

SAMISH 2004 ELECTION ISSUE

Federal, State Candidates and Initiatives

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Senator Patty Murray addresses Samish and Quileute Tribal Councils

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LETTER FROM Chairman Ken Hansen

Dear Tribal Members, Family members, Friends, and Employees of the Samish Indian Nation:

This upcoming election is one of the most crucial that I have seen in my life, and it is one of critical importance for the long-term health of the Tribal Government.

Indian Tribes have a rough time of it with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, especially the Samish. The Bush Administration seems to offer little hope for any improvement with that agency.

In the State of Washington, Tim Eyman again looks to make headlines and money...this time at our expense. Initiative 892 would add 18,000 new slot machines at up to 2,600 locations. Simply put, all card rooms, bowling alleys, bars, taverns, and any establishment with a gambling license would have up to 125 slot machine per license.

For the Samish, this would likely mean the end of our ability to lease machines from the large casinos where we currently have permits. It would mean the loss of all hard monies, and a return to suffering at the hands of the BIA.

The gains made in Olympia and Washington D.C. would be lost, and the ability to maintain critical services would be endangered.

Let me be especially blunt: This is the fourth year the Tribes have been fighting to keep their gaming compacts with the State of Washington intact. The folks who run these mini-casinos hired Tim Eyman to run this initiative did so because of his impressive winning record. We should take this initiative seriously and defeat it soundly. Hopefully, the "voice of the people" will calm down our legislators' passion for expanding gambling.

Please read this issue carefully: I have asked our lobbyist and other staff to carefully review the various candidates, and make recommendations for all of you to consider. We also have some inserted information regarding the initiative campaigns, and I ask all of you to please vote in this election.

We cannot succeed if we do not try to influence this process. I hope all of you will read the voter's pamphlet from the State of Washington. I hope this newsletter can also be of some help.

Again, I thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope all of you are well.

Kenneth C. Hansen

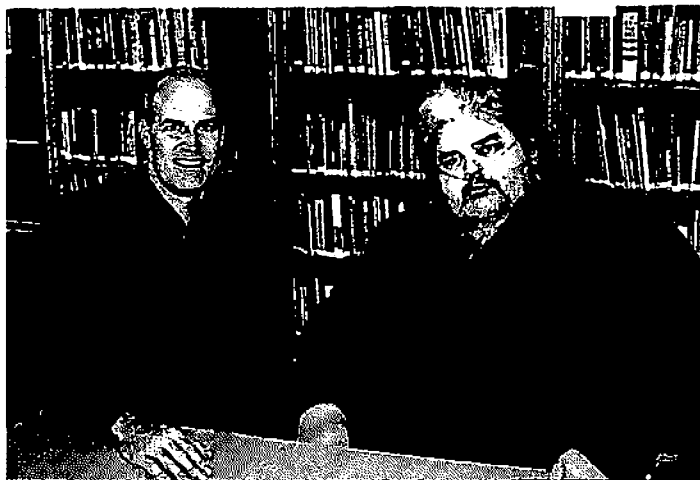
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Chairman Ken Hansen meets with Congressman Rick Larsen
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US PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT:
John Kerry & John Edwards

US Senate: Patty Murray

US Congress: By District

1st Congressional District: Jay Inslee

2nd Congressional District: Rick Larsen

3rd Congressional District: No recommendation.
Brian Baird has opposed the Cowlitz Tribe in their land into trust application at La Center.

4th Congressional District: No Recommendation

5th Congressional District: Don Barbieri

6th Congressional District: Norm Dicks

7th Congressional District: Jim McDermott

8th Congressional District: No recommendation

9th Congressional District: Adam Smith

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE ENDORSEMENTS

04 State Legislative Races to Watch (Endorsements in Bold)

Senate: Rosemary McAuliffe versus Jason Bontrager:

Rosemary is in a real fight for her seat. She has been a supporter of the Tribes on a variety of issues, please support her.

Senate: This is the election to replace Dino Rossi in the 5th Legislative District, which is Issaquah and parts of eastern King County. Elected House member Cheryl Pfulg (Republican) is fighting Democrat Kathy Huckabay. This race is becoming too close to call.

Senate: Brad Benson won a contested GOP Primary and is facing Laurie Dolan, who narrowly lost this contest to Jim West in 2002. While the edge is to the Republicans, the Democrats think they can pull an upset. This race leans Democratic as of October 7th.

Senate: Senate Incumbent **Mary Margaret Haugen** (Democrat) faces a strong challenge in April Lynne Axthelm (Republican). Senator Haugen represents parts of Fidalgo Island and Skagit County. She has been a friend of the Tribe.

House: In Nancy Conard, the Democrats have a chance to pick up a vacant seat now that Barry Sehlin has retired. Conard (Democrat), the Mayor of Coupeville, faces Chris Strow. Conard has visited with the Samish Tribal Council and is supportive of our issues.

Senate: Incumbent **Dan Swecker** (Republican) is the State Senate's strongest voice for the Tribes in the Republican Caucus. He is worth keeping. He faces former Senate Security Guard Chuck Bojarski (Democrat).

Senate: Incumbent **Jim Kastama** (Democrat) faces stiff opposition from Edgewood City Councilwoman Rose Hill (Republican). While Kastama has received a lot of criticism regarding the state's primary election, the criticism is unfair, and his support of tribal issues still merits our support.

House: First-term incumbent **Dawn Morrell** (Democrat) is facing Michelle Smith (Republican). Morrell has been very supportive of Tribes, especially on issues of Health Care.

House: Democrat incumbent **Mark Miloscia** has worked hard on issues of accountability and fiscal responsibility in state government. As a member of the House State Government Committee, he has become a student on State-Tribal relations. He has been supportive on all issues of the Tribe. He faces Republican Tony Moore, who failed two years ago to win a state senate seat in the same district.

Senate: Democrat **Harriet Spanel** is the Senate Democratic Caucus Chair. She has been a friend of the Tribe on a variety of issues. She faces Republican Gerald Baron, a local businessman.

House: We have trouble supporting the two house incumbents (Quall and Morris) given their support for expanding off-reservation gambling. They should know better. Both Morris and Quall are unopposed in this election.

House: Speaker Pro-Tem **John Lovick** (Democrat) has been a strong supporter of Samish issues in Olympia. He faces GOP candidate Stephen E. West, a Boeing engineer. Lovick has a strong record in Olympia.

House: Republican **Jack Cairnes** has provided crucial votes for the Tribe on compacts, tax issues, and economic development. He is a strong friend in the House Republican Caucus and is worthy of our support.

WASHINGTON STATE-WIDE CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Statewide Elected Officials and Judiciary: (Endorsements in Bold)

Governor: Christine Gregoire (D) Gregoire, the State's current Attorney General, has committed herself to supporting the state's Tribes in any way she can. She is opposed to any further expansion of gambling. Dino Rossi has refused a contribution from the Samish Tribe, as well as other Indian Tribes.

Lt. Governor: Brad Owen (D): The Lt. Governor serves as the presiding officer of the Washington State Senate. Owen's rulings are conservative, and have withstood Supreme Court review. There is no alternative to Brad Owen.

Secretary of State: Sam Reed (R) Sam Reed's opponent is Laura Ruderman (Democrat), a State Representative from Redmond. Ruderman was the State House of Representatives' most ardent supporter of off-reservation gambling. Reed is a moderate Republican who was Thurston County Auditor for 12 years.

Attorney General: Rob McKenna (R): Rob McKenna has served on the King County Council for 12 years. This endorsement is one that is difficult because the Democratic opponent is Deborah Senn, who is philosophically and emotionally supportive of Tribes. Senn, however, was an administrative disaster who could not run a two-car funeral. During the primary campaign, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce paid for a series of very tough TV ads against Senn. The sad part was all the information was true. The Chamber played poorly with its disclosure, and Senn was able to squeak by proclaiming herself as the victim. Senn would be a disaster as AG. Remember, the AG is the State's lawyer, running a 600-lawyer firm for the State of Washington, not a caped crusader. McKenna is a safer bet.

State Treasurer: Mike Murphy (D): Murphy returns for a 3rd term, He is a good administrator who watches the State's credit rating very well. He faces no significant opposition.

State Auditor: Brian Sonntag (D): Sonntag asks for a 4th term, and is probably the hardest working elected official in terms of serving the taxpayer. He runs the best agency in State Government, and has raised the bar in each term of his service. It is sad he has a convicted felon for a GOP opponent.

Insurance Commissioner: Mike Kreidler (D): Kreidler has done a good job repairing the damage left by Deborah Senn in her stormy eight years at the helm. He faces no serious opposition and should be returned to office.

Commissioner of Public Lands: Doug Sutherland (R): The Democratic opponent is State Representative Mike Cooper. Cooper could be a strong advocate for the Tribes, but Sutherland has proven experience in Tribal relations as Pierce County Executive and in his four years as Commissioner. Sutherland is a better choice.

Superintendent of Public Instruction (NP): Incumbent Terry Bergeson versus former SPI Judith Billings. No Recommendation both candidates have served as SPI, and neither have strong records regarding helping Indian Tribes.

Statewide Judicial Races:

Position #1 Mary Kay Becker versus Jim Johnson. Johnson has staked his 30-year legal career fighting Indian Tribes, and has shown no sense of balance for the voters if he were elected.

Position #6 Richard Sanders versus Terry Sebring. Sanders' considerable support among a variety of political sources across the spectrum indicates that he is in nobody's pocket. A strict constitutional constructionist, he would do a better job of protecting Indian sovereignty than Sebring, a career Pierce County judge and political adviser to former Governor Booth Gardner.

WASHINGTON STATE INITIATIVE ENDORSEMENTS

INITIATIVE MEASURE 872

Elections for partisan offices

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

Initiative Measure No. 872 concerns elections for partisan offices.

This measure would allow voters to select among all candidates in a primary. Ballots would indicate candidates' party preference. The two candidates receiving most votes advance to the general election, regardless of party.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

INITIATIVE MEASURE 884

Dedicating funds designated for educational purposes

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

Initiative Measure No. 884 concerns dedicating funds designated for educational purposes.

This measure would create an education trust fund for smaller classes, extended learning programs, certain salary increases, preschool access, and expanded college enrollments and scholarships, funded by increasing retail sales tax by 1%.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

INITIATIVE MEASURE 892

Authorizing additional electronic scratch ticket machines

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

Initiative Measure No. 892 concerns authorizing additional "electronic scratch ticket machines" to reduce property taxes.

This measure would authorize licensed non-tribal gambling establishments to operate the same type and number of machines as tribal governments, with a portion of tax revenue generated used to reduce state property taxes.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

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