



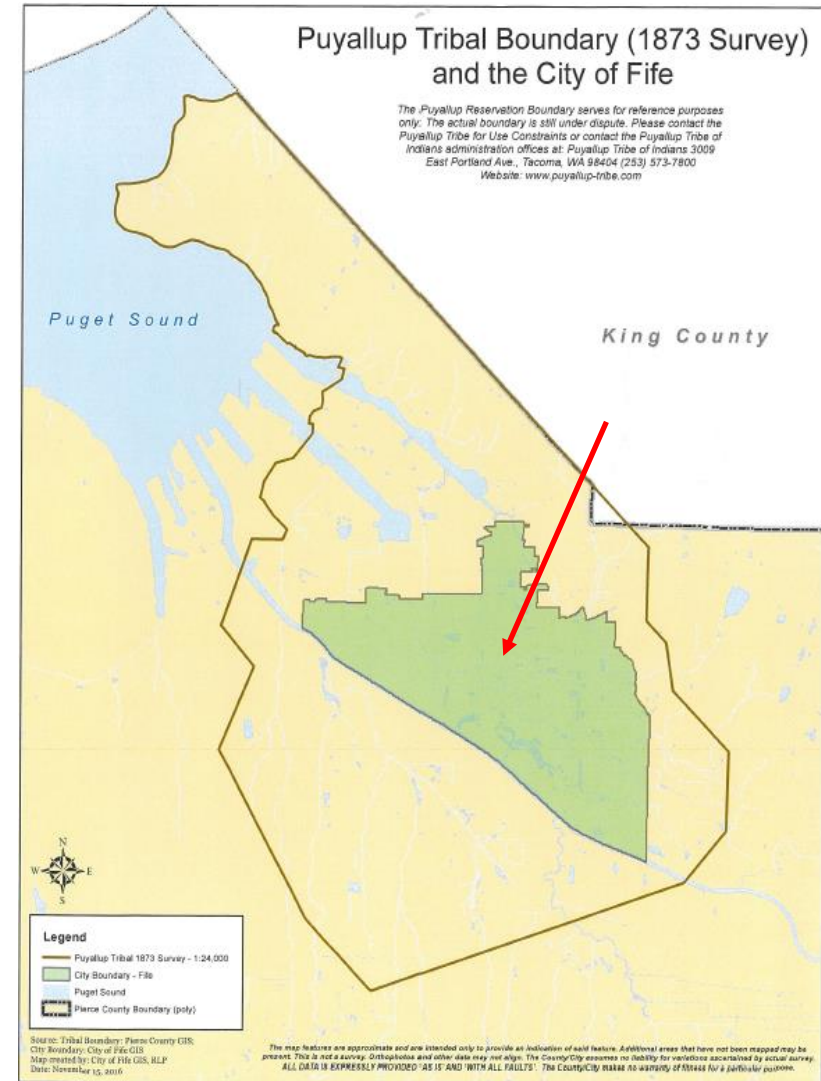
# COORDINATING WITH TRIBAL PARTNERS

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# Presentation Overview

- “History”
- Land Settlement Agreement
- Consultation
- Lessons Learned
- Benefits



