



DRAFT MEETING NOTES

TRIBAL-STATE ESA WAC DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP

**Squaxin Island Tribe, Little Creek Resort
August 11, 2008**

The Tribal-State ESA WAC Development Workgroup convened on August 11, 2008 at the Squaxin Island Tribe, Little Creek Resort.

► **In Attendance**

The following tribes/organization were in attendance:

Skokomish Tribe, Nooksack Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, SPIPA, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Colville Tribe, Suquamish Tribe

Representatives from the Economic Services Administration (ESA) included staff from:

State Tribal Relations Office (STRO), Division of Child Support (DCS), Community Services Division (CSD), Operations Support (OS), Office of the Assistant Secretary (OAS).

Representatives from the DSHS Indian Policy Support Services (IPSS) were also in attendance.

► **ESA Tribal TANF WAC Workgroup:**

- Sarah Colleen welcomed the new meeting attendees and asked for introductions.
- After introductions, she provided a project status update. She informed the workgroup that, although the state was asked to provide the first draft of Tribal TANF WAC at the last workgroup meeting, the issue was raised at IPAC, and the state was asked to wait for a draft from the workgroup's tribal representative.
- This was followed by discussions about the tribes' role in the workgroup, including whether tribal representatives would provide the first draft of the Tribal TANF WAC.
- Sarah Colleen reviewed the state's obligations, as follows:
 - RCW 74.08A.040 requires DSHS to establish rules that address, at a minimum, appropriate uses of State maintenance of effort funds and annual reports on program operations.
 - The state must report how Tribal TANF state MOE is spent to the federal government.
 - The state and Tribal TANF programs must follow federal rules and guidelines for the appropriate use of state MOE.
 - Following this discussion, tribal representatives requested a tribal caucus.

► Summary of Tribal Caucus:

- Helen Fenrich spoke on behalf of the tribes. She explained that the tribes do not wish to present the WAC today. She also requested clarification on whether or not the tribes are a part of the IPAC committee. Colleen Cawston informed them that they are a part of the committee.
- The tribes reserve their right to submit Tribal TANF WAC in the future, if at all.
- The Tribal representatives did not follow up on the state's offer to submit the first draft of tribal TANF WAC.
- The tribes do not wish to schedule a future WAC meeting in September.
- The next ESA Subcommittee meeting will not have the WAC development process on the agenda.