

**Marie Hebert, cn sna**

**Niṭ kʷi en sut, Conrad Sullivan**

**Niṭ kʷl en tan, Barbara Sullivan**

**Niṭ kʷl siseyaś Frank and Cyrene Sullivan and Carl  
and Josephine Sparks.**

**Šəyʃuʔt nexʷqeʔyət nəxʷsłʼáyəm cn**

**My name is Marie Hebert**

**My dad is Conrad Sullivan**

**My mom is Barbara Sullivan**

**My grandparents are Frank and Cyrene Sullivan and Carl and  
Josephine Sparks.**

**I am a proud Port Gamble S'Klallam.**

**This is the way we properly introduce ourselves, so you know  
who we are.**

**I am speaking on my own behalf and not as a spokesperson for  
the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.**

I am here to share with you one of the many places of importance for our tribe – Port Gamble Bay.

I want to state for the record that “I am against the Fully Contained Community – rural city being proposed for Port Gamble” by Olympic Resources. We as tribal members want to continue to enjoy our beach and exercise “the treaty right” to harvest shellfish and salmon on reservation as well as off reservation.

Many tribal and community residents go to Point Julia in the summer for clambakes, picnics and it is a place to gather. We are very fortunate that we are able to harvest shellfish right on reservation for our clambakes and other subsistence purposes.

Our children and teens swim in Port Gamble Bay, many of us can look back and recall back in the day when we used to do the same and this is for all generations.

You see the bay is important to us in many different ways, if a city is created, than we will lose our treaty right to harvest shellfish and salmon in our own front yard, because of pollution and possible health risks. We view the beach and bay as one of the most important places in our world.

I thank you, all planning commissioners for taking the time to listen to all of us. I would like to give you one of these posters – and the words on the poster are from a speech I gave in Port Townsend when our canoe were enroute to Bella Bella, Canada.

(Read poster).

Ha neng cn. Thank you.





“As Indian people, we must be loving and caring to our elders who represent the tribe’s connection with the past, and we need to embody gentleness and compassion to our children who represent the tribe’s connection to the future. We look to our elders for our values and we cannot forget that our children look to us for their values.

“We call for the healing and restoration of our two cultures on this one land. If we come together, we honor and nourish human spirit. When we work together with vision, imagination, and spiritual sensitivity we will be able to protect those values and life-styles we share.

“The S’Klallam will not go away. We are here for good and we intend to work with you in saving our natural resources. We challenge the people of this country and this city to honor and protect this land and all the plants and creatures.”

*S’Klallam tribal members in a speech delivered in 1993 to government officials.*