

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet **Makah Indian Tribe**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation

Project Location: Neah Bay, WA

Project Title: Improving Makah Transfer Station Infrastructure and Recycling Programs

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Highlights

- Creates 5 part-time jobs supporting recycling operations.
- Identifies and addresses gaps related to security, worker safety, and efficiency.
- Improves safe handling, protection, and storage capacity of household hazardous waste.

Grant Funding: \$1,395,787

The Makah Tribe of Indians will streamline and upgrade its current recycling operations and develop a plan to expand household hazardous waste (HHW) recycling. The project will conduct a safety assessment of the existing transfer station, identify pathways to expand recycling access and increase diversion, upgrade scrap metal recycling infrastructure, and develop an expanded and secure HHW recycling collection space. These improvements will establish safer and more efficient recycling programs, resulting in a cleaner and healthier environment for the community.

SWIFR Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act provides investments in recycling to support the implementation of the National Recycling Strategy and build a circular economy for all. This funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing for more efficient resource use and less environmental impact from waste materials. The SWIFR grant funding can be used to develop or update post-consumer materials management plans; establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate, and quality of materials collected.

