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2025 Paddle to Elwha

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2025 Tribal Elections update:

Two candidates (so far) have announced they are running for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Tribal Council at-large position in November.

All eligible candidates for Tribal Council have until Sept. 5 to submit a Declaration of Candidacy to file for this year's election. (See Chapter 5.07 of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Tribal Code at jamestowntribe.org/tribal-council/tribal-documents.)

For more information about elections, contact Election Committee Chair Michael Lowe at 360-460-7168.

Dana Ward

Dear Tribal Citizens and Jamestown Tribal Community, It is with great excitement that I announce my intent to run again as your Tribal Council-Member At Large. It has been one of my greatest lifetime privileges to serve in this capacity for the past four years. It's been an eye opener as I've had so much to learn and develop as a Council member and Tribal leader. I've endeavored to do my best. Even though it's been four years, I know that as long as I'm in this position, I will be in a perpetual state of learning and growing in my capacity to better serve our people to the best of my abilities.

Please look for an article from me next month in October's newsletter that will include more information about my commitment to re-run.

In the meantime, I appreciate your continued encour-

agement to pursue another term.

In gratitude,

Dana Ward (Chubby family)

Kayla Holden

My name is Kayla Holden, and I am honored to announce my intent to run for Tribal Council in this year's election. I come from the Prince family and carry my Jamestown S'Klallam lineage through my father, David Holden, my grandfather Marlin Holden, my great-grandmother Betty Prince, and my great-great-grandfather David Prince. I am 37 years old and a proud mother of two daughters.

For the past seven years, I have worked in the Tribe's Social & Community Services Department, where I've had the privilege of serving in all programs and working with citizens and descendants of every age. Through this work, I've seen firsthand the unique challenges our people face, as well as the deep strength and potential within our community. I am running for Tribal Council because I want to be a strong, consistent voice for our people. My goal is to listen, advocate, and help lead with transparency, compassion, and a deep respect for our heritage and future.

A full candidate statement will appear in the next newsletter, and I look forward to the opportunity to earn your support. Blessings to all my relations.

Tribal Citizens: How to get involved with your boards and committees

Interested in learning more about or attending one of Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's various boards and committees? Tribal Citizens are welcome to attend one or more of these groups by contacting the appropriate staffer to get a meeting schedule, time/date and location.

Jamestown boards and committees include (with staff contact):

Cedar Greens, Inc. — Michael R. Blacksmith, 360-474-7985, gm@cedargreenscannabis.com

Cemetery Committee — Allie Taylor, 360-681-4638, ataylor@jamestowntribe.org, or Sarah Eldred, seldred@jamestowntribe.org

Culture Committee — Emma Barrell, 360-681-3414, ebarrell@jamestowntribe.org

Election Board — Michael Lowe, 360-460-7168

Enrollment Committee — Kayla Holden, 360-681-4606, kholden@jamestowntribe.org

Health Committee — Vicki Wallner, 360-582-4875, Vwallner@jamestowntribe.org

Housing Improvement Program Committee — Lesley DeAngelo, 360-681-4635, Ideangelo@jamestowntribe.org

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JKT Gaming Board, Inc. — Hanna Barclay, 360-681-6750, hbarclay@7cedars.com

JST Capital-CEFI CDFI — Johanna Bartee, 360-504-2022, jbartee@jamestowntribe.org

Natural Resources Committee — Liz Barbee, 360-683-1109, lbarbee@jamestowntribe.org

Tribal Gaming Commission — Trent Critchfield 360-681-6715 x715, tcritchfield@jamestowntribe.org.

Tribal Wellness program adds key staffer

We are pleased to announce that Victoria Gear has accepted the role of Health Benefits Assistant III.

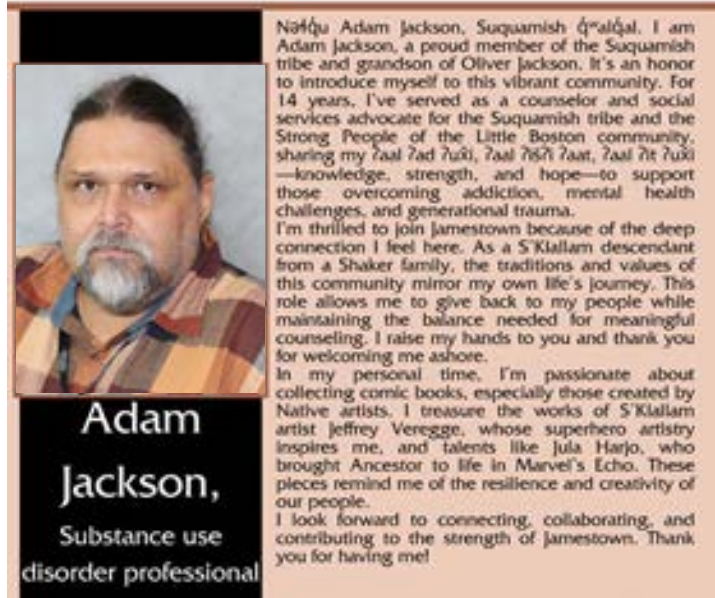
Her primary responsibilities include: managing claims and benefits for Tribal Citizens; reviewing benefit eligibility and ensure required documentation is submitted; verifying prior authorizations and benefit limits; coordinating timely payments; tracking and reconciling monthly expenditures for both in- and out-of-area programs; providing clear guidance to Tribal Citizens on benefits and program guidelines; answering questions, and troubleshooting issues.

Victoria brought prior billing experience to the team, which has proven especially valuable when working with claim forms and explanations of benefits. Her strong grasp of complex processes, paired with her ability to quickly adapt, allowed her to step into her role with minimal guidance – an essential asset during a time when the department was short-staffed.

Victoria's reliability, initiative, and willingness to take on responsibilities beyond her original scope demonstrated a commitment to the team's success. She has been with JFHC since January 2020, and her growth in this time reflects her dedication and capability, coworkers said.

Jamestown Tribal Citizens can reach out to Victoria regarding in-area and out-of-area benefit questions. Reach her by email (wellness@jamestownhealth.org), phone (360-582-4872) or fax (360-582-4885).

Or, you are welcome to stop by the office at 808 N. Fifth Ave., Sequim, and say hello!



2025 Elder Honoring: The Allen Family

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's 2025 Honoring Our Elders Luncheon will celebrate the Allen family, including honorees Ron, Jeff, Jerry, Robin (posthumously) and Jerelyn Allen.

Join the Tribe to honor these Elders from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 7 Cedars Casino and Resort's Club Seven. The event will include an opening song and prayer from Lisa Barrell, guest speakers, a luncheon, blanketing and opportunities for remarks.

A group of rooms at the 7 Cedars Hotel will be blocked off and available for out-of-area attendees.

RSVP to Liz Barbee at 360-681-4600 or 360-683-1109, or email to lbarbee@jamestowntribe.org.

Allen Family Profile: Jeff Allen



Jeff Allen was looking to open an account, not a pathway to a new career. But that's exactly what he got when he walked into a Seafirst Bank branch.

On break and working a summer job with the National Park Service, Jeff was three years into business studies at the University of Washington. But the Seafirst bank manager explained a "fast track" through their banking program and offered the collegian a job then and there.

"My parents weren't happy," Jeff recalls, "but 43 years later..."

Affectionately nicknamed "Zeke," Jeff is the third of four Allen boys born to William "Bill" Allen and Norma Jean Randall. (Bill's parents were Amy Williams and Joe Allen, both of whom had grown up at Jamestown. Joe's parents were William Allen (English) and Sally (S'Klallam)).

Now retired from his banking career, Jeff doesn't have to go far to recall the many memories of he, his brothers and friends had in and around his boyhood home: Jeff purchased his parents' home in the Pine Hill neighborhood of Port Angeles in 2000.

Whether it was there or with family friends like the Prince and Johnson families in Jamestown, Jeff and the Allen boys enjoyed an adventurous childhood. He recalls spending much time bonding with his grandmother Amy, who watched over them while their parents were at work.

The Allen kids loved to be in or on the water, Jeff recalls, racing boats with their dad and his friend Lyle Prince on the Strait. They enjoyed picking bushels of apples from neighbors' yards and blazing trails on small motorcycles.

"We were just exploring. We had the best childhood ... [with] no electronics to distract our minds," Jeff recalls.

The Allens' passion for racing boats sent three of them (Jeff, Jerry and their father) to a national competition in Iowa. Jeff got into it so much he received a boat and motor for his graduation gift.

Jeff enjoyed his time in the banking industry — "You get to know half the town," he says — and was promoted to bank manager before finishing his career as a "relationship manager" with Bank of America when BOA bought out Seafirst in 2017.

"I had a good time; it's an easy way to network with people," Jeff says. "It was a good experience, [but] it felt good when I walked away."

Jeff contributed his expertise to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, chairing the JKT Gaming Commission since its inception in 1997.

He also keeps family close to home: his son Dylan lives with him at the Pine Hill home, attending Peninsula College before heading off to the University of Washington.

Jeff says honoring Elders is "extremely important, considering that [Citizens from] our era got things to be federally recognized." For him, being S'Klallam means being resilient: "[It's] that driving force that betterment, not just for yourself but for the entire Tribe. Being resilient and moving forward.

"It's an amazing journey. I would never have believed it. And it keeps growing."

Allen Family Profile: Jerelyn Allen

For a youth who spent portions of her childhood in Alaska and Seattle, the Jamestown beach and the nearby fruit orchard rekindles fond memories for Jerelyn Allen.

"The beach, the tides ... it was heaven down there," Jerelyn recalls. "I think that's how we survived, on those fruit trees.



"It was a beautiful place to grow up."

Born to Joe Allen Jr. (Jamestown) and Maxine Jones (Tlingit and Haida), Jerelyn lived in Alaska until she was 5 before the family moved to the Jamestown area. Joe was a logger and Maxine kept the home, Jerelyn recalls, though at the time Jamestown residents "were encouraged to be farmers."

Jerelyn remembers playing all day in the waters off the beach with her friend Florence, and clam digging with her dad when she was a child.

"He was very proud of his culture," she says of Joe.

Tragedy struck early, however, when her mother passed away when Jerelyn was 9, and she spent years in a foster home before moving with her two younger brothers to live in Seattle when she was about 16 years old.

Education has always been important to Jerelyn: she earned her associate of arts degree from Peninsula College, and a bachelor's degree in Indian Studies from the University of Washington.

Jerelyn also took child development courses at UW to be a better parent because, she says all these years later, "I didn't know how to parent."

She says, "I didn't want my children to grow up scared. I was petrified of the world."

She had two children, Paula Allen and Ricky Johnson, and later adopted a boy, Jody Allen (Jamestown and Tulalip (non-enrolled)). Paula worked at 7 Cedars Casino & Resort for 30 years, while Ricky is the Tribe's Grants Specialist and was elected Tribal Council Treasurer in 2024. Jody is also close by, residing and working in Sequim.

After earning her degree, Jerelyn came back to Jamestown, inspired to teach the next generation about their heritage.

Returning to the Peninsula, she worked as an employee at the art gallery and 7 Cedars Casino gallery and was promoted to manager before she was hired by Liz Mueller for Jamestown's Indian Child Welfare program.

"It seemed the Tribe had no cultural events; I really felt they could be loud and proud about their culture," Jerelyn says. "I wanted to teach the children the culture. I think that's why Liz hired me."

Jerelyn says it's a good practice for Jamestown to honor its Elders "because they've been through a lot and have a lot to share."

She said she felt supported greatly by Elders Harriette Adams — "she had such a great spirit, she was kind of quiet, but you could tell she had a lot of pride in who she was" — and Edith Cusack in particular.

"[Edith] was amazing," Jerelyn says. "She was very caring, always helping me. She would go to Tribal members and ask, 'What do you need?' and 'What would you like to see improved in the Tribe?'"

Since returning to the Tribe all those years ago, Jerelyn has seen the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe cultivate and expand its cultural opportunities and activities.

"It's really grown; I'm really pleased," she says. "[There are] so many services.

"Over the years, a lot has been achieved. A lot of people have taken the mantle and ran with it."

Allen Family Profile: Jerry Allen

As the youngest of four gregarious and active boys in his household, Jerry Allen says he paid close attention to his siblings — and learned what not to do.

“I like to say they had three practice kids,” Jerry jokes from his office at 7 Cedars Casino and Resort, where he works as Chief Executive Officer.



Born and raised in Port Angeles to Bill and Norma Allen, Jerry graduated from Port Angeles High in 1973 and attended Peninsula College before taking time off to travel. Like his brothers, he was very active in sports and garnered the nickname “Shooter” for his basketball skills. A former player for Peninsula College’s Pirates in the 1970s, Jerry was named to the NWAC Hall of Fame for efforts in June 2025 to revive the basketball programs at the Port Angeles school.

Jerry transferred to Eastern Washington University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1983.

He spent a half-dozen years in Seattle, Bellevue and Astoria (Oregon) before resettling in Port Angeles in 1989, taking a job as a manager at Birdwell Ford for several years.

Jerry also became active with the Tribe’s government arm, serving as council treasurer in the early 1990s.

With his business degree and background, Jerry made a good fit for the Tribe’s casino that opened in 1995. After a relatively slow start, the business grew exponentially when slot machines first arrived in June 1999, he recalls.

When it comes to influences on his life, Jerry says much of it starts close to home: “No doubt it starts with our father. His mom, Amy, had eight kids. Never remarried after her husband died so [Bill] became more of the caretaker more of a caretaker than anyone else.”

Bill would work 8 a.m.-5 p.m. shifts as a mechanic and then come home and take care of Amy, Jerry recalls. “That’s something that will influence you the rest of your life,” he said.

Jerry recalls good times, both at home in Port Angeles’ Pine Hill neighborhood and in Jamestown hanging out with Lyle, Cliff and the other Prince family members.

He remembers fondly the traditional clam bakes, eating clam, crab, mussels and octopus: “Now I realize how blessed we were.”

That feeling of blessing, along with a sense of responsibility, came down from his grandmother Amy and then to his father, and then to Jerry and his siblings.

“We got to know Jamestown’s history, [about] how we became independent, that people before you cared enough to not be colonized,” Jerry says. “It’s a responsibility to say ‘thank you.’ There have been opportunities open to me that wouldn’t be possible [otherwise].”

It’s a good practice to celebrate elders, Jerry says — a recognition for all the sacrifices made along the way.

Jerry and wife Elise have two daughters: Brianna and Morgan.

Despite being the youngest in the chain of Allen brothers, Jerry says he’s happy that he gets to host most of the family festivities: “They always come to my house; I’m the one that kind of keeps the family together,” he says. “That’s the part I contribute.”

Allen Family Profile: Robin Allen

Known as a superb fisherman and athlete, Robin Allen was born to Bill and Norma Allen on January 2, 1949, and passed away on October 6, 2018, at the age of 69.



Robin graduated from Port Angeles High School in 1967, and from Western Washington University. Robin's career included working for the National Park Service, Point-No-Point Treaty Council as a Fisheries Enforcement Officer from 1976-1981, commercial Treaty fisherman from 1984-1994, followed by a short stint with Primo Construction, building the foundation for 7 Cedars Casino. In a 2017 interview, he said, "My sweat and blood are literally in that building."

For the next 22-plus years, he was Security Manager at 7 Cedars Casino.

He served on the Jamestown Natural Resource Committee advising Tribal Council on matters regarding Treaty fishing, hunting and gathering rights and policies. He lived the last 20 years of his life in a house on the Dungeness River, not too far from his favorite fishing hole.

Robin, who was nicknamed "Boy Wonder," loved sports and excelled at anything he played. He was an outstanding shortstop who loved baseball, although basketball, football, tennis and badminton were not too far behind.

Robin was an exceptional 1- and 3-meter diver for the Port Angeles swim team. He was the state 1-meter champion in 1968 and, along with his good friend Kim Folk, placed in the National High School Championships in the 1-meter event. He played baseball for Western Washington University and continued to compete in diving.

"I'd consider him my hero," Robin's brother Jeff says.

"He had the gift of athleticism. [He was at] a different athletic level."

Robin's cousin Jerelyn Allen credits Robin for saving her life. When they were both about 16 years of age, the pair were with family and friends swimming at a lake in Alaska. Unable to reach shore on her own, Jerelyn struggled in the water until Robin jumped in and pulled her to safety.

"I was always grateful," Jerelyn says.

An outdoorsman at heart, friends and family remember Robin as the best fisherman of the family, a skill he learned from his dad and taught to his son. He loved to fish anywhere, including fly-fishing and crabbing. His pride and joy was his troller, the Kirsten Cathleen. Family members could always count on smoked salmon and fresh crab from Robin, a regular presence on Cline Spit who was often busy "set netting" Coho with his Jamestown and Lower Elwha Klallam buddies.

Jeff remembers Robin and their father Bill would tie fishhooks together in evenings: "He had that knack, that love," Jeff says. "That was Robins' gift to my dad."

Many knew Robin for his quick wit and great sense of humor, that he loved life to the fullest, and that he was proud of his Jamestown S'Klallam heritage.

Robin was preceded in death by his parents and wife Sharon. He is survived by his brothers Ron, Jeff and Jerry, his two children — Kirsten White (son-in-law Tyler) and Casey Allen — and grandchildren Brody White and Jaxon White.

Allen Family Profile: W. Ron Allen

Eldership, Ron Allen says, is all about wisdom and patience, providing good counsel, sharing vision, and caring for family and community.

"I think of myself not as an Elder, but as a leader. [But] everybody has a different role in life."



For nearly 50 years, Ron had led the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe as its Tribal Council Chairman and, since 1982, its Chief Executive Officer. His constant advocacy on dozens of boards and committees at regional, state and federal levels has fueled the growth of not only Jamestown but dozens of fellow Tribes and sparked future leaders as well.

The oldest in a family of four boys, Ron Allen often talks about his early 20s as a time of "wandering in the wilderness" before finding his niche and calling as a leader for the Tribe.

Ron was born to William ("Bill") Allen and Norma Jean Randall in December 1947, roughly the fifth generation after his ancestors signed the treaty of Point No Point. Known affectionately as "Bear," Ron and his brothers were exceptionally active and played outdoors for much of their childhood, with friends in their Pine Hill neighborhood in Port Angeles ("Ron was the organizer of their so-called "Pine Hill Gang").

"When we were kids, we just pushed out the door. I and my brothers were constantly outside," Ron recalls.

They spent much of their childhood with fellow S'Klallam families in Jamestown, where Ron got to be good friends with David Purser, six years his senior.

Ron says he got much of his outgoing personality from his mother Norma, a waitress, and his work ethic from his father Bill, a mechanic.

"[Dad] was a hard worker," Ron recalls. "That work ethic was a great value to me."

A Port Angeles High graduate, Ron was very much into sports as a teen — he was a linebacker and half-back in football, ran track and was a heavyweight wrestler, though he admits he wasn't the athlete his brothers were — and it was sports that turned his attention to serving on Tribal Council.

He had lost his blue BIA Tribal enrollment card on a fishing excursion, and when he went to go play an out-of-town Indian tournament, he was challenged because they said he didn't look Native. That motivated him to talk to Tribal Council to get a new card, and that was when he discovered Jamestown was not a federally recognized Tribe.

Around the same time, Ron, who started attending Peninsula College, met several key people in his life who served as mentors: Victor Porlier, a financial advisor who had worked in Washington D.C.; Leonard Beil, a founding member of Peninsula College and a Port of Port Angeles Commissioner; and political professor Werner Quast.

"When I was young, I was a party guy," he says now. "I was a pinball in life trying to find purpose."

"I realized I needed to go back to school ... and get more involved in the Tribe."

Ron was elected to the student council at Peninsula College, then transferred to the University of Washington (UW) where he earned double bachelor's degrees, in political science and economics.

Following graduation in 1982, things moved quickly for Ron: He married Merine Kline, they had a son (Joe), and Ron was hired to lead the Tribe as Jamestown began to grow. (He and Merine later had a daughter Amber, now married to Ilan Jones and two children: Faelan and Vidar.)

"Everyone's proud of what we are [now]," Ron says. "They probably don't remember when we didn't have anything. We started with nothing, and now we've become a powerhouse in the community. We had to be

creative and determined. That perspective is important for people to share.”

Ron says a key to that success was slowly convincing fellow Tribal citizens to accept that “if your community is healthy, you are healthy, too. If you are just concerned about yourself, you miss the future perspective. [Helping the community] because it’s a good thing to do. You’re being blessed by them.”

