

Swimming Upstream:
Native Foodways in a Modern World



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Summit

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Welcome from the Suquamish Tribe!

Host Tribe

On behalf of the Suquamish people, it is our pleasure to welcome you to our homelands.

The Suquamish people, known as the People of the Clear Salt Water, have lived along these shores for millennia, and our connection to this land and sea continues to define who we are. As you walk these lands, you are standing on the ancestral territory of Chief Seattle and the Suquamish people, where our traditions, culture, and ways of life continue to thrive.

It is a great honor to have you here as we gather to strengthen our food systems, share knowledge, and work together to ensure that our future generations inherit a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable way of life. May your time in Suquamish territory be enriching and inspiring as we celebrate the relationships between our communities and the lands and waters that provide for us all.

Welcome once again to our homelands, and we look forward to growing together with you.



THE SUQUAMISH TRIBE



Welcome from Tahoma Peak Solutions

It is our deep honor to welcome you to our Coast Salish homelands and to the lands of the Suquamish Tribe



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Suquamish people, who have stewarded this beautiful place since time immemorial, for their hospitality and for continuing to care for these waters, mountains, and forests.

As we gather here, we stand on the shoulders of generations who have cultivated, harvested, and shared food in ways that nurture not only our bodies but also our communities and our spirits. Coast Salish people, like many of you in your own regions, have long maintained food systems that honor the earth and preserve the delicate balance of life. We invite you to carry that spirit of reciprocity, respect, and gratitude with you as we swim upstream together, returning to our lifeways and honoring our time together.

This summit is an opportunity for all of us to grow together, share knowledge, and build stronger food systems that uplift our communities and honor our traditional ways of being. Whether we're focusing on food sovereignty, land stewardship, or the health of our people, this gathering is a powerful reminder that we are all connected in the work of sustaining our futures.

We hope you feel inspired, connected, and nourished—physically, mentally, and spiritually—during this summit. Together, we will continue the important work of reclaiming, revitalizing, and growing our food systems, with the understanding that what we do today will echo through generations to come.

Maria Givens
Coeur d'Alene

Valerie Segrest
Muckleshoot

Cofounders of Tahoma Peak Solutions
Co-Organizers of this event



About the Theme

Let us swim upstream together, returning to our homes, our Native food systems and lifeways. In our Food Sovereignty Summit, we acknowledge our collective journey to restore our food systems. We celebrate as we come back to our origins of food and nourishment to protect our values, and preserve and uphold our knowledge and cultures for generations to come. Join in the celebration of the knowledge held in our communities, and the work being done to carry out our sacred duties for the land, and to one another.



Welcome from First Nations

Welcome to the First Nations Development Institute Food Sovereignty Summit!



We are honored to have you with us.

The tradition of the Food Sovereignty Summit began in 2013, when First Nations first partnered with our community partners and relatives from the Oneida Nation to create a national forum for sharing, learning, and collaborating to build healthy food systems throughout Native communities. Held biannually through the years, the Food Sovereignty Summit has brought together hundreds of attendees, all coming from tribal communities across the country and all actively working to sustain our food systems, care for our land, and strengthen Tribal Sovereignty and partnerships between Native nations.

The last time we were together for this event was in 2019 at the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Since then, the pandemic and its resulting impacts placed this important summit on a brief hold. Yet we know full well that, collectively, our work did not stop. The peers and advocates of Native food systems you'll spend time with this week continued to forge ahead through the past few years, ensuring the vitality and sustainability of fresh, local, and traditional foods.

In planning this event in collaboration with our valued partner Tahoma Peak Solutions, we chose to gather in the Pacific Northwest, where we could give community partners the opportunity to learn from our relatives as we honor and steward our water resources. Building on

the concept of water, we also intentionally selected our theme, realizing that we are indeed swimming upstream. And in a good way. For like salmon, we know that when we are swimming upstream, we are getting closer to returning.

