

Tribal Nations Summit Progress Update

Collaborative Cultural Resources Stewardship and Culturally Attuned Systems of Care

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Shaping Shared Priorities

- Summits are an important forum to understand top Tribal and urban Native priorities
- Office of Intergovernmental Relations coordinates summits, summary reporting, and updated City commitments
- Interdepartmental coordination supports more effective Tribal Relations and Native engagement



City Commitments

Collaborative Cultural Resources Stewardship

Status	Commitment	Key Departments
Ongoing - Skagit near complete & Tolt on track	Invest in Tribal priorities within hydroproject relicensing efforts including improvements to river ecosystems such as habitat restoration and wildlife and fish migration.	SCL, SPU
Ongoing and on track	Partner with Tribal-State co-managers to collaboratively support the recovery of the sockeye salmon run in the Cedar River and other migratory fish passages in and around Seattle.	SPU
Ongoing and on track	Collaborate with Tribal Nations to advocate for stronger regulations on the toxic chemical 6PPD-q that has been proved to negatively impact the development of juvenile salmon.	OIR, SPU
Ongoing and on track	Collaborate with Tribal Nations on the prioritization strategy for the removal of fish passage barriers in urban watersheds.	SPU
Ongoing and on track	Invest in land and water stewardship activities led by Tribal Nations and Native communities.	OSE, SCL, SPR, SPU
Ongoing and on track	Manage assets and ensure accessibility to saltwater and freshwater public boat launches for Tribal fishing and public access.	SDOT, SPR
Ongoing and on track	Collaborate with Tribal Nations to increase visibility and awareness of Tribal histories, languages, and cultures in public spaces such as parks, greenspaces, natural areas, and watersheds.	OAC, OWCPST, SC, SPU, SCL, SPR
Ongoing and on track	Be collaborative partners around environmental justice , particularly the Duwamish River clean-up.	SPU, SCL, SPR, SDOT, OSE



City Commitments

Culturally Attuned Systems of Care

Status	Commitment	Key Departments
Ongoing and on track	Improve information sharing and increase partnerships between local law enforcement and Tribal law enforcement agencies.	SPD
Ongoing and on track	Increase opportunities for City leadership to learn about Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) issues.	HSD, OIR, HSD
Ongoing and on track	Improve internal integration and coordination of law enforcement and frontline responders to connect with culturally relevant service providers.	CARE, HSD, SPD, SFD
Ongoing and on track	Invest in capital and operating expenses for culturally attuned behavioral health facilities and invest in increasing access to behavioral health services for Seattle residents.	HSD
Complete and on track	Convene with Tribal and urban Native partners on planning and coordination efforts for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.	OIR, MO, SPD
Ongoing and on track	Foster stronger relationships with Seattle Public Schools to better understand Native Education services and gaps in services.	DEEL
Ongoing and on track	Invest in Seattle preschool programs that provide culturally attuned services to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian preschoolers.	DEEL
Ongoing and on track	Expand and deepen relationships with Native service providers to ensure proactive communication and improved services.	DEEL, HSD, OH
Ongoing and on track	Increase access to culturally relevant childcare and early learning programming for Native youth and families.	DEEL
Ongoing and on track	Seek better alignment and coordination of City investments across departments that support Native youth and families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.	DEEL, HSD, OH



Featured Progress



Hydroelectric Project Relicensing

- Seattle City Light (SCL) led a \$4 billion, 50-year agreement with Tribal governments and federal government to relicense three hydroelectric dams on the Skagit River
- Commitments to comprehensive fish passage program to advance salmon recovery and Tribal harvest
- Habitat restoration from an ecosystem approach to encompass the Skagit Watershed from tributaries to estuary
- Enhanced flow management to minimize adverse effects on fish species and address Tribal cultural priorities
- **Next Actions for SCL:**
 - Pending Federal approval of Amended Final License Application
 - Ongoing implementation of pre-filing studies for South Fork Tolt Hydroelectric Project Relicensing project



