



The Tulalip Tribes host:

Sustaining Our Culture: Management and Access to

Traditional Plants on Public Lands

October 12-13, 2011

An Inter-Tribal Gathering of Western Washington Treaty Tribes at

Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve, Tulalip

It is recognized that for many Western Washington Treaty tribes, the reservation land base cannot, by itself, furnish foods, medicines, materials and certain physical landscapes to sustain our cultures. Historically, these resources were spread over a very large area, from the high mountains to the coastal waters. It is therefore important for tribes and public land managers to work together to ensure sustainability and access to these resources needed to perpetuate tribal culture for future generations.



*The opinions and views of tribal speakers at this conference represent the individuals' sincere views on the scope, nature and extent of treaty hunting, fishing, and gathering rights. However, while these views are representative of Tribal opinion on those matters, they are the views of the individual speaker only and should not be construed as an "official" tribal position.

Day 1

Plants and Northwest Tribal Cultures

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

8:00 – 9:00 am Check In/Registration

9:00 am Opening Prayer and Song (Longhouse) *Sandra and Jim Bura*

Calling of Witnesses (*Hank Gobin, Director, Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve*)

Welcome (*Mel Sheldon, Chairman, Marie Zackuse, Secretary, The Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors; Hank Gobin, Director, Hibulb Cultural Center*)

Workshop Agenda and Format, Conference Proceedings, Acknowledgements (*Libby Halpin Nelson, Conference Coordinator, Tulalip Natural and Cultural Resources Department*)

10 am Elders Panel (Longhouse): (Moderator: Ray Fryberg) “The Role of Plants in Northwest Tribal Culture: Stories and Perspectives from our Elders” (*Panelists: Geraldine Bill, Tulalip tribal elder; Chief Bill James, Lummi tribal elder; Hank Gobin, Tulalip tribal elder, presenting “Remembering”*)

11:30 am Tribal Gathering: Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities (Led by Tribal Youth) (*Longhouse and Classrooms 1 and 2*) (Facilitators: Jessica Gigot, Northwest Indian College and Rose James, University of Washington) Small working group discussions– facilitated by youth leaders (*Charlie Cortez, Sheila McCoy, Cecilia Gobin - Tulalip; Andrea Johnston –Swinomish; James Decoteau- Sauk-Suiattle, Valerie Segrest-Muckleshoot*)

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch (provided onsite) **and Demonstrations/Poster Displays** (Classrooms 1 and 2)

During the lunch hour, for those that are interested, please visit the following table displays and demonstrations in the classrooms and reception area:

Classroom 1: : “Traditional Processing of Nettles for Cordage” demonstration by Warren Kinggeorge (Muckleshoot)

Classroom 2:

- “λεμβεῖ τε ηικω” Or “The Big Walk” by James Decoteau (Sauk-Suiattle)
- “Banksavers” Stillaguamish’s Tribal Plant Nursery and other Natural Resource Programs, presented by Pat Stevenson (Stillaguamish)
- “Integrating Traditional Foods Into Modern Recipes” by Betty Swanaset (Nooksack)
- “An approach to modeling and mapping the potential habitat of Big Huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*)” by Robin Leshar (U.S. Forest Service, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF)
- “Tulalip and Forest Service Huckleberry Enhancement Project -- Initiation and Monitoring” by Phyllis Reed (U.S. Forest Service, MBS) and Hallie Adams (WWU)
- “Cultural and Natural Histories of Mountain Huckleberries and their Habitats in the Central Cascade Mountains of Washington State” by Joyce LeCompte-Mastenbrook (University of Washington, Dept. of Anthropology)

Reception area:

- Tulalip Hibulb Cultural Traditional Plants Display: “Gardening Together as Families” by Inez Bill, Veronica Leahy (The Tulalip Tribes)
- Traditional Plant Foods Display by Rodney Cawston (WA Department of Natural Resources)

1:45 – 2:45 pm Small Groups Report Back: Tribal Youth and Student Leaders Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities (Facilitators: Jessica Gigot and Rose James) Longhouse

Break: 2:45 – 3:00 pm

3:00 – 4:30 Concurrent Sessions: Plants and Culture: A Blossoming of Initiatives Among Northwest Tribes A sampling of the array of tribal initiatives and partnerships to sustain the plants and the cultural practices

Session A, Classroom 1: Cultural Revitalization: The Past Informing the Present and the Future
(Moderator: Pat Stevenson, Stillaguamish Tribe)

- The Archaeology of Traditional Resource Access in the North Cascades (Larry Campbell, Tribal Historian, Swinomish Tribe and Bob Mierendorf, North Cascades National Park Archaeologist)
- “Wilderness” in Mind: Rethinking Categories of Cultural and Natural Landscapes for the Benefit of Plants, People and the Land (Joyce LeCompte-Mastenbrook, University of Washington, Department of Anthropology)
- The Muckleshoot Food Sovereignty Project: Reframing Environmental Health (Valerie Segrest, Muckleshoot)

