

## Shoalwater Bay shoreline erosion project community meeting May 12

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SEATTLE -- The Shoalwater Bay shoreline erosion project, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project that will provide erosion protection for the tribal reservation of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe on Willapa Bay, is the topic for the May 12 community meeting.

The meeting is from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Shoalwater Bay Tribal Center meeting hall, located at 2373 Tokeland Road, Tokeland.

During the meeting, the Corps and its research team will describe the coastal erosion and storm damage reduction studies and alternative plans to address identified problems. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak with the study team and ask questions.

The study team will address the status of technical studies, including channel depths in Willapa Bay, projections of future channel position and migration, shoreline changes, and tides and waves. They will also explain the identified measures to address the flood and storm damage threat to the community and describe the next steps toward project approval and construction.

Representatives from the Corps' Seattle District office, the Corps' Coastal and Hydraulic Laboratory, the U.S. Geological Survey's Coastal and Marine Geology Program, and the Washington Department of Ecology's Coastal Monitoring Program will participate in the meeting.

A project to provide coastal erosion protection for the tribal reservation of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe was authorized by Section 545 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. The authorization required a study to determine measures technically feasible, cost-effective and environmentally acceptable to construct and maintain.