

Lummi Nation Chairman Timothy Ballew II, Lul-hal-mun

Timothy Ballew II is an enrolled member of the Lummi Nation and resides on the Lummi Indian Reservation near Bellingham, Washington. Chairman Ballew was born on September 9, 1980. He is happily married to Leanne and they have two beautiful boys: Hunter (9 years old) and Tandy (6 years old). Chairman Ballew joined the Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) in November 2011. His fellow Council members have elected him to the position of Chairman. As Chairman, Tim steers Lummi Nation's government, and sets the tone and oversees the execution of the Nation's policies.

Chairman Ballew sits on the National Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG), and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Washington State Tribal Tax Working Group. In 2014 Chairman Ballew was awarded by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) "Native American 40 Under 40" award.

Prior to joining the LIBC, Chairman Ballew served the Nation in a variety of capacities, including roles with the Community Mobilized Against Drugs (CMAD) initiative, LIBC Statistics Office, and the General Manager's Office. He also served on the Lummi Commercial Company Board, the Lummi Nation Education Board, and the Lummi Nation Housing Authority Commission.

In addition to his leadership in tribal government, Chairman Ballew follows family and tribal traditions as a fisherman and obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Western Washington University in 2003.