

2026 Paddle to Nisqually

July | August 2026

Media Application

Canoe Journey Schedule



Draft Date	Canada Interior/Land	Canada West	WA Outside Route
July ??	Bella Bell		
July ??	Port Hady (?)		
July ??	 Cape Mudge		
July ??	Cambell River	Gold River	
July 13	Courtenay (?)	Ahousht	
July 14	Port Albemi	Optsah	
July 15	Nanaimo/Vancouver	Ucluelet	Quinault
July 16	Cowachin/Coquitlam	Anacla	Queets
July 17	Surrey (?)	Malachan	Quileute
July 18	Oak Harbor/Abbotsford	Souk	Neah Bay
July 19	Birch Bay State Park	Beecher Bay/Songhee Esquimalt	Pillar Point
July 20	Lummi	Port Angeles	Elwha
July 21	Samish	Port Angeles	
July 22	Swinomish*	Jamestown S'Kallam	
July 23	Swinomish*	Port Townsend/Fort Warden	
July 24	Tulalip	Port Gamble S'Kallam	
July 27	Suquamish*		
July 28	Suquamish*		
July 29	Muckleshoot (Alki Beach) Puyallup		
July 30	Steilacoom (staging a.m.)		
July 31	Nisqually Landing Sequelitchew		
July 31	DuPont - Noonish - 6 p.m. (trailed from Solo Point to Nisqually)		

 * Hosting two nights



Media Application Guidelines

Application Submission Deadline: July 29, 2026

E-mail To:

Debbie Preston
Director Nisqually Tribe Communications and Media Services
4820 She-nah-num Drive SE,
Olympia, WA 98513
Email: preston.debbie@nisqually-nsn.gov

Nisqually Tribe has complete discretion to deny any Media application if deemed unacceptable. The Tribe reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate or restrict your access to the Nisqually Reservation. The breaking and/or ignoring of our laws or rules will result in escorted removal from the Reservation.

Application Requirements:

- All Media are to complete a written application.
 - * All Media are required to attach appropriate credentials to this application, including a photograph. Acceptable credentials include a photocopy or scan of official press credentials and/or a letter of assignment from the media organization being represented. Business or membership cards from news media, communications, or writers' organizations are not sufficient credentials.
 - m Independent television production companies must provide a letter outlining the confirmed broadcast plans for their work.
- Freelance media must submit an official letter of assignment from a news organization or magazine being represented.
- Online media must submit a brief description identifying the intended use of any material collected from Tribal Journeys **2026**.

Questions may be directed to:

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Media Introduction

All media representatives **MUST** turn in an **application** to preston.debbie@nisqually-nsn.gov and obtain approval to participate as Media for the 2026 Tribal Journeys Canoe Landing by July 29th. No exceptions shall be made.

Official “Paddle to Nisqually” Press Release

Media Program - The Landing, July 31 Sequalitchew, DuPont

Accredited media representatives are welcome to attend the Canoe Landing activities on Monday, July 31 at Sequalitchew, though we ask for the respect to the culture to be extended when canoes do their parade in front of Nisqually Council and tribal members and then begin asking to come ashore, that no one is in the water and drones are not flying low as to be intrusive. (Drone licensing, etc. are the responsibility of operators)

- Program details will be posted on the website [www.https://www.nisqually-nsn.gov/heritage/Medicine_Creek_Potlatch_Journey](https://www.nisqually-nsn.gov/heritage/Medicine_Creek_Potlatch_Journey)
 - * Media representatives will be stationed in defined area on site to ensure access to the Landing activities.
- Media representatives are asked to check in with the on-site Media Coordinator upon arrival at Sequalitchew and required to check in at Nisqually Tribe for the Potlatch.

Conditions

- By signing the application. Media representative applicants agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and laws enacted by the Nisqually Indian Tribe, including the terms of the Nisqually Tribal Canoe Journey Media Application.
- Upon registering, Media representatives agree to follow the Tribe's protocols and respect all directions and instructions of the Tribal Journeys Media Coordinator.
- Specific events, dances and songs are sacred. During these specified events, dances and songs, the taking of photos and video is PROHIBITED. You will be notified what can and cannot be recorded or photographed prior to the event.
- Respect the canoe families & other participants by treating participants with courtesy. The Tribe reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate or restrict your access to the Nisqually Reservation. The breaking and/or ignoring of our laws or rules will result in escorted removal from the land site and or the Reservation.

Applications and questions:

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Paddle to Nisqually Tribal Journey 2026
July 31 to August 5, 2016

Media Application

Please print clearly:

Media Organization Name: _____

Authorized Representative(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Purpose of media coverage: _____

Please select the method(s) you wish to utilize (select all that apply):

Notes _____ Pictures _____ Video _____ Audio _____

If you will be recording videos, please select the method(s) of recording:

Stationary _____ Aerial Shots* _____

§Certain rules apply regarding aerial recording set forth by the FAA and Joint Base Lewis McChord at Sequelitchew landing may apply. Protocol is in an enclosed tent on the Nisqually Reservation and aerial footage will not be permitted. Discretion is requested regarding intrusiveness and listening to requests from organizers

Conditions of Agreement

- I agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and laws enacted by the Nisqually Indian Tribal Community and any other applicable laws
- I agree to follow the protocols outlined by Tribal Journeys and respect the traditions of the participants in Tribal Journeys. Specifically, I agree NOT to record or photograph any event, dance, song or tribal protocol if so directed by Tribal Journeys 2026 Coordinators.
- I agree to check in with the on-site Media Coordinator (Volunteer check in tent) upon arrival. The Media Coordinator shall be located at the Media Tent.

Security

- The Tribe reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate or restrict your access to the landing site and/or the Nisqually Reservation. The breaking and/or ignoring of our laws or rules will result in escorted removal from the event site.
- The Nisqually Public Safety (NPS) will be present during the event. If there is a need to contact the NPS, you may contact them at 911. Additionally, there will be a security detail.

Limit of Liability (Property)

The Nisqually Tribe is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to the personal property or equipment of media representatives, including without limitation cameras, recording devices, computers, phones, and other gear, whether occurring before, during, or after participation in the Tribal Canoe Journey.

Assumption of Risk; Release; Indemnification

In consideration of the Nisqually Tribe's approval of my application and permission to participate in and/or cover the Tribal Canoe Journey, I agree as follows:

1. **Assumption of Risk.** I understand and acknowledge that participation in and/or coverage of the Tribal Canoe Journey involves inherent and other risks, including the risk of personal injury, illness, death, and property damage. I voluntarily assume all such risks, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of or related to my participation.
2. **Release of Claims.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release and forever discharge the Nisqually Tribe and each of their respective officers, employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses of any kind, whether in law or equity, arising out of or related to my participation in and/or actions during the Tribal Canoe Journey, including without limitation claims for personal injury, illness, death, or property damage.
3. **Indemnification and Defense.** I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, damages, losses, liabilities, judgments, penalties, fines, costs, and expenses arising out of or related to (a) my acts or omissions or (b) my participation in and/or coverage of the Tribal Canoe Journey.

By signing below, I hereby agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth above

Printed
name: _____

Date: _____

Signature _____