With this theme, we acknowledge that there are challenges, a steady gauntlet of obstacles and colonial policies that have threatened to drown our approaches, systems, and traditional ways. Yet at the same time, there is a natural return to everything we know to be true. We are swimming upstream because we celebrate our origins, and we go back to them knowing that it is where our future belongs.

We thank the Suquamish Nation and their generous hospitality. And, we thank you for joining us in these waters together, sharing and learning and supporting one another as we make this important journey.

Mike Roberts
Tlingit

President and CEO
First Nations Development Institute



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Experiencing Suquamish Culture

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Kiana Lodge

Join us for Culture Night at Kiana Lodge, where the Suquamish Canoe Family invites you to enjoy traditional songs, dances, and food. Watch the films “Covenant of the Salmon People” and First Nations’ “Usugilix Awakun: We Are Working Together,” which will be screened concurrently, or watch “Bring Them Home/Aiskótáhkapiyaaya.” While you’re here, mingle along the shores of Agate Pass and take in the beautiful scenery.



Join us for an
amazing evening of
culture!



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Complimentary Professional Services

The following services are included as part of participant registration. Look for more information and sign-up times in the lobby.



Headshots

Whether you're just starting or advancing in your career, a great headshot is essential. Take advantage of this opportunity to update your professional profile with a high-quality headshot. A photographer will capture you at your best, providing a polished, professional image that can be used for resumes, social media, and other career needs.

Resume Coaching

Need help refining your resume? Stop by our resume-coaching station, where experts will work with you one-on-one to strengthen your resume, highlight your skills, and ensure your experiences stand out to potential employers. This personalized service is designed to help you create a compelling resume that showcases your talents and prepares you for your next professional steps.

Traditional Beverages

Enjoy a selection of traditional beverages provided by Tahoma Peak Solutions and the Native Plants and Foods Institute. These drinks are crafted using locally sourced Indigenous ingredients and reflect our plant-based food systems and deep knowledge and cultural traditions. Savor authentic, natural flavors while learning more about the cultural significance of our Native plants.



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

During the Food Sovereignty Summit, feel free to visit these nearby attractions at the Suquamish Tribe.

Masi Shop

Located within the Clearwater Casino, Masi Shop is the perfect spot to find locally crafted gifts, tribal art, and unique keepsakes. Featuring items made by Suquamish and other Native artisans, it's a great place to pick up something special that reflects the area's rich culture. Whether you're looking for jewelry, art, or souvenirs, the Masi Shop offers an authentic touch of the Pacific Northwest. The store also features Masi Latte, serving coffee by Grounds for Change, a local organic roaster specializing in 100% fair trade coffee.



Suquamish Seafoods



Suquamish Seafoods, owned and operated by the Suquamish Tribe, is renowned for providing high-quality, sustainably harvested seafood from the pristine waters of the Pacific Northwest. Offering fresh products like geoduck, oysters, and salmon, Suquamish Seafoods ensures that traditional values of environmental stewardship and responsible harvesting are upheld. Enjoy the taste of authentic local flavors, knowing your meal supports the tribe's efforts to preserve and protect their natural resources. Suquamish Seafoods is walking distance from Clearwater Casino, making it possible to grab some smoked salmon between sessions.

Suquamish Museum

Just a short drive from Clearwater Casino, the Suquamish Museum offers a deep dive into the rich history and culture of the Suquamish Tribe. Through carefully curated exhibits and artifacts, visitors can explore the legacy of Chief Seattle, the tribe's connection to the land and sea, and the Suquamish people's ongoing cultural revitalization. The museum's modern design and engaging storytelling make it a must-visit for anyone wanting to better understand the region's history.



Session Tracks



Camas Track

The Camas Track of the Food Sovereignty Summit focuses on the land and plants and their functional role in creating a culture of place. In this track you will hear from grantees working to reestablish traditional land management practices and examine land management practices that promote the use of pesticides and fertilizers. Particular attention is given to the Camas plant given its cultural importance in the Pacific Northwest.

