Photography, Video, Sketching Policy

The modern Quileute Tribe is charged with preserving and protecting the culture, traditions, and natural resources handed down from our ancestors and which we will in turn hand down to our children. As stewards of our culture, traditions and natural resources, we make this Policy to ensure that the cultural rights of all Quileute People—past, present and future—are protected.

The reason for this Policy is to prevent misappropriation and misrepresentation of Quileute tribal culture: The Quileute Tribe, its People, and its traditions can and have been misrepresented when images and sounds are taken and used without permission and understanding.

It should be remembered that all artwork is copyrighted and should not be photographed, sketched, or videotaped without the express permission of its creator and/or owner.

Only the Quileute Tribal Council can authorize the capture of images and sounds not intended strictly for personal use.

Although personal photography (whether by camera, cell phone, or other instrument) intended strictly for personal use is generally allowed (except for dancing and singing performances), all personal audio and videotaping are strictly prohibited. Any dance and singing performances provided for public viewing are the cultural and intellectual property of the tribes/groups/families performing. Capture of images and/or sounds by any means of these cultural and intellectual properties is strictly prohibited unless otherwise authorized by the Quileute Tribal Council.

Commercial Filming

All commercial photography, sketching or drawing, and video or audio taping are strictly prohibited, except by express written permit of the Quileute Tribal Council. Commercial filming, photography and audio-recording are not permitted without the Quileute Tribal Council's prior written consent. Crews/photographers will be accompanied by a tribal member and/or tribal employee and hold a relevant pass.

Photography & Filming Inquiries

All inquiries regarding commercial filming, photography, or audio-recording should be directed to Emily Foster at 360-640-2676 or media@quileutenation.org.