#### **Littleneck Beach**

Clallam County - New Name

Township: 29N Range: 3W Section: 12

**USGS Quad:** Sequim

**Location Description:** Beach, 1,600ft long. Extends 800 ft on both N and S sides of the mouth of Dean Creek, located 0.25 miles NW of Blyn.

**Proposal Summary:** Littleneck Beach: beach; 1,600 feet long, extending 800 ft in either direction from the mouth of Dean Creek, 0.25 miles NW of Blyn; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe named the beach for the littleneck clams that live there; Clallam County, Washington; Sec 12, T29N, R3W, Willamette Meridian; 48°1′33.38″N, 123°0′33.018″W USGS map — Sequim 1:24,000.

Proposal submitted by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to for a beach in Clallam County near Blyn. Site was known as "log yard" among local residents in the 1990's due to the location of a log rafting facility.

The Tribe began purchasing the land in the late 1990's, and completed the restoration of the area in 2004. The beach is one of the few native colonies of littleneck clams in WA.

#### **Proponent:**

David Brownell Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Cultural Resources Specialist 1033 Old Blyn Hwy Sequim, WA 98382

**Proposal Received:** 11/1/2017 **Initial Consideration:** 6/20/2018 **Final Consideration:** 12/7/2018

WA Committee Decision: Approved

WA Board Decision: US Board Decision:

#### **Opinions:**

Contacted for Opinion:
Clallam County Commissioners
Clallam County Emergency Management
City of Squim
WA State Historical Society
NOAA
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Port Gamble S'Kllalam Tribe
Skokomish Indian Tribe
Suquamish Tribe
Makah Tribe

Opinions Received IN FAVOR:
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Clallam County Sheriff's Office
Janet Duncan - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Member
Vickie Carroll - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Member
Marlin D. Holden - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Elder
Lisa M. Barrell - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Member
Kurt F. Grinnell - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Member
Kathy Duncan - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Member

Opinions Received OPPOSED: Phyllis Meyer - Local Citizen

# WASHINGTON STATE Geographic Name Application



| Proposed Name: Littleneck Beach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | X_New Name                                                |
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| County: Clallam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Controversial Name                                        |
| Township: 29 Range: 03 Section(s): 12  Lat. 48°01'35.6" N, Long. 123°00'42.4" W (Begin)  Lat. 48°01'33.5" N, Long. 123°00'33.1" W (End)                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Name Change Location Clarification Spelling Clarification |
| Description Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): Beach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                           |
| Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered running N/NW from the mouth of Dean Creek. Clallam County Parcels #032912  Total acreage: 19.68. Please see map provided                                                                                                                                           |                                                           |
| If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis:  Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant name locals in the 1990s. Dunlop Towing was the formal name prior to removal and so in 2003.                                                                                                                  |                                                           |
| Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? Yes, Littleneck E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Beach was formally named at the Q'wen seyu                |
| tribal picnic in August, 2016; Announced in the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal New                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                           |
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| History  Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this m  American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on h  fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna.  Origin of name: Please see attached history of Littleneck Beach. | ow the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods,     |
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| "Klallam Ethnography," University of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Washington Press; 1927. Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Newsletter, vol. 38, iss. 8, p.5;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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WA State Board on Geographic Names
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Olympia, WA 98504-7030

(Phone: 360-902-1280 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)



1033 Old Blyn Highway, Sequim, WA 98382

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ATTN: WA State Committee on Geographic Names Washington State Department of Natural Resources Olympia, WA

November 28, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to present you with this Geographic Name Application on behalf of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. The Tribe seeks to formally name a beach in Clallam County "Littleneck Beach" in honor of their ancestors who have dug clam at this location for generations. If you would like additional materials or to discuss the contents of this packet I am available by phone or email at (360) 681-4638; <a href="mailto:dbrownell@jamestowntribe.org">dbrownell@jamestowntribe.org</a>.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David Brownell

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Cultural Resources Specialist Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

## History of Littleneck (skwłá?i?) Beach

October 6, 2017

Littleneck Beach, or skwłá?i? in the S'Klallam language, is a small beach located on Sequim Bay near the Jamestown Tribe's administrative campus in Blyn, WA. The recent history of the beach was summarized in an August 2016 Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Newsletter story, prior to its formal naming by the Tribal government at the Q'wen Seyu Tribal Picnic:

Development of south Sequim Bay began in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Jimmycomelately Creek was relocated, channelized and straightened, and constricted by roads and fill to facilitate farming and the settlement of the community known as "Blyn"...Salmon no longer returned to the creek. Without appropriate wetlands or floodplain for the creek to spill into during the wet season, Blyn began to experience annual flooding.

