

A calendar had no place in traditional life long ago.

For the people of the Puget Sound, the world itself was the calendar.

An awareness of seasons and the passage of time came in response to what was happening in the world. The calendar, for lack of a better term, was in response to an interactive relationship of the plants and animals around us, as well as the tides and stars.

Each year was unique and would have been described in its own terms, not in standard units of time measurement. For each season, or period of time, descriptions of what was happening in the world, referenced what plants were flowering, bearing fruit or resting. References were also made to the tides of fall and winter, what type of Salmon were running to the spawning grounds, distinctive weather events, and what was happening with the animals around us. Because of unique characteristics from one year to the next, some months may have more than one name.

The Lushootseed Calendar is closely related to the Lunar calendar, meaning there are 12 or 13 months in a year, and several time periods cover more than one Gregorian calendar month. In 2025, we will have 12 full moons. Next year, 2026 there will be 13 full moons.

The seasons, which the months are roughly based on are:

Fall - pəd?uladx", Silver Salmon return.

Winter - padťas, cold weather.

Spring - ?uhi?hədəb, getting a little warmer.

Summer - padhadab, hot season.

- *iás January is known as a period in the winter when your stomach sticks to your backbone.
 səx pupuhig əd February is known as a windy time with many hard winds.
 waáwaáus March is known as the time when frogs sing.
- slihibus April is known as a time when you hear the voices of migrating cranes and swans. pədča?əb - May is known as a time to dig roots.
 - pədstəg"ad June is known as salmonberry season (lasts from early May to late June).

 pədg"ədbix" July is known as the native blackberry season (part of July).

 pədťaqa? August is known as the salalberry season.
- pədk"əx"ic September is known as the time the Silver Salmon returns (is the run, not the 30 days).

 pədx"it'x"it'il October is known as the time that many leaves fall.
- pəd¾x~ay? November is known as the time when the Chum Salmon return (around Thanksgiving). səx~šićəlwa?s December is known as the time to sheath the paddles.

The days of the week, really came about after the introduction of Christianity.

The days of the week are based and related to Sunday.

xa?xa?ə4dat (sacred day) is Sunday.

pə4q abac (the one after) is Monday.zz
scəbdatil (two days after) is Tuesday.

s4ix ə4datil (the third day) is Wednesday.

sbuusə4datil (the fourth day) is Thursday.

scəlacə4datil (the fifth day) is Friday.

čitabac (right next to) is Saturday.

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5	FIRST 6	7	8	9	10	11
12	FULL 13	14	15	16	17	18
19	Tribal Offices Closed x"i? k"i g"əs?ahčə4	21	22	23	24	25
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16	Tribal Offices Closed x"i? k"i g"əs?ahčə4	18	19	20 LAST	21	22
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13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
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11 sləxil ?ə tsi skwuy Mother's Day Free Admission at HCC for Moms	FULL 12	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Tribal Offices Closed x"i? k"i g"əs?ahčə4 slaxdx"ə4dat Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

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9	10	Tribal Offices Closed x"i? k"i g"əs?ahčə4 tubtubšadadə4dat Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 NEW	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	Tribal 27 Closed x"i? k"i g"əs?ahčə4 ?əst'ig"idə4dat Thanksgiving Day	Tribal Offices Closed x"i? k"i g"əs?ahčə4 dx"lilapə4dat Tulalip Day	29
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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	LAST 11	12	13
14	15 Hanukkah Begins	16	17	18	19	20
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