

36th Annual Centennial Accord

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October 20-23, 2025

AGENDA

Monday, October 20

➤ Virtual – Tribal Leaders/Staff, Agency Leaders/Staff, State Tribal Liaisons

Times are approximate

8:00-9:00am	Tribal Leader Caucus – if needed
9:00am	Call To Order – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA)</i>
9:05am	Opening Prayer – <i>Tanna Engdahl, Cowlitz Tribal Elder & Spiritual Leader</i>
9:10am	Welcoming Remarks and Land Acknowledgement – <i>Honorable William “Bill” Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i>
9:15-12:30pm	Education Conversation
	Moderated by: <i>Honorable Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe</i> <i>Henry Strom, Assistant Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Office of Native Education (ONE)</i>
9:15am	Welcome Remarks & Leadership Introductions
9:30am	"The State-Tribal Relationship and Its Impact on Education"
	• Tribal Leader Priorities/Challenges in Education (15 min) – <i>Honorable Chairman Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribe</i> • Tribal Education Leaders Summit Highlights (10 min) – <i>Henry Strom, OSPI ONE, Tammy James, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Dr. Zoe Higheagle Strong, Washington State University</i> ○ Discussion with Tribal leaders (15 min) ○ <i>In what ways does the TELS report reflect the educational priorities, values, and needs of your community, and what recommendations would you offer to ensure future efforts are more aligned with your Nation’s vision for education?</i> • Native Education Opportunity Gap Study (10 min) – <i>Dr. Zoe Higheagle Strong, WSU</i> ○ Discussion with Tribal leaders (15 min)
10:35am	BREAK
10:45am	Education Breakout Sessions
	• Early Learning – <i>Tara Evans, Spokane Tribe of Indians, 477 Family Child Care and Assistance Program Senior Manager, Nigel Lawrence, M.Ed., Facilitator/Trainer, SaltFire, Wendy Thomas, Department of Children Youth & Families, Office of Tribal Relations</i> ○ Impacts of state budget cuts on Tribal early learning ○ Elimination of TELF funds ○ Language education funding ○ Tribal consultation ○ Tribal legislative priorities • K-12 – <i>Tammy James, Employment & Education Director, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Henry Strom, OSPI ONE</i> ○ Impacts of the Trump administration on Native education ○ Student data, accountability & Tribal partnerships ○ Report from OSPI – student data – <i>Henry Strom, OSPI ONE</i>

	○ State board of education update – <i>Randy Spaulding, SBE Director, Anna Ricks, SBE Tribal Liaison & Community Engagement Coordinator</i> ○ Tribal language revitalization – strengthening our identity ○ Tribal legislative priorities ● Higher Education – <i>Honorable Chairman Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribe, Dr. Zoe Higheagle Strong, Washington State University</i> ○ Tribal colleges economic impact study – <i>Dr. Lexie Tom, President, Northwest Indian College</i> ○ State relationships with Tribal colleges – <i>Dr. Lexie Tom, President, Northwest Indian College</i> ○ Data highlights ○ Smudging policy – <i>Maya Esquivido-Strom, Director of Tribal Government Affairs, Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges, Naomi Bender, Director of Tribal Relations, Spokane Colleges</i> ○ DEI and sovereignty impacts on higher education ○ Tribal legislative priorities	
12:15pm	Debrief and Next Steps	Moderators

