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### Shadow of the Salmon Premieres at Clearwater

*Casino Resort Hosts Salmon Defense/Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission Docudrama Debut*

**SUQUAMISH, November 8, 2007-** Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort is proud to announce the first screening of *Shadow of the Salmon* November 19, 2007 at 6pm in the Chief Kitsap Hall.

The 48-minute docudrama explores the significance of salmon to the eco-system, to tribal culture and life in the Northwest. It begins with the journey of a young Native American from Pine Ridge, South Dakota, who travels to Coastal Salish country to spend the summer with his aunt and uncle. During his stay he is honored as a member of his coastal family, listens to lessons from the elders, participates in a First Salmon Ceremony and learns the importance of the Annual Canoe Journey. He is also given valuable lessons about contemporary tribal natural resource management, including response to an oil spill.

"Shadow of the Salmon has been produced to help fill the gap in public perception of the tribes and the environment. After the initial screening at Clearwater it will be distributed, along with an accompanying curriculum, to middle schools throughout the region. It will be screened in several locations across the country at a later date, including the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C., and it is likely slated for a nationwide broadcast or release to theaters," said Billy Frank, Jr., Executive Producer of the film.

"I have every minute of our production of this film and I'm anxious for people to see it," said Frank, who also chairs Salmon Defense and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

"Shadow of the Salmon was created to help open eyes to the environmental challenges we all face and provide tribal perspectives about the environment and natural resource management," said Shadow of the Salmon screenwriter and co-producer Steve Robinson adding that the docudrama was written for the middle school level, but should be enjoyed by people of all ages.

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The film, directed by Michael Pearce of 360 Productions in Bellingham, stars Noah Hunt, Gene Tagaban and Tulalip Tribal Traditionalist Debra Parker. It was funded by the Northwest Straits Commission, as well as The Potlatch Fund. A trailer of the film can be found online at [www.nwifc.org](http://www.nwifc.org).

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