

April 7, 2020

Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Robert Elofson and I am the grand child of Robert and Louisa Sampson. I have accepted the nomination to run for a position on the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Business Committee.

I have two Bachelor's Degrees, one in physics and one in biology, from Western Washington University.

I believe my many years of serving on Tribal Committees and working for the Tribe's Natural Resources Department have prepared me for serving the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Members on the LEKT Business Committee. I have served for twenty years on the Tribal Fishing Committee and the Tribal Hunting Committee.

I was the original Point No Point Treaty Council's Natural Resources employee for Elwha from 1976 to 1978. I served on the Point no Point Board of Directors for six years when all four Point no Point Treaty Tribes were members. I spent one year as the Point No Point Treaty Area Commissioner on the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission before each Tribe had their own Commissioner.

I was asked by the Tribe to apply for Elwha River Restoration Director job in 1991. I served as Director from 1991 to 1993. I helped with the passing of the Elwha River Restoration Act, P.L. 102-495, which led to the removal of the two hydroelectric dams on our Elwha River. I also was Elwha River Restoration Director from 2001 until the end of Project Funding in October of 2016. During this time I was the Tribe's Point of Contact with the Federal Government for completion of the new Tribal Hatchery, the new set back levee, and the new State of the Art Tribal Wastewater System. I was also the LEKT Natural Resource's Director for two years during this time. I am now working for the Tribe as Fisheries Harvest Manager.

Since 1978 I have been a full time or part time commercial fisherman. I have employed dozens of fishermen over the years and helped support them and their families. Many of the boat owners in our fishing fleet today spent time fishing with me in the past.

I hope that my combination of education, experience, and efforts on behalf of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe will earn your support for this position on the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's Business Committee.

Sincerely,



Robert Elofson