12:30-1:30pm	Lunch Break	
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1:25pm	Call To Order – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs</i>	
1:30-4:30pm	Tribal-State Governments & Economies Conversation	
	Moderated by: <i>Honorable William “Bill” Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i> <i>Honorable Josh Gabel, Treasurer, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe</i> <i>Nathan Bays, Deputy Policy Director, Governor’s Office</i>	
1:30pm	Welcome Remarks & Leadership Introductions	
1:45pm	"The State-Tribal Relationship and Its Impact on Our Governments and Economies"	
	● How is the State-Tribal relationship impacting your government and economy? (For both Tribes and State) ● What are successes? ● What areas need improvement? ● How can we work together to improve our government-to-government relationship and economies? ● <i>What specific actions will we take to improve our government-to-government relationship and strengthen our economies?</i>	
2:45pm	BREAK	
3:00pm	Discussion topics may include: ● State/federal budget impacts ● Mutual impacts of federal actions ● Tribal-state compacts ● Taxation ● Canadian border impacts ● Tribal-state economic development ● <i>What specific actions will we take to address each topic area?</i>	
4:15pm	Debrief and Next Steps	Moderators
4:30pm	Adjourn	

Tuesday, October 21

➤ ***For this session only, due to limited space availability:***

- *In-person: Up to 2 Tribal representatives per Tribe*
- *Virtual: All other participants*

Times are approximate

7:25-8:25am	Breakfast on your own
8:25am	Call To Order – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs</i>
8:30am	Opening Prayer – <i>Tanna Engdahl, Cowlitz Tribal Elder & Spiritual Leader</i>
8:35am	Welcoming Remarks – <i>Honorable William “Bill” Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i>
8:40-12:00pm	Health & Social Services Conversation
	Moderated by: <i>Honorable Steve Kutz, Councilmember, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i> <i>Honorable Loni Greninger, Vice Chair, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe</i> <i>Tim Lang, Secretary, Washington State Department of Corrections</i> <i>Colleen F. Cawston, Tribal Relations Director, Washington State Department of Corrections</i> <i>Dr. Ryan Moran, Director, Health Care Authority</i> <i>Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator, Health Care Authority</i>
8:40am	Welcome & Leadership Introductions
8:55am	"The State-Tribal Relationship and Its Impact on Health & Social Services"
	• How would you describe the current State-Tribal relationship? • What's working well? • What would you like to see changed? • How can we work together more effectively?
10:00am	Impacts of State Budget Crisis and Federal Actions
	Discussion topics may include: • State budget impacts on Tribes and the State • Impacts of federal actions on Tribes and the State • Layoffs at state and federal levels impacting services • Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) Changes • <i>How can we work together to address these impacts?</i> • Create a Governor’s Office workgroup on provisions in HR1– and implementation timeline
10:45am	BREAK
11:00am	Governor’s Indian Health Advisory Council (GIHAC) Update – <i>Vicki Lowe, Executive Director, American Indian Health Commission (AIHC)</i> • WA State Tribal Opioid Task Force Update ○ Legislative priorities from the Tribal Opioid/Fentanyl Summit ○ State declaration of emergency ○ Community priorities ○ Working together better with state law enforcement, military • MMIWP • Washington State Truth and Reconciliation Tribal Advisory Committee • Washington Health Benefit Exchange Update
11:30am	Governor and Tribal Leader Social Services Council (GTLSSC) Update – <i>Honorable Vice Chair Loni Greninger, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe</i> • Introduction of GOIA’s new Health and Social Services Policy & Legislative Affairs Director

	• Brief GTLSSC Overview • Goals of the GTLSSC ○ Cross agency collaboration ○ Aligning social services and health care ○ Consolidating meetings • Seeking ways to expand to include agencies related to social services ○ Veteran's Administration ○ Washington State Patrol ○ Military ○ Attorney General's Office - MMIWP	
12:00pm	Debrief and Next Steps	Moderators