Camas Track session include:

Wednesday, October 16

- Pesticides and Herbicides on Tribal Lands | 1:45 – 3:00 pm
- Nourishing Traditions: The Cultural and Environmental Restoration of Camas Prairies | 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 17

- Honoring Land Use Rights in Indian Country | 1:45 – 3:00 pm
- The Healing Power of Plants: Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives | 3:30 – 5:00 pm



Salmon Track

The Salmon Track focuses on how Native communities are working to protect environmental health and the multiple approaches to strengthen sovereignty and our rights to traditional foods and safe foods, healthy ecosystems, and safe and nourishing waters.

Salmon Track sessions include:

Wednesday, October 16

- Kelp Farming and Clam Bed Gardening Revitalization | 1:45 – 3:00 pm
- Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering: Protection of our Subsistence Rights | 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 17

- Clean Water: Tribal Solutions to a Healthy Community | 1:45 – 3:00 pm
- Protecting the Environment through Indigenous-Led Stewardship | 3:30 – 5:00 pm



Buffalo Track

The Buffalo Track highlights the work being done by grantees to revitalize the traditional connection many tribes hold to the buffalo. Sessions include topics such as the challenges of fencing, the practice of re-maturation of buffalo to land (e.g., policy, legislation, and land access), approaches to centering youth in revitalization work, and how to center storytelling in this revitalization work.

Buffalo Track sessions include:

Wednesday, October 16

- Storytelling for Impact: Sharing Your Food Sovereignty Journey | 1:45 – 3:00 pm
- Reinvigorating the Traditional Connection Between People and Buffalo | 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 17

- Buffalo Youth Mentorship: Growing the Next Generation of Buffalo Stewards | 1:45 – 3:00 pm
- Buffalo Fencing Considerations: What Will Hold? | 3:30 – 5:00 pm



MAPS



Most events will be held in the Clearwater Casino (above).

Kiana Lodge (left) will host a Canoe Family reception on Wednesday evening. It is a five-minute drive (1.6 miles). Transportation will be provided. Feel free to drive yourself to Kiana Lodge for the reception if you have a vehicle.



Agenda

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Clearwater Casino

Pre-Sessions by Invite Only

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast Service (pre-session invitees only)		Various Locations (see session lead for details)
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Pre-Sessions (by invitation only)		Various Locations (see session lead for details)
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch		Various Locations (see session lead for details)
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Conference Reception and Film Screening of Fish War	Join us in kicking off the 2024 Food Sovereignty Summit with the showing of “Fish War,” a documentary following the critical ruling of Judge George Boldt on February 12, 1974, in the U.S. vs. Washington case that reaffirmed the 1850’s treaties. The ruling secured tribal rights to fish where their communities are accustomed, whether on or off reservation lands, and recognized tribes as co-managers of the fisheries in Washington, entitling them to half the state’s catch. This ruling and subsequent decisions have leveraged the tribe’s treaty-protected rights to traditional foods and to a healthy environment to maintain their cultural food source.	Resort Lobby & Event Lawn Space



Wednesday, October 16, 2024

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
7:30 am	Registration, Vendors and Exhibits Open		Pre-Function Hall – CW Tower
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast		Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
8:30 – 9:20 am	Opening Remarks by Leonard Foresman		Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
9:20 – 10:00 am	Conference Opening		Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
10:00 – 10:15 am	Please enjoy a break and listen for raffle announcements!		Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
10:15 – 11:45 am	Restoring our Relations	<p>Heésu, also known as lamprey, are a culturally relevant species to the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce). For the Nez Perce, lamprey are the people’s medicine, a food source, and are tied to ceremony. Similarly, the cultural integrity of the buffalo has been honored and revitalized by the Lakota through restoration efforts that seek to heal historical trauma, restore traditional practices, and promote public health, particularly for Lakota youth on Cheyenne River. Beavers also play a critical role in ecology and stewardship of land. After years of advocacy, Tule River Tribe has released beavers in the South Fork Tule River watershed to restore this ecocultural species to their home. This session explores how, as place-based people, our connection to the environment has nurtured reciprocal relationships with diverse animal relatives, and the ways Native communities are strengthening this connection through advocacy and education.</p>	Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
11:45 am – 1:30 pm	Summit Luncheon 50th Anniversary of Boldt Decision in Recognizing Tribal Treaty Rights	<p>This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Boldt Decision, which reaffirmed tribal treaty rights to fish on traditional lands. This session will revisit the pressures that led to the landmark Boldt Decision, the significant impact it had on tribal management of fisheries and resources in the state, and the current issues facing tribal fisheries.</p>	Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower



Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Breakout Session #1

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1:45 – 3:00 pm	Camas Track Pesticides and Herbicides on Tribal Lands	Food and medicine gathering, in addition to tribal ceremonies, can create unique paths for pesticide and herbicide exposure for tribal members. Pesticides and herbicides enter tribal lands through a variety of modes, including waterways from agricultural and urban areas through surface water runoff, and pesticide “drift” through the air as droplets, vapors, or soil particulates. In this session, learn how some organizations are helping keep their communities safe from pesticides and herbicides.	Deer B Room
1:45 – 3:00 pm	Salmon Track Kelp Farming and Clam Bed Gardening Revitalization	Kelp farms and clam bed gardens have been cultivated and maintained by tribal coastal communities for millennia. Despite disruption by colonialism, and now climate change, tribes and Native communities are strengthening their sea relationships to protect and improve the health of their communities. Join this session to learn from the Organized Village of Kake and the Shinnecock Farmers about how kelp farms and clam bed gardens are being revitalized to increase food security, address coastal erosion, and improve intertidal ecosystem health.	Chief Chico Hall (Resort Side)
1:45 – 3:00 pm	Buffalo Track Storytelling for Impact: Sharing Your Food Sovereignty Journey	This session guides participants in effectively communicating your organization’s work on food sovereignty. Learn strategies for crafting compelling narratives that resonate with your community, funders, and other stakeholders. Explore methods to highlight your achievements and challenges, ensuring your story drives understanding and support for your initiatives.	Billy Frank Jr. Hall (Resort Side)



Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Breakout Session #2

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break		
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Camas Track Nourishing Traditions: The Cultural and Environmental Restoration of Camas Prairies	From British Columbia down to California, the purple Camas Bulb has served coastal tribes as a key food source that married the coastal and Oakland environments. Today, less than 3% of Pacific Northwest Camas prairies are still productive. Now more than ever, coastal tribes are working to reestablish Camas prairies. In this session Samish Tribe and Tulalip Tribe members will discuss the work being done to reestablish Camas prairies and the importance of reintroducing coastal Salish youth to Camas as not only a traditional food but also a relative.	Deer B Room
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Salmon Track Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering: Protection of our Subsistence Rights	Since time immemorial, Native Alaskans have sustainably stewarded the most productive marine ecosystem in the world, which has supported their culture, economy, and subsistence. Today, the thriving waters and associated Native Alaskan lifeways are under threat by overharvesting and unsustainable practices of commercial fisheries, mining, and climate change. Join this panel session to hear from the Bering Sea Elders Group, Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, and Kuskokwim River about strategies they are employing to ensure protection of Native subsistence, which includes co-management, coalition building, and Native science and monitoring.	Chief Chico Hall (Resort Side)
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Buffalo Track Reinvigorating the Traditional Connection Between People and Buffalo	Many First Nations community partners are working to reinvigorate the traditional connection between people and buffalo through dedicated buffalo programming. In this session, each community partner will discuss how their tribe or organization has navigated policy, legislation, and land access barriers to advance food sovereignty and land re-matriation with buffalo.	Billy Frank Jr. Hall (Resort Side)



Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Evening Session

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Suquamish Canoe Family Culture Night	Enjoy the evening at the Suquamish Canoe Family’s Culture Night, hosted at Kiana Lodge. This gathering offers a unique opportunity to connect with fellow attendees and funders, and immerse yourself in Suquamish culture. Enjoy light refreshments while reflecting on the day’s discussions and fostering new relationships for future collaborations.	Kiana Lodge 14976 Sandy Hook Rd NE Poulsbo, Washington
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Concurrent Film Screenings	<p>“Bring Them Home/Aiskótáhkapiyaaya” – 85 minutes</p> <p>“Covenant of the Salmon People” – 60 minutes</p> <p>“Usugilix Awakun: We Are Working Together” – 12 minutes</p>	Kiana Lodge

Location of Reception



Kiana Lodge will host a Canoe Family reception on Wednesday evening.

