PUBLIC NOTICE AND FINDINGS

Notice is hereby given by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) that a grant application is being made for funding from <u>The Makah Tribe</u> to construct a <u>Critical Infrastructure and Community Health Resilience Project</u> on <u>the Makah</u> <u>Indian Reservation, Neah Bay, Clallam County, Washington.</u>

The project <u>will construct new wastewater improvements, including new gravity sewer mains,</u> pressurized force main, and pumping stations. The pressure force main will be installed under the Wa'Atch River by directional drilling at a depth sufficient to avoid impacts to the riverbed. This project will replace existing septic tanks and drain fields currently serving this area, many of which fail during the rainy winter months. The project will be located <u>on the Makah Indian</u> Reservation in Census Tract 9400. This is a multi-location project that does not have a physical address. The project is located south of the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility (Latitude: <u>48.349447°N, Longitude: -124.660422°W).</u>

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, EDA is conducting an environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed project.

Additionally, a determination has been made by the EDA, in accordance with the President's Executive Order 11988, that the project will be located in the 100-year floodplain, and that there is no practicable alternative. The project has been designed to minimize the risk of loss of life and property damage due to flood and storm damaged, and minimizes the adverse impacts in floodplain value and function.

Project information is available for review at: 100 Resort Drive, Neah Bay, WA, 98357, Phone: 360-645-3100, operating hours are from Monday to Thursday 8am -5pm.

If you have any information regarding potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to:

EDA Regional Environmental Officer Subject Line: *The Makah Tribe Critical Infrastructure and Community Health Resilience Project* <u>SRO-REO@eda.gov</u> or call 206-833-6035

Comments will be accepted by the EDA for 30 days following publication of this Public Notice. If no adverse comments are received, this will be the only notice.