

**Link to Economic Development Strategy**



**Lummi Indian Business Council**—In March 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved a \$50,000 grant to the Lummi Indian Business Council for a feasibility study to evaluate the Tribe's existing shellfish hatchery, rehabilitation of a sea pond and the construction of a new geoduck seed hatchery.

**Local Perspective of CERB Impact**

*"In the Puget Sound, a Vibrio Tubiashii bacteria, which thrives in warm ocean water, is undermining the Northwest's prized oyster supply by killing billions of young larvae. Because of their unique operation, the Lummi Shellfish Hatchery has rapidly become one of the key Northwest sources for clean healthy seed."*

*-Nancy Jordan, Executive Director  
Bellingham/Whatcom EDC*

**Positive Return on State Investment**

At least \$25,000 of in-kind support will be provided by the Lummi Business Council for this study.

**Catalyst for Private and Local Investment**

Due to changes in the economic climate, fishing rights and the volume of recent salmon harvests, the economic vitality of the Lummi Nation Fisheries Program has been drastically affected. This project will not only diversify the tribal workforce but will also serve the state's greater commercial fish market.

**Unique State Program**

CERB is Washington's strategic economic development resource, focused on creating and retaining private sector jobs in partnership with local governments. CERB supports private business development and increased employment opportunities by providing financing for public infrastructure. These investments include industrial water and sewer, telecommunications, electricity and natural gas infrastructure improvements. CERB funds also build industrial wastewater treatment facilities, roads, bridges, general-purpose industrial buildings and port facilities. Administrative support is provided by the state department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED).