



July 2025

Elwha News

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Canoe Journey Alerts

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Event reminders



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Updates



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Text the phrase: PaddletElwha
To the number: 78015



July 2025

Dear Lower Elwha Tribal Community,

Congratulations to all our High School Graduates!!! The class of 2025 should be very proud of themselves. We had to go through COVID, and they made it. What a time that was, getting educated via remote schooling. I am so proud of all of you. My family had four graduates, Nyle Hepfer, my son, Tatum Moses, Lola and Ray's daughter, Aubrey Hebert, Francis Charles's daughter and Javier Hernandez, Nylene Charles's son. Our family had a good time celebrating with them at graduation at Civic Field. Javier graduated from Fife, Washington. I can't wait to see him. The parade the tribe had for our graduates was awesome. It was so good to see all our graduates going by in cars and trucks. That was fun. CONGRATS to all of our graduates!!!

Meanwhile... Various tribes and I met with a company called Flexsys. They are a tire chemical company. Scientist recently discovered that a chemical in the tires that slows the breakdown of tires called 6ppd is killing Coho salmon and maybe other species of salmon also. 6ppd goes from the tire onto the road, then rain moves it into the stormwater and then into streams. When 6ppd enters the stream, it kills Coho almost instantly. Working with scientists from Washington, Oregon, and California states, Flexsys is trying to come up with a different chemical that would replace 6ppd. I think they can come up with that alternative chemical. I don't know if our salmon can survive the wait. That is what is concerning. Although stormwater rain gardens have worked with getting 6ppd out of the stormwater.

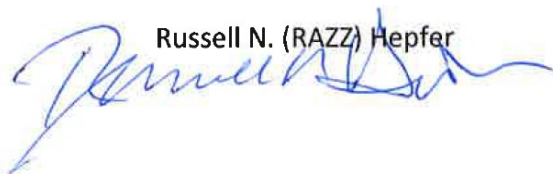
I attended the quarterly Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council meeting. I am

a Leadership Council member. We discussed the 2025 State of the Sound Report and the Riparian Funding Policy. One member of our council, Will Hall, retired from his job and the council. We celebrated his retirement and acknowledged all the good environmental work he had done with us. He is a former Mayor of Shoreline. It was sad to see him go but he felt it was time.

During the partnership meeting we went on a field trip to the City of Sumner's White River Restoration Project. This project enhances fish habitat and reduces flood risk to the community. They reconnected 200 acres of floodplain to the White River for the first time in over 100 years. I enjoy seeing and witnessing the work others have done for our environment, but nothing compares to our successful dam removal project.

I was honored and humbled by being invited to the Stillaguamish Tribe's First Salmon Ceremony. This is the first ceremony where the tribe actually was able to use their own Stillaguamish Chinook for the ceremony. They caught one fish for the ceremony and Lummi donated sockeye for the rest of us to eat. It has taken a lot of years of hard work to get where they are today. Still, they don't have enough fish to have a commercial harvest. During the North of Falcon process with our co-managers, the state, we protect the Stillaguamish River Chinook for recovery. They finally had 29 fish return to the river. That is a big deal. They used to only get 3 Chinook. Continued hard work and sacrifice from the tribes and state in front of Stilly is needed to help restore the Chinook recovery.

Thank you again for taking the time to read my letter. I feel it's important to let the community know what I am up to. Treaty Rights Protection is always at the forefront of my work. Of course, if I can help you in any way I will do my best to do that.

Russell N. (RAZZ) Hepfer




2025 NOBAS 12u Major girls softball champions with a 12-0-1 record

Coach Britney Rowland, Kylin Weitz, Ayla Balch, Chloe Holloway, Teyah Elofson-Cross, Eleanor Mahaney, Kamia Jennings, Ohlyvia Tomasko, Skylar Wheeler, Jason Wheeler, Brad Holloway, Julie Elofson-Charles

Bottom row Bailey Dahl, Adilyn Hylton, Chloe Anderson, Raveya Tomasko, Olivia Lampman, Loren Almond

Councilwoman Tia Skerbeck Updates

Elwha River Lands

A powerful testimony was carried out in DC by Chairwoman Frances Charles at the hearing on the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act. If approved, this act would return the former Lake Aldwell reservoir lands, and our creation site to the Tribe for ongoing restoration and stewardship.



