37th Annual Centennial Accord
Snoqualmie Casino & Hotel
October 12th – 14th, 2026
AGENDA

Monday, October 12 – Governor-Tribal Leaders Conversation

7:00-8:00 am	**Continental Breakfast Provided**
8:00 am	**Call To Order** – *Gordon James, Acting Executive Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA)*
8:05 am	**Posting of the Colors** – *Snoqualmie Honor Guard*
8:10 am	**Invocation** – *Snoqualmie Tribal Elder*
8:15 am	**Chairman's Welcoming Remarks –** *Honorable Robert de los Angeles, Chairman, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe*
8:20 am	**Snoqualmie Tribe Honoring Ceremony**
8:40 am	**Governor's Opening Remarks –** *Honorable Bob Ferguson, Governor, State of Washington*
8:50-10:10 am	**Tribal and State Leaders Introductions** – 2–3 minute introductions (main table)
10:10-10:30am	**State Updates**
10:10 am	**OFM Budget Overview** – *Honorable Bob Ferguson, Governor, State of Washington* *K.D. Chapman-See, Director, Office of Financial Management (OFM)* *Discussion topics may include:* • Climate Commitment Act (CCA) Funding
10:30 am-12:00 pm	**Natural Resources Conversation**
10:30am-10:45am	**Update on Federal Action Impacts on Ecological and Cultural Resources** Moderators: *Dr. Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation* *Discussion topics may include:* • Roadless Rule • Waters of the U.S. • 417 streamlining bill *Questions to consider:*

	• How do current federal policies and actions affect Washington's ecological and cultural resources and the treaty and reserved rights of Tribal Nations, and what does this mean for Tribal sovereignty, resource stewardship, and government-to-government relationships?

10:45 am-12:00 pm	**Salmon Recovery & Integrity + State Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative (STRII) Update**
	Moderators:
	Honorable W. Ron Allen, Chair and CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
	Honorable Kadi Bizyayeva, Vice-Chair, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
	Megan Duffy, Director, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
	Erik Neatherlin, Executive Director, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, (RCO)
	
	Washington's salmon populations continue to decline due to habitat degradation, pollution, climate change, fish passage barriers, predation, and increasing development pressures. Recent federal policy changes and funding uncertainties further challenge recovery efforts.
	
	Achieving sustainable, harvestable salmon populations requires coordinated state, federal, and Tribal action, meaningful Tribal engagement in all areas of recovery and management, stronger habitat protections, and sustained investments.
	
	Questions to consider:
	How can Washington accelerate salmon recovery while meeting growing economic, energy, and population demands; protecting and restoring natural and cultural resources; fulfilling legal obligations; upholding and protecting Tribal Treaty and reserved rights; and respecting the sovereignty, rights, and interests of all Tribes?
	
	Discussion topics may include:
	• Harvest Management/Resource Capacity
	• Hatcheries: Production, Operations & Maintenance
	• Habitat
	  ○ Riparian Protection and Recovery: Roundtable, Balance, Collaboration, Funding
	• Climate Change, Resiliency & Temperature
	• Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force: Implementation of recommendations; full funding of salmon recovery projects that directly benefit Chinook recovery and Southern Resident killer whales
	• Culverts
	• Predation
	  ○ Pinnipeds: additional management flexibility
	  ○ HR 9621 - Northwest Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act of 2026
	• State Trust Water Rights Program
	  ○ Protecting In-Stream Flow; Possible legislation

	• Transmountain/Puget Sound Pipeline • Resilient Columbia Basin and Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative • Upper Columbia Salmon Reintroduction _____ • State Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative (STRII) Update

12:00-1:00 pm	**Lunch Provided – Matriarch Panel** *Blessing of food offered by Snoqualmie Tribal Elder*

