



Since time immemorial Coast Salish people have been dealing with changes that have impacted their lifeways. The Tulalip Tribes approach to climate change planning comes from a place of strength and guidance passed down through traditional stories, teachings, and songs. Being strong and resilient to change is part of who the Tulalip Tribal people are and how they have always lived. The mission and vision of the Tulalip Tribes is outlined in the introduction of the Comprehensive Plan and guides all work done by Tulalip Tribes Government including the work on climate change planning.

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Tulalip is strong and ready for change.



Climate Change

Climate Change Goal 1

Work comprehensively with the community, tribal members, tribal government entities and partners to address/adapt and mitigate the impacts of Climate Change through coordinated planning and implementation.

Policy 1-1: Utilize Tulalip Tribes Climate Change working group to strategize, coordinate, and implement Climate Change work.

Policy 1-2: Identify and prioritize strategies that maximize co-benefits to build resiliency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and protect tribal rights and interests.

Policy 1-3: Use traditional knowledge and the best available Climate Change science for the basis of planning, prioritization, stewardship, and decision making.

Climate Change Goal 2

Continue to build resiliency and strengthen the Tulalip Tribes community and culture by adapting to the impacts of Climate Change throughout the Tulalip Tribe’s traditional lands.

Policy 2-1: Protect and enhance cultural and natural resources that are vulnerable to Climate Change and are central to the lifeways of the Tulalip people.

Policy 2-2: Through coordination with the Tulalip Tribe’s Hazard Mitigation program; Update, identify, prioritize, and mitigate hazards that will intensify as a result of Climate Change and can cause negative impacts to the community and those most vulnerable.

Policy 2-3: Advance tribal sovereignty by implementing strategies and actions that promote self-sufficiency/community security and independence to address the challenges posed by Climate Change.

Climate Change Goal 3

Continue to develop and implement strategies necessary to significantly reduce and offset greenhouse gas emissions in order to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2035 and completely absorb greenhouse gas emissions to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Policy 3-1: The Tribe will promote and implement conservation and sustainability strategies necessary to conserve resources, save money, and significantly reduce the Tribes emissions.

Policy 3-2: Support the development of alternative energy sources and renewable energy programs that significantly reduce carbon emissions and fossil fuel dependency locally and regionally.

Policy 3-3: Work towards achieving complete carbon neutrality by implementing local and regional carbon sequestration projects that are the most beneficial, cost effective, and feasible.

Policy 3-4: Using an annual carbon inventory identify the balance of carbon emissions that cannot be reduced, eliminated, or sequestered through Tulalip managed projects and pay for culturally appropriate carbon offsets projects annually starting in 2035.