

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Nisqually Indian Tribe Quiemuth Village Mixed-Use Development and Fee-to-Trust Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs

ACTION: Notice of Availability

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 18, 2024 – October 18, 2024

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead federal agency, with the Nisqually Indian Tribe has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA; NEPA # EA-24-22) for the proposed action on the Nisqually Indian Tribe Quiemuth Village Mixed-Use Development and Fee-to-Trust Project, City of Lacey, Thurston County, Washington. This notice also announces the EA are now available electronically and in hard copy at the addresses below. The public comment period for the EA will be open for 30 days, beginning on September 18, 2024, and ending on October 18, 2024. Based on the analysis of the impacts discussed in the EA and comments received during the public review period, the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significant Impact, or direct further environmental studies.

ADDRESSES: The EA is available to electronically view and download at <http://nisquallyea.com/>. You may request a hard copy of the EA by writing the BIA Northwest Region Office, Division of Environmental & Cultural Resource Management (DECRM), 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169.

Written comments should be emailed to admin@nisquallyea.com or mailed to the following address:

Tobiah Mogavero, NEPA Coordinator
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911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169

Please use “**Nisqually Quiemuth Village Mixed Use Project**” as the subject of your email or on the top of the first page of mailed comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tobiah Mogavero, NEPA Coordinator, BIA Northwest Region at (971) 940-5875, OR Janine Van Dusen, BIA Puget Sound Agency Superintendent, at 425-622-9158.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The EA has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the BIA NEPA guidebook and assesses the

environmental impacts that could result from the acquisition by the BIA of a 174-acre property (Project Site) into Federal trust status for the benefit of the Nisqually Indian Tribe (Tribe), and the subsequent development by the Tribe of a mixed-use development with residential and commercial uses and associated parking and infrastructure.

The Project Site consists of eight parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers 11811210200, 11810101101, 11810101103, 11810101000, 11811201000, 11811210402, 11811210400, 11811210404) currently owned in fee by the Tribe and is located within the boundaries of the City of Lacey, in Thurston County, Washington directly north of Interstate 5 (I-5), and west of the Marvin Road / I-5 interchange. The Project Site is located within Sections 10 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Washington.

AUTHORITY: This notice is published pursuant to 43 CFR 46.305 of the Department of Interior Regulations (43 CFR 46 et seq.), the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), and in accordance with the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.