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## **The Point Casino & Hotel Opens Friday, November 25**

Design of 94-room, Kingston, WA hotel strongly influenced by tribal culture with custom-made Coast Salish art, cedar plank construction, and comforts to make guests feel at home

After over a year of construction, The Point Hotel in Kingston, Wash., will open its doors to the public on Friday, November 25. The hotel will join the on-property casino to become The Point Casino & Hotel, which is wholly owned by the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe.

The Point Hotel features 94 rooms, including 44 double, 41 king, and nine suites. Each room is comfortably styled with all the conveniences of home, including free wi-fi, a 49” LCD TV (in standard rooms), waterfall showers, a chaise lounge, pillow top mattresses, and more.

Throughout, the Hotel’s design features natural materials that adapt key architectural ideas from traditional Tribal all-cedar plank construction in a style known as Coast Modern. This minimalist, natural aesthetic is especially apparent in the Hotel’s communal areas, including the indoor/outdoor lounge highlighted by a stone-and-glass, floor-to-ceiling fireplace; a fully AV-ready meeting space that can accommodate up to 100 people; and the Point Julia Café, a 64-seat casual dining and takeout restaurant.

Accentuating a large outdoor gathering area, which includes a fire pit that can be used for clam and salmon bakes, are a collection of welcome and ancestral poles carved by local artists. Each tell a traditional story of tribal peoples from the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Traditional or tribal-influenced art plays a big role throughout The Point Hotel, starting when guests arrive in the parking lot where they are greeted by a four-story steel sculpture called Paddles Up. Designed by Port Gamble S’Klallam artist Brian Perry, Paddles Up symbolizes a traditional tribal greeting and features the S’Klallam killer whale symbol, which repeats, in various forms, in other pieces created for the Hotel by Perry. These include carvings throughout the lobby and a design stained into the concrete of the back courtyard, which is named for former Port Gamble S’Klallam Chairman and Tribal leader, Ronald G. Charles.

To celebrate the opening of The Point Casino and Hotel, a Grand Opening event is planned for Tuesday, December 6. From 11:30 am to 9 pm, visitors are invited to check out the new Hotel. A ribbon cutting is planned for 4 pm. Wildcard Club members will be able to enjoy a free lunch or dinner buffet.

Reservations for The Point Hotel are now available at <http://www.the-point-casino.com/hotel/>. Through January 27, guests can enjoy special introductory standard room rates of \$89 from Sunday thru Thursday and \$119 on Friday or Saturday.

### About The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, originally known as the Nux Sklai Yem or Strong People, are descendants of the Salish people who have been well-established in the Puget Sound basin and surrounding areas since 2400 B.C. In the late 1930s, the Port Gamble S'Klallam reservation, located on the northern tip of the Kitsap Peninsula in Washington State, was established. Many of the Tribe's members, who total about twelve hundred, still live there today.

For more information about the S'Klallam Tribe, please visit [www.pgst.nsn.us](http://www.pgst.nsn.us).

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