

Project Status Report

Quinault Indian Nation Comprehensive Biomass
Strategy Project

In Partnership With:
US Department of Energy
Columbia-Pacific RC&EDD (CoPac)



Project Overview

- Identify and confirm Tribal energy needs
- Comprehensive review of recent inventory of QIN biomass availability
- Develop a biomass energy vision statement, goals and objectives
- Identify and assess viable biomass energy options, both demand-side (those that reduce energy consumption) and supply-side (those that generate energy)
- Develop a long-term biomass strategy consistent with the long-term goals of QIN



Quillayute Valley
School District
Biomass for Heat
Facility
City of Forks, WA





Project Partners

- Columbia-Pacific RC&EDD (CoIPac)
- Faith Leadership Consulting
- American Community Enrichment
- Greater Grays Harbor Inc.
- Grays Harbor County
- Richmond Engineering
- USDA Rural Development
- US Forest Service
- Department of Energy

This is Your Project!



Your Project has Regional and National Support!



Identify and Confirm Tribal Energy Needs

Your Opinions and Recommendations Matter!

- What are your current energy needs?
- Will renewable energy such as biomass fit your needs?
- What direction would you like to see QIN moving towards in support of current and future Tribal energy needs?









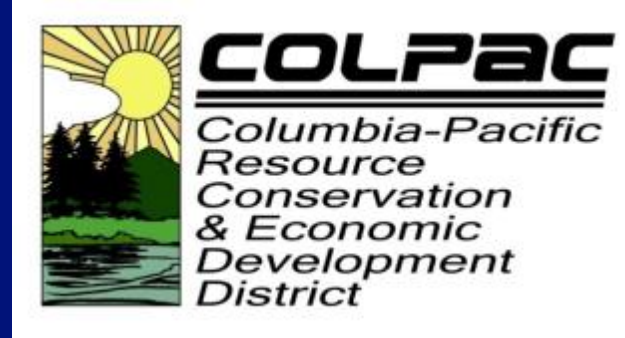












Quinault Indian Nation Biomass Essay & Coloring Contest



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Inventory of Biomass Availability on the Quinault Indian Reservation

- This portion of QIN's Biomass Project was completed in January 2012 and resulted in the following:
 - QIN & BIA trust lands together comprise 137,050 operable forest acres
 - Represents 87% of total operable area within the QIR
 - Ten-Year Combined Annual Estimated Biomass Volume (BDT) 33,750
- For both QIN and the BIA-managed lands, this byproduct from timber harvest operations represents the most viable opportunity to operationally and economically recover woody biomass material suitable as fuel for a thermal energy facility





Methods for Developing a Biomass Energy Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives

- Strategy Sessions with:
 - Key QIN Tribal Community Stakeholders
 - QIN Sub-Committees
 - QIN Business Committee
- In Support of:
 - Determining QIN's current and future energy needs
 - Identifying a clear direction to fulfill energy needs
 - Set realistic goals
 - Set applicable objectives to attain goals



Focus on Tribal Community's Input for Project Direction

- Tribal Community wants to be involved in QIN's current and future energy solutions
- There is a need to use QIN's vast volumes of Biomass as an energy resource
- Wood heat costs less than electric heat
- Effective Weatherization Programs need to be pursued
- Biomass based Tribal Enterprises need to be developed
- Small scale combined heat & power solutions
- Do not harm the environment – QIN Keepers of the Land



Potential Cost Savings between Electric and Wood Heat

- QIN Admin Complex: Annual Electric Cost = \$59,237
- Health Center: Annual Electric Cost = \$67,183
- Annual Total = \$126,420
- QIN Admin Complex and Health Clinic Annual Wood Heating Cost = \$47,548*
- Potential annual savings from wood heat = \$78,872

* Wood fuel cost estimated at \$45/BDT in chip form purchased from an off-Reservation Vendor



QIN Administration Complex

QIN Health Center

Hot water supply/
cold water return
pipeline


Approximate
location of other
proposed QIN
buildings

Approximate
location of
biomass thermal
facility

Approximate
location of
proposed school

Identifying and Assessing QIN Biomass Options




A photograph of a dense forest with tall, thin trees and a thick layer of green undergrowth. The scene is misty, with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Biomass is available and is a potential sustainable energy resource for QIN.

Looking Ahead at Biomass Options

- Determine and identify demand-side energy needs:
 - Reducing Energy Consumption
- Determine and identify supply-side energy needs:
 - Energy Generation Requirements
- Determine and identify risks and issues:
 - Viable Short and Long-Term Solutions





Energy Generation Alternatives – TreeFree Biomass Solutions – Arundo Donax (Nile Fiber)

Energy: Nile Fiber™ can be burned with coal at 8000 BTU's or it can be converted into E-Coal, which is a complete coal replacement.

Fuels: With yields as much as 5 times more fiber per acre than corn, Nile Fiber is a strong alternative fuel. It reduces feedstock costs and provides economic benefits as a non-food source.

