



Tribal Community Preparedness

One Tribe's Experiences on the Continuous Cycle of Preparedness



Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

May 16, 2018
Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Conference

Agenda



Panel Introductions



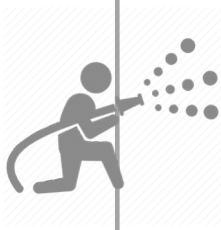
Best Practices



Port Gamble S'Klallam Community Preparedness



Panel Discussion



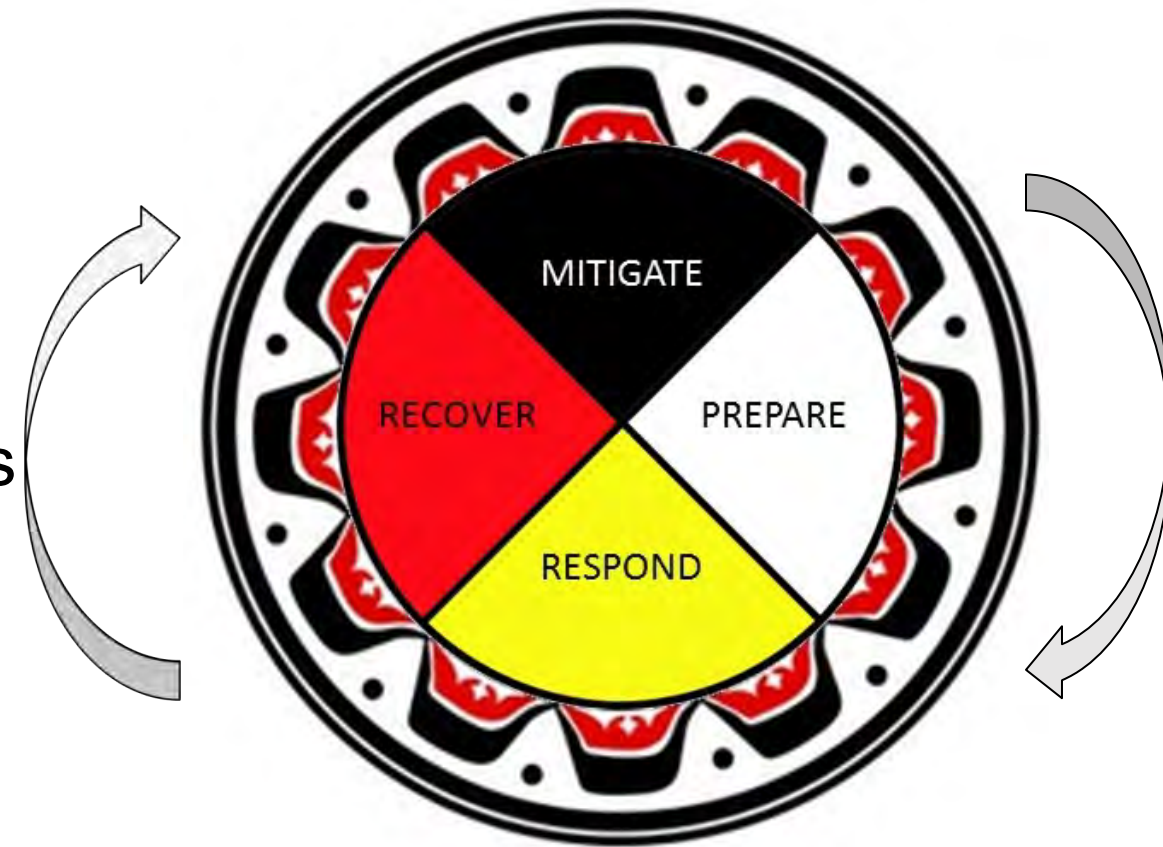
Audience Q & A



Best Practices in Tribal Preparedness

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- Establish tribal leadership commitment and support
- Develop a community preparedness leadership workgroup or advisory committee
- Assess your community's preparedness status – identify assets and gaps
- Develop action plans and strategies
- Conduct continuous community preparedness efforts



