

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Skokomish Indian Tribe (hereafter referred to as the “Tribe”).

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about July 26, 2023, the Tribe will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to undertake a project known as the t3ba’das Housing Project. The Project site is located on the northern portion of the Tribe’s Reservation in unincorporated Mason County, Washington. The Project includes the construction of seven single-family homes and expansion of an existing stormwater collection pond. The proposed homes are located in an existing Tribal housing development where housing lots have been graded and roadway and utility infrastructure has been constructed to serve the housing lots. As such, no mass grading or off-site infrastructure improvements would be needed. The estimated project cost is \$2,492,100, of which \$1,869,075 is estimated to be funded by HUD.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Tribe has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment and Environmental Review Record (ERR). The EA and ERR are available to the public electronically and can be accessed online at:

<https://skokomish.org/housing/>. To receive the ERR by email please contact Brent Kellogg at [bkellogg@skokomish.org](mailto:bkellogg@skokomish.org).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Thomas Strong, CEO, Skokomish Indian Tribe, 80 North Tribal Center Road, Shelton, WA 98584 or to [tstrong@skokomish.org](mailto:tstrong@skokomish.org). All comments received by July 25, 2023, will be considered by the Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Tribe certifies to HUD that Thomas Strong in his capacity as CEO consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s

approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Tribe to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Tribe's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Tribe; (b) the Tribe has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tom Carney, Administrator at Northwest Office of Native American Programs via designated email Tom.Carney@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Thomas Strong, CEO  
Skokomish Indian Tribe