1:00-4:15 pm	**Natural Resources Conversation Continued**
1:00-1:45 pm	**Wildfires & Flooding: Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, Response & Recovery** Moderators: *Honorable Cindy Marchand, Chairwoman, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation* *Honorable Anthony Hillaire, Chairman, Lummi Indian Business Council, Lummi Nation* *Robert Ezelle, Director, Emergency Management Division – Washington Military Department* *Discussion topics may include:* • Prevention Efforts • Preparedness Efforts • Response Resources and Activities • Recovery Efforts • Indigenous Stewardship and Tribal-led Natural Efforts and Cultural Practices • Floodplains by Design
1:45-2:55 pm	**Energy Conversation** Moderators: *Honorable Cindy Marchand, Chairwoman, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation* *Honorable Tyson Johnston, 1st Councilman and Self-Governance Executive Director, Quinault Indian Nation* *Kurt Beckett, Chair, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)* *Energy is essential to the well-being and prosperity of the state and Tribal Nations, and together, we have established some ambitious clean energy requirements. The challenge is how to plan, site, and build energy infrastructure in a way that upholds Tribal sovereignty and Treaty and reserved rights; protects natural and cultural resources; and involves Tribes early and meaningfully in decisions.* *Questions to consider:* • How does the state ensure that clean energy siting truly honors Tribal sovereignty and protects natural and cultural resources, rights, and interests?

	• What can the state do to truly recognize and honor those resources, rights, and interests so that energy developers embody lessons learned from the past (*e.g.*, dams, Hanford)?
	• As the federal government takes actions to deregulate, weaken, or eliminate regulations on the development of facilities and protecting cultural and historic resources, what can the state do to ensure that Washington's resources and Tribal rights and interests are, in fact, protected?
	• How can Washington and Tribal Nations work together to meet our shared energy and climate needs, better avoid impacts proactively, and create fairer ways to share in the benefits and costs?
	• Who is generating power and where is it being generated?
	• Who is using power and where is it being used?
	• How do we work together?
	  ○ Requiring Tribal consultation on state energy projects
	  ▪ What does this look like when working with private energy developers?
	  ▪ What do Tribal Nations need from the state prior to and during siting decisions?
	  ▪ How can Tribes access more capacity support from the state to meaningfully participate in energy siting/development conversation?
	  ▪ Can the state and Tribes continue this dialogue with the Governor in the form of an "energy summit" to co-author and/or respond to overarching policy objectives?
	  ○ Tribal benefit agreements for projects
	  ○ Locating generation assets
	  ○ Getting power to where it is needed
	  ○ Improving state legislation

2:55-3:05 pm	**BREAK**
3:05-4:15 pm	**Energy (continued)** *The Pacific Northwest faces a growing resource shortfall starting in 2026 and expanding by 2035 due to rapid load growth and coal plant retirements.* *Questions to consider:* • How does Washington achieve its climate objectives in a manner that simultaneously maintains reliable and affordable energy, fulfills its government-to-government obligations, protects treaty and reserved rights, and safeguards cultural and ecological resources? • How do the state and Tribes work together to address the unprecedented infrastructure building boom that may be necessary to resolve the challenges posed by resource adequacy and energy transition? **Cultural Resources and Energy**

	Commentators: Honorable Kris Peters, Chairman, Squaxin Island Tribe and Dr. Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
4:15-4:30pm	**Debrief and Next Steps**
4:30 pm	**Adjourn**

5:00-5:30 pm	**Indigenous People's Day Panel (All Invited)** *Hosted by the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe* Snoqualmie Casino Ballroom

5:30-7:30pm	**Governor-Tribal Chairs Dinner (Private Event)** Governor and Tribal Chairs (or designee) *(One Tribal Elected Official per Tribe)* Salish Lodge, Cliffside Ballroom *Please RSVP to mystique.hurtado@goia.wa.gov

Tuesday, October 13 – Governor-Tribal Leaders Conversation (Until 2pm)

7:00-8:00 am	**Continental Breakfast Provided**
8:00 am	**Call To Order** – *Gordon James, Acting Executive Director, GOIA*
8:05 am	**Opening Prayer** – *Snoqualmie Tribal Elder*
8:10 am	**Chairman's Opening Remarks** – *Honorable Robert de los Angeles, Chairman, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe*
8:15 am	**Governor's Opening Remarks –** *Honorable Bob Ferguson, Governor, State of Washington*
8:20-11:15 am	**Health & Social Services Conversation**
8:20-9:50 am	**Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council (GIHAC) Discussion of Priority Issues** Moderators: *Honorable Monica Tonasket, Secretary, Spokane Tribe of Indians* *Honorable Steve Kutz, Councilmember, Cowlitz Indian Tribe* *Honorable Dayna Seymour, Councilmember, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation* *Dennis Worsham, Secretary, Department of Health* *Angela Ramirez, Secretary, Department of Social and Health Services* *Ryan Moran, DrPH, MHSA, Director, Health Care Authority* *Discussion topics may include:* • H.R. 1 & Rural Health Transformation Program • Washington State Tribal Opioid Task Force Priorities • Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery – Wildfires, Flooding, and Energy Crisis *Update* • Traditional Health Care Practices – 1115 Waiver
9:50-11:15 am	**Governor and Tribal Leader's Social Services Council (GTLSSC) Discussion of Priority Issues** Moderators: *Honorable Loni Greninger, Vice Chair, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe* *Honorable Monica Tonasket, Secretary, Spokane Tribe of Indians* *Honorable Steve de los Angeles, Councilmember, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe* *Angela Ramirez, Secretary, Department of Social and Health Services* *Jenny Heddin, Chief Programming Officer, Department of Children, Youth, & Families* *Alden Andy (Yakama Nation Citizen), Director of the Office of Tribal Relations, Department of Commerce* *Discussion topics may include:* • Tribal General Welfare Benefits & SNAP Geographic Waiver • DCYF Regional Realignment *Updates* • Pre-Legislative Session Work on ICWA & WICWA • Housing Trust Fund

	• Department of Corrections – Tribal engagement on *Religious Programs*, and *Cultural Events and Activities* for AI/ANs while in the care and custody of the state ○ Need to also increase cultural protections within DCYF youth rehabilitation centers
11:15-11:30 am	**Group Photo – Governor and Elected Tribal Leaders**

11:30-12:30 pm	**Lunch Provided** *Blessing of food offered by Snoqualmie Tribal Elder*

12:30 pm	**Call To Order** – *Gordon James, Acting Executive Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA)*
12:35-1:45 pm	**Economies Conversation**

12:35-1:45 pm	Moderators:
	Honorable Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe
	Honorable Josh Gabel, Treasurer, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
	John Ryser, Acting Director, Washington State Department of Revenue
	
	Discussion topics may include:
	• Data Centers
	• Millionaire's Tax
	• Prediction Markets
	• Tribal fish economies
	• State-Tribal Taxation
	• Transportation – Roads and Ferries
	  ○ Growth is not meeting demand
	  ○ How do we work together to dedicate funding to address both urban and rural infrastructure?

1:45-2:00 pm	**Governor's Reflections & Acknowledgements**
2:00-2:15 pm	**BREAK – THE GOVERNOR DEPARTS AT 2 PM**
2:15-2:45 pm	**Attorney General - Tribal Leader Roundtable**
	Moderators: *Honorable Nick Brown, Attorney General, State of Washington* *Honorable Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe*
2:15-2:45 pm	The Attorney General will engage with Tribal leaders on current issues of mutual interest and hear directly from Tribes about priorities, concerns, and opportunities for collaboration.
2:45-4:15 pm	**Education Conversation**
2:45-4:15 pm	Moderators: *Honorable Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe* *Honorable Monica Tonasket, Secretary, Spokane Tribe of Indians* *Susan Lathrop, Chief Education Officer, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction*

	Discussion topics may include: • Report-out on the John McCoy (Lulilaš) Since Time Immemorial (JMLSTI) basic education compliance • Share rising reports • Education workforce • WACs being misinterpreted – Need clarification from Tribal leaders • Budget impacts • Federal Administration Policies impact on the Department of Education • Legislation related to the smudge policy
4:15-4:30 pm	**Debrief and Next Steps**
4:30 pm	**Adjourn**

5:30-7:30 pm	**Culture Night – Traditional Foods, Songs, and Storytelling** *Hosted by the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe*

