



# LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

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### **Tribe Hosts Gathering to Gain Support for Key Projects**

Port Angeles – Mar 14, 2011 – The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe will be hosting at least 30 representatives from federal, state, and local agencies and private funders on Friday. Guests will be coming to the Port Angeles area to attend a project presentation and tour three key projects. At least six agencies and financial institutions will be sending local representatives. City Councilmember Don Perry and Clallam County Administrator Jim Jones will also be in attendance as guests of the Tribe.

The theme is “A Journey from the Past... into the Future...” encompassing the ancient village of Tse-whit-zen, a food bank facility, and a new Head Start building.

“We are very excited to take our guests on a journey of where we have come from and where we are heading to improve the quality of life for our Tribal members and the broader community – especially for our youth, our veterans, our elders and the return of our ancestors’ belongings,” states Frances Charles, Tribal Chairwoman.

One of the projects highlighted will be a curation facility that will hold the 64,700 artifacts found in the ancient village of Tse-whit-zen. A need for a permanent food bank facility and a new Head Start building will also be featured.

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