

# Tribal Public Health and Emergency Preparedness in the Northwest

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# NPAIHB Overview

- Formed in 1972 to promote Self-Determination in order to improve quality of health care
- Represent 43 Federally-recognized Tribes in states of Idaho, Oregon, Washington
- NPAIHB works in four priority areas:
  1. Legislative & Policy Analysis
  2. HP/DP Projects
  3. Technical Assistance & Training
  4. Data Surveillance & Research (EpiCenter)

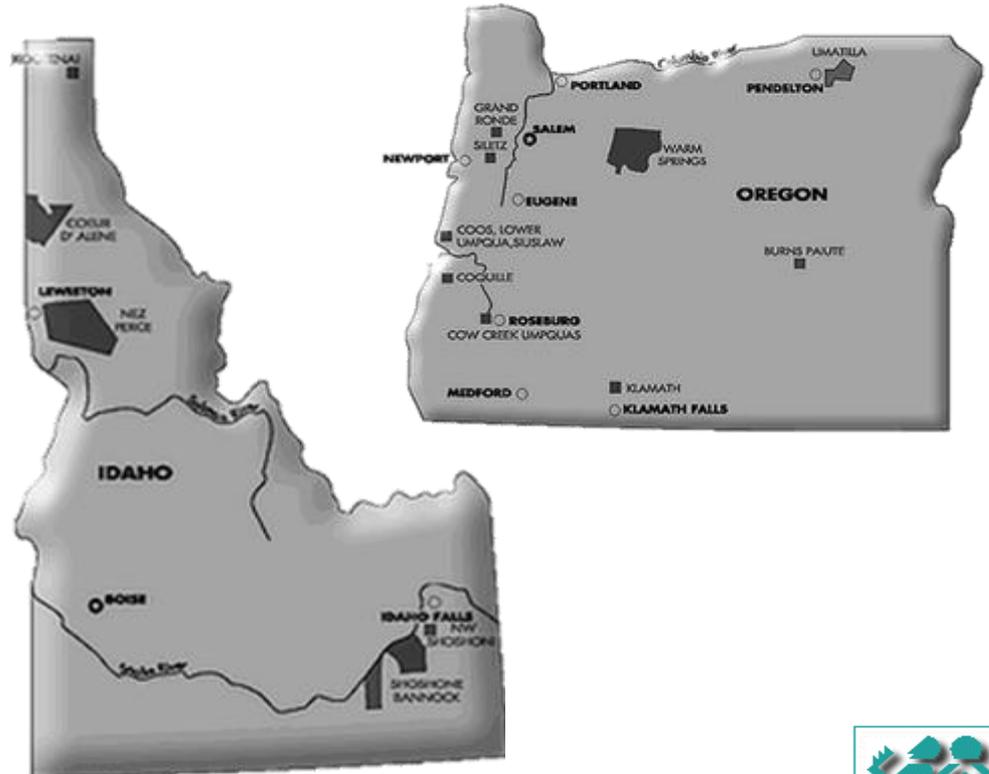


# About our Board:

- Board Delegates meet quarterly and in other State/Tribal meetings
- Provide program guidance to state, federal, and others
- Review HHS/IHS policy issues affecting Tribal health programs
- Discuss and Develop consensus positions on:
  - Legislations/Budgetary issues
  - Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
  - Data & Research Issues impacting Indian Health



