

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SALISH SEAFOODS COMPANY  
June 24, 2009**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

<b>Dave Lopeman</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Andy Whitener</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Pete Kruger, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Misti Saenz-Garcia</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Marcella Castro</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b>

**Legal Counsel**  
**Executive Director**  
**Deputy Director**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Kevin Lyon**  
**Ray Peters** (*annual leave*)  
**Whitney Jones**  
**Melissa Puhn**

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the June 24<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. Misti Saenz-Garcia added two travel dates and a Cultural Resources request. Misti stated that the Canoe Family cannot make it today. The motion is approved as amended; motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the June 11<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council discussed the Wellness Center Pool maintenance and management. Whitney explained that Discover Aquatics will be hired on contract to train tribal members to run the pool. Discover Aquatics will be on contract for 9 months; allowing time to train tribal members in pool maintenance and safety. TANF will fund this program; since it is designed to train TANF clients. Council will need to continue to look in to ways to fund the pool operations.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**June 25: Council meeting with Nisqually Council.** They will meet at the Red Wind Casino to discuss the planning of the 2012 Canoe Journey.

**June 25: Enterprise for Equity Graduation** at the MLRC

**June 26: Sherriff's Law Enforcement Breakfast.** This will be held at 8am at the Casino. Council is invited to attend.

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**June 26: Mason General Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament.** Misti will participate.

**June 26: Sgwi Gwi** is at 5pm in the Events Center. Council will hand out the incentives.

**July 6: Wellness Center Pool Grand Opening.** Korsmo Construction will BBQ lunch. Everyone is welcome to bring their swim suit. There will be a contest for the first kid in the pool

**July 5-8: Coast Salish Gathering.** Whistler, BC. Pete and Misti will attend.

**July 13-15: NW Indian Gaming Conference (WIGA).** Held at Tulalip. Misti, Marcella & Charlene will attend.

**July 16-17:** Council will meet with Directors to discuss budgets. Council will receive the draft budgets for their review on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**August 7: First Salmon Ceremony,** Arcadia Point. Council discussed the size of the Ceremony; considered holding it for tribal members only. Council decided to keep the Ceremony status quo and discuss possible changes for next year.

**September 22-24: NTGC/R (National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators) Fall Conference,** Tulsa OK,

**October 11-16: National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).** Palm Springs, CA. Dave, Andy, Misti and Pete will attend.

Charlene shared that she was pleased with the turn out for the Meth Walk. She thanked tribal administration for their work in planning the walk and the Youth Health Fair. Marcella commended Law Enforcement for chaperoning the event.

**July 31: All Staff Picnic** in the Legal office lawn.

### ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford handed out the draft Enrollment Ordinance. The Enrollment Committee and Legal have been working on the Ordinance for several months. The committee will continue to tweak the ordinance and will provide a recommendation to Council after a few more meetings.

Tammy reported that the LabCorp Contract has been approved for DNA testing.

Tammy presented the following enrollment resolutions:

**Resolution #09-57** enrolls Gregory Thomas Lehman

**Resolution #09-58** enrolls Benjamin James, Zackary Taylor and Mathew Taylor Sayers

**Resolution #09-59** enrolls Isaiah Lewis Rees

**Resolution #09-60** enrolls Adrianna Hartwell

**Resolution #09-61** enrolls Dennis Lloyd, Daniel Nni and Jeremy Turner Sigo

**Resolution #09-62** enrolls Jaidon Israel Henderson

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Council tabled the enrollment resolution for Arthur Barragan, they requested more information. Council agreed that pending the additional information requested if the applicant is enrolled, the enrollment date will retro back to this date of 6/24/09 in order to meet the cut off for the 6/30/09 enrollment deadline.

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the above listed enrollment resolutions. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Tammy handed out the Agreement with LabCorp and **Resolution #09-63** which states the agreement to enter in to a Contract with Laboratory Corporation of America to provide Laboratory Services according to the contract. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the resolution. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dan provided an update on the contractor selection for the Multi-Family Housing. A Request for Proposal was sent out for this project; named Slocum Ridge III. They had six firms respond with proposals. A scoring system was created to score each firm and the committee narrowed the selection down to a company called JA Morris.

This will be the first construction project after the Green Build Resolution (#09-04) was passed. The construction team will look in to Salmon Safe Certification for this project, as well as Green Build which was created by the Seattle Housing Authority to deal with storm water.

