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FACT SHEET COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CWRMP)

Frequently Asked Questions	Response
Why is the Lummi Water Resources Division Developing a Comprehensive Water Resources Management Program (CWRMP)?	The Lummi Water Resources Division is developing the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Program (CWRMP) in response to Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) resolutions 90-88 and 92-43. These resolutions directed the development of a CWRMP to ensure that the planning and development of Reservation water and land resources are safeguarded against surface and ground water degradation.
What is the CWRMP?	The Comprehensive Water Resources Management Program (CWRMP) is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on field data, literature reviews, community involvement, and scientific investigations;• Includes a wellhead protection program, a storm water management program, a wetlands management program, water quality standards, a non-point source pollution management program, and administrative procedures; and• Includes revision of the Lummi Nation water code to incorporate the best management practices identified during the program development and to better reflect the policies, priorities, and guidelines of the LIBC.

<p>How is the CWRMP being Developed?</p>	<p>The CWRMP is being developed in stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initially, background documents were developed for the technical components (e.g., wellhead protection, storm water management, wetland management, non-point source pollution, water quality standards). These documents are the technical foundation of the water code and associated regulations. • Next, literature reviews of similar ordinances in other jurisdictions were completed for the wellhead protection program, the storm water management program, the wetland management program, and the water quality standards program. Administrative procedures were also reviewed. • Based on these first two stages, a Water Resources Protection Code (Title 17 of the Lummi Code of Laws) was developed and presented to the LIBC and General Council for review and approval. • The LIBC adopted Title 17 of the Lummi Code of Laws in January 2004. • Following adoption of Title 17, efforts have focused on improving the technical foundation of the water code and developing and implementing regulations to ensure that the CWRMP goals are achieved.
<p>What is the Current Status of the CWRMP Development Effort?</p>	<p>The current status of the CWRMP development efforts is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to improve available information on Reservation water resources and land uses have been on going. • The Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the Lummi Indian Reservation regulation was adopted by the LIBC in August 2007 and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency in September 2008. • The Water Resources Division is developing regulations during 2009 for storm water management, wetland management, technical requirements for ground water wells, and a system for civil fines for violations of Title 17. • The initial technical background documents developed over the 1997 through 2001 period are scheduled to be revised and updated to reflect new information and/or changing conditions starting during 2009.
<p>What can I do to help?</p>	<p>You can help in the CWRMP development effort if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become informed about the different water resources management programs under development and provide feedback to the Water Resources Division to ensure that Title 17 meets your needs.