12:15-1:15pm	Lunch Provided <i>Blessing of food offered by Tanna Engdahl</i>	
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1:15pm	Call To Order – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs</i>	
1:15-4:45pm	Natural & Cultural Resources Conversation	
	Moderated by: <i>Honorable Jim Peters, Secretary, Squaxin Island Tribal Council</i> <i>Honorable Cindy Marchand, Secretary, Colville Business Council</i> <i>Gordon James, Training and Special Projects Manager, GOIA</i> <i>JT Austin, Natural Resources Policy and Legislative Affairs Director, GOIA</i>	
1:15pm	Welcome & Introductions	
1:30pm	"The State-Tribal Relationship and Its Impact on Natural and Cultural Resources"	
	• Reenvisioning the Centennial Accord • Setting the Table: What do we want to get out of the meeting today? • Meeting Framework • Discussion Questions: ○ How would you describe the current State-Tribal relationship in natural resources? ○ What is working well? ○ What isn't working well? ○ What would you like to see changed? ○ How can we work together more effectively?	
3:00pm	BREAK	
3:15pm	<i>We respectfully call your attention to the virtual Tribal-State Governments & Economies Conversation on Monday, October 20th from 1:30 – 4:30 PM, where State/Federal Budget Impacts is a stand-alone agenda item.</i> Discussion topics may include (the issues below are suggestions and not a list meant to exclude or limit the discussion): ○ Natural resources governance ○ Co-manager-led salmon recovery ○ State-Tribal recreation impacts initiative ○ State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) Categorical Exemption ○ Clean energy siting ○ Identification of other priorities for future discussion • Commitments: Identify actions the state and Tribes will take in the coming year	
4:30pm	Debrief and Next Steps	Moderators
4:45pm	Adjourn	

5:30-7:30pm	Governor-Tribal Chairs Reception and Dinner Governor and Tribal Chairs (or designee) <i>(One Tribal Elected Official per Tribe)</i> <i>Blessing of food offered by Tanna Engdahl</i> Served in Elderberry, Camas, and Bear Grass Rooms
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Wednesday, October 22 – Governor-Tribal Leaders Conversation

- *In-person attendance is available for all participants. Virtual option is also available.*
- *Participants: Tribal Leaders/Staff, Agency Leaders/Staff, State Tribal Liaisons.*
- *State Cabinet agency leadership and Tribal Liaisons are requested to attend in-person.*
- *All other state agencies and Tribal Liaisons are strongly encouraged to attend in-person.*

Times are approximate

7:00-8:00am	Continental Breakfast Provided
8:00am	Call To Order – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs</i>
8:10am	Warrior Song – <i>Cowlitz Indian Tribe Drummers & Singers</i> Posting of the Colors – <i>Cowlitz Indian Tribe Honor Guard</i>
8:25am	Invocation – <i>Tanna Engdahl, Cowlitz Tribal Elder & Spiritual Leader</i>
8:30am	Chairman’s Welcoming Remarks – <i>Honorable William “Bill” Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i>
8:45am	Governor’s Opening Remarks – <i>Honorable Bob Ferguson, Governor, State of Washington</i>
9:00am	Tribal Leaders Introductions – <i>2–3-minute Tribal leader introductions (main table)</i>
10:00am	BREAK
10:20-11:45am	State-Tribal Relationship Conversation
	Moderated by: <i>Honorable William “Bill” Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i> <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs</i>
10:20am	Introduction to Today’s Conversation – <i>Tim Reynon, GOIA</i>
10:30am	Assessing the Current Relationship
	• How would you describe the current State-Tribal relationship? • What do we have in common? • What are our shared strengths and values? • How are the Centennial Accord and Millennium Agreement working for you? • What's working well and what's not?

11:45-12:45pm	Lunch Provided <i>Blessing of food offered by Tanna Engdahl</i>
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12:45pm	Call To Order – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, GOIA</i>
12:45-4:30pm	State-Tribal Relationship Conversation - continued
12:45pm	Envisioning the Future Relationship
	• What does the ideal State-Tribal relationship look like? • What would you like to see changed? • How can we work together more effectively? • If there was one thing you would like to see this administration accomplish, what would it be?
2:15pm	BREAK and GROUP PHOTO • Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Elected Tribal Leaders
2:45pm	Planning for Success
	• How can we work together to make these changes a reality? • What specific actions do we need to take to improve our government-to-government relationship and make this vision for State-Tribal relationship a reality?