LEKT Resolution 48-25 was submitted to the City of Port Angeles to request and support the transfer of historical tribal homestead lands to the Tribe for stewardship and preservation. These lands were once the Hunter John homestead near the Elwha River Bridge, and site of the current State Fish Hatchery.



Both the project lands, and the Hunter John homestead lands are dependent on outside agencies, but we are hopeful that progress continues and the land will eventually be returned to the Tribe.

Canoe Journey Prep

We are in the final days before Canoe Journeys! Everyone should feel excited and proud to host this year, sharing our dam removal story, and uplifting youth to take the stage. A lot of work has gone on with cleaning sites, prepping the protocol site, making gifts and regalia, fine tuning our songs and dances, and planning to feed and host thousands of guests. Thank you to everyone for the hard work and endless hours of dedication to our community and culture!

End of School Year Events

The final weeks of the school year were full of a variety of events and ceremonies. The Head Start had a walking event, where current high school and head start grads walked together, and a community dinner and graduation event. Port Angeles High School Klallam Culture Fair was held at the PC longhouse, where high school students toured campus, and shared their culture projects, songs, and gifts in the longhouse.



LEKT, Crescent, Port Angeles High School, along with Peninsula College celebrated graduates with ceremonies and honors. There were an outstanding number of tribal graduates who proudly spoke their languages, wore their regalia, and participated in drive thru parades. We are proud of all the graduates, keep up the great work, the opportunities are endless, you will do great things!



LEKT COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

**\$100 WALMART GIFT CARD
FOR COMPLETION***

**We need your input on the health status,
needs, and issues in our community.**

**The elders program will touch bases with elders
to assist with completion**

Paper copies of the survey can be picked up from the
front desk of the tribal center



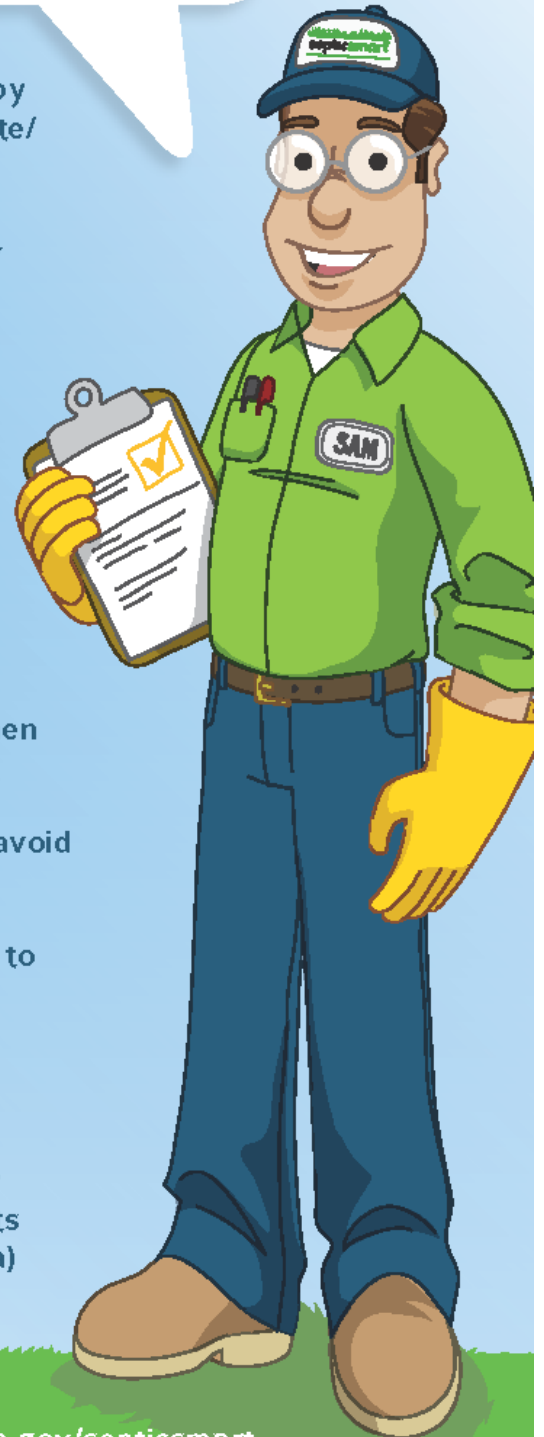
**Survey closes on
8/15/25.**
Gift cards will be distributed
after the survey closes

