Tulalip Tribes and Partners Celebrate Levee Breach of Qwuloolt Estuary

One of the most significant estuary restoration projects in Washington State will reach its greatest milestone when the levee is breached on August 28, 2015. A celebration and dedication is scheduled for the following week on September 2, 2015

WHAT: The Tulalip Tribes and partners (Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Marysville, NOAA, USFW, ECY, NRCS, and the Puget Sound Partnership) will, after 15 years of hard work and commitment, celebrate the levee breach of the Qwuloolt Estuary. Three hundred and fifty acres of fallow farmland will be returned to its natural estuarine processes with the breach of the hundred year-old levee. The Corps will breach the levee Friday August 28th. The restored 400-acre project site will provide habitat for several species of fish, including the endangered Chinook, and many other plants, animals, and bird life.

WHERE: #1). *August 28th* media opportunity for visual coverage of breach (call for details). #2). *September 2nd* Qwuloolt Levee Breach Celebration. The event begins with a short visit to the project site. Invited guests will **meet at 9:45 a.m. at Marysville Public Works, 80 Columbia Ave., Marysville WA**, and will then be shuttled by 10:00 a.m. to site. **Following site visit guests will meet up at the Hibulb Cultural Center** for a dedication and salmon BBQ from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 6410 23rd Ave NE Tulalip, WA**. Elected officials from state, federal, and county will be present to celebrate with the project partners.

WHEN: Friday, August 28 (media opportunity to cover breach) **+ Wednesday, September 2** Celebration & Dedication

WHO: Event speakers include Tulalip Tribes Chairman Mel Sheldon, Marysville Mayor John Nehring, Congressman Rick Larsen, and project partners. Swil Kanim to perform violin storytelling.