4:00pm	Debrief and Next Steps	Moderators
4:15pm	Adjourn	

5:00-7:00pm	Culture Night Presented by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Culture Program Join us as the Cowlitz Indian Tribe graciously shares their traditional foods, songs, dances, and stories
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Thursday, October 23 – Tribal Leader-Governor Areas of Interests Conversations

- *In-person attendance is available for all participants. Virtual option is also available.*
- *Participants: Same as October 22*

Times are approximate

7:00-8:00am	Continental Breakfast Provided
8:00am	Call To Order – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs</i>
8:05am	Opening Prayer – <i>Tanna Engdahl, Cowlitz Tribal Elder & Spiritual Leader</i>
8:10am	Welcoming Remarks – <i>Honorable William “Bill” Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i>
8:15-9:35am	Health & Social Services Conversation
	Led by: <i>Honorable Steve Kutz, Councilmember, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i> <i>Honorable Loni Greninger, Vice Chair, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe</i> <i>Tim Lang, Secretary, Washington State Department of Corrections</i> <i>Dr. Ryan Moran, Director, Health Care Authority</i>
8:15am	Brief Recap of Pre-Meeting Conversation and Discussion of Priority Issues <i>Discussion topics may include:</i> • Federal-state impacts • State budget crisis • How do we work together more effectively? • Specific actions discussed and commitments made to address each issue.
9:35am	BREAK
9:50-11:10am	Natural & Cultural Resources Conversation
	Led by: <i>Honorable Jim Peters, Secretary, Squaxin Island Tribal Council</i> <i>Honorable Cindy Marchand, Secretary, Colville Business Council</i> <i>Gordon James, Training and Special Projects Manager, GOIA</i> <i>JT Austin, Natural Resources Policy and Legislative Affairs Director, GOIA</i>
9:50am	Brief Recap of Pre-Meeting Conversation and Discussion of Priority Issues <i>Discussion topics may include:</i> • Natural resources governance • Co-manager-led salmon recovery • State-Tribal recreation impacts initiative • State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) Categorical Exemption • Clean energy siting • Identification of actions items and future discussions

11:10-12:10pm	Lunch Provided Blessing of food offered by Tanna Engdahl
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12:05pm	Call To Order – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs</i>
12:10-1:30pm	Education Conversation
	Led by: <i>Honorable Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe</i> <i>Henry Strom, Assistant Superintendent, OSPI Office of Native Education</i>

12:00pm	Brief Recap of Pre-Meeting Conversation and Discussion of Priority Issues <i>Discussion topics may include:</i> • Early Learning • K-12 • Higher Education • Specific actions discussed and commitments made to address each issue
1:30pm	BREAK
1:45-3:05pm	Tribal-State Governments & Economies Conversation
	Led by <i>Honorable William “Bill” Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i> <i>Honorable Josh Gabel, Treasurer, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe</i> <i>Deputy Policy Director Nathan Bays, Governor’s Office</i>
1:45pm	Brief Recap of Pre-Meeting Conversation and Discussion of Priority Issues <i>Discussion topics may include:</i> • State/Federal Budget Impacts • Tribal-State Compacts • Taxation • Canadian Border Impacts on Tribal Tourism • Specific actions discussed and commitments made to address each issue
3:05pm	Debrief and Next Steps – <i>Tim Reynon, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs</i>
3:15pm	Governor’s Reflections & Acknowledgement • Concluding Remarks – <i>Honorable Bob Ferguson, Governor, State of Washington</i> • Presentation of Gifts to Tribal Representatives
3:30pm	Closing Protocol • Concluding Remarks – <i>Honorable William “Bill” Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe</i> • Benediction – <i>Tanna Engdahl, Cowlitz Tribal Elder & Spiritual Leader</i> • Warrior Song – <i>Cowlitz Indian Tribe Drummers & Singers</i> • Retirement of Colors – <i>Cowlitz Indian Tribe Honor Guard</i>
3:45pm	Adjourn