***To be eligible for the \$100 gift card you must complete the survey by 8/15/25,
and be one of the following:**

- Enrolled LEKT
- LEKT 1st Generation Descendant (biological parent is enrolled)
- Household member of a LEKT enrolled or LEKT 1st gen

Top 10 Ways to Be a Good Septic Owner

- ✓ Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional or according to your state/ local health department's recommendations
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
- ✓ Avoid pouring harsh products (e.g., oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications) down the drain
- ✓ Discard non-degradable products in the trash (e.g., floss, disposable wipes, cat litter) instead of flushing them
- ✓ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank
- ✓ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives
- ✓ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
- ✓ Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
- ✓ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free
- ✓ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)

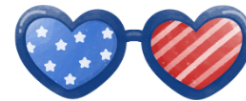


LOWER ELWHA HOUSING AUTHORITY

LEHA THANKS YOU ALL!!



LEHA administration and staff would like to thank everyone who participated in our 3rd Annual Housing Fair. We also extend our gratitude to all of the vendors who showed up and provided information and prizes for our guests. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.



GIVE US SOME FEEDBACK, PLEASE:

There's still time to submit ideas for the 2026 IHP (Indian Housing Plan). Your input helps us determine the housing needs of the community. Please submit your comments and ideas to Jennifer@elwhahousing.com

WATER CONSERVATION

We encourage all tenants to practice conscientious water usage during the drier summer months.



SYSTEM UPDATE

Our housing software program has been updated and we are now able to email receipts and documents to tenants! Please contact the office and let us know your preferred method of receiving letters, notices, receipts and reminders!! We can also send and receive text messages, if you'd like to utilize that option as well.

CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY

- Fireworks should **NOT EVER** be stored inside homes or garages.
- Children should **never** be allowed to use fireworks without direct adult supervision!!!
- **Do Not Set Off Fireworks Inside or Near a House or Any Other Building!!!**
- A water hose may not be sufficient to put out fires created by fireworks!!



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JULY-TIME FOR COHO

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Summer Is Here!

The Library's Summer Reading Program is in full swing, so we figured we'd share some of our favorite summer books!

- *This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki
- *The Language of Seabirds* by Will Taylor
- *All Summer Long* by Hope Larson
- *Be Prepared* by Vera Brogsol
- *Healer of the Water Monster* by Brian Young
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess* by Jeff Kinney



Speaking of the Summer Reading Program, it's not too late to start reading! Kids up to 18 can read to earn entries into weekly prize drawings, and our end-of-summer grand prize drawing. How do kids get prize entries? Simple! You can find a Reading Log in the Library. Every time kids read a book, record it by filling in a circle on the log for every 20 minutes of reading. For every circle filled in, kids will earn an entry into our weekly prize drawing. Weekly prize drawings will take place each Friday at 3pm in the Library. For every hour of reading (five circles), kids will receive an entry into the grand prize drawing, which will take place on Friday, August 29th at 3pm, which is also the final day of the program. Brand new for this year, reading isn't the only way to earn prize entries! Kids going into grades K-6 can also do writing or math assignments to earn entries. Please contact Maddie

McLean for more information and to get assignments at made-line.mclean@elwha.org. The Grand Prize this year is a pair of Anker Soundcore Q30 wireless headphones. Other Grand Prizes include an 85 Piece Art Supplies kit and a giant 24" Squishmallow.

Free Summer Lunches

Meals are available at no charge to children 18 years of age and younger. Children or parents/guardians may come pick up prepared lunches Monday-Friday from 11:30am to 12:10pm at the Tribal Center Dining Hall, 12:25-12:55pm at the Children's House of Learning parking lot, and 1:15-1:45pm at The Gathering Place parking lot, and may choose to stay and eat, or leave and eat somewhere else. This program runs through Aug. 29, 2025. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

After School Program Party



The After School Program threw an end of year build-your-own-pizza party, with cupcakes and awards, to celebrate all our students hard work!

May Dry Creek Honor Roll

We want to celebrate the following students for getting awards in Courage, Creativity, and Kindness for the month of May:

Courage Award : Max Sero, Ciara Charles, Azalynn Lauderback

Creativity Award:

Robert Hendricks, Lilith Hendricks

Kindness Award:

Reighlynn Charles-Elofson

We want to celebrate the following students who had %95 or more attendance for the month of February:

Jaxon Williams
Jaidyn Eastman
Nicole Yazzie
Rayquan James
Tiadosa Tom
Vanna Tom

Addisu Dujue
Zyrriah Lok
Zayne Lok
Violet Austin
Elijah Austin
Dasan Charles-Elofson
Reighlynn Charles-Elofson
Neveah Korsmo
Oosha Goldsbury
Sherri Charles
Lisa Charles
Zachary McGarvie
Frank Bennett
Christopher Bennett
Violet Hendricks
Lilith Hendricks
Jediyah Jackson
Foster Jackson
Huxley Heiner
Rylee Colwell
Ruben Peters
Kaylee Konopatski
Tyler Elofson-Cross
Russell Jackson
Lucien Bolstrom
Jarison Moses
Kamia Jennings
Max Sero
Ciara Charles
Chloe Holloway
Marlei Svec
Luke Bolstrom
Phoenix Charles

Kameron Tinoco
Tydus Woods
Aurelia Dailing
Winter Redner
Brayley Matson
Karleigh Mason
O'Shea Charles
Emma Marquez
Azalynn Lauderback
Braven Little Youngman
James Francis
Austyn Singleton



FISHERIES PROGRAM YOUTH SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES



OUTREACH PROJECT:
COHO SALMON ART
DISPLAYED AT SCHOOL

LOKI ELLIS

"During my time working in this program I have gained an immense amount of knowledge that I will use for the rest of my life and have had experiences that I will never forget. Overall Coho and the Elwha are more to me than just a river and a fish inside of that river but it's a home and a sanctuary for these sacred animals that have swam in this river for hundreds of years."

This Spring, six youth participated in the program, gaining fisheries field science skills and developing outreach projects.

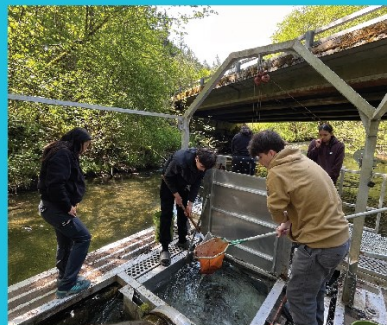


BRIDGET WEED

"I had fun learning how to digitally design posters and coloring pages on what I learned while working with fisheries. I'll remember the fun I had with my peers while checking the screw traps. I learned how to identify salmonid species in the Elwha River and tributaries."



OUTREACH PROJECT: FISH FACTS COLORING
PAGES & MARINE DEBRIS SURVEY



MCKENZIE MOSES

"I believe it is important to learn more about your hometown's environment and that is what this program helped me with. It was a lot of fun to learn about the fish that live in the Elwha River and how to identify them. I had so much fun out in the field, and I really did learn a lot from this program."

OUTREACH PROJECT: CO-CREATING THIS NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION!



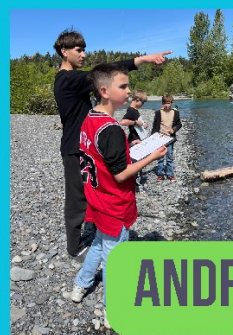
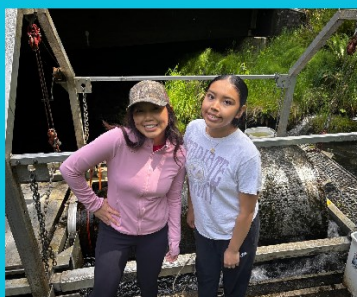
TATUM MOSES

OUTREACH PROJECT: CO-CREATING
THIS NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION!

"I learned a ton from this program. I enjoyed going out into the field counting fish and just being around great people! I would recommend this program for anyone interested in fish, like being outside, or anyone looking for something new to learn about fish or the Elwha River."

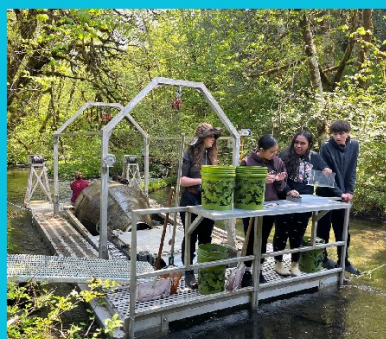


OUTREACH PROJECT:
HABITAT SURVEY ACTIVITY
WITH JEFFERSON
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



ANDREW SURINA

"In the field, we scooped fish into buckets, counted and identified them. I learned what lamprey and sculpin are and noticed that fish like to hide in the debris that collects in the trap."