Council wanted to know why they were not involved with the selection process. Dan stated that both Council and the Housing Commission were invited to the meeting but apparently there was conflicting schedules. Council will meet tomorrow at 2pm with the Housing Commission and the Construction Team to go over the six proposals. Dan stressed that the selection process was to choose a contractor and not the housing design.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Joe Peters presented the Annual 2009 Fishing Regulations. The Fish Committee met last week and discussed the changes to the Fishing Regulations pertaining to gear types and gear definitions; those present had no objection. Joe briefed Council on the changes. There was discussion about the opening date. Joe also would like fishermen to be aware of the difference between a wild or farmed coho. Although it is not a regulation yet, NR would hope that the wild coho get released.

Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the 2009 Fishing Regulations. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against (*Marcella was out of the room*). Arnold asked about changing the regulation to state that if a fisherman is caught in closed waters that the boat and all gear be confiscated. Kevin will draft a resolution and present for approval at the next Council meeting. Joe added that their biggest issues is people using too long of nets. Law Enforcement will be out patrolling and is constantly in contact with Natural Resources.

**Aquatics Report:** Jeff Dickison provided an update on the aquatics proposal. There was no consensus at the last meeting regarding allowing new people in to the fishery. Administratively, Natural Resources have limited the number of pounds that divers can take for the year. Should they

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continue maintaining the restricted harvest at 4,575 until additional harvesters are allowed; or remove the administrative restriction so NR can increase the harvest; if that is the case there will be no pounds for new divers. Arnold would like to see the aquatics committee come back next year with a consensus.

Charlene Krise made a motion to continue with the 5,340 per person; by January 31, 2010 Aquatics Committee needs to have a recommendation for Council of how to do next year's regulations pertaining to new members in the fishery, otherwise there will be no fishery for the next year. Council will then have time to review the recommendation for the 2010 regulations.

Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried three (3) in favor, zero (0) against and three (3) abstained from voting.

July 11<sup>th</sup> will be the next Aquatics Community Meeting.

Misti stated that she is willing to give up pounds in order for new divers to enter the fishery.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Whitney Jones handed out the Low Income Energy Program Recovery Act. This is an information sheet for options for weatherization's projects for Council review. Misti stated that there was a meeting at the Casino regarding housing funds that Squaxin Planners did not attend; she wanted to know why. Whitney will look in to it.

Misti asked on behalf of Rhonda Foster about Island access, including commercial access. Council agreed by consensus that there will be no non tribal camping on the Island, including non tribal camping for commercial purposes.

Misti stated that she would like to see Housing compile a description of the rent payment break down and NAHASDA Guidelines. She would like to see an informational piece explaining compliance, purchasing options and the reason rent was increased.

### **LEGAL**

Kevin Lyon reported on the Nisqually v. Gregoire meeting tomorrow at Franks Landing.

Kevin will be at a hunting meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Tulalip. Kevin handed out a draft agenda.

Kevin shared a memo coming out of two court cases; the memo asks if tribal court has the authority to garnish treaty income and per capita payments for child support. Kevin explained the garnishment policy. Council decided to discuss this at a later date.

Kevin provided the draft Probate Code for Councils review.

Kevin handed out a combined tax draft. He compiled all of the taxes on one list; Council will discuss this later.

Kevin provided the cigarette sales and tax code for Council information.

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Kevin updated his progress of the social security issue for the tribal elders. Kevin has designed a program for those who are elders and/or disabled who receive social security benefits. Those individuals would waive their per capita rights; that money would then go in to a fund for the elders/disabled and it would be distributed in the same amount on the same dates of regular per capita. This fund would be a needs based program therefore would not affect individuals' social security benefits. Kevin handed out the policy. Pete Kruger moved to approve this program policy. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against. Dave would like Kevin to look in to the guidelines that define "disabled."

Kevin updated on a court case; executive session. No action taken.

Kevin reported that Phil Anderson is the interim director of Fish and Wildlife. Kevin would like to draft a letter of recommendation from Council to appoint Phil as the Director of Fish and Wildlife. Kevin feels that Phil would be consistent and is known in Indian Country.

Kevin handed out the Squaxin ICW Program Policy Procedure Manual. This is an internal guidebook for the ICW staff which outlines standard operating procedures. This manual will constantly be changed as needed, Legal is editing it now.

Whitney briefly discussed the pool; she asked Council what they thought of allowing non tribal members to use the pool for a fee, but not charging tribal members. Council will discuss this later. In the interim Summer Recreation will use the pool and non tribal youth participating are welcome. Until a decision is made the pool will be used by tribal members, tribal descendants, tribal employees, community members living on the reservation and immediate community members.

As requested, Whitney provided a list of all participants who participated on the orthodontia program. Whitney will check in to the issue of a non tribal member getting orthodontia work.

There being no further business, the June 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.