The Tribe began purchasing the land in the late 1990s, and with the help and funding from dozens of other entities, including the State of Washington, fully restored the area by 2004. As the creek, estuary and bay began to heal, the balance of nature returned, as did the salmon, and the nearshore environment was now clean enough to grow healthy shellfish.

'I've been digging there for more than ten years," said [Tribal Elder Marlin] Holden, 'ever since the Tribe asked us to dig all of the Manilas so they could reseed the beach. I've watched it come to life. I've seen horse clams and cockles, huge butter clams, Olympia oysters and geoducks. I've spent time there throughout the years, in all kinds of weather. It's quiet there. I found myself wondering why I have to write "log yard" on my fishing card. "Log Yard" isn't the S'Klallam name for this place. And now that this place is ours again, we need to take back our history by renaming it,' he said.

This beach has been used most recently as a clam digging beach by Tribal Elders, though for many years it was the site of a log rafting facility owned by Dunlap Towing, and previously called the "log yard" or "log dump."

Mr. Holden consulted with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council and the Tribal Cultural Committee and the new name "Littleneck Beach," or "skwłá?i?" was selected by Tribal Elder Kathy Duncan. This beach is one of very few that naturally sustain colonies of native littleneck clams (*Leukoma staminea*). Formerly common in Washington waters, the littleneck was an important traditional food for the S'Klallam people that was harvest, dried, and smoked prior to storing for winter, or trading to inland tribes for items like mountain goat wool.

#### **Precontact History**

Prior to the arrival of Euro-American settlers in Sequim Bay around the mid-to-late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the area of Littleneck Beach was associated with the S'Klallam village of Sxwčkwíyəŋ, now known as Washington Harbor. The final chief of the village *Xałska'nim* maintained a fish trap on Jimmycomelately Creek approximately 1,000 feet south of Littleneck Beach. Erna Gunther's 1927 "Klallam Ethnography" gives additional information regarding this area:

...They also go to the creek near Blyn when there is a good run of dog salmon. The chief of Washington Harbor has a trap there which he allows someone else to use at night. At the head of Sequim Bay there is a great burnt over patch with no underbrush, having an abundance of blackberries. When the Washington Harbor people go for the berries they also dry clams... These expeditions are usually entered upon by the entire village, leaving only the very old people behind. (Gunther, 1972: 195)

In addition to the ethnographic evidence of the importance of littleneck Beach to the Jamestown S'Klallam, recent archaeological work lends additional support to these accounts. Three separate sites have been recorded within 1,000 feet of the beach. Site 45CA00528, recorded in 2004, is a prehistoric shell midden located on the southern portion of Littleneck Beach, and is the most direct evidence we have of pre-contact S'Klallam shellfish usage at the site. Site 45CA00589, recorded in 2008, is located on an upland terrace directly adjacent to and inland from the beach. While this site has not been extensively surveyed, a small assemblage of lithic flakes, fire modified rock and charcoal lenses are evidence of tool-making and cooking. 45CA00589 was determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation In November, 2008. Finally, site 45CA00769 was recently discovered along Dean Creek just to the west of Highway 101, consisting of some shell, faunal bone, and fire modified rock.

While it is impossible to determine without additional testing, these sites are probably related in function and age. The most likely explanation is that the fish trap on Jimmycomelately Creek would require a nearby seasonal camp for the fishermen who maintained the trap, as well as the S'Klallam women who were gathering clams and berries in the same area. This camp would have been located on a nearby, secondary stream (in this case, Dean Creek) to provide the camp with freshwater while leaving the larger stream and fish trap unaltered by human occupation.

It is clear in examining the wealth of archaeological, ethnographical and tribal sources that Littleneck Beach has had an important role in the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's history, stretching back to the generations who camped and dug clams at this beach for centuries before their world was forever changed.

