

November 17, 2010

Kitsap County Planning Commission
614 Division St.
Port Orchard, WA 98366-4614

Dear Honorable Board of Commissioners,

We are writing as members of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe regarding the North Kitsap Legacy Partnership's proposed Fully Contained Community and National Historic Town amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations for the NKLP.

We are opposed to the proposed amendments because they will allow a city to be built at Port Gamble, the ancestral homeland of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. This will have a profound effect on every one of the Tribal members and descendants.

This land has been our ancestor's source of life and to this day many of the Tribal members depend on the bay and land around the reservation for their source of food and income. A city of this size, located where it is being proposed, could have long term detrimental effects on our future for food and our way of life. Pollution is already shutting down our time for harvest and killing our salmon, shellfish and shrimp populations. The Tribe has been actively working on building up our supplies through our Fisheries and Natural Resources work. A city of this size would tear down our work for restoration and instead cause depletion, if not death, to our way of life.

We have heard our grandparents and parents talk about the need to restore our culture, because of either our grandparents or their parents being forced to attend boarding schools, where they were forbidden to talk about our culture. This proposal sounds like another attempt to take away something that belongs to us and our children. We are trying so hard to have a way of life for ourselves and we keep running into people or organizations that keep trying to kill our way of life.

Please allow our ancestral grounds to stay the way they are so that when we are adults, we will be able to continue to grow our culture and have a way of livelihood of fishing, clamming, shrimping, berry picking and more.


Please do not approve the FCC amendments.

Thank you for you interest and consideration.

Sincerely,

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and Descendants of Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

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