

## CULTURE/ELDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUES. SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

ROOM 315 -- 3:30/5:30 p.m.

Committee Chairs: Juanita Ramirez & Gerald Reed

MINUTES BY: Mardee Marquard, Volunteer Muckleshoot Tribe

PRAYER: Frank Suniga

COMMITTEE AGENDA:

### 1. ANNIE SKIPPER & ERIN SKIPPER

Re: Honoring and supporting indigenous traditions; and improving educational outcomes through stress-reducing, and consciousness-based meditation. Improving health and reducing diabetes, heart disease, and substance abuse through prevention-oriented, and natural medicine. See [www.doctorsontm.org](http://www.doctorsontm.org)

An International Conference, Sept. 25-27, 2009 @ Maharishi University of Mgmt, Fairfield, Iowa - "Building a Healthy, sustainable American Indian Community."

### 2. JAMES DEL A CRUZ,

ANNOUNCEMENT: NICOA CONFERENCE, Grand Travers, Michigan, Sept. 25-28, 2010. Registration is \$125.00

### 3. GERALD REED,

Inadvertent Discovery of Human Remains, at McNary Reservoir, August 22, 2009. Remains that were collected near the Columbia River. This is just an update and for your information.

HUCKLEBERRIES:

We need to get the US Forest Service at our next conference meeting in 2010 to answer our questions, and to make changes, improve restrictions. The huckleberry patches are being invaded by non-native members who are destroying areas by using rakes. They follow Agents into the forest to find the locations. We will get Rex Buck to help. We will draft a Resolution.

### 4. JEFF SMITH,

Makah Tribe. Is asking the Culture/Elders Committee for support of "The Indian Arts and Crafts Act" is a truth-in-advertising law to protect the consumer. All products must be marketed truthfully regarding the Indian heritage and tribal affiliation of the producers, so as not to mislead the consumer. Washington State needs its own Indian Arts and Crafts Act. Currently 12 other states have their own versions of the Federal Indian Arts and Crafts Act, we would like Washington to join them. We will present a Resolution for this at the Feb. 2010 conference.

### 5. VERNA MARIE BARTLETT,

Puyallup Tribe, Assistant Planner at Children Advocate Center. She works with children on a daily basis. She was seeking information from other tribes on children services, policies, to compare theirs.

### 6. LONNIE THOMAS,

Warm Springs Tribe. The culture committee, and local community down in are area have tours to show the Elders on how the huckleberries are being ruined. They have had run-ins with non-natives up on our reservation lands, some have weapons when confronted. We are glad that the discussion will carry on to the next conference.

ANNOUNCEMENT: MAKAH - CANOE JOURNEY, July 19, 2010.

MEETING ADJOURNED