AUDREY GALES

"My favorite part of this program has been doing all the field work and seeing all the fish. One thing that surprised me during my experience was how many trout are in our river. One thing I learned that I want everyone to know is how to determine fish species."



June 2025 Newsletter

Klallam Strong: Nutrition & Diabetes Newsletter

Dawn Travelstead, RD, MS, CDE, Lower Elwha Health Clinic

In this issue:

- * **Culinary Medicine**
- * **Cancer prevention**
- * **Did you know**
- * **Lower carb intake**

Culinary Medicine: Cancer Prevention

Cancer is a disease of our cells and a healthy immune system can help. We can't control genetics, a clean diet can give us an advantage.

Foods to Decrease:

1. Sugar— especially soda. Limit to < 25 grams a day. Sugar increases weight which increases inflammation and can lead to cancer.
2. Exposure to chemicals.
3. Limit red meat intake and saturated fat.

Foods to Increase:

1. **Cruciferous vegetables (2 cups/week)-** broccoli, cauliflower and bok choy.
2. **Berries— 1-2 cups a week**
3. **Seafood—**tuna, salmon, clams, oysters, halibut
4. **Eat more fiber: grains, fruits and vegies.**
5. **Low glycemic starch like: sweet potatoes, peas, Steel cut oats, quinoa, legumes.**

Modifiable risk factors



Diabetes Update:

- Reducing your daily carbohydrate intake to 130 grams a day can greatly reduce your blood sugars. But not all carbs are created equal. You want to focus on the carbs that have >3 grams of fiber per serving.
- Having 20 grams of protein (3 ounces) at each meal can slow the absorption of carbohydrate, decreasing your blood sugar.

Did you Know?

Kids who are overweight at age 6 are up to twice as likely as peers to be obese once they reach adulthood, according to new research. Food and exercise are so important.

Don't forget to schedule your diabetes quarterly.

If you would like a nutrition session, please call me @ 360-912-1500.



How to get your kids &/or yourself to eat less ultra- processed food.

Facts about ultra-processed food:

- 66% of adolescents and 57% of adults get their daily calories from ultra-processed food.
- Contains 30-50% more sodium.
- You can end up eating 21% more calories than you should.
- You consume more unhealthy fats
- It leads to certain cancers, type 2 diabetes, obesity and more diseases.
- Deficient in fiber, antioxidants and vitamins.

How a company determines if processed food is considered “marketable”.

There is a sensory panel of consumers that base the product on: taste, smell, appearance, texture and sound. The participants rate the food and then adjustments are made in the ingredients to assure greater consumer satisfaction and market success (not for health reasons).

Sources of ultra-processed foods.

Instant noodles , frozen pizza/nuggets, soft drinks , packaged cookies and cakes, hotdogs/ sausage, fast food, salty snacks, frozen meals, deli meats.

Processed foods that are great to use:

Canned vegetables, frozen fruit, roasted nuts, yogurt, cheese, canned fish, canned beans, veggie burgers, Kind nut bars, dried fruit, hummus.

How to make changes

1. Change Your Mind. Educate yourself about the importance of a healthy diet for yourself and your children. Kids today are deficient in calcium, vitamin D, iron, minerals and B vitamins. Unfortunately, many schools do not teach health/nutrition edu-

cation anymore. Think of this motto “Eat to Live, not Live to Eat.”

2. Eat With Your Eyes. When looking at your plate, say to yourself “is there color; think of colors of the rainbow”. Isn’t it better to eat from a plate of BBQ chicken/carrots/ baked potato rather than french fries/fried chicken? Explore by adding berries to pancakes, using berries as the eyes and form a mouth also.
3. Get your kids involved early. Have them wash vegies, pick out a recipe for dinner, and making pizza out of English muffins. Take them grocery shopping with you and learn to read the food labels together.
4. Keep healthy snacks on hand. PBJ sandwich on WW, string cheese, or make a turkey roll up. Fill up on clean whole foods instead of snack food. Chips, soda, and candy will not make you feel full; 2 hours later you are searching for more food; worse yet, you get that afternoon-tired slump or cranky kids.
5. Drink more water. Sports drinks are only necessary for prolonged exercise. If you don’t like water, add lemon or a splash of cranberry juice to it. Carbonated flavored drinks with zero calories are also a great option.
6. Preparing meals ahead of time. Freeze your leftovers and pick recipes with similar ingredients to make shopping easier.
7. Lastly, make changes SLOWLY! Start with eating out less often, buying healthier snacks, or picking out 2 recipes you are willing to make for dinner.

