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Natural Resources Planner

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In this position I help promote conservation of natural resources for the Quileute Tribe, located in Northwest Washington, through researching, writing, and coordinating planning efforts, including writing grants for natural resources in the Quileute Tribe's Usual and Accustomed Area (U&A). I also work alongside QNR's Program Managers (Timber, Fish & Wildlife, Habitat Restoration, Salmon Conservation, Marine Science, etc.) on a variety of needs, such as assisting with permitting, meetings, policy, grant eligibility and opportunities, and natural resource management. Our goals are to provide treaty year-round fishing opportunities within the Quileute U&A Treaty Area for Quileute Tribal members for commercial, ceremonial, and subsistence purposes; and to assure primary hunting and gathering rights can be exercised within the Treaty Ceded Lands. Lastly, I focus on organizing and contracting for the development of the Strategic Climate Plan that will focus the needs for future years of Treaty Rights perpetuation.



Skills used: Written/oral communication, understanding of Pacific Northwest ecosystems, planning, research, and collaboration skills.



Recommendations to youth: Don't be afraid to fail or learn that you'd like to try something new. I changed my major in college 3-4 times before landing on what felt most meaningful to me. Wherever you land, don't forget your own intrinsic value. Collaboration and mutual respect is so important in this field and will take you far.

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