



Tribal Engagement Plan Go East Corp Landfill Site

**4330 108th Street SE, Everett, Snohomish County
Facility Site ID: 2708, Cleanup Site ID: 4294**

Solid Waste Management Program, Northwest Region

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Document Information

This document is available on the Department of Ecology's [Go East Corp Landfill cleanup site page](#).¹

Related Information

- Facility Site ID: 2708
- Cleanup Site ID: 4294

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¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4294>

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Solid-waste-litter/Solid-waste>

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Who-we-are/Our-Programs/Toxics-Cleanup>

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Accountability-transparency/Our-website/Accessibility>

Tribal engagement in contamination cleanup

The purpose of this Tribal Engagement Plan is for the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) to invite affected Tribes as sovereign nations to learn about and consider their rights and interests for Ecology-conducted and Ecology-supervised cleanup sites.

Ecology's goal is to provide timely information, effective communication, continuous opportunities for collaboration, and when necessary, government-to-government consultation, as appropriate for each cleanup site.

Site information

Go East Corp Landfill Site
4330 108th Street SE
Everett, WA, 98208

This is an Ecology-supervised cleanup site

Facility Site ID: 2708, Cleanup Site ID: 4294

Ecology's [Go East Corp Landfill cleanup site page](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4294)⁵

Tribes

Ecology identified the following Tribes as potentially affected by site contamination and cleanup:

- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
- Suquamish Tribe
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Tulalip Tribes

⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4294>

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

39015 172nd Avenue SE
Auburn, WA 98092

<https://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/>

Preferred Communication:

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe would prefer communication through email. All initial contact should be sent to:

Talise Rey, Habitat Program Assistant Director, talise.rey@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Kelsey van der Elst, Fisheries Division, kelsey.vanderelst@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Formal engagement should be sent to:

Jason Schaffler, Fisheries Director, jason.schaffler@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Kelsey van der Elst, Fisheries Division, kelsey.vanderelst@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Lower Duwamish Waterway engagement should be sent to:

Talise Rey, Habitat Program Assistant Director, talise.rey@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Kelsey van der Elst, Fisheries Division, kelsey.vanderelst@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Eric Warner, eric.warner@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Policy topics:

Kelsey van der Elst, Fisheries Division, kelsey.vanderelst@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Current Engagement Actions:

- Invite Muckleshoot Indian Tribe as early as possible in the cleanup process to share and discuss information about the site and to understand the Tribes' concerns.
- Provide a copy of the Tribal Engagement Plan to Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for review and comment.
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, at any time, may propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Framework.
- Notify Muckleshoot Indian Tribe when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process, including Remedial Investigation Work Plans (see Table 1).
- Communicate project timelines, review timeframes, and comment period deadlines.

- Provide Muckleshoot Indian Tribe at least as much time to offer input as provided to the public in each stage in the process, when possible, more time will be provided (30 extra days).
- Meet with Muckleshoot Indian Tribe quarterly for updates on sites in the Lower Duwamish Waterway, and other sites that may be of interest to the Tribe.
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process.
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from Muckleshoot Indian Tribe what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- Ecology will meet with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe annually to assess and make adjustments as needed to the engagement process.
- If Muckleshoot Indian Tribe requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process.

Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe

5318 Chief Brown Lane
Darrington, WA 98241

<https://www.sauk-suiattle.com/>

Preferred Communication:

Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe would prefer communication through email. These are the preferred contacts:

Scott Morris, Water Quality Coordinator, smorris@sauk-suiattle.com

Grant Kirby, Fisheries Program Manager, gkirby@sauk-suiattle.com

Kevin Joseph, Cultural Resources, kjoseph@sauk-suiattle.com

Current Engagement Actions:

- Invite Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe as early as possible in the cleanup process to share and discuss information about the site and to understand the Tribes' concerns.
- Provide a copy of the Tribal Engagement Plan to Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe for review and comment.
- Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, at any time, may propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Plan.
- Notify Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process, including Remedial Investigation Work Plans, see Table 1.
- Provide Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe at least as much time to submit input as offered to the public in each stage in the process, when possible, more time will be provided (30 extra days).
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process including communicating project timelines, reviewing timeframes, and comment period deadlines.
- Meet with the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe to assess and make adjustments to the engagement process on an annual basis.
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- If Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process.

