

Biography for Janet Wak Wak Nicholson
Council Member and Health and Human Services Committee Chair
Colville Business Council
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation



Janet Wak Wak Nicholson is a Member of the Colville Business Council, the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. She is the current Chair of the Colville Business Council's Health & Human Services Committee. Her past employment includes 37 years of collective federal service as an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) within the Department of the Interior. Ms. Nicholson conducted presentations and trainings for the BIA and OST nationwide during her federal service. For the 10 years immediately prior to being elected to the Colville Business Council in July 2019, she managed the Colville Tribes' Land Title and Records Office.

Ms. Nicholson has served as board member on the Indian Land Tenure Foundation and the Indian Land Working Group, both of which provide technical assistance to Indian country on Indian land issues. She is currently serving as a member of the Northwest Indian Health Board, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Contract Support Costs Workgroup, IHS National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup, IHS Facilities Appropriations Advisory Board, IHS Community Health Aid Program Tribal Advisory Group, IHS Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee, and the IHS Director's Workgroup on Improving

Purchased/Referred Care. In Washington state, Ms. Nicholson serves as a representative to the American Indian Health Commission and Indian Policy Advisory Committee.

Ms. Nicholson has a bachelor's degree in business from Eastern Washington University and studied pre-law at the University of New Mexico. Ms. Nicholson holds the following professional certifications: Washington State Real Estate Certification, Federal Real Estate Certification, Certified Acquisition Contract Officer Representative, Risk Management Certification, and DOI Budget Certification.

Ms. Nicholson resides with her son, Robert Lonebear II and niece, Molly Condon, on the Colville Reservation in Coulee Dam, Washington. She lives in the same community as her son, Billy Nicholson, and daughter, Buffy Nicholson, and their children.