Plan/Shop/Prepare/Enjoy!

July is Disability Pride Month

Disability Pride Month is celebrated every July to honor the history, achievements, experiences and struggles of the disability community in recognition of the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), landmark legislation that broke down barriers to inclusion in society.

Disability Pride Month was officially established in July 2015, on the 25th anniversary of the ADA, by cities across the country with parades, festivals, educational opportunities and advocacy events. Many embrace the idea of disability pride as a grassroots movement challenging systemic ableism and the pervasive stigmatization of disability.

Ableism is the discrimination of and social prejudice against people with disabilities based on the belief that typical abilities are superior. Ableist microaggressions are the everyday slights, indignities and insults that disabled people experience in their day-to-day interactions.

People with disabilities are the largest and most diverse minority within the U.S. population, representing all abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, religions and socioeconomic backgrounds.

According to the CDC, one in four Americans has a disability. Worldwide, about one billion people—or 15% of humanity's population—live with a disability.

Despite this prevalence, stigmas about disabilities and the people who have them are pervasive, and barriers to opportunity and full participation in society exist.

What is the ADA?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects people with disabilities from discrimination. It was signed into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H.W. Bush. July 26 is federally recognized as National

Disability Independence Day.

The law requires employers to provide equal opportunities and benefits to those with disabilities and prohibits companies from not hiring someone based on perceived or actual disability. It also protects those with a history of disability, such as someone who had cancer that is in remission.

The ADA requires employers to offer reasonable accommodation for their employees' disabilities. This might include providing a sign language interpreter or captioner in a virtual meeting, offering multi-sensory learning opportunities or installing wheelchair ramps.

Anywhere the public is welcome, an individual with a disability should also be welcome and able to enter and participate—regardless of mobility aid use, disability or the presence of a service animal.

Modeled on other civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, color, age, national origin or religion, the ADA guarantees Americans with disabilities the right “to equal opportunity.”

In 2008, Congress passed the ADA Amendments Act to modify the narrow way courts were defining disability, refocusing the issue not on what disability is but on whether discrimination occurred.

Indeed, the ADA has become a global model for disability access and inclusion. But despite its anti-discrimination laws and the many examples of institutional and private enterprise initiatives to increase workplace equity and inclusion, disability discrimination still exists—often in the form of ableist microaggressions.

Our society's long history of discrimination against people with disabilities continues to translate to their unemployment and underemployment: the U.S. Bureau of Labor

Statistics found that “across all age groups, persons with disabilities were much less likely to be employed than those with no disabilities.”


The diversity of disabilities

As with all demographic groups, the disability community is not a monolith, but rather a diverse group of people with a wide range of needs. Disability spans all abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, religions and socioeconomic backgrounds and can be seen or unseen. Moreover, people with disabilities may hold dramatically different viewpoints and perspectives from one another on any number of issues and topics.

Mental health disorders are the most prevalent types of disability in the U.S.

Some people with physical disabilities who wear smaller medical devices—such as Type 1 diabetics who wear continuous glucose monitors or insulin pumps—can choose how visible they want their disability to be. The same is true for individuals with any number of disabilities: autoimmune disorders, developmental differences, long COVID, migraines, anxiety, depression, diabetes, PTSD, heart disease, IBS, epilepsy, learning differences, and differences in neurological functioning and sensory perception.

And intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) is an umbrella term for differences, usually present at birth, as diverse as ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, Tourette Syndrome, vision impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Muscular Dystrophy.



Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation specializes in assisting Native Americans experiencing disabilities overcome barriers to employment. If this sounds like you or a loved one, please check us out at:

<https://www.elwha.org/departments/social-services/vocational-rehabilitation-program/>

Applications are available online. Or stop by the Heritage Center or Social Services to meet our staff.



ERC News Letter

July 2025

Promotions:

Monday & Tuesday- **GIFT DAY**

Elwha Reward Member **Invite ONLY**
12pm-8pm
While Supplies Last!

