



Calling on Snoqualmie Tribe young people to get involved in the

Snoqualmie Watershed Forum!

The Snoqualmie Tribe is seeking applicants for a tribal youth seat on the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about salmon and their rivers and influence habitat restoration by serving on a local committee with elected officials from local cities, the King Conservation District and King County. The successful applicant will be appointed by the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe to represent the youth perspective of the Tribe. **If you would like to be considered for this seat, please submit a completed application form [available on the Snoqualmie Tribe ENR Website] to Cindy Spiry by midnight on August 13, 2021.**

Who is the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum and what do they do?

Since 1998, local governments and other partners in the Snoqualmie watershed have been working together to recover threatened salmon populations and improve watershed health through their participation in the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum. The Forum coordinates implementation of the watershed's salmon recovery plan in the King County portion of the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish rivers. The Forum recommends grant funding for habitat restoration projects, water quality improvement actions and other activities.

The Forum meets six times per year, on the third Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings will be held virtually in the afternoon or evening until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. In-person meetings are generally held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Forum includes elected representatives from eight member governments (King County, the Snoqualmie Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, the Town of Skykomish and the cities of North Bend, Snoqualmie, Carnation and Duvall) as well as seven ex-officio representatives consisting of:

- two tribal youth representatives, one appointed by the Snoqualmie Tribe and one appointed by the Tulalip Tribes;
- two citizen representatives appointed by the King County Executive to represent unincorporated King County residents;
- one citizen representative appointed by the Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association (SVGA) to represent residents of cities or towns;
- a non-profit organization representative appointed by the Forum to represent the community of non-profit organizations that are active in the watershed; and
- a representative from the King Conservation District.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be descendants or enrolled members of the Snoqualmie Tribe and 18-25 years old as of August 13, 2021.
- The Snoqualmie Tribe youth representative to the Forum is a one-year appointment, and the Forum will consider the length of the term at the end of 2021.

To Qualify:

- Applicants should be able to commit to regular and active participation in Snoqualmie Watershed Forum meetings six times per year, either virtually or in-person.
- Ex officio members participate in discussions and making decisions by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached by Forum members, decisions may be reached by voting, and ex officio members do not participate in voting.

Application process:

- Please download the application questionnaire from the Snoqualmie Tribe website at: [\[insert link\]](#)
- All applications must be received by midnight on August 13, 2021, by mail or e-mail. Please send to:

Cindy Spiry
 Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
 PO BOX 969
 Snoqualmie, WA
 Phone: 206-384-6588
 E-mail: cindy@snoqualmietribe.us

- Tribal staff will collect applications, perform an initial screening and provide a list of qualified candidates to the Snoqualmie Tribal Council for consideration.
- Applicants are encouraged to attend future Snoqualmie Watershed Forum meetings (contact Carla Nelson at carnelson@kingcounty.gov for the Zoom meeting link).
- The Snoqualmie Tribe will likely make its decision in August, 2021. Applicants may be asked to a virtual Snoqualmie Watershed Forum meeting this spring.
- The appointee to the Forum would begin serving their term later in 2021. After their appointment, they will be offered to meet with Forum staff for a virtual orientation.
- To learn more about the Forum, please [visit the Forum's website](#) or contact Elissa Ostergaard, Salmon Recovery Manager, at (206) 477-4792, or elissa.ostergaard@kingcounty.gov.