It is a **five-minute drive (1.6 miles)**. Transportation will be provided.

Feel free to drive yourself to Kiana Lodge for the reception if you have a vehicle.



Thursday, October 17, 2024

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast		Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
8:20 – 10:00 am	Addressing Systemic Bias in Philanthropy: The Importance of Funding Native Communities	As we know, tribes and Native-led organizations have historically received an underwhelming amount of support and funding, which has only been on the decline over decades. This session will engage a panel of foundation representatives to have a conversation on the importance of funding tribes and Native-led and grassroot community organizations.	Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
10:00 – 10:15 am	Please enjoy a break and listen for raffle announcements!		Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
10:15 – 11:00 am	Buffalo Re-Matriation: A Native Centered Approach to Buffalo Restoration	Advancing buffalo restoration at a landscape scale is essential to both ecosystems and the health of Native communities’ ecosystems. Returning buffalo to their former habitat and restoring their relationships to the land and people is necessary to heal the land and rectify environmental and socio-economic injustices. During this session, learn about Native-led buffalo restoration strategies, along with how traditional knowledge and community health are being restored alongside the buffalo.	Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Applying Traditional Land Management Practices and Knowledge	Traditional land management practices have been implemented for millennia and have shaped North America’s ecology. For many tribes in the West, fire is a tradition that must be nourished and fed on a community level. In this session, presenters will discuss cultural burning practices, their traditional use, and where they are being implemented today. Learn about how modern anthropogenic alterations in land management practices have altered the biogeochemical relationships of the climate and soil, and hear what actions are being implemented to maintain the land’s ecological integrity.	Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower
12:00 – 1:45 pm	Conference Luncheon		Canoe Ballroom – CW Tower



Thursday, October 17, 2024

Afternoon Offerings at a Glance

BREAKOUT SESSIONS AT CLEARWATER CASINO
TWO SESSIONS WITH A BREAK

1:45 – 3:00 pm

Option A

Breakout #3
Camas Track
 Honoring Land Use Rights in Indian Country

Salmon Track
 Clean Water: Tribal Solutions to a Healthy Community

Buffalo Track
 Buffalo Youth Mentorship: Growing the Next Generation of Buffalo Stewards

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Breakout #4
Camas Track
 The Healing Power of Plants: Traditional and Modern Perspectives

Salmon Track
 Protecting the Environment through Indigenous-Led Stewardship

Buffalo Track
 Buffalo Fencing Considerations: What Will Hold?

EXPERIENTIAL SESSIONS OFF SITE
ONE SESSION TAKES ALL AFTERNOON

1:45 – 5:00 pm

Option B

<p>Squamish Boat Tour</p>	<p>Meet Outside Clearwater Hotel Lobby</p>
<p>Squamish Food Systems Tour</p>	<p>Meet Outside Clearwater Hotel Lobby</p>
<p>Native Infusion: Rethink Your Drink</p>	<p>Event Lawn Space (Resort)</p>

5:00 pm

Closing Remarks
 Mike Roberts and Valerie Segrest
Retire the Colors
 Closing Song – Squamish Canoe Family



