

Engagement and collaboration with the Tribal Nations is a key aspect of project development. OPALCO recognizes that the Tribal Nations with ancestral lands in the San Juan Islands have strong spiritual and cultural ties to salmon and other aquatic species in the region that includes thousands of years of access and use for religious/cultural ceremonies, subsistence, and for commercial purposes. The proposed project would be in the Usual and Accustomed (U&A) fishing area for the region's Tribal Nations who were signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott, which is a key aspect of why OPALCO started outreach to the Tribal Nations at the inception of the feasibility study.

OPALCO began outreach and hosting meetings with Tribal Nations just over two years ago. OPALCO is continuing engagement through meetings and correspondence at key milestones throughout the duration of the Department of Energy Phase 1 grant process to share information about the potential project and collaborate to assess the feasibility. OPALCO will be working collaboratively with Tribal Nations to identify priority topics requiring study to inform the FERC Draft License Agreement (DLA) application process over the next 9 months. Ultimately, government-to-government consultation with the Tribal Nations will occur between FERC and the Tribal Nations once a DLA application is submitted. The table below includes a detailed log of OPALCO's early and ongoing engagement efforts with Tribal Nations.

Tribal Engagement Summary Table – last updated 1/17/2025

Tribal Nation	Outreach and Engagement
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 26, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. September 27, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and to department technical staff.
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 26, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. September 27, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.
Lummi Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 17, 2022: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. August 26, 2022: Email to department technical staff. September 7, 2022: Response from department technical staff received. September 23, 2022: Meeting with department technical staff. October 5 and December 5, 2022: Follow-up emails to department technical staff. March 14, 2023: Follow-up emails to department technical staff. March 13, 2024: Email to department technical staff. April 29, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. May 1, 2024: Email to department technical staff. July 9, 2024: Follow-up emails and coordination with department technical staff and Tribal Chairperson. July 16, 2024: Follow-up emails and coordination with department technical staff and Tribal Chairperson. August 28, 2024: Follow-up emails and coordination with department technical staff and Tribal Chairperson. August 29, 2024: Email to department technical staff. September 27, 2024: Email to department technical staff.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 3, 2024: Email to department technical staff. • November 7, 2024: Email to department technical staff.
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 5, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. • December 11, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.
Nooksack Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 5, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. • December 11, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 18, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. • December 19, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.
Samish Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 17, 2022: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. • August 26, 2022: Email to department technical staff. • October 13, 2022: Follow-up emails to department technical staff. • October 27, 2022: Response from department technical staff received. • November 29, 2022: Meeting with department technical staff. • March 13, 2024: Email update to department technical staff. • April 1, 2024: Response from department technical staff received. • July 9, 2024: Emailed department technical staff and received background materials from department technical staff. • July 10, 2024: Follow-up emails and coordination with department technical staff. • September 4, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. • September 4, 2024: Email to department technical staff. • September 27, 2024: Email to Councilman and technical staff. • October 21, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. • November 12, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. • January 17, 2025: Meeting with department technical staff.
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 5, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. • December 11, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.
Skokomish Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 5, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. • December 11, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 5, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 11, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 5, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. December 11, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.
Suquamish Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 17, 2022: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. August 26, 2022: Email to department technical staff. October 13, 2022: Email to department technical staff. March 13, 2024: Email to department technical staff. April 26, 2024: Response from department technical staff received. May 29, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. June 4, 2024: Coordination between OPALCO team, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and department technical staff. July 9, 2024: Email to department technical staff. July 16, 2024: Email to department technical staff. August 28, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. August 28, 2024: Email to department technical staff. September 27, 2024: Email to department technical staff. October 3, 2024: Email to department technical staff. October 28, 2024: Email to department technical staff. October 29, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. December 4, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff.
Swinomish Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 17, 2022: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. August 26, 2022: Email to department technical staff. August 29, 2022: Response from department technical staff received. September 9, 2022: Meeting with department technical staff September 22, 2022: Email to department technical staff. October 12, 2022: Email to department technical staff. November 14, 2022: Email to department technical staff. March 6, 2023: Meeting with department technical staff. May 25, 2023: Follow up emails and coordination with department technical staff. March 13, 2024: Email to department technical staff. April 4, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. June 11, 2024: Coordination between OPALCO team, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and department technical staff. August 8, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. August 9, 2024: Email to department technical staff. September 6, 2024: Follow up email and coordination with department technical staff. September 27, 2024: Email to department technical staff. October 29, 2024: Comments from department technical staff received. October 30, 2024: Email to department technical staff.

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Tulalip Tribes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 17, 2022: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. • August 26, 2022: Email to department technical staff. • October 13, 2022: Emails to department technical staff. • May 25, 2023: Follow up email and coordination with department technical staff. • June 16, 2023: Meeting with department technical staff. • March 13, 2024: Email to department technical staff. • May 10, 2024: Follow up email and coordination with department technical staff. • September 5, 2024: Meeting with department technical staff. • September 6, 2024: Email to department technical staff. • September 27, 2024: Email to department technical staff.
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 5, 2024: Mailed letter to Tribal chairperson. • December 11, 2024: Email to Tribal chairperson and email to department technical staff.