

Swinomish Tribal Implementation Plan

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The Swinomish People



“We paddled the waters of the Skagit and the Salish sea long before anyone applied names in English to the places we call home. To us, we live at the most beautiful place on the planet, and I give thanks to our Creator every day for the blessings bestowed on the Swinomish people by Mother Earth”

Brian Cladoosby, Chairman



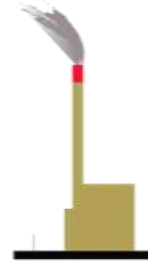
What is a TIP?

- Tribal Implementation Plan (TIP)
 - Air quality plan developed by the tribe to help attain and/or maintain national air quality standards (NAAQS) for common air pollutants
- Treatment as State (TAS)
 - Treated in same manner as states by EPA
- Tribal Authority Rule (TAR)
 - Eligibility criteria for TAS

Tribal Authority under TAS

Tribes can obtain authority to:

Regulate air resources and emissions within the exterior bounds of the reservation or other areas within the tribe's jurisdiction



Eligibility requirements

- Federal recognition
- Governing body and tribal government
- Description of proposed management and protection of air resources
- Demonstrate capability



Swinomish TIP for open burning

Tribal code:

http://www.swinomish.org/media/4938/1902_cleanair.pdf

Regulates open burning within exterior bounds to protect the airshed from exceedances of CO, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ standards

- Rules for open burning
- Permits for large open and special burning
- Burn bans during stagnation events and other high risk days
- Fees for violations



Four major steps for TAS

- Tribes submit application
- EPA reviews submitted materials
- Comment period
- Final TAS decision

Swinomish Application Timeline of events

<p>2008 Meetings with Tribal leaders, planning and documentation prep</p>	<p>June 2012 TIP Submitted</p>	<p>September 2013 Supplemental materials submitted</p>	<p>November 2013 Supplemental materials submitted</p>	<p>January 2014 Supplemental materials submitted</p>	<p>December 2014 Final rule effective</p>	<p>December 2014 – Present: Implementation</p>
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Burn permit application screenshots

SECTION II APPLICANT INFORMATION Be sure to also complete Section VI (signature) to complete permit application form. Fees must be submitted at time of application.

Name: _____
Site Address: _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____
Parcel # _____
Home #: () Work #: ()

SECTION III – PROJECT INFORMATION Fill in sections 1-6. Failure to fill in all fields will result in an incomplete application.

1. Type of Burn Permit Applying For:

- Residential Burning (Burn Plan Required)
- Logging Slash (Burn Plan Required)
- Agricultural Burning (Burn Plan Required)
- Demolition by Fire (Burn Plan Required)

Description	
1. DESIRED BURN DATE(S)	
2. TYPE OF MATERIAL TO BE BURNED (describe)	
3. AMOUNT OF MATERIAL TO BE BURNED	
4. WATER SOURCE	
5. ACCESS TO PROPERTY (Describe)	

SECTION IV – FEES

ACTIVITY (check all that apply)	PERMIT FEE
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential Burning	\$100.00 for the first day plus \$50 per additional day until extinguished
<input type="checkbox"/> Logging Slash	\$100.00 for the first day plus \$50.00 per additional day until extinguished*
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Burning By Special Use Permit Only (No. of Acres: _____)	\$25.00 plus \$2.00 per acre
<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition by Fire (For Fire Training Purposes Only)	\$50.00
Total Permit Fees	
	\$ _____

*Subject to additional fee based on estimated emissions from the burn

SECTION V – BURN PLAN INFORMATION

The following must be submitted separately as part of the burn plan:

- Plot or other map showing area of proposed burn; location of proposed burn in relation to property line and vehicle access to property; and an indication of distances to any structures and other combustible materials within 200 feet of the proposed burn site
- Description of measures taken to prevent escaped fires
- Name, mailing address, and telephone number of person responsible for conducting the proposed open burn (if different than the applicant).

SECTION VI – SIGNATURE BLOCK

<p>Application is hereby made for a permit to authorize the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities. I hereby grant to the officials of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community the right to enter the above-described location to inspect the proposed or completed work.</p>	
<p>_____</p> <p>Signature of Applicant (REQUIRED)</p>	<p>Date: _____</p>
<p><i>FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED AT TIME OF APPLICATION</i></p>	



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Burn ban in effect:
No open burning allowed

Recreational fires in fire ring, BBQ, or similar is allowed. Woodstove use is allowed.

For more information:

contact the Department of Environmental Protection

360-466-7280

Tips & best practices

- Start early, be thorough
- Broad delegation request
- Ask questions to your regional contact
- Don't give up!
- Review 40 CFR Part 49
- Look at other TIPS for guidance:
 - Gila River Indian Community, Mohegan Tribe of Indians, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Swinomish Tribe
 - <https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-implementation-plans/basic-information-about-air-quality-tips>



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Questions?

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