

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
Draft Environmental Assessment
South Bank/Harris Creek Culvert Replacement Project**

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation (Chehalis Tribe) proposes a culvert replacement project in western Washington. The South Bank/Harris Creek Culvert Replacement Project will replace the existing undersized culverts with eight box culverts on Harris Creek, a tributary to the Chehalis River, under South Bank Road on the Chehalis Reservation.

The Chehalis Tribe prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), and #12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are (1) no action; and (2) culvert replacement at Harris Creek along South Bank Road as identified in the *Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan*.

The EA is available for review online at the Chehalis Tribe website at:

[http://www.chehalis-tribe.org/publicnotices/Draft EA - South Bank culverts 3-16-2010.pdf](http://www.chehalis-tribe.org/publicnotices/Draft_EA_-_South_Bank_culverts_3-16-2010.pdf). If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, the Chehalis Tribe will finalize the EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Unless substantive comments are received, the Chehalis Tribe will not publish another notice for this project. However, should a FONSI be issued, it will be available for public viewing at <http://www.chehalis-tribe.org/publicnotices>. The draft EA is also available for review on April 1, 2010 at the Chehalis Tribal Center at 420 Howanut, Oakville, WA.

Written comments on the draft EA should be directed no later than 5 pm on April 30, 2010 to Amy Loudermilk, Transportation Planner, Chehalis Tribe, P.O. Box 536, Oakville Washington 98568, or by e-mail at aloudermilk@chehalis-tribe.org. Comments also can be faxed to 360-273-9024.