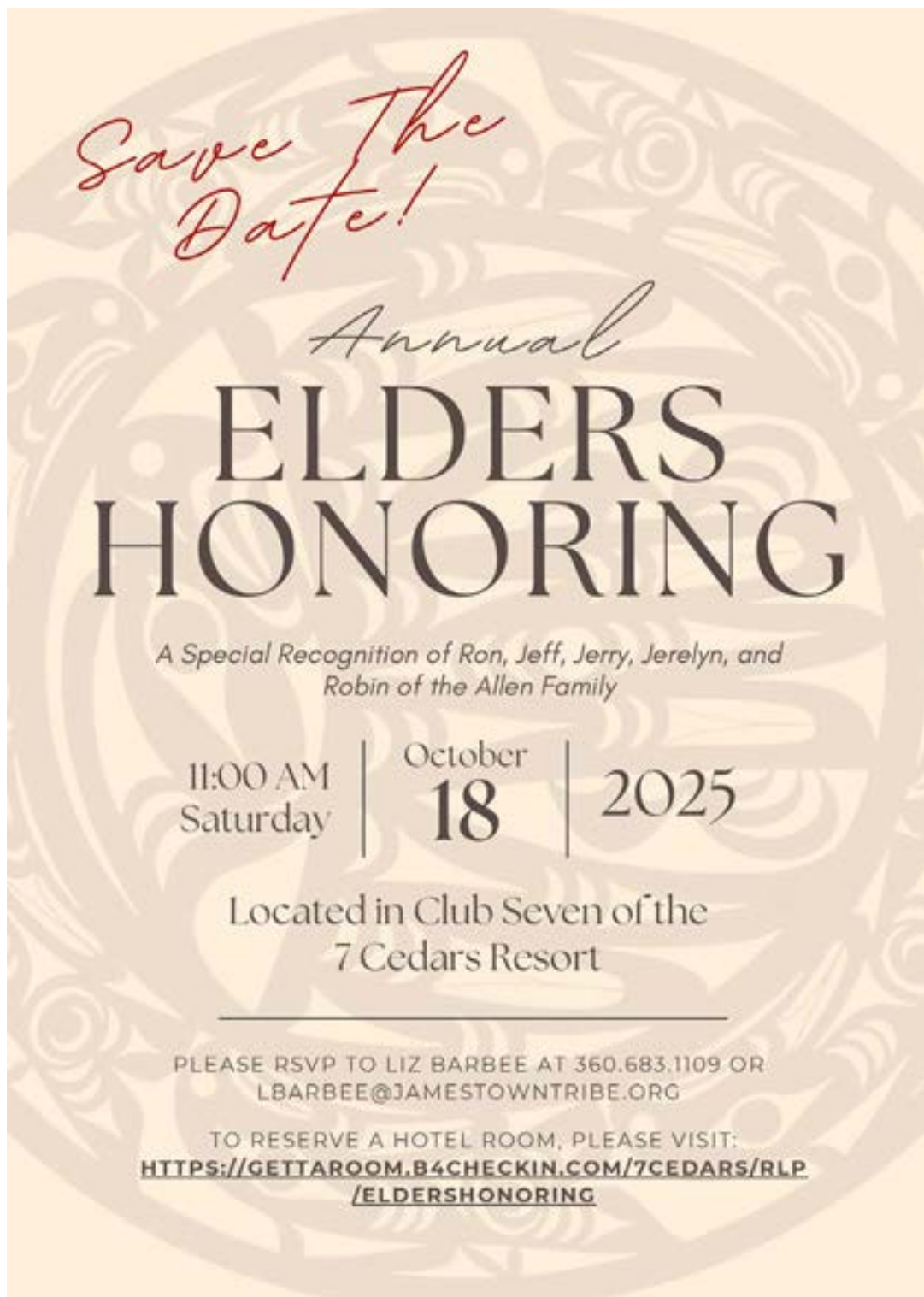
Along with that came changing the perspective of those outside the Tribe: “Indian Country always had a bad image,” Ron says. “[But] I always believed we can do things as well as everyone else. We just need the opportunity.”

Nearly 50 years after joining the Tribal council — and literally thousands of meetings with his cohorts with regional, state and federal boards and commissions such as National Congress of American, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and U.S. Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs, among others — Ron says he feels a sense of great pride in how far Jamestown has come over the decades.

“I’m proud of my heritage, proud to be S’Klallam,” he says. “I always appreciated the meaning of ‘The Strong People’ [because] strength is something that always resonated with me. I’ve always equated it with independence ... being strong, being independent. We were the leaders. To me, that’s something to be proud of.”

No longer the wayward youth searching for a way, Ron is now an Elder and considers that a responsibility for future generations.

“As an Elder... I look to impart compassion, empathy and respect,” he says. “Am I making a difference? Am I adding value? I think a lot about seven generations, and about, ‘What can I share with the next generations whether I’m alive or not?’ ”



JST commissions challenge coins for veterans

By Mike Dashiell,
Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist

A project to build camaraderie between Tribal veterans carries a big message in pocket-sized coins.

During the Tribe's annual Jamestown Beach landing at this year's Paddle to Elwha canoe journey in late July, Al Fletcher and others handed out specially crafted "challenge coins" to fellow Tribal veterans.

The coins feature the Jamestown logo (originally designed by Gregory David Prince) on one side. On the other, a compass sits atop an American Flag, while the S'Klallam words *ʔaʔkʷɪnɪt cə ɲús sxwʔcáyeŋ'* are printed above, and its translation, "Protect Earth's Four Corners," is below.

Fletcher, Jamestown's Veterans Committee chair, said the idea had been in the works for several years to do a Jamestown challenge coin and that the canoe journey was an opportune time to hand them out.

Fletcher worked with Culture Gatherings Assistant Lu Canales and Culture Director Loni Greninger to develop the design that features the colorful Jamestown logo on one side and the compass/flag and wording on the other.

"Al had a phrase he wanted on the coin; he wanted it to represent all of the [Armed] Forces, so no one who received them would feel left out," Canales said.

She said she did some research on other challenge coins, and that the compass was a common theme. Adding the Jamestown logo on the flip side made sense, she said, as they would be handed out at the Jamestown Beach landing during the Paddle to Elwha this summer.

More than half of the 250 that were made were handed out at the Jamestown landing, Canales said, with several others handed out at Lower Elwha's final landing's festivities.

"I think they turned out really beautiful," she said. "We were hoping that people would want to carry them, not just put them in a drawer. But they're really nice."

The history of challenge coins isn't entirely clear, but historians acknowledge it is rooted in American military history to instill unit pride, improve morale and be a reward for hard work and excellence. (Origin stories vary, but one often-repeated one is that the coins were developed when, in Vietnam, a U.S. Army infantry-run bar tried to keep non-infantrymen away by forcing "outsiders" to buy drinks for the whole bar if they couldn't prove they had been in combat. If they didn't have a coin, they'd be buying a round for all.)

Since then, challenge coins have become popular in all branches of the military, police and fire departments, labor unions, fraternal organizations, scouting troops and other associations.

Now, Jamestown has its own challenge coin to further honor veterans.

"We've been sent everywhere, [and] that's what it represents: all corners of the earth," Fletcher said.

Veterans who'd like to get a challenge coin or more information about them are encouraged to call Fletcher at 360-434-4056.

Seeking Veterans Day ideas

Fletcher said Jamestown veterans are seeking ideas for an activity for this year's Veterans Day (Tuesday, Nov. 11). Call Fletcher at 360-434-4056 with information.



sx^wskwáyaʔ — Our Elders

Elder Committee vacancy

There is a vacant seat on the Elder Committee. If you are an elder (55+) and are interested in serving on the Elder Committee, please send your letter of interest to Kayla Holden at kholden@jamestown-tribe.org.

Elder Committee members are required to meet in-person at minimum on a quarterly basis and more if needed.



Photos by Janet Giammalva

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Elders Victor Knickerbocker (left) and Roy Harner enjoy a recent the Elder Trip to Madison Falls.

Holiday closure

Offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, for observation of Labor Day.

Luncheon set

The September monthly elder luncheon will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18, at Club 7.

Weekly crafts time

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, beading and crafting continues in the Elder's Lounge beginning at 8 a.m.



Photos courtesy of Elder Services/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
It's another full house for the annual Clam and Crab Feed.

Kudos for landing day

We had a very successful canoe journey landing at Jamestown Beach. We have many elders, staff, volunteers, and youth to thank for all the hard work, preparation, and participation. Our hands are raised to everyone involved in this event.

Applications available

We want to remind our elders to contact Allie Tay-

lor if you have not filled out the application for a burial/urn spot at Jamestown cemetery or your final wishes application.

You may request these forms and brochure at ataylor@jamestowntribe.org.

For more

To contact Elder Services staff, you may reach all of us at elderservices@jamestowntribe.org.