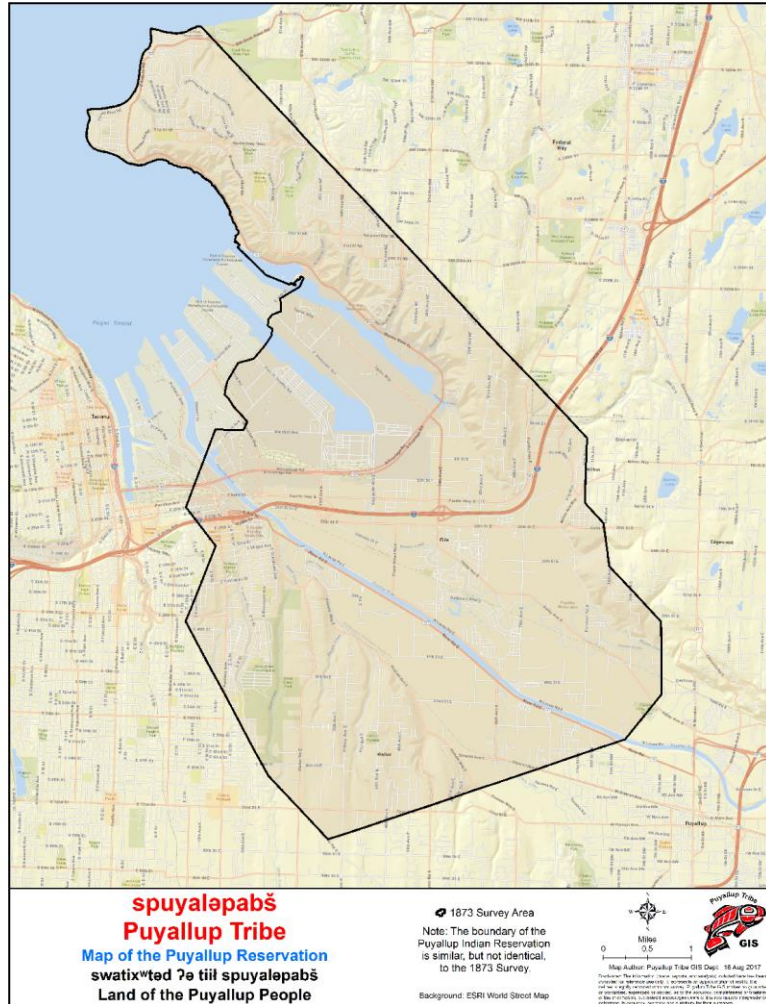


# History – Time Immemorial





# History – Treaty of Medicine Creek



**The Treaty of Medicine Creek** created the Puyallup Indian Reservation in 1854.

Two subsequent Executive Orders, in 1857 and 1873, added to the Reservation. Those **Reservation boundaries remain effective today.**

The Survey Area includes **approximately 18,000 acres.**



# History – Dawes Act

## General Allotment Act of 1887

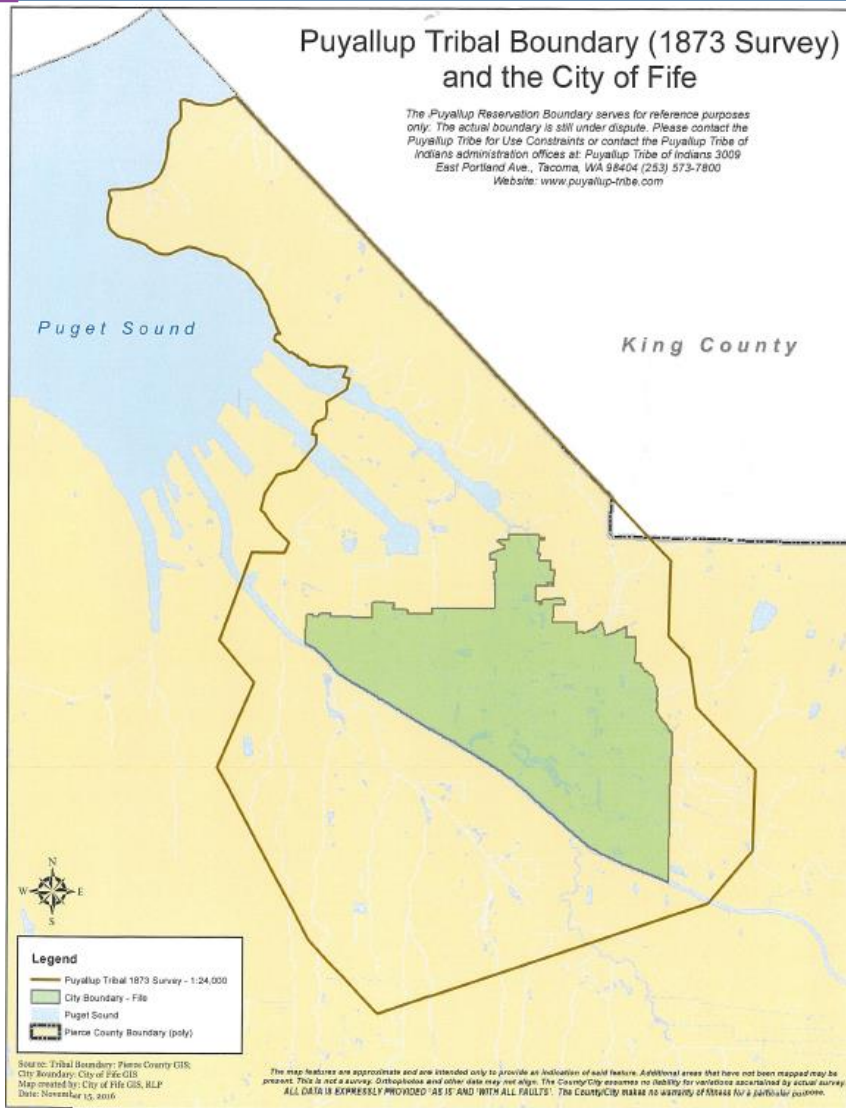
Reservation split into individual “ownership”.

Vast majority of tribal allotments are no longer in tribal ownership.

Those “original allotments” that have remained in tribal ownership hold incredible importance.



# History – Enter Fife



## Fife Incorporates 1957

Population – 1,463

Land Area – 1,250 acres

## Property Classifications

In Trust (US Government)

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Individual Tribal Members

Not in Trust

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Individual Tribal Members

Neither of the above

## 2020 Census

Population 10,999

Land Area – 3,700 acres



# History – 1988 Land Settlement Agreement



**Agreement**  
between  
the Puyallup Tribe of Indians,  
local Governments in Pierce County,  
the State of Washington,  
the United States of America,  
and certain private property owners.

August 27, 1988

The Puyallup Indian Tribal Land Claims Settlement Agreement was signed by 12 parties and became effective on March 24, 1990. The parties are:

- United States
- State of Washington
- Pierce County
- **City of Fife**
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Tideland Owners
- **Puyallup Indian Tribe**
- Port of Tacoma
- City of Tacoma
- City of Puyallup
- Burlington Northern RR
- Riverbed Owners



# “C”onsultation – Required

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**Land Use “C”onsultation Process** – Described in section VIII(C) of the 1988 Settlement Agreement and section (C)(3) of Technical Document #7.

When is the Land Use Consultation Process applicable, and required?

**When the Tribe or local government”** (the County, Tacoma, Fife, Puyallup) **considers a “substantial action.”**

*NOTE: “C”onsultation may differ based on the treaties, agreements, state and federal laws applicable to your jurisdiction.*





## “C”onsultation – **Substantial Action**

- A rezone, shoreline permit, conditional use permit, annexation, subdivision, etc.
- A legislative action such as the adoption of land use plans or amendments
- Environmental review



# “C”onsultation – **Process**

- The process **works in both directions**
- **Before a decision is made** on any substantial action, the parties are required to consult and **attempt to resolve any differences** they have.
- The **government with decision-making authority retains that authority** at the end of the Consultation Process.



## consultation – **generally**

- Process of **seeking, discussing, and considering the views** of other participants, and, **where feasible, seeking agreement**.
- **May be formally outlined** (“C”) by State and Federal law and other applicable treaties or agreements.
- **May be conducted informally** (c) over matters related to the normal planning process
- The **goal of consultation** is to **further the government-to-government relationship** with Tribes and local jurisdictions, and ensure the **mutual respect for the rights, interests, and obligations of each government**.

# Three “basics”

- You **must BUILD a unique relationship**. This is **NOT the same relationship** you have with neighboring City, County or the State,
- Understand **Unique Dynamics**
  - Local Government to Sovereign Nation
  - Staff vs Tribal Council
  - Tribal Trust vs Member Trust
  - Specific interests and concerns
- **“C”onsultation** should be considered absolute **bare minimum**.
  - Will only achieve bare minimum results, or worse.
  - Aim for better coordination







# “Tips”

- **Build relationships**
  - Outside of “C”onsultation
  - Meet informally
  - Open, early, and honest communication
  - All Levels
  - Understanding
  - Mutual respect
  - Takes work
- Strong foundational relationship, **helps when working through tough issues**
- **Two ears, one mouth** (exercise “proportionality”)
- More than just checking a box, requires **ongoing communication**



# In practice

## What

- “Notice of Application”
- Annual docket
- Sub area plans
- Area wide rezones
- Planned Actions
- Utility plans
- Capital Improvements
- Case-by-case
  - SEPA exempt permits
  - Code violations
  - Council agenda items

## When

- As soon as possible
- Early enough to address fundamental issues
- Budget authorization
- Data collection
- Scopeing
- Before general public when appropriate
- Just to check in with each other
- No surprises

## How

- Email
- Virtual
- Phone call
- In person meeting(s)
- Pre-app meetings
- Public notice
- Committees
  - Steering
  - Technical Advisory
  - Etc.



## BONUS – “Tip”

“But I don’t want to do a Cultural Resource Survey...” 😞

- *Anonymous permit applicant*

- “I agree you have every right to develop your property consistent with the Fife Municipal Code.”
- “You have no right to destroy (i.e. take) irreplaceable cultural resources belonging to the Puyallup Tribe, and the City is obligated to ensure the protection of these resources.”
- “Consider it an insurance policy of sorts.”



# Benefits – **general**

Besides the *right thing* to do, and being *required* to do it...