#### **Recent History**

This site has never had an official name. For many years it was owned by Weyerhauser, then by Dunlap Towing, which used it as a log rafting facility; as a result, it has been most commonly referred to as the "log yard" or "log dump." Dunlap Towing offered the property to the Tribe in 2001. The Tribe purchased it with grant funding from the State of Washington for the purposes of large-scale habitat restoration of the Sequim Bay estuary, initially removing dozens of creosote pilings from the aquatic environment. The multi-agency restoration of the natural functions of the estuary has created significantly improved habitat for salmonids and shellfish. The Tribe owns the beach as "fee land," and allows public access to the property. As the beach is not part of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Reservation, the Tribe is submitting this application for a name change to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names.

The beach has been used most recently as a clam digging beach by Tribal Elders in exercise of treaty rights. The current dominant local name is "Little Neck Beach." Retaining the "log yard" descriptor holds little historic value or cultural context, and has no effective impact on our understanding of the geography of timber management in Clallam County. This change establishes an official name, created by a governing body of a Native American Tribe, that is significant to the early history of the state and for which no single generally accepted names have been in use. Changing the name to Littleneck Beach not only recognizes the Tribal history of this site, but also the current status of the site as a rehabilitated shoreline environment in which the two resource co-managers — the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and the State of Washington — invested so heavily.

# 2016 JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM Q'WEN SEYU TRIBAL PICNIC SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

### TRIBAL CAMPUS IN BLYN

11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Salmon, Oysters, Clams and Corn on the cob provided.

Please bring a favorite salad, side dish

or dessert to share.

We will honor our graduates, Volunteer of the Year, and Veterans, and formally rename the former log yard.



### FORMER LOG YARD TO BE RENAMED AT TRIBAL PICNIC

Marlin Holden (Prince) is a commercial shellfisher. After spending more than a decade digging in Sequim Bay near the mouth of Jimmycomelately Creek, he tired of hearing the place referred to as the "log yard." He wanted the Tribe to reclaim that place as its own. He wanted the S'Klallam people to understand what is happening out there; the healing of the beach since its restoration by the Tribe in 2004, and the life that now thrives there.

"It's truly something for the Tribe to be proud of," he said.

Development of south Sequim Bay began in the late 18th century.

Join us at the Tribal Picnic for a brief ceremony to rename the Jimmycomelately Sequim Bay Log Yard "Littleneck Beach," or sk"4á?i? in S'Klallam.

Jimmycomelately Creek was relocated, channelized and straightened, and constricted by roads and fill to facilitate farming and the settlement of the community known as "Blyn." A mill and a log yard operated there until the late 1990's. Salmon no longer returned to the creek. Without appropriate wetlands or floodplain for the creek to spill into during the wet season, Blyn began to experience annual flooding.

The Tribe began purchasing land in the late 1990s, and with help and funding from dozens of other entities, fully restored the area by 2004. As the creek, estuary and bay began to heal, the balance of nature returned, as did the salmon, and the nearshore environment was now clean enough to grow healthy shellfish.

"I've been digging there for more than ten years," said Holden, "ever since the Tribe asked us to dig all of the Manilas so they could reseed the beach. I've watched it come to life. I've seen horse clams and cockles, huge butter clams, Olympia oysters and geoducks. I've spent time there throughout the years, in all kinds of weather. It's quiet there. I found myself wondering why I have to write "log yard" on my fishing card. "Log Yard" isn't the S'Klallam name for this place. And now that this place is ours again, we need to take back our history by renaming it," he said. About a year ago, Holden presented his idea to Tribal Council. They suggested that he run the idea past the Culture Committee, who agreed that it was a fine idea to rename the place.

Tribal Elder Kathy Duncan (Chubby/Fitzgerald) came up with the name Littleneck Beach, or skw4â?i? in S'Klallam. The beach is one of a very few that naturally sustain colonies of Littleneck clams. And while Littlenecks aren't the best clams for the commercial market, they are a traditional S'Klallam food – they were harvested, dried and smoked.

"I am sure that our ancestors who lived at Washington Harbor found this beach to be a great place to dig Little Necks," he said. "Sometimes I feel like I can hear our ancestors talking to me while I dig."

