Puyallup Tribe of Indians

PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 0306260

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe has existed since time immemorial as the original stewards, protectors, and guardians of their lands, waters, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe is a sovereign nation, having historically negotiated with several foreign nations including the United States in the Medicine Creek Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe is a sovereign nation whose inherent authority and responsibility to protect the health, welfare, cultural heritage, and prosperity of its people is reaffirmed in the Medicine Creek Treaty, and their Constitution and Bylaws, and the Tribe's sovereign authority; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council is the governing body of the Puyallup Tribe in accordance with the authority of its sovereign rights as the aboriginal owners and guardians of their lands and waters, reaffirmed in the Medicine Creek Treaty, and its Constitution and Bylaws, as amended and approved by the Tribe and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council recognizes that the lands, waters, forests, fisheries, and marine environments of the Salish Sea are central to the Tribe's identity, culture, economy, and way of life, and that protecting these resources is essential for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council has consistently demonstrated its commitment to environmental stewardship through the adoption of the Tribe's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Climate Change Impact Assessment, All Hazards Mitigation Plan, Climate Emergency Resolution No. 101219, and numerous investments in renewable energy, electric vehicle infrastructure, habitat restoration, food sovereignty, sustainable development, and community resilience; and

WHEREAS the Puyallup Tribal Council recognizes its long-standing stewardship responsibilities and is intended to guide sustainability for the next generation of Tribal planning, expanding on the Resolution No. 101219 as actionable sustainability framework grounded in Tribal values; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council recognizes that climate change, environmental degradation, habitat loss, declining water quality, sea level rise, extreme heat, wildfire, flooding, and other environmental hazards threaten Tribal treaty resources, public health, infrastructure, cultural resources, and the long-term well-being of the Tribe and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Strategic Plan for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians (Sustainability Strategic Plan) was developed through a collaborative planning process involving Tribal departments, staff, community

members, and regional partners, ensuring that the Plan reflects Tribal values, traditional ecological knowledge, community priorities, and practical implementation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Strategic Plan affirms that sustainability extends beyond environmental protection and includes the interconnected principles of cultural preservation, social equity, community wellness, economic resilience, and responsible stewardship of Tribal resources; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Strategic Plan establishes Climate Resilience and Climate Mitigation as cross-cutting themes that guide all sustainability efforts and recognizes that preparing for climate impacts while reducing greenhouse gas emissions are complementary responsibilities of Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Strategic Plan establishes five Priority Focus Areas consisting of: Energy; Habitat and Water Quality; Cultural Sustainability and Community Wellness; Transportation and Mobility; and Economic Sustainability; to guide future Tribal investments, planning, operations, and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Strategic Plan establishes measurable goals, strategies, implementation actions, and performance indicators intended to strengthen Tribal sovereignty, improve environmental quality, preserve cultural heritage, increase community resilience, promote sustainable economic development, and enhance the quality of life for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that sustainability is an ongoing responsibility requiring coordination among Tribal departments, community participation, regional partnerships, periodic evaluation, and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that adoption of the Sustainability Strategic Plan will provide a comprehensive framework for integrating sustainability into Tribal governance, planning, operations, capital investments, and future policy development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians that the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Sustainability Strategic Plan is hereby adopted as the Tribe's official Sustainability Strategic Plan.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Sustainability Strategic Plan shall serve as the Tribe's comprehensive policy framework for advancing environmental stewardship, cultural sustainability, community wellness, economic resilience, climate resilience, and climate mitigation throughout Tribal government operations and future planning efforts.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, all Tribal departments, enterprises, and programs are encouraged, where appropriate, to incorporate the goals, strategies, and implementation actions identified within the Sustainability Strategic Plan into departmental work plans, capital improvement planning, grant development, infrastructure investments, operational practices, and future policy development.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Tribe shall continue implementing sustainability initiatives that support: protection and restoration of natural resources; reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; climate adaptation and resilience; sustainable energy development; habitat and water quality improvements; cultural preservation; transportation improvements; community wellness; and sustainable economic development.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Sustainability Program shall coordinate implementation of the Sustainability Strategic Plan, facilitate interdepartmental collaboration, pursue funding opportunities, monitor implementation progress, and provide periodic reports and recommendations to the Tribal Council.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, implementation of the Sustainability Strategic Plan shall continue to honor Tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, traditional ecological knowledge, cultural values, and the Tribe's responsibility to protect the lands, waters, natural resources, and cultural heritage entrusted to the Tribe for future generations.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Tribe shall continue to collaborate with Tribal members, neighboring jurisdictions, governmental agencies, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, utilities, and other partners to advance shared sustainability goals while preserving Tribal sovereignty and decision-making authority.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Sustainability Strategic Plan shall be periodically reviewed and updated as necessary to reflect changing environmental conditions, scientific understanding, community priorities, funding opportunities, and implementation progress.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Chairman Bill Sterud, or in the Chairman's absence the Vice-Chairwoman Anna Bean, to execute this Resolution and any documents necessary to implement and carry out the intent of this Resolution on behalf of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

CERTIFICATION

I, Angel Rosenello, Secretary of the Puyallup Tribal Council of the Puyallup Reservation do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Puyallup Tribal Council held on the Puyallup Indian Reservation on the 3rd day of June, 2026, a quorum being present with a vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 NOT VOTING its adoption.

ATTEST:

Secretary, Puyallup Tribal Council

Bill Sterud

Bill Sterud, Chairman or
Anna Bean, Vice-Chairwoman
Puyallup Tribal Council

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Entered: 5/6/26 **Time:** 3:35 PM **Status of Request:** CLOSED **CDR #:** 975

CDRIDs: CMP160 **Submitted By:** Kalicia Bean **BY:** JS

Department / Entity: Sustainability Manager

It is respectfully recommended that the Puyallup Tribal Council approve the Puyallup Tribe Sustainability Plan to guide a coordinated, culturally grounded, and long-term approach to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and community wellbeing. Approve with signature and support for implementation as needed.

Meeting Date: 6/3/2026 **CHAIR:** Bill Sterud **RECORDING SECRETARY:** Olivia Mauritson

Method: Motion No. 1 **Action by Council:** Approved

Motion by: Annette M. Bryan **Second by:** Fred Dillon

Bill Sterud: Not Voting **Sylvia P Miller:** FOR

Annette M Bryan: FOR **James Rideout:** FOR

Anna A Bean: FOR **Monica Miller** Not Present

Fred Dillon: FOR

Tally Vote: 5 For 0 Against 0 Abstain Motion Carries **RESOLUTION NO:** 030626

Document tracking and Council comments:

07/06/2026om - Forwarded a follow-up email to Kalicia Bean for the resolution.

06/03/2026om - Approved.

05/13/2026ks- Schedule meeting with Kalicia Bean.