- **Technical Expertise / Knowledge Base**
  - Cultural Resources
  - Fisheries
  - Environmental Stewardship
  - Planning Theory/GMA
  - Transportation
- Partnerships
  - Projects
  - Grants
  - Infrastructure
- Sound planning principles
- **Economic Development**
- Opportunities as a “Sovereign Nation”





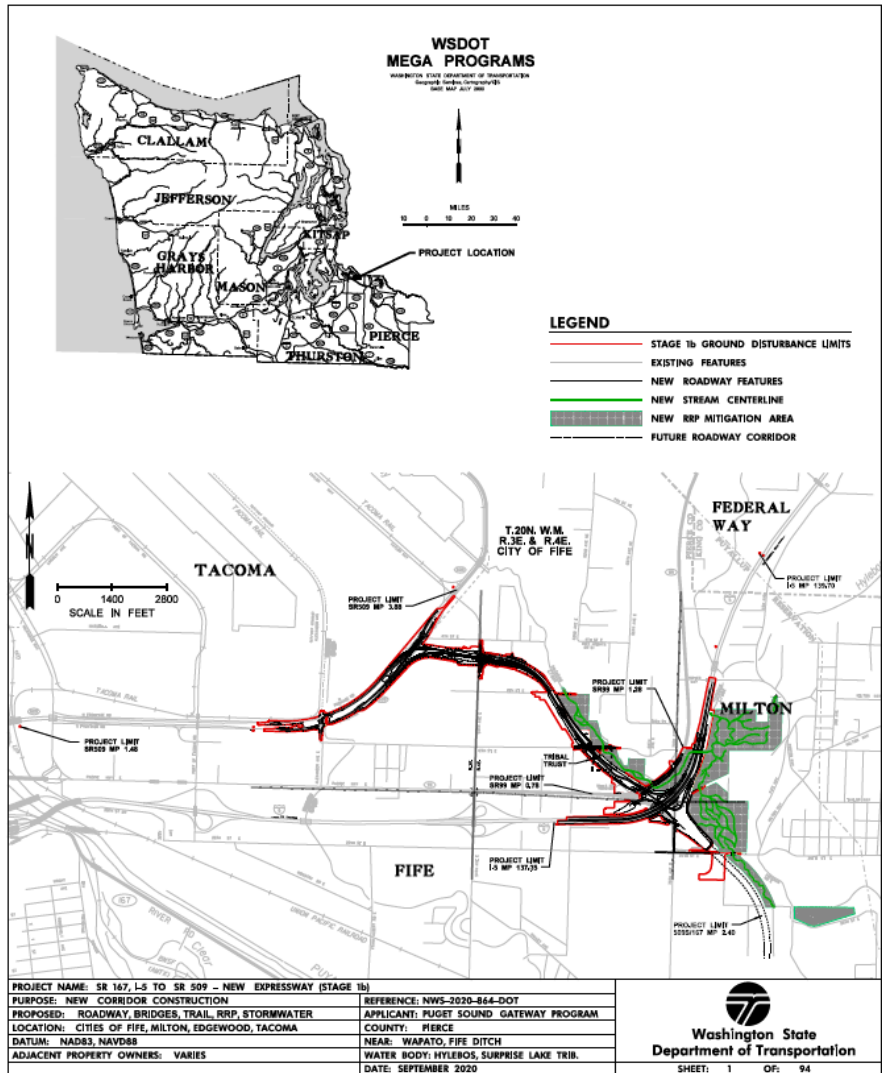
# Benefits – Fisheries

- Wapato Creek
  - Brookville Gardens
  - Lower Wapato Culvert Replacement
  - Freeman Rd Mitigation Site
  - WSDOT SR-167 Phase 1b
  - Salmon recovery efforts
- Hylebos Creek
  - WSDOT SR-167 Phase 1a
  - Restoration projects
  - Salmon recovery efforts
- Puyallup River
  - Upstream flood storage
  - Sha Dax off-channel habitat
  - Salmon recovery efforts





