

Jeremy Takala, Indian name Pax'una'shut, is a Tribal Councilman of the Yakama Nation and is from the Kahmiltpah Band (Rock Creek) of the Columbia River area. Prior to becoming a member of the Yakama Nation Tribal Council (YNTC) he worked for the Yakama Nation Fisheries Project (YKFP) for 12 years at the Klickitat River Research Monitor Evaluate (RME). He currently serves on the Fish and Wildlife Committee, Legislative Committee, Law and Order Committee, the Veterans Committee, and Executive Assistant Secretary for the YNTC. Jeremy Takala is serving his second term for the Yakama Nation Tribal Council that consists of 14 Council members in total. Jeremy Takala also serves on the following: NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) representative, ATNI (Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians), Seattle Indigenous Advisory Council, and Vice-Chair of the Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission.

He has a commitment to remain vigilant in managing fishery resources through the inherent rights that were affirmed through treaties made by the Yakama Nation. These legal contracts with the United States government serve as guiding principles to help protect the natural foods, streams, and animals; as well as maintaining a stewardship role for future generations to understand and protect. Jeremy is honored to have served and represented Yakama Nation on the Columbia Basin River Initiative, a 10-year commitment that the current Administration is striving for Healthy and Abundant levels of Salmon and native species. Jeremy Takala also helped with the award that will help assist the Yakama Nation Tribal Police Department addressing the fentanyl crisis within the community and the areas YN has jurisdiction. Being this is an important branch of the YN; Jeremy continues to work with the Commissioner of the Department and staff.

Jeremy grew up in Goldendale, WA and was brought up as a drummer and provider for the Rock Creek Longhouse. He acknowledges his traditional teachers which include a long list of family members and tribal elders. Jeremy and his children are very much involved in the community, in the longhouse and social activities/events.