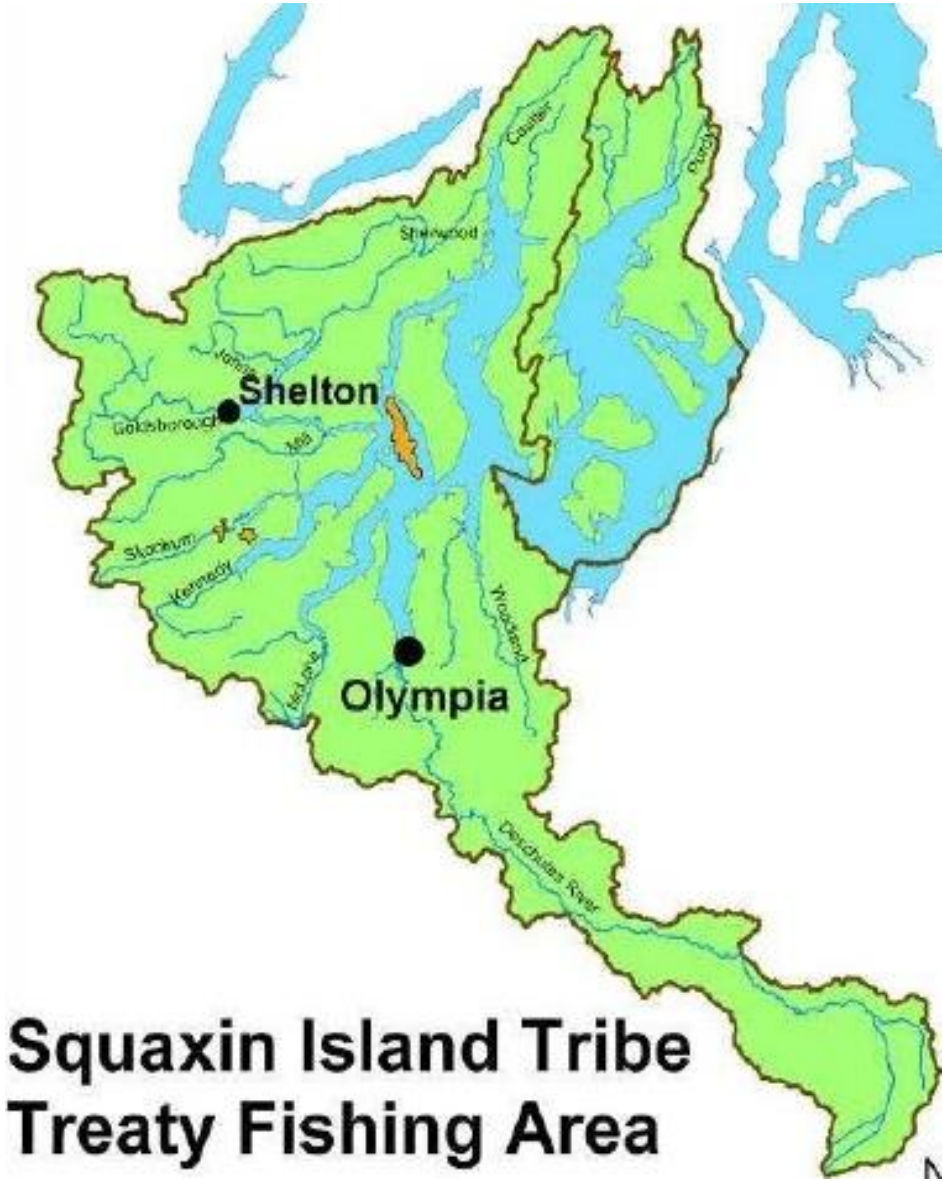


# Land Acknowledgement

You are on Indigenous Land!



# Steh-Chass

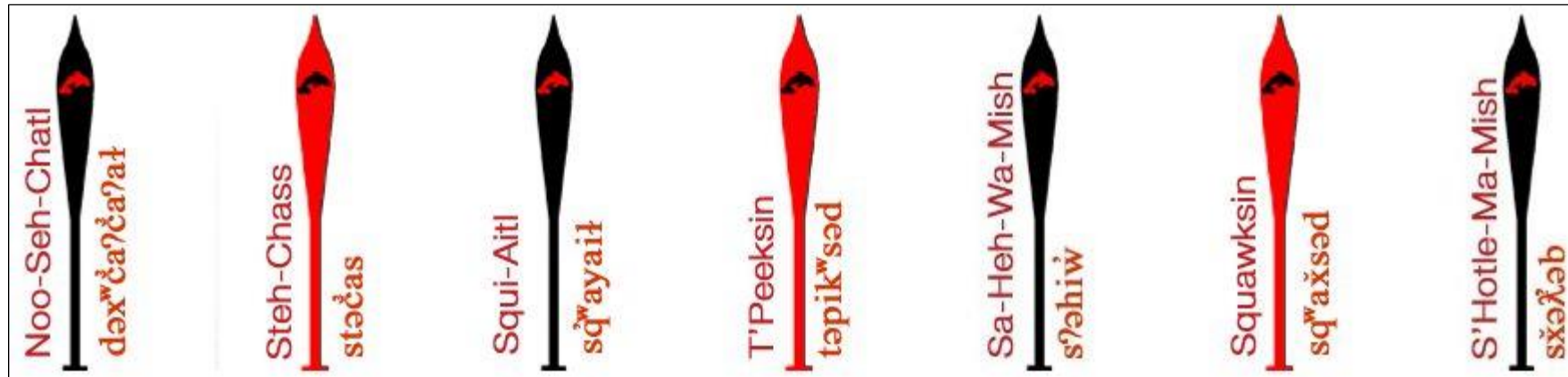
- The Squaxin Island Tribe was created by combining 7 bands of indigenous peoples from throughout South Puget Sound. In 1854, those 7 bands were placed on a reservation called Squaxin Island near Thurston and Mason Counties.
- Olympia sits on the shores of Budd Inlet. Budd Inlet was known as Steh-Chass, titled after the band of People who lived there since time immemorial.
- The Steh-Chass People are one of the 7 bands who make up the Squaxin Island Tribe.

# City of Olympia, WA

*“I would like to acknowledge the indigenous people who have stewarded this land since time immemorial and who still inhabit the area today, the Steh-Chass Band of Indigenous people of the Squaxin Island Tribe.”*

# Who we are...

- Family
- Traded, potlatched, fished, and hunted together
  - Created an atmosphere of teamwork and trust
  - Relied on each other for survival
  - Inter-personal relationships were valued



# “Walk With Gratitude”

- Value honesty, respect and compassion
- The value of listening: listening to what is said and what is not being said
  - Listen with your ears and your spirit
  - Be conscious of a person's pain and happiness



# 7 generations mindset

*“One of our greatest natural resources is our elders. They are our history. Another valued resource is the children. They are our future. It is the privilege and the responsibility of the young adults to see to it that the elders and the children are honored and nurtured. We believe that the Great Spirit is with us in everything we do, and to maintain our relationship to Mother Earth and to achieve physical, mental and spiritual health, we will always need to remember who we are and why we are here.”*

Excerpt from Squaxin Island Tribe Policies and Procedures