

Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

**Tribal Habitat Conference
May 23 and 24, 2017**



**Hosted by the Quinault Indian Nation
Quinault Beach Resort
Oyhut, Washington**

View from the Edge – Tribes on the Front Line

DAY 1 – MAY 23, 9:30AM – 7:00PM

8:00 – 9:30 **Registration**

9:30 – 9:45 **Opening Prayer**

9:45 – 10:00 **Welcome**
Tyson Johnston, Vice-President, Quinault Indian Nation

10:00 **Keynote Video: Billy Frank Jr.**
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10:00 – 10:15 **Conference / Agenda Overview**
Ed Johnstone, Quinault Fisheries Policy Spokesman, NWIFC Treasurer

10:15 – 11:00 **Tribal Habitat Strategy**
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- Background, Purpose and Next Steps
- How it works / key targets and geospatial goals
- Initiating Work

Lorraine Loomis, Dave Herrera, and Justin Parker, NWIFC

11:00 – 11:15 **Coordinating State / Tribal Recovery Efforts**
JT Austin, Governor’s Natural Resources Policy Office

11:15 – 12:00 **Quantification of Habitat**

- First steps in linking harvest goals, hatchery strategies and habitat objectives

Ken Currens, NWIFC

12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch**
Video: “Not for Any Price” (Cherry Point)

1:00 – 1:30 **Communications Strategy**

- Telling the Story and Creating Allies
Tony Meyer and Emmett O’Connell, NWIFC

1:30 – 2:00 **Information Management Framework**

- Measuring Progress / Tracking Status and Trends
Bruce Jones, NWIFC

2:00 – 5:00 **Riparian Corridors and Floodplains**

Moderators: Ash Roorbach and Eliza Ghitis, NWIFC

- Regional Riparian Corridor Analysis
Ash Roorbach, NWIFC and Marilu Koschak, NWIFC SSHIAP
- Skagit Riparian Buffer Model: LiDAR Analyses for Habitat Protection
Tim Hyatt, Skagit River System Cooperative
- Upper Quinault River Riparian Forest Restoration
Dr. Kevin Fetherston, R2 Resource Consultants
Bill Armstrong, Quinault Department of Fisheries

Break

- Chehalis River Basin Floodplain Restoration Alternative
Dr. Tim Abbe, Natural Systems Design
Mark Mobbs, Quinault Division of Natural Resources
- Assuring Restoration Permanence – Land Protection Strategies
Thom Woodruff, Capitol Land Trust

5:30 – 7:00 **Evening Social**

- Poster Session
- Cultural Presentation – Guy Capoeman, Conference Artist
- Razor Clam Chowder
- No-Host Bar

DAY 2 – MAY 24, 8:00AM – 5:00PM

7:00 – 8:00 **Razor Clam Survey Demonstration**

Scott Mazzone, Shellfish/Marine Fish Biologist, Quinault Indian Nation

8:00 – 8:50 **Breakfast**

8:50 – 9:00 **Opening Prayer**

- 9:00 – 11:00 **Water – Quality and Quantity**
Moderators: Todd Bolster and Catherine O’Neill, NWIFC
- Water Law 101
Rachael Paschal Osborn, Co-founder of Center for Environmental Law and Policy
 - Protecting Stream Flows: Lessons Learned in the Skagit/Samish Rivers
Larry Wasserman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
 - Monitoring and Modeling Case Study: Groundwater Model and Streamflow Records for Johns and Goldsborough Creeks
Erica Marbet, Squaxin Island Tribe
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Puget Sound / Nearshore**
Moderator: Cecilia Gobin, NWIFC
- Puget Sound Geology, Beach Processes, and the Importance of Site Characterization
Wendy Gerstel LEG, LHG; Qwg Applied Geology
 - Shoreline Armor, Applying the Science
Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe
 - Shoreline Management: Regulatory Processes and Recommendations for Change
Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:30 **Pacific Ocean / Marine**
Moderator: Rob Jones, NWIFC
- Quinault Ocean Research
Joe Schumacker, Quinault Indian Nation
 - IPC/NOAA Habitat Framework
Rob Jones, NWIFC
 - Marine Spatial Planning
Katie Wrubel, Makah Tribe
- 3:00 – 5:00 **Field Trip: Roosevelt Beach – Seabrook Impacts**
Quinault Natural Resources Staff and Leadership

MAY 25

NWIFC Tribal Climate Change Forum Workshop

Salmonids and Climate Change: Understanding Biological Responses and Implementing Tribal Adaptation Actions

For more information on the workshop, please contact Eliza Ghitis at eghitis@nwifc.org.