

**NWIFC Tribal Habitat Conference**  
**April 29th and 30th, 2015**  
**Hosted by the Lummi Nation**



**TREATY RIGHTS AT RISK: DEFINING OUR FUTURE**

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**Wednesday, April 29**

8:30 AM **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:30 AM **Host Tribe Welcome and Blessing**

*Lul-hal-mun* (Timothy Ballew II), Lummi Nation Chairman

10:00 – 10:10 **Conference Overview**

Fran Wilshusen and Darrell Phare, NWIFC

10:10 - 10:30 **Keynote: Treaty Rights at Risk: Call to Action - Defining Our Future**

Elden Hillaire, Lummi Nation

10:30 – 12:15 **Understanding the Challenges of Today**

Moderator: Jeremy Freimund, Lummi Nation

Environmental Baselines

- Salmon and Shellfish Habitat
- Contaminated Site Clean-up in Bellingham Bay

Ecosystem Function and Connectivity

- Predicting Dike Breaches for Tidal Marsh Restoration  
W. Gregory Hood, Skagit River System Cooperative
- Dungeness River Floodplain Restoration and Levee Setback  
Randy Johnson, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Climate Change

- Experiences with Addressing Climate Change Impacts on the Nooksack River  
Oliver Grah, Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Detecting Ocean Acidification in Neah Bay  
Yongwen Gao, Makah Tribe
- Air Quality and Climate Change  
Tony Basabe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

12:15 – 1:45 **Lunch Buffet**

- Blessing: Lummi Nation School's Blackhawk Singers
- Presentation: Acknowledging the Past –Tribal Resources, Places, and Connections  
Ed Johnstone, Quinault Indian Nation
- Opportunity to view posters
- Farewell: Lummi Nation School's Blackhawk Singers

1:45 – 3:00 **Working to Meet Challenges**

Moderator: Jim Weber, NWIFC

- Protecting Tribal Water Rights  
Jeremy Freimund, Lummi Nation
- Using the FEMA Biological Opinion for Floodplain Protection  
Tim Hyatt, Skagit River System Cooperative
- Peak Flows and Floodplain Protection in the Stillaguamish Watershed  
Jason Griffith, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians

3:00 – 3:30 **Break and Poster Session**

3:30 – 4:30 **Engaging Partnerships for Change**

Moderator: Jim Peters, NWIFC

- Puget Sound Leadership Council Participation  
Russ Hepfer, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- Culvert Case  
Merle Jefferson, Sr., Lummi Nation
- Implementation of the Culvert Case  
Ned Currence, Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Collaborative Low Flow Study  
Tyson Waldo, NWIFC

4:30 – 5:00 **Wrap Up: Synthesis of Themes and Directions**

Mike Grayum, NWIFC

6:00 - 7:00 **Dinner (Event Center South)**

- Blessing
- Buffet
- Opportunity to network

7:00 - 8:15 **Screening of *Back to the River* (Event Center South)**

## Thursday, April 30

9:00 AM      **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:30 – 10:10    ***Xwe' chi' eXen* (Cherry Point): Protecting Lummi Natural and Cultural Heritage**

*Lul-hal-mun* (Timothy Ballew II), Lummi Nation Chairman and *Sle-Ih'x elten* (Jeremiah Jay Julius), Lummi Nation Secretary

10:10 – 10:30    **Overview of Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment Study for the Proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal Project**

Scott Davis, Lummi Nation

10:30 – 11:00    **Break and Poster Session**

11:00 - 3:00    **Field Trip: Standing Together for Cherry Point**

Rain or shine--dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes  
Transportation provided (parking is limited)

Activities

- Traditional lunch on the beach hosted by Lummi Nation
- Sharing Ancestral History and Knowledge of *Xwe' chi' eXen* (Cherry Point)  
Chief *Tsi'li'xw* (Bill James), Lummi Nation Hereditary Chief
- Reef Net Presentation with a scale model of traditional reef net gear  
Matt Warbus
- Direct Action/Press Event  
Lummi will be available for Q&A with attending press representatives

Approximate end time is 3:00. If you need to leave by a specific time, please plan on driving separately.