And so, on August 6<sup>th</sup> during the Tribal Picnic, Holden will share a bit of his experience watching the beach return to a productive shellfish garden, and the former "log yard" will officially be renamed.

The restored estuary and bay are visible from the Tribal campus, and from the Olympic Discovery Trail that runs around the edge of the bay. Just past Dean Creek, west of the Jimmy, is an access road that takes Tribal commercial diggers to the water's edge, where they can dig clams and oysters in the place where the log yard used to be. And from now on, they can write "Littleneck Beach" on their fish cards.

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## KLALLAM ETHNOGRAPHY

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#### **ECONOMIC LIFE**

#### ANNUAL CYCLE

The Klallam, like other Northwest Coast tribes, depend for their subsistence principally on sea food. The villages are always situated near some fishing grounds; still most people find it necessary to move several times each year to follow the various runs of salmon or to gather vegetable products. Although a village in this way may have several definite abodes during the year, the one where the permanent houses are built is considered the real home of the group.

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The Klallam from Clallam Bay to Port Townsend migrate in August to Hood Canal for the dog salmon run. The people from Hoko River do not go because their own river has every variety of salmon, but the same reason does not keep the people from Dungeness at home. The Klallam go as far up the Canal as Tahuya on one side and Union City by the mouth of the Skokomish River on the other. The Hama-Hama River and Brinnon are favorite spots. All these places are in Skokomish territory, but there are no permanent villages at the last two places. When the Skokomish hear that the Klallam have come, they join them for the sake of visiting. The Klallam camp near the permanent villages of the Skokomish at Tahuya and Union City.

The Klailam of Pysht and Clailam Bay go to Sooke Harbor and Beecher Bay to dry dog salmon. They did this even before Beecher Bay was settled by Klailam.

Shorter migrations are undertaken constantly. When the herring come into Washington Harbor the people cross the bay so as to be inside the spit when the fish congregate to spawn. They get salmon at the same time for the salmon come to feed on the herring. They also go to the creek near Blyn when there is a good run of dog salmon. The chief of Washington Harbor has a trap there which he allows someone else to use at night. At the head of Sequim Bay there is a great burnt over patch with no underbrush, having an abundance of blackberries. When the Washington Harbor people go for the berries they also dry clams.

These expeditions are usually entered upon by the entire village, leaving only the very old people behind. Canoes are loaded with provisions, mats and poles for temporary shelters and planks for carrying the load on the way back. When they are ready to return two canoes are bound together and these planks laid over them to form a platform for loading the goods.

The Kialiam generally stay along Hood Canal from August until late November or December. They plan to arrive home just in time for the winter dances. Occasionally a few families stay at their camping place on the Canal all winter, returning home just in time for the spring salmon run. Some times one trip is made early in August, the dog salmon caught, dried and brought home, then a second expedition is undertaken in September for huckle-





Figure 1: Little Neck Beach, view to the south. Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Administrative Campus visible in the distance.

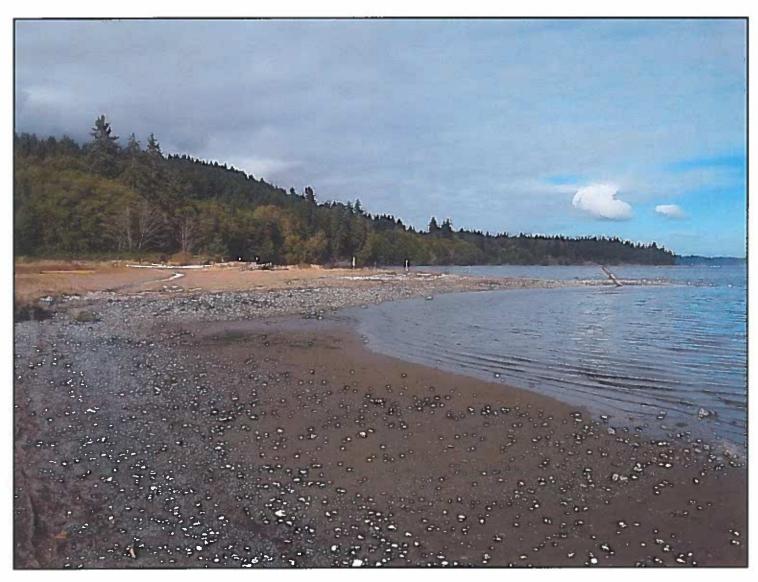


Figure 2: Little Neck Beach, view to the north. Archaeological site 45CA00528 is visible as the low mound of white shell in the middle distance, beneath the posts. Tribal oyster aquaculture buoys are visible in the waters of Sequim Bay just beyond the midden mound.

