



Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

Chairman Edward Johnstone of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

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Bio

Ed Johnstone is a Quinault Tribal member born in Aberdeen Washington and raised on the Quinault Indian reservation. He currently serves as the Chair At-Large for the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – a governmental natural resource support organization composed of the 20 treaty tribes in western Washington. Prior to serving as the Chair, Mr. Johnstone was the treasurer for the Commission since 2009. He has worked in natural resource management most of his life, much of it spent in the timber and fishing industries of the Quinault Indian Nation. He has served as a two-term Councilman from 1996-2002, and represented the Quinault Tribal Council for fisheries, fisheries habitat, and marine governance issues as the Quinault Fisheries Policy Spokesperson for much of his career. Mr. Johnstone has also served his community in numerous ways including the Taholah School Board and the Quinault Planning Commission. In addition to his civic and Commission duties, he has also served on the Southern Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission and the Intergovernmental Policy Council, a forum of tribal and state co-managers of the ocean area that includes the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

Summary of Experience

- 1993-2007: Taholah School Board.
- 1999-2000: Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians.
- 1999-2004: Quinault Planning Commission.
- 2002-2004: Portland Area Representative for the Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA).
- 2002-2004: Co-chair of Transportation Infrastructure Sub-committee of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).
- 2002-2004: Co-Chair of the NCAI TEA-21 Re-authorization Taskforce
- 2002-Present: Washington Sea Grant Advisory Board.
- 2009- 2022: Chairman, Intergovernmental Policy Council, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.
- 2009-2021: Treasurer, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.
- 2011-2022 Pacific Salmon Commission, Southern Panel, Tribal Co-chair Alternate, U.S. Section.
- 2022-present: Chairman, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission