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The Passing of our Tribal Chairman – Ken Choke on August 4, 2026

The Nisqually Indian Tribe and its Tribal Council are deeply saddened by the passing of our respected Leader, Tribal Chairman Ellery 'Ken' Choke, yesterday evening. We have been gracious to allow his family, wife, children, grandchildren and extended relations privacy and support over the journey's time and have held them in prayer along with all of our membership and our hosted guests at Nisqually.

Ken was happy to know that all of the Canoe Families had arrived safely and that protocol had begun and has been progressing as we worked so hard to plan. Although we miss him dearly and remain committed to honoring the loss of our loved one, we are working to finish the work of the Canoe Journey as hosts for the 2026 Paddle. This has only been possible through the generous help of all of you in attendance, holding us up and carrying us through. This was Ken's way; to put community first and it has been an honor to help complete his work.

We thank you all and more information about services and other details are in the hands of his family at this time.

All our relations –

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Cheebo Frazier.

Cheebo Frazier, Vice Chairwoman

On behalf of the Nisqually Tribe and Nisqually Tribal Council