

Snoqualmie Tribe Questionnaire – Jay Inslee for Washington

Do you have experience working with tribes?

Yes, it has been my honor as governor to work with all tribal nations throughout Washington. During my first term, I have signed legislation to provide greater economic development tools for tribes, worked with tribes to provide more resources for salmon recovery, and worked to provide outreach to tribes on a large variety of issues including workforce development and job training.

If you were elected, how would you and your staff interact with tribes?

As governor, I have been and remain committed to upholding the Centennial Accord and prioritizing a transparent, regular, open door policy between my administration and tribal leadership on a government-to-government basis.

What is your position on tribal sovereignty?

I believe Native American communities know what is best for their people. That's why I have stood up for tribal sovereignty over the years and support policies to enhance tribal self-determination and meaningful tribal consultation.

Would you support the Tribe in its duty to protect sacred Snoqualmie Falls? If so, how?

Protecting Washington's air, land, and water has been a high priority of my first term as governor. This is about the legacy we leave our children and grandchildren. That's why I'm fighting to protect the clean air and water, and lush natural spaces that make Washington the best state in the nation to raise a family.

I consider the Snoqualmie Falls to be part of that great natural beauty in our state and I would be happy to discuss with you what measures you have in mind to preserve this space.

What is your position on tribal curriculum in public schools?

I absolutely support tribal curriculum in our public schools. I believe that it is important for all children in Washington to understand our indigenous history and culture, and through that experience foster cross-cultural understanding and respect. That is why I was so proud to support and sign SB 5433 in 2015 to require the teaching of tribal history, culture, and government in schools throughout Washington.

What is your position on the collection of tax, on tribal lands?

I have worked hard over the course of my term as governor to strike the right balance between state, local, and tribal tax systems. It is important to me to respect the sovereignty of tribal lands, while continuing to ensure that state and local taxes are appropriately collected.

This has been and remains a complex issue that I am committed to working with each tribal government on to strike and maintain the right balance. Whatever solution we reach will need to be durable over time and thus will need to go through the legislative process much like our other compacts.

Would you support Tribal representation on boards, commissions, and committees?

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When I came into office, I made it a goal to ensure that the appointments I made to boards, commissions, and cabinet positions throughout state government accurately reflected the great diversity of our state. I am proud to note that so far, the percentage of Native Americans appointed to positions of leadership and on commissions in my administration exceeds the percentage of Native Americans in Washington state.

I would be happy to continue working with you and other tribal leaders throughout the state to ensure that tribal representation remains a priority in our appointment process in the next four years as it has in the last four.

If elected, how will you work to protect and preserve Washington State’s natural resources, including salmon?

Protecting our state’s natural resources and aiding in the recovery of our salmon population for generations to come is one of the most sacred duties I have as governor. I’m proud that we were able to secure over \$20 million to preserve and enhance our state parks, but I’m even more proud of what we have accomplished to enhance and maintain healthy habitats for fish. According to the State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), over the years we have:

- Opened up more than 1,014 miles of habitat by removing barriers to fish migration;
- Restored 543 acres of wetlands, nearly 6,000 acres of estuaries, 2,521 acres of riparian areas and 11,526 acres of uplands;
- Restored habitat in 188 miles of stream; and
- Installed 456 fish screens to keep fish in rivers and out of irrigation ditches.

Together we are making a difference in the effort to improve and protect our most precious natural resources. Thank you for working with me over these past four years, I look forward to what we can get done in the next four years.