#### RESOLUTION #35-17

### Washington State Committee on Geographic Names – Littleneck Beach Application

WHEREAS, the Jamestown S'Klallam Indian Tribe (herein after referred to as "the Tribe") was Federally acknowledged by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America on February 10, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council ("Council") is the governing body of the Tribe, in accordance with its Constitution adopted on November 19, 1983, pursuant to the provisions of Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as such Constitution is amended from time-to-time; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, and regulation of treaty fishing, hunting, and gathering practices of the Indian people of the Tribe is the responsibility of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has purchased and restored the former log yard property in an effort to improve habitat for Littleneck clams and other native species; and

WHEREAS, archaeological and ethnographical evidence proves that Littleneck Beach was used by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and their ancestors for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, the name Littleneck Beach was approved by Tribal Council and announced at the 2016 Q'wen seyu tribal picnic; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has erected signs designating this tribal property as Littleneck Beach; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council requests that the Washington Committee on Geographic Names formally names this location Littleneck Beach.

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman

#### Certification

I, Lisa M. Barrell, Secretary of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council held on November 14, 2017 at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Office in Blyn, Washington, and where a quorum was present and approving the resolution by a vote of  $\mathcal{L}$  FOR and  $\mathcal{L}$  AGAINST with  $\mathcal{L}$  ABSTAINING.

isa M. Barrell, Tribal Council Secretary

# Comments

# Received



## LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

7əʔɬx̣<sup>w</sup>ə nəx<sup>w</sup>sλ'ay əm "Strong People" 2851 Lower Elwha Road (360) 452-8471 Port Angeles, WA 98363 Fax: (360) 452-3428

November 16, 2018

Washington State Board on Geographic Names P.O. Box 407030 Department of Natural Resources 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Littleneck Beach Proposed Name

Lower Elwha Klallam Letter of Support

#### Dear Members of the Board:

This letter is written in response to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's request for the issuance of a new Geographic Name for the beach adjacent to the mouth of Dean Creek and its associated tidelands in Clallam County, Washington currently known as the "Log Yard" to its new name "Littleneck Beach" where Jamestown Tribal elders practice their traditional subsistence activity of clam digging at the ancestral Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal property known as Q'wen seyu. Littleneck Beach was formally named in August of 2016 at Q'wen seyu and announced in the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Newsletter in August of 2016. Q'wen seyu is translated into English as "tribal picnic" from the Klallam language and a sign was designed and manufactured by the Jamestown S'Klallam in October of 2016.

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe respectfully suggests the Washington State Board on Geographic Names grant the Jamestown S'Klallam request to name the beach at Dean Creek and its associated tidelands Littleneck Beach.

Sincerely,

William S. White

William S. White Tribal Archaeologist MA, RPA Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

cc. Lower Elwha Klallam Business Council
William (Bill) White, Chief Executive Officer
Sam Hough, Associate Counsel
David Brownell, Jamestown S'Klallam THPO

Janet Duncan 580 River Road Sequim, WA 98382

Washington State Board on Geographic Names PO Box 47030 Olympia, WA 98504-7030

To the Board on Geographic Names:

I am a citizen of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Sequim, Washington. In addition to my ancestry, my involvement with the Tribe has included serving the Cultural Committee and the Elders' Committee.

I use Littleneck Beach for digging clams and beach walking.

I urge the Board of Geographic Names to change the name to Littleneck Beach, to Littleneck Beach (skwłá?i? in the Klallam language) and would be happy to provide testimony if necessary.

Sincerely,

Janet Duncan

Vickie Carroll 1400 Jamestown Road Sequim, WA 98382

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To the Board on Geographic Names:

I am a citizen of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Sequim, Washington. In addition to my ancestry, as Jamestown's Cultural Coordinator, my involvement with the Tribe is teaching our culture, which includes various cultural activities.

