



Totem Pole Journey *to the Clean Energy Justice Convergence*

SEPT 2 | Little Bear Creek

SEPT 3 | Lummi Island WA

SEPT 8 | Orcas Island WA

SEPT 8 | Lopez Island WA

SEPT 10 | Pike Place Market, Seattle WA

SEPT 10 | Westlake Center, Seattle WA

SEPT 11 | Port Townsend WA

SEPT 12 | Bellevue WA

SEPT 14 | Bellingham WA

SEPT 15 | Spokane WA

SEPT 17 | White Earth MN

SEPT 21 | Pittsburgh PA

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SEPT 24 | Niagara Falls NY

SEPT 30 | Lummi Nation*

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Our Shared Responsibility: A Totem Pole Journey



*Connecting Earth, Sky and Water Protectors
from Pittsburgh to the Pacific Northwest*





JOURNEY OVERVIEW



In September 2022, the House of Tears Carvers will embark on the next Totem Pole Journey to the Clean Energy Justice Convergence in Pittsburgh, PA. It is the latest of more than a dozen journeys made by the Lummi Nation over the past 20 years to educate and advocate with the Alliance of Earth, Sky and Water Protectors. This journey builds upon, strengthens and reaffirms the growing Indigenous-led climate justice movements that began with a successful campaign to oppose proposed fossil fuel projects in the Pacific Northwest.

OUR GOAL

To bring inspiration, media attention, and a call to action during the September 2022 Global Clean Energy Ministerial hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy in Pittsburgh, PA. This journey is dedicated to communities in Appalachia and around the world who are on the front lines of fossil fuel-based energy extraction and environmental devastation, and to the growing movement of Earth, Sky and Water Protectors working to advance truly clean energy solutions and hasten a just transition away from fossil fuels and false solutions.

SCOPE

An Indigenous delegation of carvers, campaigners, and community leaders from the Lummi Nation will lead public and ceremonial events on September 21-23 in Pittsburgh, PA, in association with the Clean Energy Justice Convergence organized by local and regional civil society and community-based organizations. These events will center ancestral knowledge, skill sharing, and inter-generational cross cultural collaboration in a joint mission to protect Mother Earth and our collective future.



THE PLAN

In solidarity with our friends in Appalachia and with front line communities throughout the world, the House of Tears Carvers will travel from the Salish Sea in the Pacific Northwest to the Three Rivers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a 14' totem pole and a delegation of Indigenous Nations. The Totem Pole Journey will coincide with the Global Clean Energy Ministerial hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy, and the *Clean Energy Justice Convergence* hosted by local and regional environmental NGOs and community groups.

Through press conferences, peaceful rallies, panel discussions, and public events steeped in ancestral knowledge and prayer, we will call for real solutions to the climate emergency and call out the first hand and felt impacts of green washing and false solutions.

Our contributions will educate decision makers and increase public understanding about Indigenous ways of seeing, understanding, and relating to the land and convey the urgency of action to safeguard public health and our collective future.

ALLIANCE OF EARTH, SKY & WATER PROTECTORS

The Alliance of Protectors is an inter-generational and cross-cultural network of environmental and climate justice community groups and grassroots organizers leading struggles to stop extractive industries and protect sacred sites, land, air, and water for the generations to come.

The Alliance of Earth, Sky & Water Protectors include: the House of Tears Carvers of Lummi Nation, Sulkadub Strategies, the Natural History Museum, Sacred Trust, E3C, Arm in Arm, Catskill Mountainkeeper, Se'si'le Foundation, Tiny House Warriors, Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment, Earthball of Orcas Island and the New Old Time Chautauqua



Totem Pole Journey to the Clean Energy Convergence



Scheduled Blessings & Ceremonies

September 3-12, 2022 • Salish Sea Blessings

September 14-30, 2022 • National Tour

DATE	DESTINATION	PLACE	TIME
Sept 3	Lummi Island WA	LISA School	6:30 pm
Sept 8	Orcas Island WA	Mt. Constitution	10:00 am
Sept 8	Orcas Island WA	Madrona Point	1:00 pm
Sept 8	Lopez Island WA	Odlin Park	7:15 pm
Sept 10	Seattle WA	Pike Place Market	10:00 am
Sept 10	Seattle WA	Westlake Center	2:00 pm
Sept 11	Port Townsend	Quimper UUF	10:00 am
Sept 12	Bellevue WA	Eastshore Unitarian	4:00 pm
Sept 14	Bellingham WA	Waterfront Park	3:00 pm
Sept 15	Spokane WA	The Healing Lodge	8:00 am
Sept 17	White Earth MN	Honor the Earth	10:00 am
Sept 19	Arrive Pittsburgh*		
Sept 22	Clean Energy Justice Rally & March	Schenley Plaza	10:00 am
Sept 23	Clean Energy Justice Roundtable	Phipps Conservatory	6:30 pm
Sept 24	Niagara Falls NY*	tbd	12:00 pm
Sept 30	Bellingham WA*	---	6:00 pm

