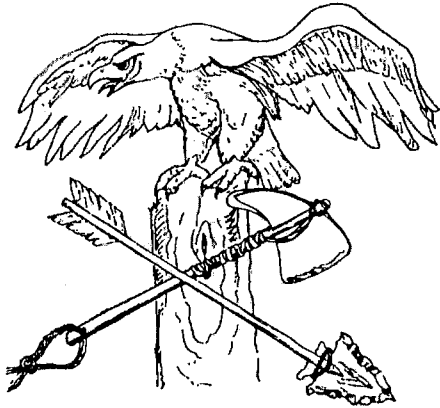




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The Honorable Quintin Swanson, Chairman, Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe: Question and response to Question from Chairman Jeff Hurd – House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs Legislative Hearing on Tribal Emergency Response Resources Act ("TERRA Act"), H.R. 3654 - September 9, 2025.

Question from Chairman Hurd for the Honorable Quintin Swanson, Chairman, Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe, Tokeland, Washington.

1. *Is it fair to say that the NEPA review process from your perspective in tribal leadership has become too much of an encumbrance for the Tribe?*

Thank you, Chairman Hurd, for your question about whether the NEPA review process has become an encumbrance for the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe. We have pursued and been awarded funding from different federal agencies as part of our Tribe's project of relocating our community upland due to coastal erosion and tsunami risks. When we have to do NEPA reviews for every agency that has awarded us funding for our relocation project, that is burdensome. We do not think we should have to do the same reviews multiple times for the same project. This is what TERRA would help with.

I look forward to working with you to advance the TERRA Act, H.R. 3654.

Thank you,

Quintin Swanson
Chairman
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe