



Stephen Selam, Yakama Tribal Council Executive Secretary

Stephen Selam, Lishwailatum, is the current Executive Secretary for the Yakama Nation Tribal Council. Growing up in White Swan, WA, he was raised with family-centered values that drive his work today and is supported by his wife and son.

Selam has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Washington and has since worked for the Yakama Nation in various capacities, including being a teacher and the Director for the Yakama Nation Head Start Program for over a decade. His work for these programs reinforced the message for him that creating an investment and care for today's youth will lead to a better tomorrow.

Selam currently works with the goal to properly represent the Yakama people, Yakama culture, and make choices that both positively affect generations to come and make previous generations proud.