Thursday, October 17, 2024

Breakout Session #3

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1:45 – 3:00 pm	Camas Track Honoring Land Use Rights in Indian Country	This session addresses the array of issues across Indian Country, from land retention and resource management, to protecting tribal fishing rights. The Indian Land Working Group (ILWG) will discuss their progress in aiding American Indian nations in reclaiming and managing their rightful homelands, focusing on federal laws affecting landowners. The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) will share their comprehensive approach to fisheries management and the protection of tribal treaty rights for the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce Tribes. Learn about their coordinated efforts to protect resources, ensure fair harvest sharing, and uphold treaty rights, exemplifying the ongoing struggle to safeguard Native sovereignty, culture, and traditional foodways.	Deer B Room
1:45 – 3:00 pm	Salmon Track Clean Water: Tribal Solutions to a Healthy Community	Tribal access to clean water is continually challenged by policy, both old and new, and the contemporary anthropomorphic alterations to the environment. This session explores the importance of the maximum fishing consumption limit set in Washington, how it relates to allowable pollutant limits in different sectors, and the case for raising the limit to better reflect fish consumption in tribal communities. The issues faced in the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's watershed and the tribe's work in their Basin Restoration Project will also be discussed.	Chief Chico Hall (Resort Side)
1:45 – 3:00 pm	Buffalo Track Buffalo Youth Mentorship: Growing the Next Generation of Buffalo Stewards	Native youth are the future of Native communities. In this session, representatives from Wind River Buffalo Initiative, Blackfeet Community College, and Medicine Fish will discuss their youth-specific programming and how they center cultural and spiritual enrichment to uplift the next "Buffalo Generation."	Billy Frank Jr. Hall (Resort Side)



Thursday, October 17, 2024

Breakout Session #4

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Camas Track The Healing Power of Plants: Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives	This session highlights the significance of plants in traditional medicine practices and how modern research is uncovering their potential to address various health issues, bridging ancient wisdom with current scientific advancements. It is an opportunity to explore the intersection of traditional knowledge and contemporary science in the realm of medicinal plants.	Deer B Room
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Salmon Track Protecting the Environment through Indigenous-Led Stewardship	Native peoples have worked for thousands of years to manage and protect their lands from extractive practices and harmful industries. Communities are still advocating to protect lands, waters, and resources from extractive industries and cleanup sites that have been devastated by mining operations. During this session, learn about Mother Kuskokwim Tribal Coalition’s ongoing efforts to clean up Red Devil Mine and assess the range of environmental damage that the abandoned mercury mine inflicted on the Kuskokwim River. Also hear from tribal representatives from Standing Rock Sioux Tribe about the fight to protect our most sacred relative, water, and the community organizing efforts that aim to stop the flow of oil through the Dakota Access Pipeline. Lastly, learn about Na ‘Aikane o Maui, who led the residential relief during the fires and flooding in Maui and who continues to lead in land and ocean resource management through the Aha Moku System of traditional and generational knowledge.	Chief Chico Hall (Resort Side)
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Buffalo Track Buffalo Fencing Considerations: What Will Hold?	This session provides a unique opportunity to discuss fencing challenges and successes associated with buffalo herd management. Representatives from Intertribal Buffalo Council and Tanka Fund will share their experiences with planning, funding, installing, and managing their buffalo herd with fences. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and share their own stories about buffalo fencing.	Billy Frank Jr. Hall (Resort Side)

THURSDAY OCT 17

Experiential Sessions

Suquamish Boat Tour

Meet Outside of the Clearwater Hotel Lobby for Transportation
1:45 – 5:00 pm

Explore the Suquamish homelands by water. Board the Port Madison Enterprises barge and enjoy a guided boat tour of Agate Pass. Led by a Suquamish veteran, this tour offers a special perspective on the rich history and culture of the Suquamish people. See the stunning landscapes of the Suquamish ancestral homelands and learn about these lands and waters from those who know them best.



Tour of Port Madison Enterprises



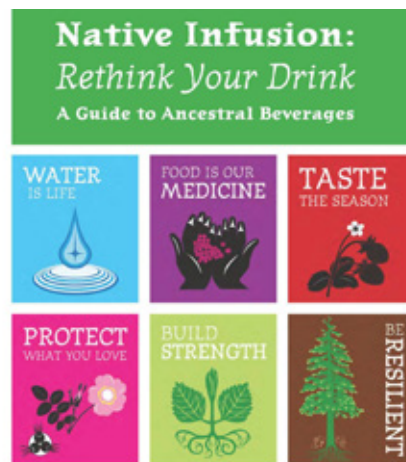
Meet Outside of the Clearwater Hotel Lobby
for Transportation
1:45 – 5:00 pm

