

Return of the Nisqually Estuary

A Celebration

November 12, 2009

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

You are invited to a very special event at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge on Thursday, November 12, 2009 to welcome the return of the Nisqually Estuary. The event will highlight the restoration of 762 acres of the Nisqually Estuary, the largest estuary restoration project in the Pacific Northwest. We hope you can join us for this important celebration.



The Nisqually Estuary from I-5
USFWS

Public Ceremony

12:45pm to 1:15pm

Public arrival, walk or take shuttle bus to the Twin Barns, view the restoration site and informational exhibits. Coffee and cookies will be served.

1:15pm to 2:15pm

Tribal drumming, ceremony, speakers, naming of Leschi Slough in honor of Chief Leschi, and Tribal blessing held on the new outer dike near the Twin Barns.

2:00pm

High tide in the Nisqually Estuary.

2:15pm

Ribbon cutting, walking the new Nisqually Estuary Trail.

A shuttle bus will run from the Visitor Center to the ceremony site from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

Visitors should plan on wearing comfortable shoes and warm clothes appropriate for an outdoor ceremony.

In case of severe weather, the ceremony may be held at an alternative site on the Refuge.

For more information contact the Refuge at (360) 753-9467. Nisqually NWR is located off exit 114 on I-5. Follow the signs to the Refuge.



Nisqually Indian Tribe