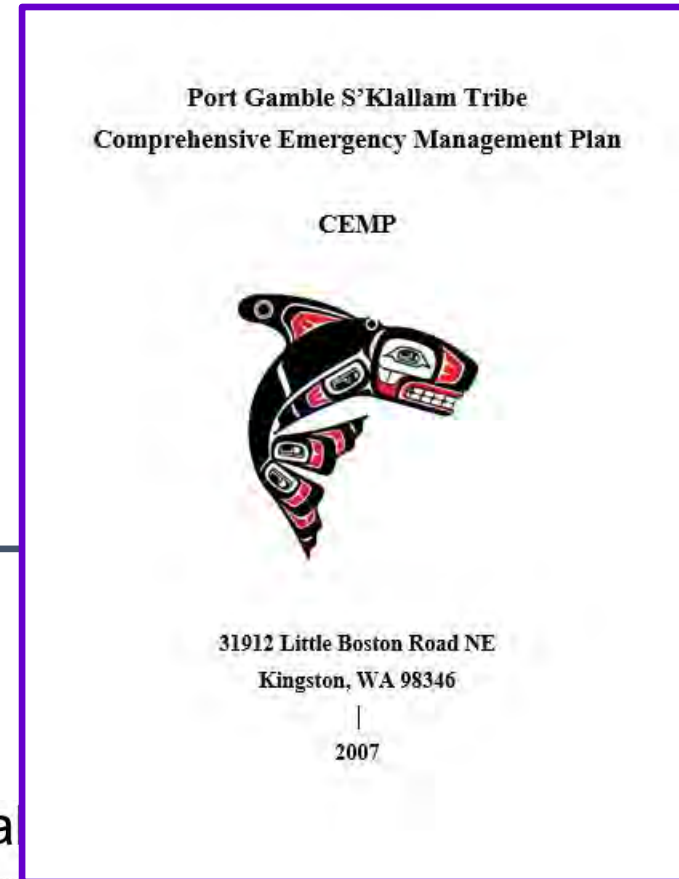
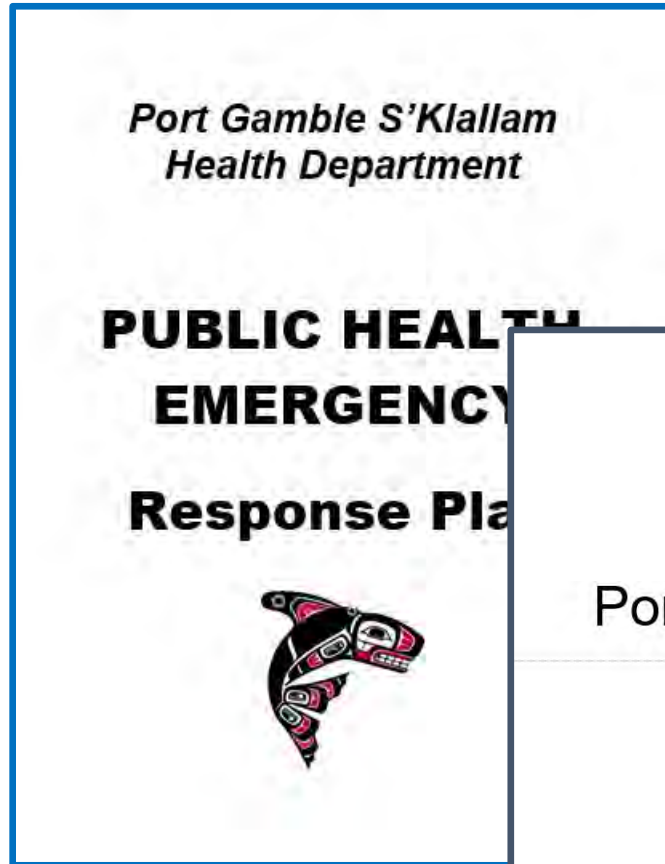
Continuous Cycle

**Port Gamble
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Preparedness**



Past Efforts



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- Relationship-building with partners (Kitsap County Health District, Olympic Accountable Community of Health, DOH)
- Olympic Tribal-Public Health Mutual Aid Agreement
- Participation in regional efforts and tabletop exercises
- Monthly HAM radio net participation



Challenges

- Lack of funding for Emergency Preparedness – lack of funding for Emergency Manager position
- Lack of opportunity for departments to coordinate on preparedness work
- Lack of efforts to engage tribal members
- Lack of awareness by key staff and leadership regarding the Tribe's plans and Incident Command
- Lack of resources and staff time (health staff must prioritize direct care responsibilities; little time for emergency preparedness work)



Challenges

- Uncertainty regarding the preparedness status and needs of the communities surrounding the reservation during an event – will they seek resources from the Tribe?
 - Port Gamble Clinic is the only health care facility in North Kitsap
 - Casino and hotel could be viewed as a place for shelter and/or access to food



Decision to Reassess Preparedness Status

- Puerto Rico - Hurricane Maria got tribal leadership, staff, and community members asking questions about the Tribe's preparedness and response plans
- Tribal Council was responsive; assigned responsibility to the Tribe's Special Projects Coordinator (also a Council member) to begin efforts to strengthen the Tribe's preparedness status
- AIHC Community Preparedness Self-Assessment Project was open for tribes to apply – Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe applied



Steps Taken 2017 - 2018

1. Community meetings
2. Tribal Council directive to create Emergency Preparedness Leadership Workgroup
3. Participation in AIHC's Tribal Community Preparedness Self-Assessment Project
4. Budget request from Leadership Workgroup to Tribal Council to fund a Safety Coordinator position
5. Leadership Workgroup meetings



2017 – 2018 Accomplishments

1. Used Appendix X and DOH PHEPR funds to set up emergency response supply pods in tribal neighborhoods (generators, first aid, water purifiers, etc.)
2. Tribal Council Proclamation
3. Funding secured for new Safety Coordinator position
4. Convened 8 Leadership Workgroup meetings
5. Developed 71 mini-strategies, with tasks organized by department
6. Obtained funding for Incident Command mobile unit



Example Mini-Strategy



Lead Department: Health

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Emergency Preparedness Strategy Planning Form

Gap Name	The Tribe has the capacity to mobilize a public health and medical response within 60 minutes of an event
Objective	The Tribe has implemented and exercised a plan to mobilize a public health and/or medical response within 60 minutes of an event. The Tribe also has a system in place to regularly exercise this capability.
Gap Type	Plan/Procedure
Deliverables	Public Health and Medical Response Plan
Timeline	3/30/2019
Individual(s) Responsible	Kerstin Powell Laura Ryan
Action Steps	Review sample Public Health and Medical Emergency Response plans Coordinate with Special Projects Department and Elders Program Create a Draft Plan Review and edit draft plan with Special Projects Department and Elders Services Finalize plan and present to Tribal Council for final approval and adoption
Funding	
References	https://emergency.cdc.gov/planning/responseguide.asp http://www.aihc-wa.com/files/2018/04/Health-Center-Emergency-Management-Plan.pdf http://www.aihc-wa.com/files/2018/04/Health-Center-Emergency-Management-Plan-2.pdf



Panel Discussion

Health Services

1. What have been your challenges?
2. What has helped?
3. What are your next steps?



Public Safety

1. What have been your challenges?
2. What has helped?
3. What are your next steps?



Administration

1. What have been your challenges?
2. What has helped?
3. What are your next steps?





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