# Benefits – WSDOT SR-167 Review/Permitting



Puyallup Tribal Staff

- Technical Knowledge
- Permitting Authority



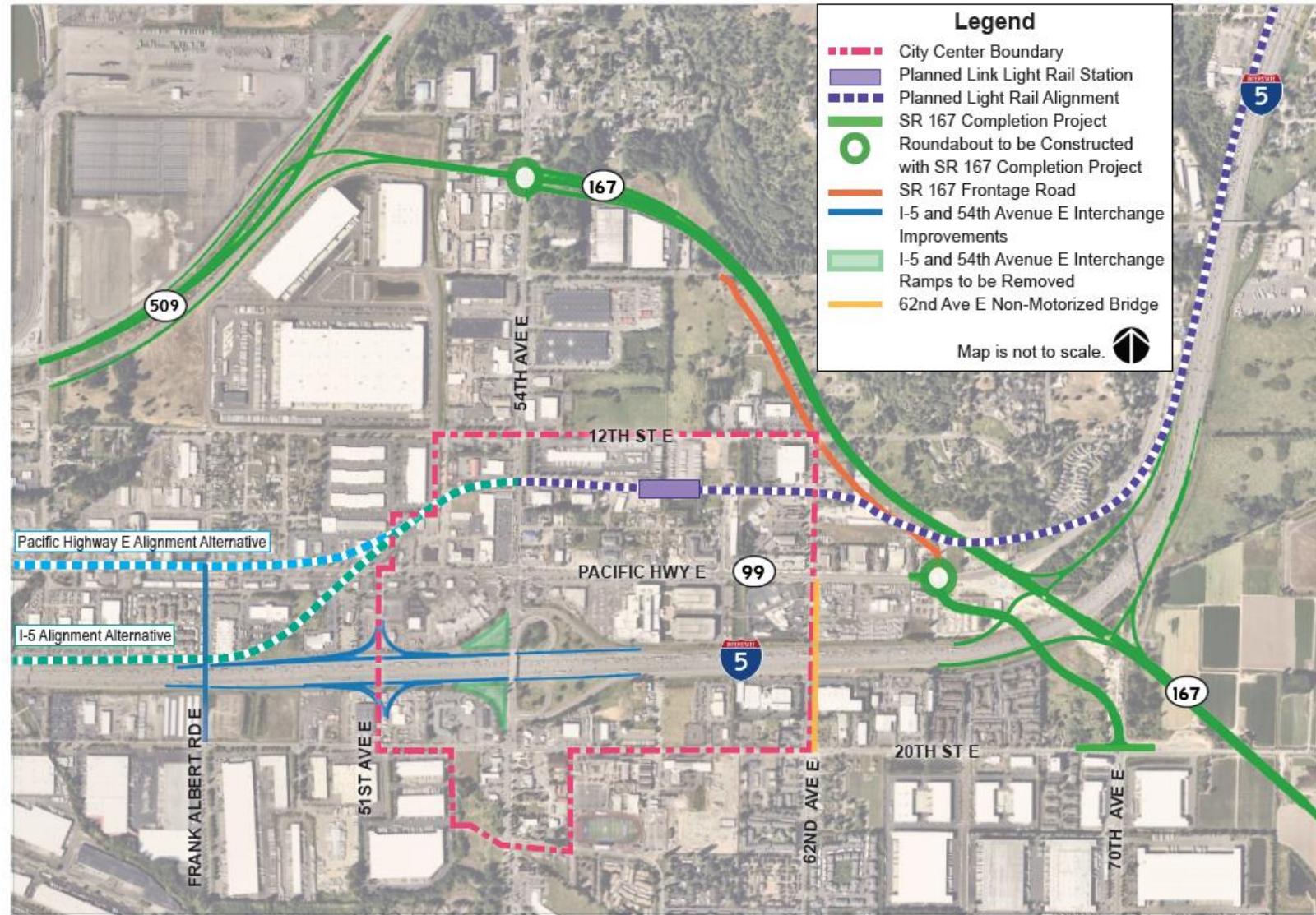




# Benefits – Sound Transit / City Center

Tribal Staff invited to all meetings between Fife and ST, through EIS process.

- Cultural Resources
- Station Location
- Technical Analysis
- Site Design
- Transportation
- TOD



# Benefits – Economic Development



PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS



The screenshot displays three job listings from Amazon:

- Amazon Fulfillment Center Warehouse Associate**  
Amazon  
Fife, WA  
via Amazon Jobs Hiring Now  
\$ 19.25 an hour Full-time No degree mentioned Health insurance
- Amazon Delivery Driver - \$3,000 Bonus**  
Amazon Delivery Service Partners  
Fife, WA  
via CareerBuilder  
1 day ago Full-time No degree mentioned Health insurance Paid time off
- Package Handler**  
Amazon Warehouse  
Fife, WA  
via Adzuna  
Full-time No degree mentioned Health insurance Dental insurance





# Take-aways

- **Time Immemorial**
- Unique dynamics
- Consultation is required (minimum)
- Ongoing coordination (better)
- **Build relationships (best)**
  - Communicate regularly
  - Understanding and respect
- **Coordinate planning efforts** big and small
- **Good things** can & will come of it...



# Thank you

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