Photos courtesy of Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe/Public Safety & Natural Resources

Enforcement Officer Patrick Carter and Senior Natural Resources Technician Chris Burns assist in the initial cleanup of Indian Creek, a key tributary of the Elwha River, in July.

Jamestown team lends helping hands in Indian Creek fuel spill cleanup

By Mike Dashiell,

Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist

A tanker truck crash that spilled thousands of gallons of fuel into a tributary of the Elwha River near Port Angeles on July 18 had multiple agencies — including the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe — on site for cleanup efforts.

The Washington Department of Ecology responded to the tanker truck rollover on U.S. Highway 101 between mileposts 237 and 238, where a dual-trailer rig left the road and overturned into Indian Creek.

Approximately 2,798 gallons of gasoline and 172 gallons of diesel were released from the tanker, state Ecology officials reported about a week later, as numerous crews responded on the scene with equipment to recover the spilled fuel.

A Unified Command was established, including the Environmental Protection Agency, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (LEKT), Washington Department of Ecology, Clallam County Sheriff’s Office, PetroCard, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue, Focus Wildlife, and Republic Services.

Jamestown’s Natural Resources (NR) and Enforcement staff responded immediately, mobilizing an oil



Photo courtesy of Washington State Department of Ecology
An overturned tanker truck spills fuel into Indian Creek, a tributary of the Elwha River, in July.

boom that the Tribe purchased via an Ecology grant several years ago for specifically this type of incident.

Senior NR Technician Chris Burns said the boom is stored at John Wayne Marina along with aqua dam

booms (designed for drought mitigation), sorbent pads and equipment primarily kept there in case of a fuel spill at the Sequim marina.

"[We thought,] 'We have this stuff; let's bring it,'" Burns said.

On the scene from Jamestown were Burns, NR Technician III Lance Peterson, NR Technician II Casey Allen, Enforcement Sergeant Calvin Lehman and Enforcement Officer Patrick Carter.

Jamestown's oil boom arrived on scene and was deployed just upstream of the confluence of Indian Creek with the Elwha River. Burns said the fumes in the air above the creek were so toxic that crews put the boom in and left until the air was safe to breathe.

"We did what we could," Lehman said. "No one on our team hesitated. The stakes were so high, with it being a water supply and the environment [being threatened]."

Fuel normally sits atop the water which makes the booms particularly effective, Burns said, but much of what was spilled got mixed into the tumbling creek water.

"A lot of fuel went down stream and into difficult access areas," he noted.

Strategies being used to recover fuel included flushing, aerating, and raking sediment, gravel, and vegetation. Vegetation caught in log jams and woody debris trapped some of the fuel and required focused attention and careful removal. In addition, a vac truck removed contaminated soil.

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe conducted shoreline assessments to monitor environmental impacts while the Department of Health collected water samples for further analysis. Out of caution, the City of Port Angeles temporarily shut down the Elwha River drinking water intake.

Shortly after the spill, response crews observed immediate fish kills. "This is consistent with gas, which is acutely toxic to fish," Ecology officials said.

By July 24, the estimated fish kill count was 2,130, state officials reported. By July 30, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process had begun, evaluating long-term environmental impacts and determining restoration needs.

The Elwha River estuary and nearby beaches remained open and safe for public access and the Paddle to Elwha Canoe Journey was completed as scheduled.

Burns, Jamestown's lead for spill prevention and response, said it was key that JST's staff was certified in Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training — a set of federal regulations established to protect workers who handle



Jamestown Enforcement Sergeant Calvin Lehman joins Senior NR Technician Chris Burns in the Indian Creek fuel spill response.

hazardous materials. (Without it, he said, Jamestown crews wouldn't be able to clean up a spill as close as Sequim Bay.)

According to Ecology officials, one key decision made by Unified Command, guided by input and in consultation with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, was to keep Indian Creek open for the 2025 salmon run.

"The decision reflects expert input, strong cleanup progress, and a commitment to science-based monitoring and long-term restoration," Ecology officials said.

LEKT Chairwoman Frances Charles expressed deep appreciation for the Tribe's assistance, saying "[the] Jamestown team was freaking awesome." LEKT's Natural Resources Department director, Matt Beirne also extended a huge shout-out and thank you to JST crews.

"Just being there to support the Elwha Tribe was huge," Burns said.

As of Aug. 8, emergency response operations at Indian Creek had concluded and the incident is now transitioning into a new phase focused on environmental recovery, monitoring and restoration, Ecology officials said.

"Our commitment to Indian Creek doesn't end here," Ecology officials noted. "We remain fully committed in restoring the health of the creek and supporting the land, water and communities impacted by the spill."

Burns said he hopes to have more Jamestown staff receive HAZWOPER training.

"My thing is prevention," he said. "Once it's spilled, it's game over. Prevention is key."

Lehman concurred: "I could see it being a worthwhile training."

Read more about the incident and response efforts at tinyurl.com/JSTspillresponse.

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Culture Department Announcements & Events

ḡáyəs čən'hénən' — Happy September — time of humpback salmon

čən'hénən' marks the time of new beginnings. When summer fades and we start back in with routine and prepare for winter activities.

National Recovery Month

As promised, we will be celebrating National Recovery Month at Jamestown by hosting a Recovery Celebration. Listen to a panel, enjoy a halibut bowl for lunch and build your own take home wellness kit.

Open to Jamestown Citizens, descendants, families and friends.

What: Recovery Celebration

Where: Red Cedar Hall

When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

Klallam Language

Klallam Language is starting up again! Join Mary Norton and Timothy O'Connell III at the Dungeness River Nature Center. They will be reviewing the first few chapters in the Klallam Grammar Book before moving on and they may offer virtual options later in the month.

What: Klallam Language

Where: Dungeness River Nature Center, 1943 W. Hendrickson Rd, Sequim

When: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8

Pick up some garden goodies!

The Community Garden now has a spacious refrigerator for you to pick up vegetables and fruit whenever it is most convenient for you! Count on vegetables to be in the refrigerator reliably Wednesday through Sundays through at least October. What we have available will be listed on the outside of the fridge. Non-refrigerated goodies, as well as plastic bags and pulp crates, will be available on the counter in the garden kitchen. Feel free to email Frankie if you have any questions or concerns!

What: Convenient vegetables and fruit

Where: Tribal Community Garden Fridge

When: Wednesdays through Sundays

Harvest, Hang and Sing

Swing by and lend a hand in the garden or just come and visit! Song and dance will occur every sec-

ond and fourth Wednesday at the Community Garden. This is a great chance to come learn our songs and dances. We start the evening by sharing a light meal at 5:00 then jump right into singing.

What: Harvest, Hang and Sing

Where: 182 Marinas Way, Sequim

When: 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24

Garden work parties

Stop by for a few minutes and say "hi," or stay a couple hours and get your hands dirty and work in the garden!

What: Garden Work Parties

Where: 182 Marinas Way, Sequim WA 98382

When: 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

Return of the Salmon

Join us as we gather at Jamestown Beach to welcome the salmon as they return to our waters. We will give thanks to the Salmon for all they do to sustain and make our way of life possible. Appetizers and

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CULTURE DEPARTMENT

RECOVERY CELEBRATION

CULTURE IS PREVENTION!

September is National Recovery & Addiction Awareness Month and we would like to invite supporters and everyone who is substance free or wants to be!

10:00 - 12:00 Celebration Narcan Use & Distribution Panel Discussion	12:00 - 3:00 Lunch - Halibut bowls Take home Wellness Kits, yəhúmæct - activities (take care of oneself)
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stories will be shared and after the salmon is shared amongst the people, the canoe will take the bones back out to the water where they will be released.

This salmon is the one who's spirit will return to the salmon people to share how well he's been treated and to encourage others to return to feed the people.

After the ceremony we will be offering ceremony to put the *laxqínəm* to rest. Our canoe has kept us safe on the water through many practices and on this year's journey. It's time for him to sleep.

What: Return of the Salmon

Where: Frybread Shack, 1272 Jamestown Road

When: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20

Non-Tribal Community Garden Work Party

Non-tribal community members are invited to join us at the Community Garden for a work party. Stay as long or as little as you'd like, and your excitement for the height of summer!

What: Non-Tribal Garden Work Party

Where: 182 Marinas Way, Sequim

When: 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15

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Frankie Rafferty, Community Garden Manager — frafferty@jamestowntribe.org, msg 360-681-4659.

Update from the Cemetery Committee

The Jamestown Cemetery is open to Tribal Citizens, Descendants, and Families from sunrise to sunset daily. No key code is necessary to open the gates at those times.

Those visiting the cemetery and columbarium are asked to please not use glass containers or other breakable material when honoring their loved ones.

For more information, contact Allie Taylor (360-681-4638/360-461-8191, ataylor@jamestowntribe.org) or Sarah Eldred (seldred@jamestowntribe.org).



10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Red Cedar Hall

Open to all Tribal Citizens

Agenda includes candidates for Tribal Council, enrollment data and criteria options, and an enrollment update.

For more information, contact Ann Sargent at asargent@jamestowntribe.org or Liz Barbee at lbarbee@jamestowntribe.org, or call 360-683-1109.

Keeping up with the chinook

Tribe's Natural Resources staff, partners track ESA-listed salmon in the Dungeness

*By Mike Dashiell,
Tribal Communications and
Publications Specialist*

Call it a bit of catch-and-release-and-record.

For several weeks this summer, several Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Natural Resources (NR) staffers were knee- and hip-deep in the Dungeness River, netting chinook salmon to provide critical data.

Their efforts, in conjunction with Washington State Department of Wildlife (WDFW), help determine when the chinook move upstream, where they go to spawn, where they like to hang out during their migration, and, most importantly, how low flows caused by irrigation and drought impact their migration.

NR staff began placing "receivers" — cylindrical metal devices that pick up the acoustic signals emitted by the tags they attach to

the salmon — in the river in late June and early July, and began tagging fish on July 3, notes Chandra Johnson, Data Management Specialist, with Jamestown's Natural Resources Department.

"It was important to put the receivers in the river first, so that we could begin collecting data as soon as the first fish was tagged," she said. "We need both the tags and the receivers together to obtain data."

Salmon are collected by NR staff using nets, then held using a device that emits a small electric current that prevents the fish from moving. This allows staff members to attach tags as well as collect scale samples for age and genetic tests.

Jamestown placed 22 receivers in the river, from the bottom of the river to East Crossing Campground on the upper Dungeness and the bridge over the Gray Wolf River. In a separate project, WDFW has 10 receivers in the river and Dungeness Bay they use to monitor tagged bull trout. But these receivers will also pick up the signals from Jamestown's tagged chinook, so WDFW can share that and fill in some of the gaps between receiver locations.

"WDFW helped us plan the project and they are helping us tag fish, and also sharing data from their receivers," Johnson said. "They have been a critically important partner with the project, and we appreciate their help."

In all, Jamestown was slated to tag 50 chinook this year. (In 2024, equipment was acquired late in the season and staff was only able to tag 20 salmon. "We weren't able to get a good sample size of fish, and we weren't able to sample throughout the run since fish start entering the river in late June," Johnson noted.)



Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

At top: A Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe acoustic monitoring project saw staff tagging 50 chinook salmon this summer. Above: Natural Resources technician Jarrett Burns, right, carefully removes a chinook salmon from netting before staff tags and releases it back into the Dungeness River. At left is Senior NR Technician Chris Burns (front) and Natural Resources technician Casey Allen.

Putting the data to use

Puget Sound chinook salmon, listed as “threatened” under the federal Endangered Species Act, may be more sensitive to warmer summer temperatures and lower flows, as their spawning migration encounters the warmest part of the watershed (the downstream portion) during the warmer part of the year (later summer and early fall).

In general, WDFW staffers note, chinook salmon appear sensitive to warmer water temperatures, low flows, and high flows. Warmer water temperatures can affect their physiological performance and energy budgets (intake and expenditure), as well as their developmental rates and the timing of key life-cycle transitions.

State officials note that in other river systems, lower stream flows have been linked to mass mortality events of chinook salmon. In the Dungeness, extreme high flows reduces the likelihood of egg survival during incubation and low flows reduces spawning habitat availability, and potentially impedes upriver migration. Jamestown is especially trying to understand the relationship of flow to upriver migration with this tagging project.

Johnson said the data collected from this program have a number of possible action points:

- This data will help us communicate the benefits of flow conservation, but better understanding the relationship of low flow and upriver migration.

- **Planning future habitat restoration projects.** This data will help us understand where fish move quickly, and where they like to hang out. This data will help us figure out if fish are using logjams and pools at our restoration sites for rest. It will also provide insight into how ‘barrier riffles’ (places in the river that become too shallow for fish to navigate easily) impact the timing and ability for fish to swim upstream to where they want to go. Barrier riffles that significantly impact chinooks’ upstream migration will be good candidates for restoration projects.

- **Understanding of flow related parameters.** In addition to the flow level itself, Tribal biologists and technicians are trying to understand the temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity cues that influence fish behavior and movement. For example, Johnson notes that, “River’s Edge is a popular spot for swimming and tubing in the summertime. These kinds of activities cause the river to become muddy and turbid.” Understanding the timing of the recreational activity, extent and duration of turbidity events, with



Natural Resources technician Jarrett Burns, left, and Senior NR Technician Chris Burns spread a net across the Dungeness River in early August.



Marlayasia Haskell, an intern with the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, records data during an acoustic monitoring program to help chinook salmon in the Dungeness River.

preferred fish movement and the turbidity can help all of us make informed choices.

“The tags are deployed and we’re making observations, but it’s too soon to get a good understanding of things,” Johnson said.

“We’ll be able to analyze the data at the end of the season. Come October, we should be able to look at the data and start to understand what factors influence how far a fish migrates upriver and when they choose to move upstream.”

Jamestown staff also collect samples from the salmon while tagging, Senior NR Technician Chris Burns said. Genetic samples are taken and recorded, he said, while fish ages are also recorded to see if there are age-based patterns.

The chinook tagging-and-tracking project is expected to extend several years, Johnson said.

“Every summer is different, so we’ll be able to better understand over trends when we have several years of data and lots more fish and data points contributing to the study,” she said.

Library Corner

Welcome to the library corner! Here is what's happening in September....

Free Computer Classes

Enjoy a free, nine-week series of computer lessons — Northstar Digital Learning Internet Basics — from 11 a.m.-noon on Wednesdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 29.

Bring your own device (laptop or tablet). Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

The lessons include:

Sept. 3 — Lesson 1: Connecting to the Internet

Sept. 10 — Lesson 2: Navigating Websites

Sept. 17 — Lesson 3: Tabs and Favorites

Sept. 24 — Lesson 4: Search Terms

Oct. 1 — Lesson 5: Search Results

Oct. 8 — Lesson 6: Control Shortcuts

Oct. 15 — Lesson 7: Internet Privacy

Oct. 22 — Lesson 8: Viruses and Email Scams

Oct. 29 — Lesson 9: Online Forms

Call or email the library to reserve your seat.

Prime Time Reading

Prime Time Family Reading registration is now open! Youth and their families in grades K-5 can join in this fun library program. We will meet again at the Dungeness River Nature Center from 5:15-7 p.m. on Mondays. Enjoy dinner, story sharing, books, activities and more. Join Tribal Elder Michael Lowe, JST Librarian Cheryl Martin, and all the volunteers and library staff. The sessions run from Sept. 22-Oct. 27.

Contact the library for more information.

Drop-In Writing Group

Did you know? Library Assistant Tayona Heller hosts a weekly drop in Indigenous Writer's Group every Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the library. Tea, coffee, snacks, and inspiration can be found at this informal and supportive space.



Photo by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Library Assistant Tayona Heller leads a gaming workshop for Jamestown youth program participants in July.

Meeting and Recording Space

Meeting and Recording Space inside the library is ready for Tribal Community use and library staff are ready to assist you in recording stories, music, podcasts, and more. To learn more, stop by or email the library. We have equipment for gathering oral history stories, podcasting, and virtual meetings and appointments. The room is open to Tribal Community members and government staff. Library staff is available to provide assistance. Email to info@JamestownTribalLibrary.org with questions or to reserve the room.

Elder's Film Screening

Join us the last Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the library theater for a private film screening in partnership with Elder Services. Join us on Sept. 25 for the first two episodes of "Chief of War," an Apple TV series on Hawaii's indigenous history.

And more ...

Library Hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Have a meeting, group, program, or event that you would like to see or have in the library? The library is your space, and we would love to provide a space for you.

Dungeness River Festival set for Sept. 26

Celebrating the natural and cultural resources of the Dungeness Watershed and offering a fun and educational experience for all ages, the Dungeness River Festival is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 26. Hosted at the Dungeness River Nature Center, 1943 W. Hendrickson Road, this popular (and free!) festival opens to the public at 10:30 a.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to delve into the fascinating story of the Dungeness Watershed firsthand through interactive exhibits and demonstrations. A variety of organizations and agencies dedicated to the conservation and exploration of the watershed will be featured as exhibitors including the U.S. Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, NOAA, National Park Service, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Peninsula Trails Coalition, Back Country Horsemen, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, and many more.

For more about the River Festival, call 360-681-4076 or email to Montana@DungenessRiverCenter.org.



Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Almost two-dozen canoes from visiting Tribes rest on Jamestown Beach as dinner, dancing and drumming begins at the Historic Jamestown Village site on July 30.

Jamestown enjoys successful landing for 2025 Paddle to Elwha canoe journey

By Mike Dashiell,

Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist

Organizers say most activities and events went remarkably well with what have been the biggest turnout for landing at Jamestown Beach for a Tribal Canoe Journey.

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe leaders estimate that, between canoe families, support, staff, community volunteers and visitors, Jamestown saw between 2,500-3,000 take part in this year's July 30 landing during the 2025 Paddle to Elwha, hosted by Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.



Photo by John Gussman

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Ricky Johnson (left) helps carry a Tribal canoe up the Jamestown Beach.

"I am very proud of how it went this year," Jamestown Vice Chair Loni Grinnell-Greninger said. "I keep telling folks it's our best year yet — every year we keep learning — but this year, it felt like a next level step with the number of volunteers, and our staff. They know what to expect more and more [and] handled the flow and chaos better and better."

Jamestown hosted an estimated 34 canoe families, with 23 landing on the beach and another 11 arriving either on trailers or parking at John Wayne Marina in Sequim.

Grinnell-Greninger said she heard positive comments from visitors regarding the newly updated Historic Jamestown Village site — particularly for the amenities that kept people clean: an announcement that the allotted time for showers would be extended was met with raucous cheers.

"People were very grateful for showers," she said. "That's a huge thing for our guests. They were using them at 4 in the morning."

Non-tribal community members were very respectful of cultural protocol rules, she added.

Putting participants at ease, food offerings 'a hit'

Organizers were thrown a bit of a proverbial curveball when an 8.8-magnitude earthquake off Russia's far eastern coast sent tsunami waves across the Pacific the evening before canoe families were scheduled to paddle from Port Townsend to Jamestown. Grinnell-Greninger and Tribal Planning Director Luke Strong-Cvetich were in emergency meetings for several hours to help canoe families and support staff updated.

"I felt proud; Jamestown is so connected to outside resources and systems that we knew right away when that tsunami came," Grinnell-Greninger said.

Though there wound up being little threat to canoe families on the water, some were able to shift their canoes at the Port Townsend landing site above the tideline to keep them safe.

With plans and preparation for about double the actual turnout, landing organizers said they wound up with plenty of food on hand.

Elders, Canoe families and Jamestown visitors were amply fed: Pacific Pantry offered a pork loin on polenta, DaKindz had poke bowls, macaroni salad, pulled pork and a couple other items and Ryan's Rezipes had salmon tacos. Tribal



Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Jimmy Hall (second from left), pictured with Chelsea Anthony (far left), helps direct volunteers to their respective stations at the Historic Jamestown Village site.



Tom Sheldon (right) helps distribute bags of lunches for Canoe Family pullers on Jamestown Beach.



Garden Community Manager Frankie Rafferty offers fresh vegetables to visitors at the Historic Jamestown Village Site pavilion.



A visiting Canoe Family gets a helping hand from volunteers moving their canoe up Jamestown Beach.

volunteers stepped up to fillet more than 2,000 pounds of halibut, cook and process more than 1,600 pounds of crab along with a large number of prawns — seafood caught by the Tribe's own fishermen.

Working with chefs Carlos Osorio and Kellen Lynch, event organizers cooked food for trays in the new Pavilion kitchen.

"I really love that we used so much high-quality food to feed the people," Lynch said.

Jamestown Tribal Elder Michael Lowe had a group of 16 volunteers who helped prep the food trays for three days and made more than 900 sunbutter and jam sandwiches to feed the arriving canoe pullers, then showed up to help the day of the landing!

"All the food was a hit," Culture Deputy Director Lisa Barrell said.

Helpers abound

"We couldn't have pulled this off without all the volunteers," Barrell said, adding that more than 130 people (organized by Kelly Toy) from Jamestown's health clinics, 7 Cedars Resort and government offices, as well as community members, helped make things go smoothly.

This year, the Tribe assigned leaders for

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Photo by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



Photo by John Gussman

Above: Suquamish Tribal Chairman Leonard Forsman asks for permission to come ashore at the Jamestown Beach landing. At left, a Canoe Family makes their way toward Jamestown Beach.



Cliff and Vince Prince (foreground) look on as visiting Tribes offer song and dance inside the Historic Jamestown Village Site pavilion.



Loni Grinnell-Greninger helps Aliah Klostermeier with welcoming the Swinomish Tribe's Little Salmon Canoe Family to shore.



Attendees of the 2025 Paddle to Elwha enjoy singing and music into the early morning hours at Lower Elwha.

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different volunteer categories, Barrell, said, "and, as usual Tribal staff Kim Kettel, Andrew Shogren and Luke Strong-Cvetich pulled through making everything flow smoothly."

"The pavilion facelift was also amazing and beautiful and even more breathtaking at night when it was lit up," she said.

Barrell credited Senior Construction Manager Kirk Nelson, who continued to make changes to the camping map up until arrival day; campers commented on how well the property was laid out, she noted.

Facilities Manager Brandon Kettel worked around the clock to make sure everything and everyone in his group was ready the weeks leading up to it and they continued working the day after with all the cleanup, she said.

"It's a toss-up who I owe the most gratitude," Barrell said.

"All I know is that my hands were raised high several days giving thanks to everyone who helped make this happen."

Capping the journey

Protocol for the Jamestown Tribe at Lower Elwha went well into the evening and early morning hours of Aug. 5-6, finishing at about 5:30 a.m., Grinnell-Greninger said.

Despite the early morning hours, it was a great way to finish this year's canoe journey, she said.

"As a sister tribe ... we just felt so well taken care of," she said.

She said a fantastic feature Lower Elwha added was a text alert system to let participants know which Tribe was on and which was up next in the protocol.

And when it came time for Jamestown's protocol, Grinnell-Greninger said, JST's dancers and drummers shined.

"When it was our turn on the floor, our singers and drummers were really strong. It was good as a song leader to be able to go up on that floor with confidence. We made our Elders who were there with us proud."

Youths get hands-on lesson about invasive European green crabs at Dungeness refuge

By Mike Dashiell,
Tribal Communications and
Publications Specialist

For an afternoon, youngsters in Jamestown Healing of the Canoe (HOC) summer program joined a team assessing and preparing for an invasion by sea.

On July 23, 19 youths trekked to the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge to learn all about the impacts of the growing number of invasive European green crabs in and around local shorelines.

Amos Almy, Park Ranger & Visitor Services Manager at the refuge, led the youngsters on a short hike to the Refuge's two outlooks to view the Dungeness Spit, then had the group meet up with biologic technicians to help measure and record other data from captured green crabs.

The region has seen a significant jump in green crab populations from last year to now: In 2024, U.S. Fish and Wildlife recorded 104 European green crabs. In 2025, between April and July (thanks to help from about 20 volunteers), Jamestown captured 1,374 green crabs.

The impact of European green crabs is substantial: they eat up eelgrass beds and other critical habitat for fish, other native crabs, shellfish, and other sea life.

If volunteers see numbers rise here, Almy said, it can serve as a warning for other shoreline areas further east in the Salish Sea.

"We're kind of the alert system," he said.

Among the volunteers recording data on the green crabs was Tribal Elder Merle Holden, who recently started volunteering with the Dungeness Nature Alliance—the collective volunteer program with the refuge and Dungeness River Nature Center — and has been helping

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Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Marlaysia Haskell, a European Green Crab Technician and intern, works with Jamestown HOC youths (from left) Xyan Hedin, Wiley Huell and Elijah Alsup to record European green crab data.



From left, Dungeness Nature Alliance Volunteers Merle Holden and Barbara Harris work with Jamestown HOC youths, Bronsin Hurt, Brinley Johnson and Annabelle Peterson to record data from captured European green crabs.





Amos Almy, Park Ranger & Visitor Services Manager at the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, talks about the impact of the invasive European green crab with youths from Jamestown's House of the Canoe program.

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collect green crab biometric data for a couple of months.

"The hope was to just see them engaged with nature without phones," said Ella Massey, Youth Program and Prevention Specialist, "and [that experiences like this] spikes their interests in things they wouldn't normally want to do."

Massey said this summer's HOC highlights include the Canoe Journey in late July, when youths made drums and welcomed canoes at Jamestown beach.



Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
From left, Jamestown HOC youths Ethan Robbins, Blake Alsup and Racin Bush get help from Dungeness Nature Alliance Volunteer Paula Walsh in recording data.

The group took several beach trips and hikes, and several got together to build a robot from a kit.


"Watching this new group of kids become closer is always sweet to see," Massey said.

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Now Booking: Two New Stays on The Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course

We're excited to share that Jamestown's Economic Development Authority (EDA) has added two new short-term rentals to its growing portfolio — each offering a unique way to experience the beauty and hospitality of Jamestown S'Klallam land.

Located on the scenic Cedars at Dungeness golf course (1965 Woodcock Road), these bright and modern one-bedroom, one-bath condos overlook the first hole and provide a peaceful retreat with stunning views.

Perfect for golfers, weekenders, or anyone looking to unwind, the spaces are designed for comfort and convenience, making them ideal for solo travelers or couple's getaways. Whether you're hosting out-of-town guests, planning a staycation, or just looking for a quiet place to recharge, we hope you'll take pride in sharing these new listings with friends and family.

View and book directly on Airbnb:

- Birdie House (#203) | airbnb.com/h/birdiehousesequim
- Eagle's Nest (#207) | airbnb.com/h/eaglesnestsequim

More to come — stay tuned!



Photo courtesy of Jamestown EDA

Northwest Native Expressions Native Art Gallery



In September,
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Gallery showcases wall hangings and
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September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Tribal offices and clinics closed	2	3 Garden Work Party* 3-5 p.m., Community Garden	4 Elders' Monthly Luncheon 11 a.m., The Cedars at Dungeness	5	6 Recovery Celebration 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Red Cedar Hall
7	8 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	9	10 Harvest, Hang and Sing 5-7 p.m., Community Garden	11	12	13
14	15 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	16	17 Garden Work Party* 3-5 p.m., Community Garden	18 Men's Group Golf 4-6 p.m., The Cedars at Dungeness	19	20 Return of the Salmon 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Frybread Shack
21	22 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	23	24 Harvest, Hang and Sing 5-7 p.m., Community Garden	25 Elders Movie Screening 2 p.m., Heron Hall Library	26 Riverfest 10:30 a.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	27 General Citizen-ship meeting 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Red Cedar Hall
28	29 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	30				

* — also held Sept. 10, Sept. 24

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Elders' Monthly Luncheon 11 a.m., The Cedars at Dungeness	3	4
5	6 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	28	29	30 Elders Movie Screening 1 p.m., Heron Hall Library	31 Halloween	



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September Birthdays

9/1	Darlene Stahlnecker	9/19	Richard Johnson
9/2	Shawna Priest	9/20	Dylan Allen
9/4	Annette Erickson-Murallo	9/20	Kristy Myers
9/4	Carol Musial	9/23	Medelaine Depouli
9/4	Anthony Nichols	9/23	Kenneth Morrow
9/6	Sheri Higgins	9/24	Heather Misanes
9/6	Charles Jenkins	9/25	Kenneth Hall
9/9	Jerelyn Allen	9/25	Catherine MacGregor
9/10	Gloria Donnelly	9/25	Carol Woodard
9/10	Pharis Gusdal	9/26	Randy Smith
9/10	Brianna Robinson	9/26	Dana Ward
9/11	Elizabeth Adams	9/27	Clara Abbott
9/11	Jack Cote	9/27	Scott Harner
9/11	Merle Holden	9/28	Albert Fletcher
9/11	Desari Schmitt	9/28	Jessica Humphries
9/11	Ann Tjemsland	9/28	Juanita Walker
9/13	Russell George	9/29	Jerry Allen
9/13	Nicholas Kardonsky	9/29	Edward Anders
9/15	Jesse Holden	9/29	Virginia Chitwood
9/16	James Rowling	9/29	Kayla Holden
9/18	Justin Obermiller	9/29	Gary Peterson
9/19	Jason Holden		

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Contact Liz Barbee at lbarbee@jamestowntribe.org receive the date, time, and Zoom meeting address for the next meeting.