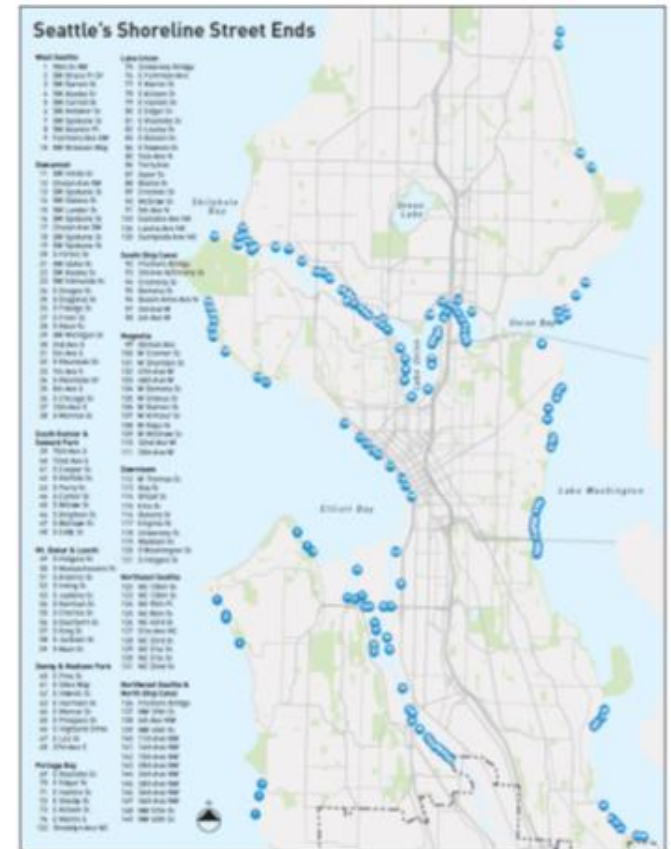
Tribal Fisheries

- Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU) Cedar River hatchery is working with Tribal co-managers on collaborative efforts to enhance adult sockeye storage
- Seattle Public Utilities is at the early stages of developing a comprehensive watershed wide creek culvert strategy to address creek culvert fish passage barriers in urban watersheds
- **Next Actions for SPU:**
 - Permitting and implementation of enhanced adult sockeye storage
 - Continued meetings with Tribal governments to inform culvert strategy



Water Stewardship and Access

- Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) manage several public access points, including saltwater and freshwater boat launches
- 1st Ave Bridge Shoreline Street End upgrades in partnership with Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- 6th Ave habitat restoration, urban canopy improvements, and soil remediation
- Maintenance and notifications for public boat launches
- **Next Actions for SDOT and SPR:**
 - Continued outreach and engagement with Tribal governments to identify additional areas of interest and ongoing notifications



Land Stewardship and Restoration

Seattle Parks and Recreation Green Seattle Partnership includes four renewed or expanded partnerships to support urban Native and Tribal leadership:

- Cattail Rising youth and school engagement in collaboration with Tribal Nations
- United Indians of All Tribes Foundation land stewardship programming at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center
- Duwamish Tribal Services land stewardship programming in the West Duwamish Greenbelt
- Futures Rising stewardship programming at Frink and Maplewood Playfield
- Next Actions for SPR:**
 - Contracting and project implementation



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Advocacy Efforts

- City legislative priorities included Washington State House Bill 2421/Senate Bill 6119 - Concerning 6PPD and regrettable 6PPD substitutes in tires
- Toxic 6PPDQ washes into our stormwater, killing salmon and threatening other aquatic species
- Revenue raised by the fee would be available to local governments to use for removing illegally dumped tires
- Eight Tribes signed in pro
- **Next Actions for OIR and SPU:**
 - Planning for 2027 legislative session



Environmental Justice Efforts

- Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) added two new urban Indian organizations as grantees of the Environmental Justice Fund
- Early Tribal and Native engagement on many components of the Seattle Public Utilities' South Park Water Quality Facility
- 2024 and 2025 clean-up construction seasons on the upper segment of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site resulted in approximately 65,100 cubic yards of contaminated sediment (65% complete for upper segment)
- **Next Actions for OSE and SPU:**
 - Contracting and project implementation
 - Ongoing engagement in project implementation



FIFA Planning and Coordination

- Seattle Police Department's (SPD) mutual aid strategy included Tribal law enforcement agencies
- Partnered to host two FIFA Planning – Human Trafficking in Indian Country with Washington State Attorney General's Office reaching over 200 attendees
- Office of Arts and Culture invested in local FIFA World Cup Celebrations hosted by three urban Indian organizations
- **Next Actions for OAC and SPD:**
 - Debrief lessons learned



Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Awareness

- City leadership participation in national MMIP awareness day gathering hosted by Mother Nation and United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
- Continued introductory meetings with Tribal law enforcement leadership
- Leadership representation at a statewide Tribal Chiefs of Police Leadership & Counterdrug Conference
- **Next Actions for SPD:**
 - Ongoing program implementation and analysis of tools to improve data quality





Investment in Native-led Facilities

- Office of Planning and Community Development selection for the Native Youth: Past, Present, Future project serving urban Native youth
- Office of Housing funded Sweetgrass Flats, 84 permanent supportive homes for Native people that have experienced chronic homelessness
- Office of Housing provided two affordable housing capacity building grants to urban Indian organizations
- **Next Actions for HSD, OH & OPCD:**
 - Contracting and project implementation
 - Outreach and engagement in future funding cycles

Behavioral Health Service Expansion

- \$4.8 million investment in Thunderbird Treatment Center, a 92-bed inpatient treatment facility
- Human Services Department outreach and engagement with Tribal and urban Native health care providers to inform behavioral health services in emergency shelters
- **Next Actions for HSD:**
 - Outreach and engagement in future funding cycles



Questions?

