

Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
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Biography of Charlene Nelson

Charlene Nelson is the Chairwoman of the Shoalwater Bay Tribe, a position she has held for fifteen years. Charlene was a hand logger with her parents, a commercial fisherman and a teacher. She presently is on the Executive Board for the American Indian Health Commission, President of the Tokeland Chamber of Commerce and the leader of the Tokeland North Cove Neighborhood Watch. Charlene considers health of all Tribal Members and all people more valuable than anything else in the world. Health of the whole person is the foundation for healthy Tribes, healthy states, healthy countries and a healthy world. Charlene works to protect Traditional lands and to purchase lands that adjoin these lands so there will be a safe place and room for our children's children to forever to live.