



## 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 make a difference for salmon and the health of our rivers. The Snoqualmie Watershed Forum meets six times per year, and members include representatives from Snoqualmie Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, elected officials from local cities, the King Conservation District and King County, as well as five citizen members and a local non-profit. The successful applicant will be appointed by the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe to provide the perspective of a young person (16-25 years old) who is a tribal member. The selected person will receive a \$500 stipend for participating in six Forum meetings and attending a field trip. **If you would like to be considered for this seat, please submit a completed application form, found at <https://enr.snoqualmietribe.us/opportunities-for-tribal-membership-youth/> to Cindy Spiry at [cindy@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:cindy@snoqualmietribe.us) or call (425) 292-0249 for more information.**

### **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 salmon populations and improve watershed health through their participation in the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum (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 actions that improve watershed health.

The Forum meets six times per year, on the third Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings are generally 2-3 hours, are sometimes in-person and sometimes virtual. In-person meetings are generally held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and virtual meetings are generally held in the late afternoon. The [current meeting schedule can be found on the Forum's web site.](#)

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.

### **To Qualify:**

- Applicants must be members of the Snoqualmie Tribe and 16-25 years old as of the date of approval for participating as a member of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum.
- Applicants should be able to attend Snoqualmie Watershed Forum meetings six times per year, either virtually or in-person, and at least one field trip organized by Forum staff.

### **How does it work?**

- Tribal youth members will receive a stipend of \$500.00 per year for attending six Forum meetings and one field trip.
- 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.
- The Snoqualmie Tribe youth representative to the Forum is a one-year appointment, but the Forum may consider making the term longer sometime soon.
- Applicants are encouraged to attend a Snoqualmie Watershed Forum meeting (contact Renee Leichliter at [reichliter@kingcounty.gov](mailto:reichliter@kingcounty.gov) for meeting details).
- After being appointed as a member of the Forum, the member will be offered a meeting with Forum staff for an orientation.

### **Application process:**

- Please download the application from the Snoqualmie Tribe website at: <https://enr.snoqualmietribe.us/opportunities-for-tribal-membership-youth/>
- Please send applications by mail or email to:
 

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- Snoqualmie Tribe staff in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources will collect applications, perform an initial screening and provide a list of qualified candidates to the Snoqualmie Tribal Council for consideration.
- 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](mailto:elissa.ostergaard@kingcounty.gov).