

Charlene Nelson

I have served for 10 years as Chairwoman of the Shoalwater Bay Tribe, I retired out in 2014 and became Chair again in 2016 and am in year 12 as a Chairwoman. I am on the American Indian Health Commission, Pulling Together for Wellness, Transportation Safety, Neighborhood Watch, and the local Chamber of Commerce.

I worked 25 years in education first as an aide until I completed my degree in education at 43 and then taught at the elementary school level. During summer vacations I fished commercially in Alaska. After retiring from teaching, I worked at that Shoalwater Bay Clinic in the South Puget Inter-Tribal agency in Women's Wellness and presently work part time as an Indian Health Coordinator.

Health and Safety of the Shoalwater Bay Tribal members and reservation land are my top two goals. In 2016 the Tribe resolved to begin expanding areas uphill for housing, Administration and enterprises and that is the goal I am working on now.