

Jim Peters, Squaxin Island Tribal Council



Councilman Jim Peters was born and raised in Yelm. He attended Centralia Community College and earned an associate degree in Forestry Technology.

After graduating from Centralia Community College, Jim became the Natural Resources Director at the Squaxin Island Tribe in the Natural Resources Department. He left the Director position to work for the State of Washington. He returned to the Squaxin Island Tribe Natural Resource Dept. for 10 years. Jim is currently employed with the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission as a Habitat Policy Analyst dealing with forestry and agricultural issues.

Squaxin Island Tribal Member

Jim currently serves on the Tribal Council and served on the Inter-Tribal Court Board. The Natural Resources Department annually organizes the First Salmon Ceremony. Jim is the traditional 'salmon-on-the-stick' cooker!

Dept. of Natural Resources and US Forest Service

From 1991 through 1996 Jim worked as the Tribal Relations Coordinator for the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Prior to that assignment he worked in Fire Management for the US Forest Service.

Conservation Commission - Governor appointed position

Jim has been a member of the Commission since 1998 and has served as Chair and Vice Chair.

Committees and Appointments

Jim has served on the NW Indian Fisheries Commission and was the Chairman of the NW Indian Fisheries Environmental Policy Committee.

He also served in the US Canada Stakeholder Process, as the South Puget Sound representative from 1996 through 1998.

Family

Jim and his family reside on 18 treed acres in the Olympia area around Steam Boat Island for over thirty years. Jim has been married to his wonderful wife Lisa for over 15 years. They have three children—all girls—Chazmin (32), Haley (21), and Addie (16).

Spare Time

Jim loves to watch his daughter play soccer and basketball and is active in educating schools in Native American history when requested.

Jim enjoys hanging out with his family and spending time camping, boating and barbecuing. He is also an avid Sea Hawks fan, attending games as often as he can! Oh, and we certainly cannot forget...golfing!