I use Littleneck Beach for clamming and at times just to be on the beach of our ancestors.

I believe changing the name to Littleneck Beach is important to the S'Klallam people because this is part of our past and will continue to be a part of future.

I urge the Board of Geographic Names to change the name to Littleneck Beach, to Littleneck Beach (skwłá?i? in the Klallam language) and would be happy to provide testimony if necessary.

Sincerely,

Vickie Carroll

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Marlin Holden PO Box 628 Carlsborg, WA 98324

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#### To the Board on Geographic Names:

I am a Tribal Elder of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Sequim, Washington. In addition to my ancestry as a direct descendant of Chief Chetzemoka (signer of the 1855 Treaty of Point No Point) of the Prince family, I am a Tribal fisherman, engaged in commercial fishing and aquaculture, as well as subsistence fishing, trapping crab and gathering bivalves.

I've been digging at Little Neck Beach in Sequim Bay for more than ten years, ever since the completion of the Tribe's restoration of Jimmycomelately Creek in 2004. I've watched it come to life. I have witnessed the healing of the beach, and the life that now thrives there.

I've seen horse clams and cockles, huge butter clams, Olympia oysters and geoducks. Even the naturally-occurring Olympia oyster, which was nearly extinct in our traditional nearshore habitat, is returning. The Tribe, and a few individuals like myself, are farming oysters in Sequim Bay now, right off Littleneck Beach.

I've spent time on Littleneck Beach and in the tide flats right off the beach throughout the years, in all kinds of weather. It's quiet there. I found myself wondering why I have to write "log yard" on my fishing card. "Log Yard" isn't the S'Klallam name for this place. And now that this place is ours again, we need to take back our history by renaming it.

In 2016, I convinced Tribal Council to officially change the name of our beach.

I now urge the Board of Geographic Names to change the name to Littleneck Beach (sk<sup>w</sup>łá?i? in the Klallam language) on official maps of our area, to reflect the Tribe's decision. I would be happy to provide testimony if necessary.

Sincerely,

Marlin D. Holden

Chair, Tribal Natural Resources Committee 2001-2016

Chair, JKT Development, 2002-2004

Marlin D. Holden

Tribal Gaming Director, 2003-2004

Executive Director, Jamestown Economic Development Authority, 2004-2008

Lisa M. Barrell 1390 Jamestown Rd Sequim, WA 98382

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To the Board on Geographic Names:

I am a citizen, and a third generation member of the governing Tribal Council for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Sequim, Washington.

I was delighted when the Tribe took on the lofty project of restoring the Jimmycomelately Creek back in the late 1990's, early 2000's. One of the tasks during the final phase was to remove the pilings from the old log yard site and restore it once again to a sustainable beach with clams and oysters that would be available to Tribal Citizens for subsistence and commercial use.

I visit the site often, to gather plants, berries and during commercial clam openings when I can visit (While trying not to be disruptive!) with Citizens. On one such occasion I talked with tribal citizen Marlin Holden and he mentioned that we needed to stop calling it "The Old Log Yard" and to call it by the name our ancestors used many, many years ago, "skwiá?i?" or "Littleneck Beach". I was in complete agreement and supported him when he brought the idea up before Tribal Council.

It did my heart good when all of Council supported the name change and when signs were erected with the new/old name. Having the name accepted by the Washington State Board on Geographic Names would be a wonderful acknowledgement of our ancestors.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa M. Barrell

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council/ Contracts & Grants Specialist 1033 Old Blyn Hwy Sequim, WA 98382 360-681-3418 work 360-460-5563 cell November 20, 2017

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To the Board on Geographic Names:

I am a citizen of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Sequim, Washington. In addition to my ancestry, my involvement with the Tribe has included serving as councilman, fisherman and aquaculture farmer.

I use Littleneck Beach for aquaculture farming of geoduck and oysters, as well as, harvesting of Malila and littleneck clams.

I believe changing the name to Littleneck Beach is important to the S'Klallam people because significance of shellfish to native peoples. Naming this beach for one our food mainstays will not only be culturally meaningful but also identify a harvest area for an indigenous species.

I urge the Board of Geographic Names to change the name to Littleneck Beach, to Littleneck Beach (sk<sup>w</sup>łá?i? in the Klallam language) and would be happy to provide testimony if necessary.

