

Paul Lumley
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Paul Lumley is the Executive Director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) and a citizen of the Yakama Nation in central Washington State. Mr. Lumley returned to CRITFC after 5 years in Washington DC to begin his tenure as executive director on July 1, 2009.

Mr. Lumley has an extensive history working with Northwest Tribes on salmon issues, particularly in the Columbia River Basin. He spent 17 years with the CRITFC working on biological issues relating to US v. Oregon and the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act. He also assisted in fund raising and establishing a grant program for the four Columbia River treaty tribes.

Mr. Lumley has a wide-ranging background on issues that directly impact American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Mr. Lumley has worked directly with tribal governments, tribal consortia, virtually all federal agencies impacting Indian Country, and Native American national and regional organizations throughout his professional career.

In 2004 Mr. Lumley transferred to the Department of Defense in Washington DC under an Interagency Personnel Agreement where he served as the Senior Tribal Liaison within the Office of the Deputy Undersecretary for the Department of Defense's Installations and Environment Program. In that capacity, he was responsible for the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program as well as working on numerous policy issues affecting Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

Mr. Lumley served as the Executive Director for the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) in Washington DC from 2007 to 2009. There, he successfully advocated for the reauthorization of the primary native housing legislation, secured over one-half of a billion dollars in stimulus funding for Indian housing and restored NAIHC's federally funded training and technical assistance programs.

Mr. Lumley received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Western Washington University in 1986.