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Facebook: Our Shared Responsibility: A Totem Pole Journey

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TEAM TOTEM JOURNEY

Se Sealth (Jewell James) - House of Tears Carvers
Sit ki kadem (Douglas James) - House of Tears Carvers
Sul ka dub (Freddie Lane) - Lhaq'temish (Lummi)
Siamel'wit James - House of Tears Carvers
Kwastlmut (Sadie Olsen) - Lummi Nation
Rueben George - Tseil Waututh First Nation
Esther Lewis - Navajo Nation
Beka Economopoulos - The Natural History Museum
Jason Jones - The Natural History Museum
Jacob Johns, Hopi - Arm in Arm
Ananda Tan, Just Transition Alliance
Wes Gillingham, Catskill Mountainkeepers
Taylor Jaffe, Catskill Mountainkeepers
Sonny White, Mohawk Youth Nation
Breathe Project
Friends of Pittsburgh



Art Design by: Jacob Johns

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LUMMI NATION: As climate change-fueled wildfires rage in the western United States, Indigenous carvers from the Lummi Nation are embarking upon a 15-day cross-country journey with a 14' totem pole to call for an end to fossil fuels and other false solutions to the climate emergency, and to advocate for climate justice.

Led by the House of Tears Carvers, a delegation of 12 Indigenous youth and elders from the Pacific Northwest, Southwest, and Northeast will transport the totem pole on a flatbed trailer, driving from Washington State to Pittsburgh, PA for the Clean Energy Justice Convergence--a series of actions during the 13th Clean Energy Ministerial in Pittsburgh on September 21-23, 2022.

While the world's energy ministers convene with industry leaders at the Pittsburgh Convention Center, the Indigenous delegation will join grassroots leaders from Appalachia, the Gulf South, and other communities on the front lines of fossil fuel-based energy extraction and environmental devastation. Through 3 days of art and ceremony, rallies, round-tables, and "toxic tours" to regional petrochemical infrastructure, the convergence will shine a spotlight on the costs, health impacts and environmental devastation associated with extractive and fossil fuel-based energy initiatives.

"As governments prioritize private profits over public health, our Mother Earth and the future generations pay the price. This totem pole journey is dedicated to the growing movement of Earth, Sky and Water Protectors around the world who are saying enough is enough. No more fossil fuels or false solutions," says Se Sealth (Jewell Praying Wolf James), Lummi elder and head carver for the House of Tears Carvers.

The totem pole is an honoring pole for beloved Chief Tsilixw (Bill James), hereditary chief of the Lhaq'temish (Lummi) people of the north Salish Sea. The totem features Chief Tsilixw (pronounced: tsee-lee-qwe') dressed in a red robe with his hand over his heart. Chief Bill has a raven mask over his head and eyes with a black top hat and a diving bald eagle signifying strength & power on top of the totem pole. Several symbols of the Chief's life adorn the sides of the totem including: a frog, a salmon, an orca, three canoes, the Chief holding his power stick including a cedar forest where he and his mother spent so much time gathering in the forest. The "Chief Tsilixw" totem pole will have two protectors on each side of him as we make the journey over to Pittsburgh & Niagara Falls and then back home to the Pacific Northwest in late September.

"We stand with the Alliance of Earth, Sky & Water Protectors and our friends and allies on the front lines of these never ending battles to protect Mother Earth," says Freddie Lane, Road Manager for the totem pole journey. "This is not just a Pittsburgh fight! This is not just a Lummi or Standing Rock or Gulf South fight -- it is for all the so-called 'sacrifice zones' around the world, and all of our children's children" added Lane, who goes by his

traditional name, Sul ka dub. Lane has traveled with the House of Tears Carvers since 2002 when the original totem journeys began with healing, honor and protection totem poles starting with the '911' totem journeys honoring the surviving family members after the September 11th terrorist attacks.

The House of Tears Carvers are led by Lummi elder and head carver, Jewell Praying Wolf James (Se Sealth) and his elder brother Sit ki kadem (Doug James) of the Lummi Nation west of Bellingham WA. Jewell James, 68, is a modern day warrior specializing in the US Constitution, tribal sovereignty and treaty protection for Indian & First Nations across North America. James led efforts to protect Xwe'chi'eXen or Cherry Point from SSA Marine's proposed deep water coal port, which would have been the largest in North America.