Sincerely,

Kurt F Grinnell, Councilman

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

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To the Board on Geographic Names:

I am a citizen of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Sequim, Washington. In addition to my ancestry, my involvement with the Tribe has included serving on the Enrollment Committee and the Elders' Committee.

I use Littleneck Beach for clamming and visit the beach of our ancestors.

I believe changing the name to Littleneck Beach is important to the S'Klallam people because this area is in the middle of our traditional territory and has been used by the tribal citizens for thousands of years.

I urge the Board of Geographic Names to change the name to Littleneck Beach, to Littleneck Beach (skwiá?i? in the Klallam language) and would be happy to provide testimony if necessary.

Sincerely,

Kathy Duncan

#### MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From:

Cameron, Ron <rcameron@co.clallam.wa.us>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 12:59 PM

To:

MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

Subject:

Clallam EM - Littleneck Beach

Hi Caleb,

As far as Clallam County Emergency Mgt. is concerned, Littleneck Beach is a fine name for that area. I see no conflicts locally.

Ron

#### **Undersheriff Ron Cameron**

Clallam County Sheriff's Office

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#### **DNR RE BOGN**

From: D Meyer <dmeyer@wavecable.com> Sent:

Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:18 AM To: **DNR RE BOGN** 

Subject: Littleneck Beach-Clallam County.

I would like to strongly urge the committee not to change the name to Littleneck Beach. It has been known for generations as Deans Spit and should remain that way. Most past and present Blyn residents would agree. I grew up in Blyn, right across from the spit. My family, for generations, swam, played and dug clams there. My father, brothers, husband and inlaws harvested clams for Ernie Dean for years. It was hard work but much needed income for Blyn residents. The S"Kallam tribe is not the Blyn tribe. Blyn is not their reservation. That is Jamestown. My ancestors came to Blyn in the 1890's and have lived there ever since. We even have our own family cemetery there. The Zaccardo family cemetery. Deans spit is part of the past for all Blyn natives and current residents and should be part of our future. In all the years of living near the spit I never witnessed any tribal members harvesting clams. That was done in Jamestown, on their official reservation. I have nothing against the tribe. In fact, I am part S'Klallam myself as is my husband and other family members. Please consider the thoughts and feelings of those that appose this change. Thank you, Sincerely Phyllis Meyer. 360 683-4609



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November 26, 2018

David Brownell Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Cultural Resources Specialist 1033 Old Blyn Hwy Sequim, WA 98382

Dear David Brownell,

Your proposal to name **Littleneck Beach** is scheduled for its *final* hearing before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on **12/7/2018** in Olympia.

Proposed names may receive two or more hearings before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names. Meetings are usually held twice a year. At the first meeting, the Committee decides whether or not to consider the name, and at the second, the Committee makes a decision to approve, deny, or defer the proposed name.

In the intervening months, the Committee staff solicits opinions and comments from historical societies, county officials, federal agencies, mountaineering clubs, and any other group or person who can provide information or an informed opinion on the proposal. The Committee uses this information to make a decision according to guidelines previously established by the Committee.

If there is additional pertinent information (names and addresses of longtime residents, property owners adjacent to the feature, or historical information to help us in our research) beyond what is provided in the Geographic Name Application, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

You are welcome to attend the hearing on your proposal, and will be given an opportunity to make a statement or provide information or clarification at that time. An agenda for the next Committee on Geographic Names meeting will be mailed to you prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or additional information to convey, please call me at (360) 902-1280, or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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December 7, 2018

David Brownell Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Cultural Resources Specialist 1033 Old Blyn Hwy Sequim, WA 98382

Dear David Brownell.

At the December 7, 2018 meeting of the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names, the Committee voted to send your application to name Littleneck Beach located in Clallam County to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.

All information on your proposal will be forwarded to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names for their consideration at a future meeting.

When the Board selects a date to hear your proposal, a letter will be sent to you informing you of the date and time your proposal will be heard.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 902-1280 or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in geographic names.

Sincerely,

Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary

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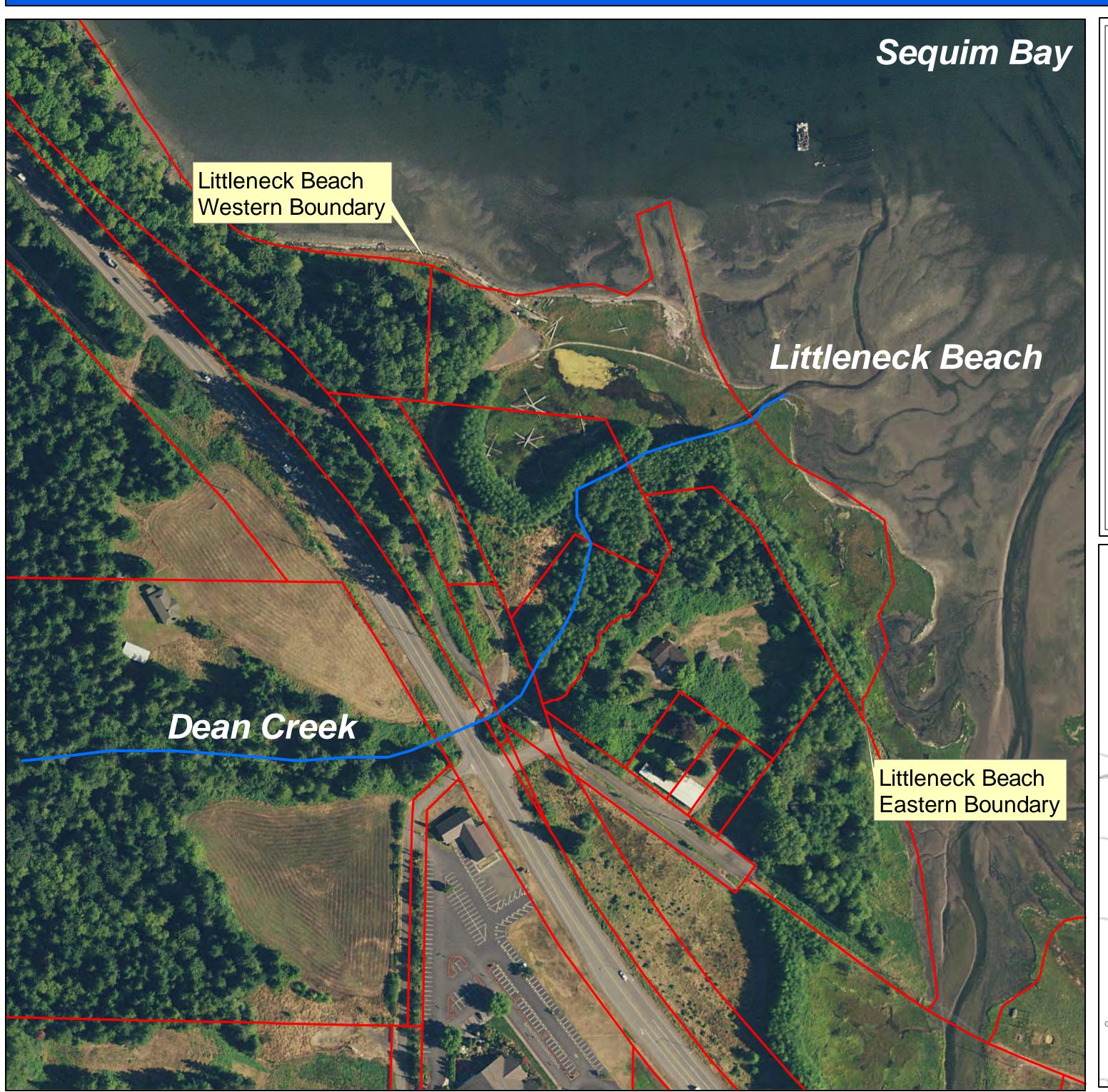
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## LITTLENECK BEACH - CLALLAM COUNTY



Beach, 1,600ft long. Extends 800 ft on both N and S sides of the mouth of Dean Creek, located 0.25 miles NW of Blyn.

Proposal submitted by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to for a beach in Clallam County near Blyn. Site was known as "log yard" among local residents in the 1990's due to the location of a log rafting facility.

The Tribe began purchasing the land in the late 1990's, and completed the restoration of the area in 2004. The beach is one of the few native colonies of littleneck clams in WA.

