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July 9, 2013

## **Robert Elofson - Leadership Honoring Awardee** Billy Frank Jr. Natural Resource Protection Award



*Robert Elofson,  
River Restoration Director  
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe*

Robert, a commercial fisherman of 34 years, works in the Natural Resources Department of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe for over 15 years. The mission of the River Restoration Program is simple: the Full Restoration of the Elwha River. This vision is shared by Robert, who often states: "I have been interested in the restoration of the river since we started working on the re-licensing of the dams in 1976."

Besides watching the deconstruction of the two dams on the Elwha River, the most exciting things Robert remembers are graduating from high school, graduating from Western Washington University with two degrees, being asked to direct the Elwha River Restoration Project, and the birth of his children. Knowing that he always wanted to be a scientist, Robert attended an impressive list of schools before graduating from Ellensburg High School. He then attended the University of Washington prior to graduating from Western Washington University (Bellingham) with degrees in both Physics and Biology.

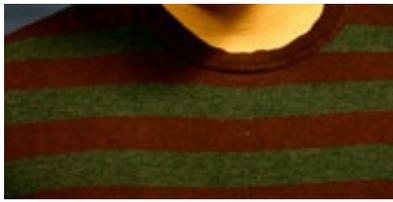
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## **Jesse Walkingchild** Summer Program Intern



Jesse Walkingchild has been a volunteer at Potlatch Fund since October of 2012. He now joins our staff part-time and will provide some much needed support around data management.

Jesse is a student at the University of Washington in Seattle where he was raised. His family is from Great Falls, Montana and he is part Chippewa Cree and part Blackfeet. He was part of the



Treasury Committee for the First Nations at UW group this past year and aided in raising money for their annual Spring Powwow. His future goals are to learn the basics of organizing a nonprofit that will focus on preparing young Native students for success in higher education.



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### Part-time Bookkeeper Position

Overview: This part-time position, with flexible hours, will report to the Executive Director and the Potlatch Fund Finance Committee.

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For the complete job description, click [here](#).

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

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*Matika Wilbur (Swinomish /  
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Native Arts Grantee*

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