

My name is Michael S. Sullivan Sr., I am a tribal member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam tribe. I am an elder.

I do harvest some shell fish from the bay, usually take butter clams, little necks, crab, oysters, and our traditional cockles, for our clam bakes. I do some shoreline set net fishing for salmon, through out the bay.

But when we take our certin sea foods, we just take what we need, for our dinner's clam bake's etc. Just this last September, my grand daughter wanted to have cockles for a clam bake for her 4th birthday. To me, this shows even toddlers even count on the shell-fish.

Every year our Early Childhood School has there annual clam bakes, salmon bakes, for the toddlers of the school. These kids look forward on digging there own clams, oysters, for there bake.

But if you put your city over at Port Gamble, and build your marina it will kill off all our shell fish in the bay.

Plus, if there is a marina built, it would hamper our salmon fishery. And that would effect the kids salmon bake.

So if we could leave the bay as is, would just be fine. Our tribe really counts on the Port Gamble Bay, on the shellfish life, salmon returns each year, it brings us.

So please, we do not want another Port Galloway, Poudsco, Kingston, where there's a marina all shellfish is long gone.

Thank you,
Michael S. Sullivan Sr.
Tribe Elder.