



CHEHALIS
RIVER BASIN
FLOOD AUTHORITY

Quinault Indian Nation
Honorable Fawn Sharp, Tribal Chair
PO Box 189
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October 17, 2011

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Dear Chairwoman Sharp:

The Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority is working on opportunities for addressing flooding issues in the Chehalis River Basin in a way that helps protect people, property, and the environment. We recognize that the Quinault Indian Nation has a keen interest in this subject. We would like to invite consultation with you on these important issues.

Under ESHB 2020 and a recently signed inter-local agreement, the Flood Authority is working with the Governor's Office and Washington Office of Financial Management (OFM) on a number of different studies. These include a study to develop, construct, operate and fund flood control measures throughout the Chehalis Basin; extension of a study to examine the effect of possible retention structures on fish in the basin and a new study to look at potential enhancement opportunities; examination of the impacts of bridges and other mitigation measures throughout the Basin; and a hydraulic model for the Chehalis River to calculate flood levels, flood damages, and benefits of proposed flood mitigation projects for the lower portions of the river. The Flood Authority will also be working with OFM on its "Alternative Measures" report to look at a wide variety of potential solutions to flooding.

Among other issues, we would like to talk with you about your concerns related to flooding, as well as to discuss any other related studies or efforts you may have underway. We would like to coordinate and collaborate where possible to ensure accurate information and avoid duplication of resources and effort.

We would very much appreciate the opportunity to come meet with you and other appropriate representatives you desire to invite consultation and coordination on potential flood mitigation efforts. We'd like to identify concerns you may have and reach mutually agreeable decisions and procedures for future consultation while taking into account the interests of the Tribal, State and Federal governments, and the interests of the Flood Authority.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. I will be in touch with your office to ask about scheduling a meeting to discuss these matters further. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me directly at (360) 590-4100.

Sincerely,



Vickie Raines
Chair, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

cc: Keith Phillips, Governor's Executive Policy Office