# The Portland Area



# Demographics - WA

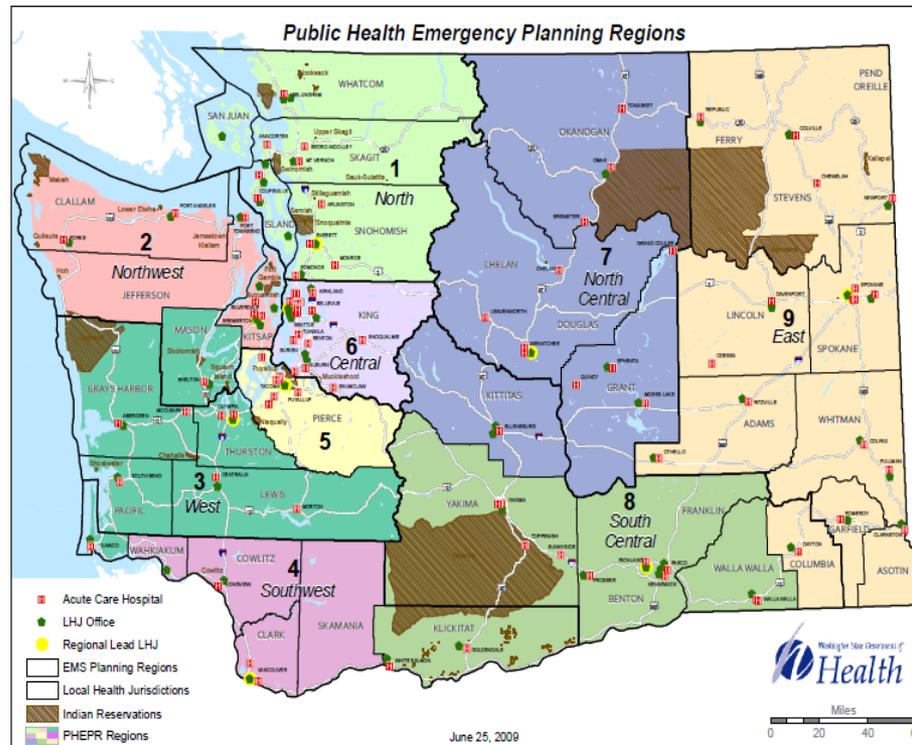
- 29 Federally recognized
- Range in size from 100+ - 14,000+
- Population > 112,155 (census 2000)
- Approximately 2% of the State's population
- Over 563 tribes nationally
  - Less than 1% of U.S. population (single race)



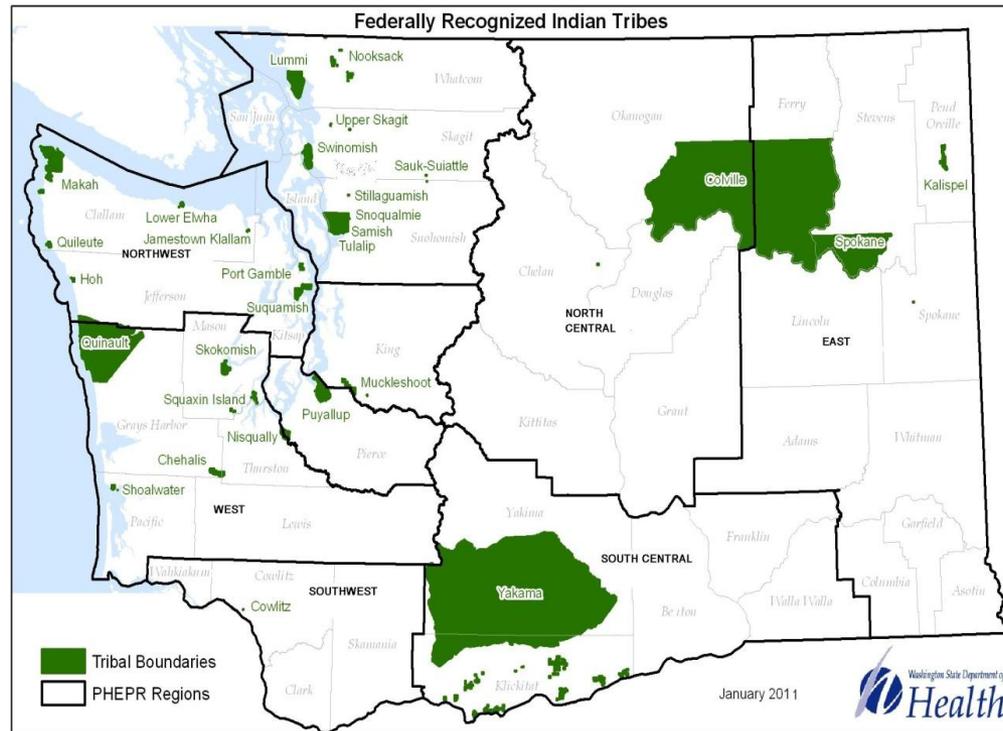
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Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness  
Conference  
August 29, 2012

# Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response



# Tribal Partnerships





# Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference Partnerships



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# 9th Annual Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference

Photo courtesy of Squaxin Island Casino and Resort



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# 2012 Tribal Conference Highlights

Photo courtesy of Hanford McCloud of the Nisqually Tribe



# Past Tribal Conference Highlights

Photos courtesy of Dr. Evan Adams



**Continuing to Bridge the Gap.  
What is the Future of the Tribal Conference?**





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# NWTEMC

Northwest Tribal Emergency  
Management Council:

Building Systems Through Partnerships



# Poll Question: Emergency Management Programs

Of the 29 tribal nations in Washington, what proportion do you think had emergency management programs four years ago?

- A. All
- B. Almost all
- C. About half
- D. Less than a quarter

# NW Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC) – A Brief History

A consortium of 8 Tribes in Northwest Washington formed to address emergency management and Homeland Security issues they faced.



# Sub-Committees

- SHSG Sub-Committee
- LETPP Sub-Committee
- Equipment Sub-Committee
- Training and Exercise Sub-Committee
- Critical Infrastructure Sub-Committee
- Citizen Corps Sub-Committee

# NIMS-Alphabet Soup

Reg I HLS	NWRIC	CERT
Reg I Tribal HLS	RIG	HAM-R.A.C.E.S.
EMC	TEW	Citizen Corps
Reg I PHEPR	CIC	MRC
HCC	FEMA RAC	Reg MRC
SERC	2010 Olympics-HLS	LHJ
SIEC	CCC	NIMS
ARC	SNS/POD	RCCC

# NWTEMC Mission

The mission of the NWTEMC is to build partnerships, develop comprehensive emergency planning documents, and work together to share resources, knowledge, and skills. We assist in coordinating training and exercises and provide a network of expertise that is culturally relevant and sensitive.



# NW Tribal Emergency Management Council – 17 New Members

## Participating Tribes



Colville



Samish



Stillaguamish



Lummi



Sauk-Suiattle



Swinomish



Makah



Tulalip



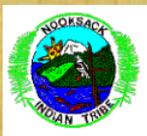
Muckleshoot



Spokane



Upper Skagit



Nooksack



Snoqualmie



Quinalt

Quileute, Lower Elwha, Nez Perce, Coeur D'Alene, Kalispel, Hoh, Cowlitz, Nisqually, Shoshone-Bannock, Confederated Tribes of Siletz

# NW Tribal Emergency Management Council Partners

## ▶ Washington State

- ▶ Department of Health
- ▶ Emergency Management
- ▶ Department of Ecology
- ▶ Washington State Patrol
- ▶ State Interoperable Communications
- ▶ Critical Infrastructure
- ▶ Hazard Mitigation
- ▶ Tsunami-Earthquake

## ▶ Federal

- ▶ FEMA Region X
- ▶ Department of Transportation
- ▶ EPA
- ▶ Department of Homeland Security
- ▶ Bureau of Indian Affairs
- ▶ Indian Health Service

# NW Tribal Emergency Management Council Partners

## ▶ Regional

- ▶ Regional Public Health
- ▶ County Health Districts
- ▶ Incident Mgmt Teams
- ▶ Emergency Services
- ▶ Indian Health Service
- ▶ Hospital & Healthcare Coalitions
- ▶ Centers for Public Health
- ▶ Homeland Security

# Organization Non-Profit

## Governing Board

 Charter

 By-laws

## Tribal Governments

## Greater Strength in Numbers

 Politically

 Shared Resources

 Shared Personnel

# What Do We Do?

-  Assist in development of Emergency Management Plans and grants writing
-  Assist one another in raising awareness of Homeland Security issues and mandates
-  Educate our communities
  -  Preparedness
-  Train our Responders and Train the Trainers
  -  Response and Recovery
-  Build teams
  -  MRC, CERT, Blockwatch

# What Do We Do? (continued)

-  Provide a link to regional, state, and federal Homeland Security and Emergency Management programs
-  Provide a link for access to resources to enhance and supplement your EM and Homeland Security programs
-  Provide templates for plans
  -  CEMP, PAN FLU, Continuity of Government, COOP
-  Maintain essential databases
  -  Volunteers, resources, shelters, etc.
-  Maintain Web site as a conduit for sharing information
  -  [www.nwtemc.org](http://www.nwtemc.org)
-  Meet monthly to address updates and action items

# Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness

-  Provide resources for Tribal clinics to develop Public Health Emergency Management plans
-  Coordinate initial efforts for emergency planning with regional Public Health partners
-  Educate local partners on issues such as:
  -  Quarantine
  -  Isolation
  -  Jurisdiction & Sovereignty
-  Tribal Public Health Law
-  Provide training and educational opportunities



# WA State Tribal Emergency Management Programs

# Statewide NWTEMC Programs

Continue to expand on our Statewide Tribal Emergency Management programs:

-  NWTEMC Statewide CERT
-  NWTEMC Statewide Medical Reserve Corps
-  NWTEMC Statewide Communications
-  NWTEMC Critical Infrastructure Protection
-  NWTEMC Trainers



# NWTEMC CERT

Building a statewide network of Tribal Community Emergency Response Teams that are prepared to deploy and assist fellow Tribes in the event of disasters. The CERT program has aided our Tribal Nations in becoming more self sufficient and resilient in times of need.





Sauk-Suiattle  
Indian Tribe

Chairperson Jan Mabee  
Police Chief Owen Couch

&

Town of Darrington, WA

Mayor Joyce Jones

Fire Chief Dennis Fenstermaker

**CERT Training**

# NWTEMC Medical Reserve Corps



Trained, prepared medical personnel and support staff to assist during emergencies in our tribal communities

Participate in community outreach and education on emergency preparedness and public health issues

# NWTEMC Statewide Communications

The Tribes have started to develop communications teams that include ham radio, A.R.E.S., R.A.C.E.S, UHF, VHF and 800MHz.



This mobile communications van was recently acquired by the Snoqualmie Tribe and will be used to develop mobile communications capabilities for WA Tribes.



# NWTEMC RACES/Ham Radio Group

## Ham/ARES Call Signs

- ▶ KE7JMB Lee Shipman
- ▶ KE7JMD Anna Anderson
- ▶ KE7JME Jim Anderson
- ▶ KE7JMF Mike Hermon
- ▶ KE7JMG Shane Thomas
- ▶ KE7JMH Naomi Hermon
- ▶ KE7JMJ Jake Christensen
- ▶ KE7JMK Holly Blake
- ▶ KE7KNU Carolyn Moore
- ▶ KE7JNV Austin Stately
- ▶ W1GBC Glenn Coil
- ▶ KE7RWG Lynda Harvey
- ▶ KE7RWF John Harvey
- ▶ KD7SFP Fuzzy Fletcher
- ▶ W7TUL Tina Pacheco
- ▶ N7ZNW Scott Pacheco
- ▶ KE7PZA Damon Hatch
- ▶ KE7NFH Judi Colina

# Critical Infrastructure



- ▶ Worked with state EMD to develop the State Critical Infrastructure Plan
- ▶ Much of critical infrastructure is near Tribal Nations
- ▶ Sharing information and intelligence essential for ensuring safer communities, Tribal lands, and security of our homeland
- ▶ Also worked with member Tribes to develop critical infrastructure plans, conduct assessments, and propose mitigation projects

# NWTEMC Trainers



The NWTEMC has developed a cadre of trainers to assist Tribes with NIMS compliance, CERT training, and tabletop and full functional exercises.

# Annual Conference

- NWTEMC Annual Conference:
- August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Squaxin Island**

**Little Creek Casino and Hotel**

■ Website:

[www.nwtemc.org](http://www.nwtemc.org)

# Questions?

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