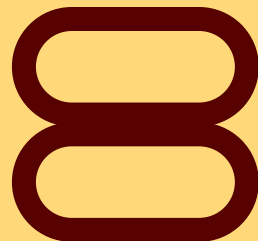
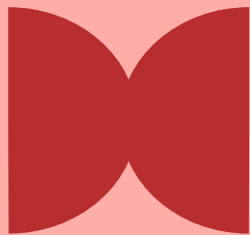


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Activities:

- ★ Goal-Setting & Prioritization
- ★ What's In a Name?

Overview of 2025 activities

Jan-
Feb

L.I.G.H.T. Foundation (LF) begins as convener and facilitator of NE WA IPBN, develops Free, Prior, Informed Consent Process: Interests & Agreements Form to protect Indigenous Knowledges & Intellectual Properties of participants



March -
April

LF invites participation from previous NE WA IPBN participants via new FPIC Form, strategize & develop speaker series with Core Team



May

Launch: Bi-monthly NE WA Speaker Series to provide opportunities for cultural fire discussions



June

Launch: Monthly *Embers Newsletter* to share resources, news, & information



Oct

Good Fire Gathering: Exploring Goals & Names



Composition of full NE WA IPBN

19
total



Tribal Nations & Indigenous Peoples

Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Lower Similkameen Indian Band
Kalispel Tribe of Indians
Nez Perce Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe of Indians
Tulalip Tribes
Yakama Nation

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Inter-Tribal Organizations & NGOs

Indigenous Roots & Repatriation Foundation
L.I.G.H.T. Foundation
Spokane Tribal Network
The Nature Conservancy
Washington Conservation Action

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Education & Academia

University of Idaho
The Nature Immersion Program

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Other Allies

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Cascadia Prescribed Burning Association

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Participation in Oct 2025 Good Fire Gathering



Tribal Nations & Indigenous Peoples

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Tribes of the
Colville Reservation

Kalispel Tribe of Indians

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Snoqualmie Tribe

Spokane Tribe of Indians



Indigenous-led NGOs

L.I.G.H.T. Foundation

Spokane Tribal Network



Non-Indigenous NGOs

The Nature Conservancy

The Lands Council



Other Allies

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Staff and/or citizens from 6 Tribal Nations

Staff and/or leadership from 2 Indigenous-led NGOs

Staff from 2 non-Indigenous NGOs

**11
total**

Retrospective: What we accomplished

Enjoyed community
and developed
relationships with one
another

Supported Spokane
Tribal Network in
brainstorming
issues/topics around
cultural burning

Shared delicious, home
cooked meals!

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Prioritized goals for our
burning network

Completed workgroup
activity reviewing &
discussing cultural
burn plans

Assisted in putting the
STN garden to bed for
the winter months



Discussed and
proposed a new(ish)
name for our burning
network

Pulled off a hybrid,
2-day event!

Our prioritized Goals



1. Contributing time, tools, and/or expertise to Indigenous-led action around cultural fire use & assisting TIP within the IPBN with needs around cultural fire as they arise (i.e., cultural burning practitioners, tools, coordination, communication, funding, etc.).
2. Developing a cultural fire burn plan template for TIP to utilize and adapt to their own needs and practices and a best practices list of activities to consider when developing cultural fire burn plans.
3. Events and opportunities to connect youth and Elders for intergenerational IK exchange (i.e., sharing family, community and Tribal Stories about fire and cultural burning).
4. Indigenizing pre- and post-fire monitoring practices and developing a culturally responsive best practices list and/or resource guide for monitoring suppression and post-fire rehabilitation activities (i.e., Burned Area Emergency Response; monitoring of traditional plant foods, medicines, and materials; watershed/water quality monitoring, etc.)
5. Events and opportunities to share/teach about how cultural fire techniques benefit and aid traditional foods and plant materials (First Foods, subsistence foods, wildlife, medicines, weaving, basketry, dyes, etc.).

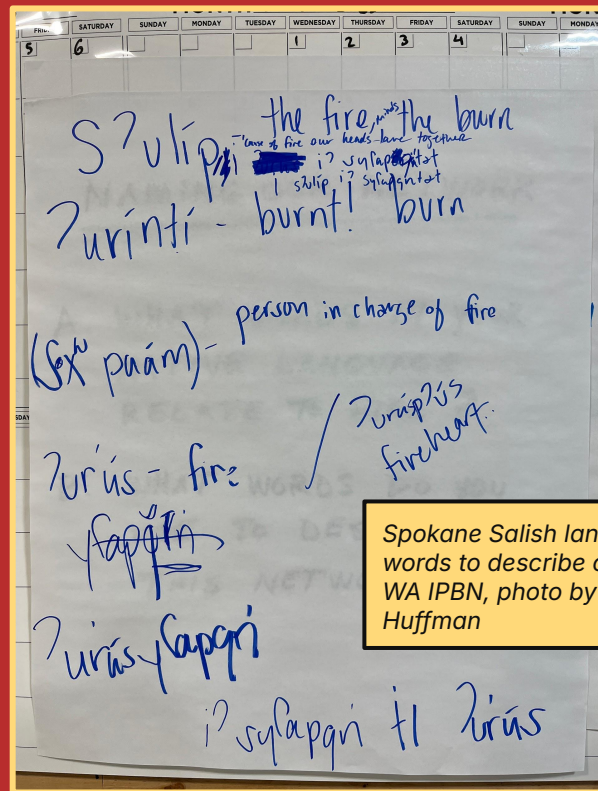
Our new(ish) name



Sʔulíp: Northeast Washington Indigenous Peoples Burning Network

Sʔulíp = flame

- Spokane Salish
- Honors origin of our IPBN
- Indigenous language reclaims our intent and values
- Resources to type our new(ish) name using the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)
 - Type IPA phonetic symbols - online keyboard
 - i2Speak - Free Online Smart IPA Keyboard



Spokane Salish language words to describe our NE WA IPBN, photo by Mary Huffman

Next Steps

Considering a spring
Good Fire Gathering

Scheduling 2026
Speaker Series

Strategizing
approaches to address
our Goals



limlmt uł qeciyyew'yew' ka thank you!

Please reach out with any thoughts and ideas!

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