Phytoremediation and Land clean-up: Nile Fiber™ carbon sequesters and phyto-remediates 15 times faster per acre per year than trees because of its mass per acre and its growth rate of 3" per day during growing season.

Developing a Long-Term Biomass/Energy Strategy

- Things to keep in mind along the way:
 - Focus on the resource(s) that are readily available
 - Costs vs. Benefits
 - Is the proposed strategy consistent with the long-term goals of the Quinault Indian Nation
 - Your ongoing commitment to being “Keepers of your lands”

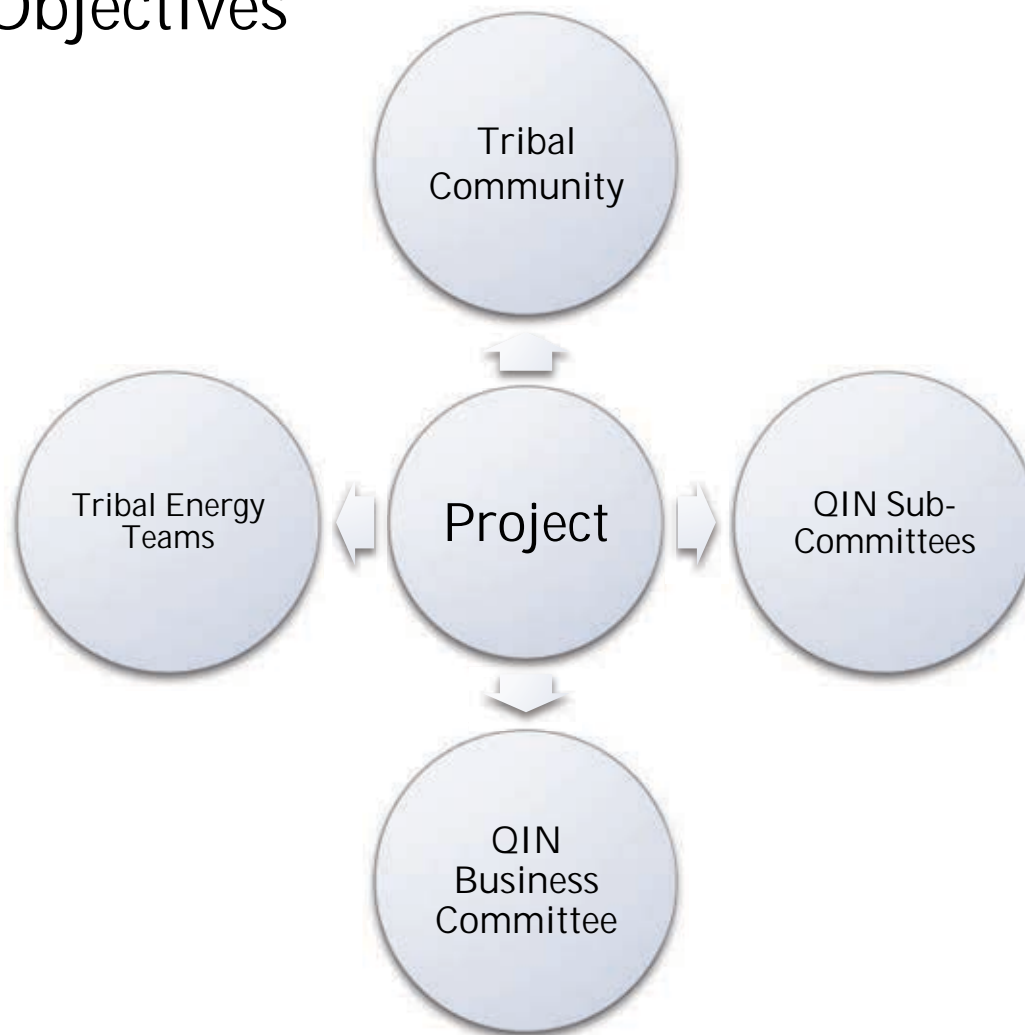




Potential Impacts to QIN

- Tribal employment opportunities as energy programs develop and are implemented
- Tribal entrepreneurial opportunities in support of biomass hauling or harvesting , heavy equipment operators and related businesses
- Managed wood waste removal will rely less on slash pile burning resulting in less pollutants into the atmosphere
- Educational opportunities for QIN's children and community resulting in stronger interest in the field of Renewable Energy

QIN Project Dependencies and Resources Path to Realizing Objectives













HURST

WARNING
HOT SURFACE
DO NOT TOUCH

DO NOT
REPAIR OR
SERVICE
THIS UNIT
UNLESS
YOU ARE
A QUALIFIED
TECHNICIAN

HURST

Please
close the door gently to
prevent the injury

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HEATING WATER SUPPLY





This is your project and it needs your continued assistance and support to succeed!

