**Noskeliikuu**  
*Jefferson County - Name Change*

**Township:** 25N  
**Range:** 8W  
**Section:** 36

**USGS Quad:** Kimta Peak

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**Proponent:**  
Lia Frenchman  
Historical Preservation Technician - Quinault Indian Nation

**Proposal Received:** 6/21/2022  
**Initial Consideration:** 7/26/2022  
**Final Consideration:**

**WA Committee Decision:**  
**WA Board Decision:**
WASHINGTON STATE
Geographic Name Application

Proposed Name: Noskelikuu

County: Jefferson Township: 25
N Range: 8 W Section(s): 25, 35, 36 Lat.
47.627718 N, -123.656018 W (Begin)
Lat. 47.6352 N, Long. -123.644761 W (End)

Description:
Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): 4,077 feet east trending tributary to the North Fork Quinault River. Currently named "Squaw Creek" on USGS maps. The headwaters are at UTM 862321.461, 852318.524 it flows into the North Fork of the Quinault River at 865213.171, 854919.411.

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: Year round flow

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: Squaw Creek

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? It is on the USGS maps. It is currently officially named Squaw Creek

History
Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods, fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

Origin of name: The history of this particular name is unknown. Many of the names in the Olympic National Park and Olympic Mountains are coined from a Seattle Washington Press Expedition in 1889-1890 or EuroAmerican explorers to the Olympic Peninsula. Nearby to this creek is Three Prune, Wild Rose, and Elip creeks.

This area is known to have been used by the Native Americans of the area for their seasonal rounds. Many important high elevation medicinal plants might be found at this elevation and only collected during the summer months. It is possible that the expedition or other historic colonial-settler may have seen a Native American gathering. The Olympic National Park historian, Matt Dubeau, researched the origin of the name but we have not heard back.

If a commemorative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed
Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? It is an essential high elevation tributary to the North Fork of the Quinault River.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest:

Current name is based in racism towards the People of the area and we are replacing this derogatory name with an event place name from the language of the People.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? The name has been used in oral histories for at least four generations by Quinault Tribal members.

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) We used oral history and additional background research on the existing name through the Olympic National Park Service Dave Conca, Park Archeaologist, and Matt Debeau, Historic.

What type of support is there for the proposed name? List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

This proposed name change has been vetted through the Quinault Cultural Advisory Committee, the Natural Resources and Community Development subcommittee, advised by appropriate cultural leaders and is on the next agenda for review and the Quinault Business Committee

This name change will be on the forthcoming Quinault Business Committee Agenda for acceptance by resolution. At that time we will forward the resolution to our contact at DNR.

For more information please contact QIN Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Naomi Brandenfels at naomi.brandenfels@quinault.org or Lia Frenchman, Historic Preservation Technician at lfrenchman@quinault.org.
Application submitted by:

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Date of Application: June 17, 2022

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: Lia Frenchman
Signature: Lia Frenchman
Date: June 21, 2022

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

WA State Board on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
Olympia, WA 98504-7030
(Phone: 360-902-1280 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)
Hey Caleb,

I was just thinking about that last night when I realized I didn’t think I had included that. The questions didn’t immediately reflect that so I forgot to add it in.

noskeliikuu basically means “the place where the whale dropped” it was an event witnessed by Quinault ancestors in the area and was named for the actual event. “nos” roughly translates to “place” in Quinault so that signifies that were talking about a place.

Hope that helps,

Lia Frenchman
Historic Preservation Technician
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Key

SQ-creek
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