<u>Wednesday, October 14</u> – State Agency-Tribal Leaders Conversation

7:30-8:30 am	**Continental Breakfast Provided**
8:30 am	**Call To Order** – *Gordon James, Acting Executive Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA)*
8:35 am	**Opening Prayer** – *Snoqualmie Tribal Elder*
8:40 am	**Chairman's Welcoming Remarks** – *Honorable Robert de los Angeles, Chairman, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe*
8:45-12:00 pm	**STATE AGENCY TRIBAL LEADER NATURAL RESOURCES WORK SESSIONS**
8:45-9:30 am	**Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Tribal Leader Roundtable** Moderators: *Honorable Cindy Marchand, Chairwoman, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation* *Honorable Dave Upthegrove, Commissioner of Public Lands, Washington State Department of Natural Resources* *Discussion topics may include:* • Formalize a process for pre-harvest Tribal access for cultural practices on DNR timber sales • Forest health funding • Cross-jurisdictional relationships and planning: Federal, State, Tribal ○ Funding to improve access to wildland fire training programs for Tribes and Tribal employees • DNR Trust Land Transfer • Co-Stewardship • DNR Interim Tribal Consultation Guidelines Update

9:30-12:00 pm	**Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Tribal Leader Roundtable**
	Moderators:
	Honorable Kadi Bizyayeva, Vice-Chair, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
	Kelly Susewind, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
	Discussion topics may include:
	• Acknowledgement and Respect of Co-Management Authority
	  ○ Tribes are not stakeholders
	  ○ Tribes are sovereign nations with equal legal authority
	• Enforcement and Monitoring
	  ○ Staffing
	  ○ Creel Surveys
	  ○ In-Season Management
	  ○ Shellfish
	• Hatchery Production

	○ How do WDFW and Tribes work together to manage hatchery production so that we maintain production levels while also addressing other salmon recovery challenges such as habitat loss, climate change, fish passage, industrial practices, and water quality? • Riparian Loss: Enforcement of protections along riverbanks • Climate Change and Stream Temperature Response ○ How do WDFW and Tribes work together to close rivers to protect heat-stressed salmon responsibly?

12:00-1:00 pm	**Lunch Provided** *Blessing of food offered by Snoqualmie Tribal Elder*

1:00 pm	**Call To Order** – *Gordon James, Acting Executive Director, GOIA*
1:05-4:30 pm	**Natural Resources Continued**
1:05-2:30 pm	**Natural Resources Tribal Leader Roundtable (continued)** *Discussion may include (continued):* • WDFW/Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation Fishing Permits • Predator Management (WDFW) ○ What does coordination between state, federal, and Tribal land managers look like concerning wolves and cougars? ○ What does a long-term remedy look like that serves both state and Tribal interests? ○ Downlisting wolves • Ungulate Management (WDFW) • Tribal Hunting & Wildlife Management (WDFW & DNR) ○ How do WDFW and DNR plan to address enforcement practices when WDFW and DNR enforcement are unable to recognize Tribal hunting tags or Treaty and reserved boundaries? ○ How do WDFW and Tribes work together to craft and implement wildlife management policies that include Traditional Ecological Knowledge? • Private industrial timber – access and enforcement (WDFW)
2:30-2:45 pm	**BREAK**
2:45-4:15 pm	**Water Quality and Quantity** Moderators: *Honorable Cindy Marchand, Chairwoman, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation* *Casey Sixkiller, Director, Washington State Department of Ecology* *Discussion topics may include:* • Washington's Water Future: statewide initiative led by the Governor and the Washington State Department of Ecology to help Washington prepare for growing water challenges. Tools include:

	○ Aquifer recharge ○ Reclaimed water ○ Water storage ○ Conservation and efficiency ○ Wetland restoration ○ Floodplain restoration ○ Resilience These tools can help communities adapt, improve water reliability, support habitat, protect Tribal Treaty and reserved rights, and strengthen long-term watershed health. • State Trust Water Rights Program: a program managed by the Washington state Department of Ecology to hold, protect, and transfer water rights for instream flows, environmental restoration, or alternative out-of-stream uses without risk of relinquishment or forfeiture.
4:15-4:30 pm	**Debrief, Next Steps, Reflections & Acknowledgement** Concluding Remarks – *Gordon James, Acting Executive Director, GOIA*
4:30 pm	**Closing Protocol** • Concluding Remarks – *Snoqualmie Tribal Council Member* • Closing Prayer – *Snoqualmie Tribal Elder* • Retirement of Colors – *Snoqualmie Honor Guard*
5:00 pm	**Adjourn**