

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

In the definition of "Overburdened community," after the words "treaty rights," the words "in ceded areas" should be deleted as unnecessary and potentially confusing or under-inclusive:

Overburdened community" includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Highly impacted communities as defined in RCW 19.405.020;
- (b) Communities located in census tracts that are fully or partially on "Indian country" as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151; and
- (c) Populations, including Native Americans or immigrant populations, who may be exposed to environmental contaminants and pollutants outside of the geographic area in which they reside based on the population's use of traditional or cultural foods and practices, such as the use of resources, access to which is protected under treaty rights DELETE "in ceded areas", when those exposures in conjunction with other exposures may result in disproportionately greater risks, including risks of certain cancers or other adverse health effects and outcomes.
- (d) Overburdened communities identified by ecology shall include the same communities as those identified by ecology through its process for identifying overburdened communities under RCW 70A.02.010.