

Terry Williams, Fisheries & Natural Resources Commissioner
The Tulalip Tribes of Washington\

Terry Williams has been employed with Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources for 24 years as the Fisheries and Natural Resources Commissioner. Terry was appointed for two years by Ms. Carol Browner, Administrator of EPA to establish a new American Indian Environmental Office with EPA to specifically address environmental issues of Indian Tribes nation-wide. After consulting with tribes throughout the US he developed, operating procedures and agenda and managed the budget.

He was also appointed the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission since 1985 and Vice-Chairman from 1992-95. He has served on the Pacific Salmon Commission, Southern Panel from 1985 to present. He has chaired the panel for 9 of these years. He was selected by Washington and Oregon Treaty Tribes and appointed by the United States Department of Interior to represent Tribal interest in the United States-Canada Salmon Interception Treaty annual salmon harvest management and allocation deliberation at negotiations. Participate in all preparation and negotiation session of the Southern Panel and Pacific Salmon Commission. He is a representative since 1986 to present on the Pacific Management Council for the Tulalip Tribes. He was appointed by the Secretary for Policy and International Affairs office Department of the Interior to represent Indigenous Peoples of the United States delegation to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, in which he has participated since 1997. He was co-chair International Association of Impact Assessment Indigenous Peoples Committee from 1997-2003. He participated in the development of Treaty of Indigenous Peoples International for protecting the culture and economics of members of Native peoples. He was appointed to the Regional Interagency Executive Committee, by President Clinton in 1993 to respond to the Endangered Species Act by developing a regional forestry implementation Plan for the Pacific Northwest. He was appointed by the Governor 1985- 1995 to the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority to represent Washington Tribes in developing plans to improve the quality in Puget Sound. He is a member of the Timber, Fish and Wildlife Advisory Group since 1986 and was co-chair from 1992-1993. A tribal representative from 1987-1991 on the Governor's Wetlands Forum. He served as a member on the Tribal caucus from 1990 to 1994 for Water Resources Forum. He was on the Board of Directors for the Center for Streamside Studies from 1988 to 2003. He is has served on the Board of Directors for Institute of Environmental Studies, Adopt a Stream Foundation, and the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society. He is a Forum member of Agricultural Forum and the Board of People for Puget Sound and currently on the Board for the Central Washington University on the Law & Justice Committee. From 2000-2004 he served on the National Environmental Justice Committee. Terry is also on the Executive Committee of Tri-County ESA forum and the Multi-Jurisdictional Shared Strategy Forum for regional salmon recovery.

Received his AA 1977 from Everett Community College in Criminal & Law Enforcement.

He Graduated with B.A. 1979 from Central Washington University in Law & Justice,

Terry was awarded the Washington State Environmental Excellence Award 1988, selected by the Governor to receive an award recognizing dedication and contribution in improvement of States Environmental Quality. He was also awarded the Washington State Environmental excellence award in 1990 also selected by the Governor of Washington State to receive an award for work on developing the Chelan Agreement and the implementation plan for the Chelan Water Resources Forum. In 2001 he was awarded the Seventh Generation Legacy Award by the Salmon Homecoming Commission. He was nominated for the 2004 Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership. The Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association awarded and Honor Award in 2005 for the multi-partner Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan to the City of Everett, King County, Port of Everett, Snohomish County and the Tulalip Tribes in which Terry had a leadership role. He was awarded the Phil and Laura Zalesky Award in 2005 by the Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC).