

## **Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds**

This Notice shall satisfy procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community for Funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development

### **Request for Release of Funds**

On or about July 22, 2019 the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for release of funds to undertake a project constructing eight (8) new homes on four (4) existing lots in the Tallawhalt subdivision. It has already been determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required.

The project location is on the west side of the existing Tallawhalt subdivision on the Swinomish Reservation. The parcel is held in Tribal Trust and is zoned Swinomish Village / Urban Residential.

The proponent, the Swinomish Housing Authority, will clear and grade the site, develop driveways, build the homes (@ 1,300 square feet each) and detached garages, connect them to stormwater, sewer and other utilities. The homes will be built with the assistance of a grant from Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Cultural and archeological resources may be present in the overall project area. The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) may require cultural monitors on site during soil disturbance, or may add other conditions as needed.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment and other project plans on file at 11430 Moorage Way, La Conner, WA 98257, and may be examined or copied Monday – Thursday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

### **Public Comments**

Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to:

Scott Andrews, Environmental Compliance Manager, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Department of Environmental Protection, 11430 Moorage Way La Conner, WA 98257. Or by e-mail to [sandrews@swinomish.nsn.us](mailto:sandrews@swinomish.nsn.us).

All comments received by July 20, 2019 will be considered by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, prior to submission of a request for release of funds or other federal actions related to the project.

Scott Andrews, Certifying Officer

July 11, 2019

### **Objections to Release of Funds**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; (b) the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to (HUD Office of Native American Programs, Northwest) at 909 First Ave., Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98104-1000. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection of the Certifying Officer.