Wednesday- **SENIOR DAY**

Elwha Reward Members **55+ ONLY**
\$50 Hot Seats **11am-5pm**
2x Points All Day
20% OFF Salish Winds when you visit the
Player's Club

Thursday- **Earn & Get**

All Elwha Reward Members
Earn **375pts** to qualify for a
Beach Bog Bag

Friday 25th - **Summer Fun Giveaway**

All Elwha Reward Members
earn 100pts to enter to win a
riding lawn mower, Yeti Cooler,
Grill or \$1,000 CASH!

Friday- **4th of July Hot Seats**

All Elwha Reward Members
Noon-5:30pm
\$100 hot seats every 30min only on the 4th

Events:

Come visit the Salish Winds
Restaurant for live music
@10pm-1am

7/05

DJ High Eagle

7/19

DJ Slump

21+



CLASS of 2025

MarKeith Penn
Neah Bay High School

Class of 2025
Congratulations to MarKeith Penn
With this huge achievement in this thing
called life.
Finishing his senior year with straight A's in
the Neah Bay High School.
Job well done Mister. I can't wait to see
what you accomplish in the next chapter of
your life.
I love you so much.
Love always
Grandma Dorene



Lower Elwha, Washington

July 2025

Dear Community Members,

This letter serves as a reminder of services provided by the 1910 Lower Elwha Shaker Church.

Our 1910 Shaker Church assists with the following:

- Funerals
- Baptisms
- Weddings
- Hospital/Home Visits for Prayer
- Home Shakes/Blessings
- Blessing of Buildings and More

Opening Prayers for Gatherings

For any requests for *Shaker work*, **contact our Church Officers.**

- **Minister:** Jonathan Arakawa – (360) 565-6957
- **Traveling Missionary:** Margaret (Sarge) Sawyer
- Secretary/Treasurer & 1st Elder:** Johanna Bowechop

Our prayers are with our community. God bless you. Masi.

Respectfully,

Jonathan J. Arakawa, Minister

Margaret (Sarge) Sawyer, Traveling Missionary

Johanna F. Bowechop, Secretary/Treasurer & 1st Elder

2025 Service Record	May-25
911 Hang-Up	2
Alarm/Alarm Check	3
Animal Calls	3
Assault	2
Business Check	179
Citizen Assist	4
Citizen Contact/paperwork /	19
Code Enforcement	1
Community Oriented Policing	31
CPS/APS	2
Death investigation	1
Disturbance	4
DUI	1
DV	1
Follow Up	9
Drug Violation	2
Info Misc	5
Vehicle accident	1

Malicious Mischief	3
Mental/ITA	1
Property found	2
Other Agency Assist	8
Patrol Request	87
Prisoner Transport	4
Report of Open Door/Window	3
Stone Garden	13
Suicide/Suicidal	2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	13
Theft	2
Suspicious activity	12
Traffic Stops/Control/Emphasis/ Hazard	60
Trespass	2
Violation of Court Order	4
Welfare Check	3
Warrant Attempts/Arrests	5
Total	494

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

Get free, confidential support whenever you're ready.



Lower Elwha Health Clinic
 243511 Hwy 101 West
 Port Angeles, WA 98363
 (360) 452-6252, Ext. 1
After Hours: (541) 526-9256



Whether you have experienced sexual assault yourself, or want to know more about how to help your child, a friend or someone else, we're here 24/7 with support and information to empower you to take your next steps.

SART Team Members: January Austin, ND; Lillian Easton, ARNP; Melissa Ellis, RN; and Iliana Jones

We provide support and services to youth (18 years and under) in the LEKT Tribal Community, Clallam County and surrounding Tribal Communities. SART can provide pediatric forensic exams, advocacy, support and referrals to youth and families in need of assistance.

2025

Recreation Upcoming Field Trips

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Wild Waves
2nd -6th Grade

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JULY

Shore Aquatic Center
1st -6th Grade

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Wild Waves
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7/1 Recreation Field Trip to Wild Waves
7/4 Fourth of July
7/8 Recreation Field Trip to Shore Aquatic Center
7/10 Recreation Field Trip to Wild Waves
7/15 Recreation Field Trip to Dave & Busters
7/17 Recreation Field Trip to Laurel Lanes
7/31 Canoe Landing in Elwha

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