Snoqualmie Indian Tribe

P.O. Box 969
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

<https://snoqualmietribe.us/>

Preferred Communication:

Snoqualmie Indian Tribe would prefer communication through email. All initial contact and formal engagement should be sent to:

Matthew Baerwalde, Senior Environmental Policy Analyst, mattb@snoqualmietribe.us

Environmental Review Team, enrreview@snoqualmietribe.us

Current Engagement Actions:

- Invite Snoqualmie Indian Tribe as early as possible in the cleanup process to share and discuss information about the site and to understand the Tribes' concerns.
- Provide a copy of the Tribal Engagement Plan to Snoqualmie Indian Tribe for review and comment.
- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, at any time, may propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Plan.
- Notify Snoqualmie Indian Tribe when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process, including Remedial Investigation Work Plans, see Table 1.
- Provide Snoqualmie Indian Tribe at least as much time to submit input as offered to the public in each stage in the process, when possible, more time will be provided (30 extra days).
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process including communicating project timelines, reviewing timeframes, and comment period deadlines.
- Meet with Snoqualmie Indian Tribe upon request.
- Adjustments to the engagement process will be made as needed, when Snoqualmie Indian Tribe or Ecology identifies a need.
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from Snoqualmie Indian Tribe what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- If Snoqualmie Indian Tribe requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process.

Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians

PO Box 277
Arlington, WA 98223-0277

<https://www.stillaguamish.com/>

Preferred Communication:

Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians would prefer communication through email. These are the preferred contacts:

Jody Brown, Water Resources Program Manager, jbrown@stillaguamish.com

Rainer Luhrs, National Resources Technician Specialist 2, rluhrs@stillaguamish.com

And CC'ed to:

Sara Thitipraserth, Natural Resources Director, sthitipra@stillaguamish.com

Current Engagement Actions:

- Invite Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians as early as possible in the cleanup process to share and discuss information about the site and to understand the Tribes' concerns.
- Provide a copy of the Tribal Engagement Plan to Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians for review and comment.
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, at any time, may propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Plan.
- Notify Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process, including Remedial Investigation Work Plans, see Table 1.
- Provide Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians at least as much time to submit input as offered to the public in each stage in the process, when possible, more time will be provided (30 extra days).
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process including communicating project timelines, reviewing timeframes, and comment period deadlines.
- Meet with the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians to assess and make adjustments to the engagement process when needed.
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- If Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process.

Suquamish Tribe

PO Box 498
Suquamish, WA 98392-0498

<https://suquamish.nsn.us/>

Preferred Communication:

Suquamish Tribe would prefer communication through email. These are the preferred contacts:

Alison O’Sullivan, Ecosystem Recovery Program Manager, aosullivan@suquamish.nsn.us

Denice Taylor, Senior Biologist, dtaylor@suquamish.nsn.us

Shawn Block, Superfund Sites Project Manager, sblocker@suquamish.nsn.us

Current Engagement Actions:

- Invite Suquamish Tribe as early as possible in the cleanup process to share and discuss information about the site and to understand the Tribes’ concerns.
- Provide a copy of the Tribal Engagement Plan to Suquamish Tribe for review and comment.
- Suquamish Tribe, at any time, may propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Plan.
- Notify Suquamish Tribe when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process, including Remedial Investigation Work Plans, see Table 1.
- Provide Suquamish Tribe at least as much time to submit input as offered to the public in each stage in the process, when possible, more time will be provided (30 extra days prior to public comment period).
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process including communicating project timelines, reviewing timeframes, and comment period deadlines.
- Email the Suquamish Tribe to assess and make adjustments to the engagement process on an annual basis and offer a meeting if needed.
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from Suquamish Tribe what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- If Suquamish Tribe requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process.

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

11404 Moorage Way
La Conner, WA 98257

<https://www.swinomish-nsn.gov/>

Preferred Communication:

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community would prefer communication through email. The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community would like all emails sent to:

Catey Ritchie, Environmental Manager, [critchie@swinomish-nsn.us](mailto:critchier@swinomish-nsn.us)

Swinomish Environmental Protection, Outreach, dep@swinomish-nsn.us

Todd Mitchell, Director, tmitchell@swinomish-nsn.us

Current Engagement Actions:

- Invite Swinomish Indian Tribal Community as early as possible in the cleanup process to share and discuss information about the site and to understand the Tribes' concerns.
- Provide a copy of the Tribal Engagement Plan to Swinomish Indian Tribal Community for review and comment.
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, at any time, may propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Plan.
- Notify Swinomish Indian Tribal Community when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process, including Remedial Investigation Work Plans, see Table 1.
- Provide Swinomish Indian Tribal Community at least as much time to submit input as offered to the public in each stage in the process, when possible, more time will be provided (30 extra days).
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process including communicating project timelines, reviewing timeframes, and comment period deadlines.
- Meet with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community to assess and make adjustments to the engagement process on an annual basis.
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from Swinomish Indian Tribal Community what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- If Swinomish Indian Tribal Community requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process

Tulalip Tribes

6406 Marine Drive
Tulalip, WA 98271

<https://www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/>

Preferred Communication:

Tulalip Tribes would prefer communication through email. The Tulalip Tribes would like all emails sent to:

Kurt Nelson, Environmental Department Director, knelson@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Todd Gray, Environmental Protection Ecologist, toddgray@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Todd Zachey, Nearshore Program Manager, tzackey@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Current Engagement Actions:

- Invite Tulalip Tribes as early as possible in the cleanup process to share and discuss information about the site and to understand the Tribes' concerns.
- Provide a copy of the Tribal Engagement Plan to Tulalip Tribes for review and comment.
- Tulalip Tribes, at any time, may propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Plan.
- Notify Tulalip Tribes when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process, including Remedial Investigation Work Plans, see Table 1.
- Provide Tulalip Tribes at least as much time to offer input as provided to the public in each stage in the process, when possible, more time will be provided (30 extra days).
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process including communicating project timelines, reviewing timeframes, and comment period deadlines.
- Meet with the Tulalip Tribes annually to assess and make adjustments to the engagement process as needed.
- Meet with Tulalip Tribes upon request.
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from Tulalip Tribes what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- If Tulalip Tribes requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process.

Tribal Engagement Process

This Tribal Engagement Plan proposes actions Ecology will take to provide timely and relevant information and offer meaningful engagement opportunities to Tribes during investigation and cleanup of Ecology-conducted and Ecology-supervised contaminated sites.

Tribal Engagement for this site is separate from and in addition to public involvement. Tribes and indigenous peoples are welcome to also participate in Ecology's public involvement process. Ecology's Public Participation Plan⁶ for the site has more information about that process.

Ecology invites each Tribe to share their perspective on what constitutes meaningful engagement for this site, enabling Ecology to develop a more effective process.

Ecology's Tribal Engagement Responsibilities under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

Ecology will initiate engagement with affected Tribes before a remedial investigation or an interim action at a site, or as early in the investigation and cleanup process as possible.

Ecology will seek to maintain meaningful engagement with Tribes throughout the cleanup process.

This Tribal Engagement Plan is publicly available on the [cleanup site page](#).⁷

⁶ If a public participation plan exists for this site, then it can be found in the 'Documents' section of the site webpage. If there is no Public Participation Plan listed on the site's webpage, then it has not yet been prepared. <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/136609>

⁷ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4294>

Figure 1. Washington's Cleanup Process under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)⁸



⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/spills-cleanup/contamination-cleanup/cleanup-process>

Table 1: Ecology documents and cleanup actions where tribes will be invited to review and comment.

	Document or Action	Ecology-supervised
	Interim action plans	X
	Legal Orders or Agreements • Consent decrees & amendments • Agreed orders & amendments • Enforcement orders & amendments	X
	Remedial investigation work plans	
	Remedial investigation reports	X
	Feasibility study reports	X
	Cleanup action plans (CAPs) (which may or may not include institutional controls ⁹)	X
	Engineering design reports	
	Implementation plans substantially changing cleanup action plans	X
	Periodic review reports	X
	Amendment of institutional controls	X
	Removal of institutional controls	X
	Removal of sites from contaminated sites list	X

⁹ Institutional controls are legal and administrative tools that help protect people from exposure to contaminants. Examples include prohibiting use of groundwater for drinking, requiring maintenance of a barrier to prevent exposure, and zoning and property use restrictions among others.

Other Tribal engagement opportunities

In addition to engagement through MTCA, Ecology will also contact Tribes for the following purposes when relevant to the cleanup.

- Cleanup activities, especially those that disturb the ground, can affect or reveal cultural resources that may need to be assessed for protection or preservation, called a [Cultural Resource Review](#).¹⁰
- Identifying and analyzing environmental impacts associated with governmental decisions as required by the [State Environmental Policy Act](#)¹¹ (SEPA) and associated [SEPA rules](#).¹²
- Implementing [Washington's Environmental Justice Law \(HEAL Act\)](#).¹³

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/area-wide-groundwater-investigation-grants/cultural-resources-review>

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review>

¹² <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=197-11>

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/environmental-justice/heal>