Experience Suquamish heritage and cuisine in a unique and delicious way. Join us for the Suquamish Food Tour, an immersive journey through the rich food traditions of the Suquamish people. Start at the Fish Hatchery at Grovers Creek for 30 minutes to learn about local fish populations and environmental stewardship. Then, drive 10 minutes to the Seafood Plant for a one-hour tour of goeey duck and oyster processing, the cockle flow-through tank, and the traditional smokehouse. Finally, visit the Suquamish Seafood Retail Store and Masi Shop to shop for fresh and smoked seafood products. The tour, approximately 2.5 hours long, includes guided tours from Suquamish staff. Transportation between locations is provided.

Native Infusion

Event Lawn Space (Resort)
1:45 – 5:00 pm

This hands-on workshop presents “Native Infusion: Rethink Your Drink,” a teaching toolkit aimed at supporting communities in making healthy choices about beverages. The toolkit integrates Native American cultural teachings and traditional health and nutrition concepts and includes a curriculum, teaching posters, tips for setting up a beverage station, and a cookbook. Learn to harvest and prepare plants that can be used to make delicious drinks, including nettle, rose, dandelion, mint, huckleberry, and fir!



Speaker Biographies

We are fortunate to have so much expertise within our communities and in our presenters at this year's Food Sovereignty Summit.

Please use the following QR code to learn more about each presenter.



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Film Screenings

Fish War

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Duration: 79 minutes

The production of “Fish War” coincides with the 50th anniversary of the February 12, 1974, ruling in U.S. vs. Washington by Judge George Boldt. The Boldt decision helped end the volatile civil rights battle for fishing rights of the 1960s and 1970s, but now, tribal treaty fishing rights are threatened by environmental degradation. Tribes continue to use their treaty rights for the betterment of the environment. Tribes have worked for decades to protect salmon runs from extinction by limiting their own harvest, producing supplemental populations at hatcheries, and by restoring habitat. This film documents the historical and contemporary challenges faced by tribes in the region, and the solutions being sought to enact their sovereign rights and historic connection to fishing.



Usugilix Awakun: We Are Working Together

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 | 8:00 – 9:00 pm |

Duration: 12 minutes

The film, “Usugilix Awakun: We Are Working Together,” focuses on the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska and Unangax scientist, Shayla Shaishnikoff. As the tribe’s Resilience Project Manager, Shayla is researching the recent trends in unprecedented levels of a paralytic toxin in the Alaskan Peninsula and its impact on shellfish. Shellfish are a staple food for the Unangan people and serve as a connection to ancestral traditions, culture, and community health. The film showcases one of the many ways the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska is preserving ancestral traditions and the culture and the health of their community.

Bring Them Home/ Aiskótáhkapiyaaya

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm |

Duration: 85 minutes

The film, “Bring Them Home/Aiskótáhkapiyaaya,” chronicles a decades-long initiative by members of the Blackfoot Confederacy to bring the buffalo, known as iinnii, back to the Blackfeet Reservation and rewild them.



Covenant of the Salmon People

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 | 7:00 – 8:00 pm |

Duration: 60 minutes

The Nimiipuu (Nez Perce Tribe) hold a covenant with the salmon that is woven into the culture, history, and now their modern-day species restoration work. “The Covenant of the Salmon People” is an award-winning documentary portrait of the Nimiipuu, currently in north-central Idaho, who continue to adhere to their sacred relationship and obligations to the Chinook Salmon. Currently, that obligation calls the Nimiipuu to the practice of environmental restoration, as the Chinook Salmon faces extirpation from Idaho’s Lower Snake River due to dams and the continued impacts of climate change. This film follows the Nimiipuu people’s journey to breach four of the dams on the river and restore the health of the ecosystem for the Chinook Salmon.



Closing

Closing remarks by Mike Roberts and Valerie Segrest
on Thursday at 5:00 pm.

Thank you for joining us.
We were honored to spend this time with you and we value
your participation.

Safe travels home!





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