"We are the first generation to recognize global climate change -- and we are the last generation that can do something about it," James reminds us.

The schedule for the Totem Pole Journey to the Clean Energy Convergence is as follows:

Lummi Island WA	September 3	6:30 pm	Legoe Bay
Orcas Island WA	September 8	10 am	Swalex - Mt. Constitution Moran State Park
Orcas Island WA	September 8	1–3 pm	Madrona Point 112 Haven Road East Sound, WA
Lopez Island WA	September 8	7:15 pm	Odlin State Park 148 Odlin Park Road Lopez Island, WA
Seattle WA	September 10	10 am	Pike Place Market 2001 Western Avenue
Seattle WA	September 10	2–5 pm	Westlake Center 400 Pine Street
Port Townsend	September 11	10 am	Quimper Unitarian Universalists Fellowship 2333 San Juan Avenue
Bellevue WA	September 12	4–7 pm	East Shore Unitarian Church 12700 SE 32nd Street
Bellevue WA	September 14	3–6 pm	Waterfront Park 1200 Bay Street

Spokane WA	September 15	8–10 am	Healing Lodge of Seven Nations 5600 E 8th Avenue
White Earth MN	September 17	all day	
Pittsburgh PA	September 22	10–5 pm	Clean Energy Justice Rally & March Schenley Plaza 4100 Forbes Ave
Pittsburgh PA	September 22	6:30 pm	Clean Energy Justice Roundtable Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens 1 Schenley Drive
Niagara Falls NY	September 24	<i>tbd</i>	Niagara Falls State Park 332 Prospect Street

The totem journey plans on returning to the Pacific Northwest by September 30th.

You can follow the totem pole journey on Facebook at:
OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY: A Totem Pole Journey

Contributions to the Pittsburgh Totem Journey and the House of Tears Carvers can be made at: Catskillmountainkeeper.org. For more information please contact: Sul ka dub (pronounced: soll-kay-dub) 'Freddie Lane,' Road Manager at (360) 391-7560. Jewell Praying Wolf James can be reached at: (360) 441-7790.



The 'Chiefs' Pole • Honoring Lummi hereditary Chief Tsilixw 'Bill James' • 2022
Protector Poles unpainted on each side traveling to the Clean Energy Justice Convergence
September 15-30, 2022 • Pittsburgh PA ~ Photo by Sul ka dub



The totem pole honoring Chief Tsilixw (Bill James) stands 13 feet tall with the chief wearing a raven mask and top hat with a diving eagle at the top representing the Chief's strength & honor

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The Chiefs Pole traveling to Lummi Nation School where five totem poles welcome students to school each day by the House of Tears Carvers. Photography by Alan Berner



Lummi Elders blessing at Little Bear Creek Assisted Living Center, Lummi Nation WA.
Lummi elders: Rick Cadiente, Mary Scarborough & Sit ki kadem (Doug James)

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Sul ka dub (Freddie Lane) sharing the stories of the symbols of the 'Chiefs' totem pole. This symbol came from the longhouse that adorned the family's name representing the home



Sit ki kadem (Douglas James') hand over the Chiefs hand on the totem pole preparing to travel to the Clean Energy Justice Convergence in Pittsburgh PA

Photo by Freddie Lane



Totem Pole Journey to the Clean Energy Justice Convergence bandana design features the Indian in the Moon images, Doug James' hand between the Chief holding his power with the symbol of his house on the bottom. Art by Jacob Johns, Hopi.

Design Concept by Sul ka dub



Sit ki kadem (Doug James) of the House of Tears Carvers leads Diron Lamar in touching up the 'Chiefs' totem pole for the Salish Sea tour September 3-14, 2022. National tour begins Sept 15.

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Huche-ak-wilton (Richard Solomon) of the Lhaq'temish Golden Eagle Clan, spiritual brushes 'the Chiefs Totem Pole' in preparations for the Clean Energy Justice Convergence in Pittsburgh PA



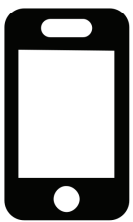
THE FIRST BLESSING • Lummi tribal elders cast the first blessing upon the Chief Tsilixw Totem Pole in September 2, 2022 at Little Bear Creek, Lummi Nation. Photo courtesy: Alan Berner

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House of Tears Carvers and the Golden Eagle Clan unite in efforts to protect Mother Earth with the Alliance of Earth, Sky and Water Protectors on the next to journey to Pittsburgh PA





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