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## The Confederated Tribe of the Chehalis Reservation

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#### **THE CONFEDERATED TRIBE OF THE CHEHALIS RESERVATION ANNOUNCE UPDATE TO THE 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN**

The Confederated Tribe of the Chehalis Reservation is embarking on a planning process to prepare for impacts of natural disasters. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Tribe will update its 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan to enhance resilience throughout the Reservation and surrounding community. This update will also include a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

This planning process is being led by Clint Davis, Manager of the Chehalis Tribal Emergency Management and Glen Connelly, Director, Department of Natural Resources, with support from Beverly O'Dea of Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, the hired technical consultant. The planning process will take approximately eight to twelve months to complete.

During this process, tribal members will be asked to contribute by sharing knowledge of the area's vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include web-based information, questionnaires, maps, and updates on the plan's progress via a website. This process will be led by a Planning Team made up of representatives from the Chehalis Tribe, tribal members, and other stakeholders from within the planning area as the Tribe determines appropriate. Meetings will occur as needed throughout the process in various formats, including via conference calls or web based. Notice of the meetings will be posted on the Tribe's website. Citizens wishing to address any issues are encouraged to email or call Clint Davis, Manager of the Chehalis Tribal Emergency Management at any time.

An informational website on the plan and purposes for planning will be established at: [www.chehalistribe.org](http://www.chehalistribe.org). after Feb, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with a link to a survey, an email to ask questions and get more information, as well as a copy of the HMP update/report for 2024.

This website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan, as well as to gain information on ways to participate in the planning process. The public is highly encouraged to provide input on all phases of this plan's development.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and should be directed to Clint Davis, Manager – Chehalis Tribal Emergency Management at [cdavis@chehalistribe.org](mailto:cdavis@chehalistribe.org), via phone at 360-709-1770; Glen Connelly, Director, Dept. of Natural Resources at [gconnelly@chehalistribe.com](mailto:gconnelly@chehalistribe.com), via phone at 360-709-1854, or to Bev O'Dea, Bridgeview Consulting, LLC at (253) 380-5736 or email [bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org](mailto:bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org)

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