

Jeremy Takala, known as Pax'anashat in the Yakama Nation hails from the Kahmiltpah Band (Rock Creek) located on the Columbia River, while also a proud descendant of Hopi. He was nominated in 2020 to serve as a Tribal Councilman for Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. Currently chairing the Fish and Wildlife, Law and Order, and Legislative Committees keeps his schedule quite eventful. Prior to his time in office he worked 12 years for the Yakima Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP) at the Klickitat River Research Monitor Evaluate as a fisheries technician. His hands on training and Washut upbringing has contributed to his skillset as a CRITFC Commissioner with the Nez Perce, Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribes. He is compassionate about upholding up his tribes Treaty Rights with the federal government and protecting resources for those yet unborn.

Jeremy was raised in Goldendale, WA and is a proud member of the Rock Creek Longhouse. Learning to drum and provide for the longhouse at an early age is a tribute to his elders who have passed on their traditional educations. He continues to carry on old-style values with his wife Kim, their two sons Tyler and Clint, daughter Nena, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended community participants. When time allows between his son's baseball and basketball schedules he finds time to display his Round Bustle style of dance on the Pow-Wow circuit, with his boy's right behind mimicking his every move. He has lead students to national conferences as part of the Big River Council and has been an instrumental presence in local schools and parent committees as a voice for native representation.

Jeremy's passion has always been in the mountains gathering traditional foods and medicines, hunting, fishing and practicing the ways of time immemorial. He resides as a stewardship for future generations to understand and defend natural foods, streams and animals. Striving to carry out the visions of past leadership while embarking on ways to preserve natural laws in the contemporary world. Jeremy attributes his large family and Longhouse gatherings as a reason for his achievements and for preparing him to be a team player, "it takes a village". When called upon by the elders to take the helm, he graciously accepted their words of encouragement and stepped into his governance role.