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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Laura Robinson, Program Implementation and Liaison Specialist

SUBJECT: Presentation by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Rudy Salakory, Aquatic Habitat Program Manager for the Cowlitz Tribe

Summary: Rudy Salakory will be presenting to the Council on the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Aquatic Habitat Program and its core philosophies, goals and objectives. Additional topics to be covered will be the Tribe's working area, brief description of projects to date, along with a discussion of certain individual projects.

Workplan: Workplan Item #2: Promote regional fish and wildlife recovery

Background: The mission of the Natural Resources Department at the Cowlitz Tribe is, "to protect, conserve, restore and promote culturally-relevant species and landscapes integral to the unique identity of the Cowlitz People. To further educate the community and inspire future leaders and participants in this vision." The persistence of the Cowlitz People and the Cowlitz culture is the goal of the department.

Since 2008 the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Natural Resources Department has been developing programs to address the natural resources needs of the Cowlitz People. The Tribe currently has programs meant to address Wildlife, Forestry, Ethnoecology and Aquatic Habitat Restoration.

More Info: To learn more about the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, please see the tribe's [website](#).