



Why develop a Tribal Coordination Element?

PSRC Growth Management Hearings Board

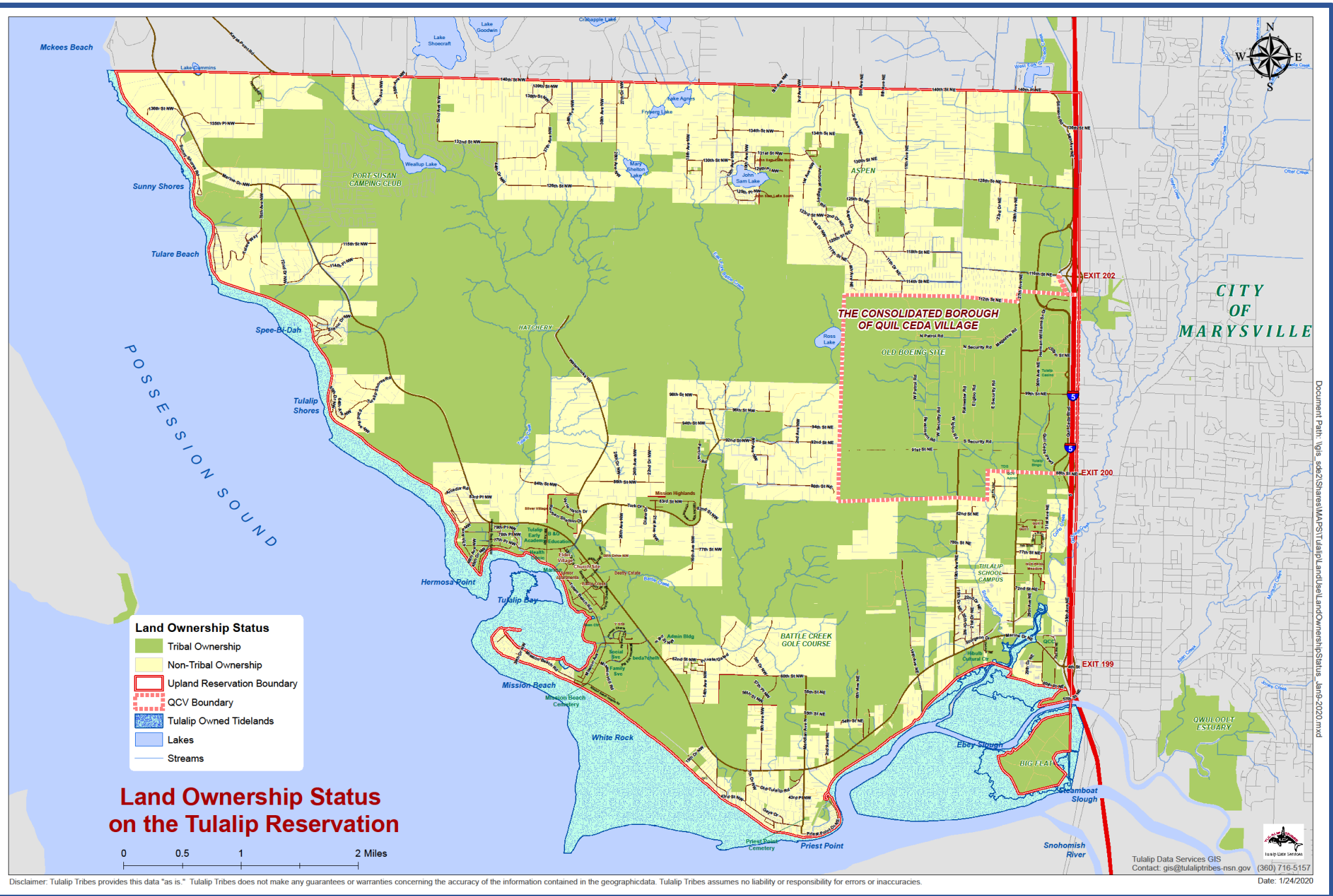
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Tribes in Snohomish County





Challenges and impacts

- Adjacent and overlapping permitting authorities
- Zoning and codes are similar in some areas and very different in others
- Land ownership determines which applies
- Lack of information and knowledge about reservations and Tribes
- Impacts to important natural and cultural resources



Tools that make a difference

- 2013 MOU
 - Coordinated Long-Range Planning
 - Information Sharing
- Weekly report of County permit and complaint activity
- Data sharing on request



Proposed Tribal Chapter

- Inform and educate - Tribes' identity, history, rights, and interests
- Create goals and policies around communication, coordination, and collaboration and identify topics important to Tribes
- Express an openness to discuss other topics of engagement that could take shape in future agreements
- Commitment to a relationship with sovereign tribes in the County
- Visible to all citizens in the Comprehensive Plan



Lessons

- Develop relationships, respect, and trust at all levels
- Invest in staff to make this happen
- Provide opportunities for learning and education
- Be willing to take on difficult issues
- Reach out to tribes for the best available science, GIS and publications
- Understand the benefits of cooperation and collaboration
- Provide the best possible service to all citizens
- Make sure that promises and rights made in the Treaty are realized



Opportunities for engagement

- Nothing should keep tribes and their neighbors from collaboratively engaging on issues
- HB1717 (2022) has elevated the awareness of possibilities in the GMA
- WA Commerce supports mediation when it is requested
- The PSRC provides information and resources and reaches out to tribes to assess needs and to provide funding where it's needed
- Tribal Nations can bring resources and funding to projects that will benefit local projects and planning initiatives, so we all benefit.



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Any questions?



