit team for the Nisqually Tribe.

Both are a great addition to our Transit system and we are happy to have them here. Both Lisa and Vanessa will be going through CDL class B training next year!

When you see these two driving around the Rez, be sure to wave!





Boldt Decision – Part 2 Conservation

By George Walter

In February 2024 it will be 50 years since Judge George Boldt issued the landmark decision in the Indian fishing rights case, United States vs. Washington. In preparation for the celebration, I am writing a series of newsletter articles about certain key questions before the court in 1974. This is Part 2, covering an important element of Boldt's decision conservation. Part 1, a summary of the Boldt Decision, was published in December 2023, **Conservation** – It is obvious to most everyone that conservation of the runs to assure adequate spawning escapement is essential for all salmon and steelhead. But, before the Boldt Decision the State of Washington used "conservation" as a justification to severely regulate or totally outlaw treaty-right Indian fishing in terminal areas, such as the Nisgually River. This was the legal environment as it existed in 1973. Pre-Boldt decisions, including several by the U.S. Supreme Court, had provided justification for the State to use its police powers to regulate treaty right Indian fishing off-reservation. In a 1944 Indian taxation case (Tulee v. Washington), the Court wrote in passing that the State had the power to impose regulations on manner and timing of treaty-right fishing "as are necessary for the conservation of fish."

In a 1968 decision (*Puyallup v. Department of Game of Washington, et.al*) the Supreme Court was asked to clarify off-reservation usual and accustomed area fishing rights. It found that these rights were protected under the treaty, but at the same time reinforced State authority to regulate such fishing in its manner and purpose, for conservation needs, provided that such regulation "does not discriminate against the Indians."

Regulations "necessary for the conservation of fish" that do "not discriminate against the Indians" sounds reasonable, at least at first reading. But this conservation authority, granted to Washington by these Supreme Court decisions, used state laws and regulations in multiple ways against Nisqually Indian treaty right fishing.

For example, under state law steelhead were defined as game fish and it was illegal to harvest them using gillnets, or to sell them. The Washington Department of Game (WDG) arrested Nisqually fishermen multiple times, always arguing that the state's "no gillnet harvest" applied equally to all and was essential for the conservation of the species. Also, the Washington Department of Fisheries (WDF) authorized fishing seasons for the commercial harvest of multiple salmon species. But, when the salmon arrived in the Nisqually River, WDF determined that all harvestable numbers of salmon had been taken in its other fisheries and that the Nisqually Indian fishery had to be shut down for "conservation."

At trial Judge Boldt heard testimony from fisheries biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Northwest Fisheries Office, in particular its head, Jim Heckman. This testimony described how Washington manipulated its various fisheries, particularly in the Ocean and Straits of Juan de Fuca, to harvest so many salmon that in many cases there were no harvestable fish remaining by the time they reached the Tribal fishing areas. In summary, the evidence showed that conservation exception was being used by the State as a weapon to attack Indian treaty right fishing.

In his decision Judge Boldt addressed this conservation issue in two ways. The first was the 50/50 allocation of the harvest. In addition to providing for conservation, the Boldt Decision mandated that the state had to manage its fisheries to meet the "in-common" sharing of the harvest between treaty and non-treaty fishing.

This allocation requirement had an immediate benefit for Nisqually, especially for the winter chum and steelhead fishery. Tribal fishermen were now able to freely fish for late chum salmon, and steelhead without interference from WDG, subject to the needs of conservation. The USFWS Northwest Fisheries Office initiated a tagging study to learn more about this late-timed chum salmon run. Some old-timers may remember the days when chum salmon were tagged with plastic streamers and, later, with aluminum jaw tags.

The second way Boldt addressed conservation was to establish self-regulation – the right of treaty tribes to regulate their own fisheries, including at offreservation U&A area. This key part of the decision demands a more detailed discussion, and that will be Part 3 of the series.





Building Department Celebration Tree

By Jessie Fox, Executive Assistant to the Building Department Director

Every day is a reason to celebrate, especially if you work in the Nisqually Building Department. So, this year, a tradition was born with the Building Department's first ever Celebration Tree. Every month in 2023 the tree was decorated with a theme to reflect a holiday or season that was significant in that month.

Set up in the Building Department Conference Room, where many meetings are held, visitors and staff alike always enjoyed seeing the Celebration Tree. The festive lights and different trimmings really brightened up the space and gave visitors something to look forward to whenever they entered the conference room.

In fact, the tree has been such a huge success that in 2024, we would also like to create some Nisqually themed trees. We are



looking forward to working with the Language Department in the hopes of creating a Lushootseed language themed tree.

Some of the themes included were Easter, Summer, Pride, and Thanksgiving. With the year ending, the tree is now decorated to celebrate Christmas, the inspiration for the Celebration Tree. And like tree rings, which signify annual growth, we have come full circle, adding one more year of teamwork, friendship, and connections within the Nisqually Indian Tribe.



May your holidays be filled with the gift of hope and the blessing of Spirit at Christmas.

Community Garden THE DIRT

What's New?

The Community Garden has been working on expanding the growing space at the new garden property name Medicine Creek Community Garden! Over the 2023 season we grew over 14,000lbs of produce! We hope that over the next few years we will be able to make space for some new produce like grapes and asparagus! We are also working on developing a new composting program within the garden as to reduce our waste and increase soil health and production yields. We want to have a program that is sustainable for the generations to come.

Produce Availability:

- > Beets
- Carrots
- Kale
- > Collards
- Chard
- > Parsley

Natures Wellness Basket

- Cattail roots
- Crab apple
- Dandelion roots and leaves
- Devils Club bark
- Princess Pine
- Cottonwood Buds

Written by: Chantay Anderson, Garden Program Manager If you have any questions or want to know more about anything in these months article, please contact Chantay at anderson.chantay@nisqu ally-nsn.gov



"The garden reconciles human art and wild nature, hard work and deep pleasure, spiritual practice and the material world. It is a magical place because it is not divided." — Thomas Moore

Indoor Seeding:

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None this month.

*This section will be used to inform you of what seeds you should be starting indoors. Whether that be a green house or a warm very sunny window.

Direct Seeding:

None this month.

*This section will be used to tell you what seeds you should be directly seeding into your garden beds, pots or planters.









Monthly Garden Tips:

Start planning! Sketch out your planting plan, develop a planting schedule, rotate your planting zones so that no plant is in the same spot as last year.

Purchase your seeds early before your favorite varieties are gone.

Collect seeding equipment, wash, and sterilize (if not new).

Build a cold frame to house your spring starts. Repair any planters/ raised garden beds.

Prune broken tree and shrub branches.

Plant or vegetable of the month:

Cottonwood

Much of the tree can be used for medicinal purposes as the leaves, bark and buds contain salicin, a compound that reduces fever and inflammation and can ease pain. The buds are available for picking this month and can be easily gathered after a windstorm. The buds are full of a sticky resin that can only be removed with rubbing alcohol. Dry the buds before soaking in oil to make a pain oil or slave. This oil is high in antimicrobials and antioxidants and is great for sore muscles, achy joints, and healing any skin conditions.

Try this recipe!

Feeding 7 Generations A Salish Cookbook by Elise Krohn and Valerie Segrest







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Wi-Fi: Is it here to stay?

Tips by the IT-WebDev Department

There are invisible signals in the air all around us.



From radio waves to cellular phone service signals. We may be familiar with our laptops and other smart devices which have the options of turning Wi-Fi On/Off and Bluetooth On/Off. In this article, we'll cover the subject of Wi-Fi. Check back for a future Squalli-

Absch article covering Bluetooth technology.

We covered Wi-Fi use back in 2015 during our WiMax device implementation and in 2021 during the Nisqually Tribe's fiber to the home project. Other past articles have covered wireless network security measures as well as tips on connecting different devices to obtain access to the World Wide Web. Let's dive deeper into the technology behind Wi-Fi as there may be some confusion as to its purpose and use.

Wi-Fi was first used in 1997, it's been around for 26 years. The term stands for a consumer-friendly name of IEE 802.11. By definition - it is a wireless networking technology that allows devices such as computers, mobile devices and other devices such as printers, to interface with a network and/or Internet. Wi-Fi connectivity typically ranges in a limited area of 98 feet for most domestic market use but there are specially developed networks offering up to 900 feet. Wi-Fi routers use Radio Frequency (RF) energy to connect to the Internet. Whether it's a 5g router or a higher-powered Wi-Fi router such as Wi-Fi 6E or Wi-fi 7, all routers emit High Frequency Radio Waves or non-ionizing radiation. This is a similar type of wave that is used by cell phones, baby

monitors, tablets, laptops and computers which generate a type of electro-magnetic field (EMF). There are ongoing debates about radiation dangers from devices that utilize RF signals. In research of cell phone radiation, results have been mixed with no definitive proof that cell-phone radiation harms human health, but it has also been unable to completely clear it of any potential risk.

Despite concerns to human health, the short answer to the question of the future of Wi-Fi is that it is here to stay. Wi-Fi technology is continually improving and we can expect more innovations in the future.

Wi-Fi technologies:

- Wi-fi 5G Wi-Fi 5G is the term used to describe the fifth generation of wireless networking technology operating on the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequency bands. It is important to note that Wi-Fi 5G is not the same as cellular 5G, which is used for mobile networks.
- Wi-Fi 6E This is the latest version of Wi-Fi technology and operates on the frequency band ranges from 5.925 GHz to 7.125 GHz.
- WiFi 7 Expected to be almost 5 times faster than Wi-Fi 6E. Wi-Fi 7 is expected to be a significant improvement over prior wireless technologies. It will offer faster speeds, better performance, improved spectral efficiency, reduced latency, and better coverage. However, it's important to note that it's still in the draft spec phase and hasn't been officially certified by the Wi-Fi Alliance yet; planned release dates are late 2024 to early 2025.

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Announcements

Our family would like to wish my Sister, and Rena's Grandma Maui a very Happy Birthday on January 13th We love you so much! From Grace Ann, Rena and Anson

January 3, Happy Birthday Chance January 6, Happy Birthday Nano January 16, Happy Birthday Azeem January 19, Happy Birthday Izzy







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