- Traditional Practices Guiding Contemporary Habitat Enhancement – Huckleberry on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (Jason Gobin, Tulalip and Phyllis Reed, U.S. Forest Service)

Session B, Classroom 2: Keeping It Growing: The Plants and the Teachings (Moderator, Charlene Krise, Squaxin Island)

- Sharing the Harvest: Community fall harvesting and feasting at Skokomish (Kimberly Miller, Skokomish)
- Suquamish Traditional Plants Program (Julia Bennett-Gladstone, Suquamish)
- Tribal Youth Hands-On Experience Propagating Cultural Plants: National Park Service Native Plants Nursery Program with Upper Skagit Tribe (Meghan Parker, North Cascades National Park)
- Tribal Food and Medicine Gardens (Elise Krohn, Northwest Indian College)

Session C, Longhouse: Plants Know No Jurisdictions (Moderator, Roylene Rides-At-The-Door, Natural Resource Conservation Service NRCS)

- Tribal and Private Landowner Agreements for Accessing Cultural Plants (Jim Freed, Washington State University, Cooperative Extension)
- Tribal Gathering and Local Private Forestlands: Timber Fish and Wildlife/Forest and Fish (TFW-FFR) Provisions to Foster and Use (Jeffrey Thomas, Puyallup)
- Plant Gathering on DNR Lands – Case Studies (Rodney Cawston, Tribal Liaison, State Department of Natural Resources)
- Tribal Gathering Across Jurisdictions in the Great Lakes Region (James Zorn, Great Lakes Indians Fish and Wildlife Commission)

4:30 pm Adjourn until dinner

Tulalip Tribes Natural and Cultural Resources Department Hosts:

Dinner

6:00pm Hibulb Cultural Center

7:00pm: Talking Circle/Listening Session: Tribal Gathering, Its Importance, Obstacles and Solutions (with agency representatives) (Tribal Facilitator, Chairman Billy Frank – in Longhouse)

Day 2

A tribal dialogue with federal and state land managing agencies on tribal treaty gathering

8:30am – 4:30 pm

8:30 am Opening Prayer/Song (Longhouse) *(Sandra and Jim Bura)*

Day 2 Welcome – *(Vice Chairman Glen Gobin, Tulalip Board of Directors, and Hank Gobin, Director, Hilibulb Cultural Center)*

Overview of Day 2 Agenda *(Libby Nelson)*

9:00 am Tribal Legal Panel: Plant Gathering and Treaty Rights *(Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Tribe, Moderator)*

- The Legal Framework for the Treaty Gathering and Implications for Public Land Management (Mason Morisset, Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville, Attorneys At Law, Seattle)
- Regulation of Gathering and Access: Tribal Self Governance of Members, Farm Bill Provisions, and Regulation of Non-Tribal Gathering on Public Lands (Tim Brewer, Tribal Attorney, Tulalip; Laura Weeks, Tribal Attorney, Muckleshoot)
- A Perspective from Tribes of the Great Lakes Region: State and Federal Agreements for Treaty Gathering (James Zorn, Executive Director Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission)

10:30 am Coffee Break

10:45 am Public Lands Agencies Panel: Managing Public Lands to Ensure the Meaningful Exercise of Treaty Gathering *(Moderator, Shawn Yanity, Chairman, Stillaguamish Tribe) How is your agency providing for the tribal treaty gathering right? What efforts are you making to ensure that Tribes can continue their cultures by managing for and sustaining these resources, and providing access to tribes for gathering these traditional plant materials? How are you working with Tribes toward this end?*

- U.S. Forest Service: Regional Forester, Kent Connaughton, Portland
- National Park Service: Fred York, Pacific West Region, Seattle
- Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands: Peter Goldmark, Olympia

12:15 noon – 1:00 pm Lunch (45 mins., provided onsite)

1:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Panel: Case Studies in Tribal-Agency Collaboration (Classroom 1) Tribes and Public Land Managers Approaching Plant Resources and Management through Partnerships (*Moderator, James Zorn, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission*)

- Traditional Plant Collection at Mount Rainier National Park: The Nisqually-Mount Rainier Plant Collection Agreement (Georgiana Kautz, Nisqually; Greg Burtchard, Mt. Rainier National Park)
- Growing the Tribal – Federal Partnership in Land Stewardship: The Tulalip-Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie MOA and Treaty Reserved Gathering (Rob Iwamoto, Forest Supervisor, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; Jason Gobin, Tulalip Tribes; Libby Halpin Nelson, Tulalip Tribes)
- The Muckleshoot Huckleberry Project at Government Meadows (Warren Kinggeorge, Muckleshoot Tribe and Laura Potash Martin, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest)

Panel: The Future -- Adapting to New Political and Ecological Realities (Longhouse) (*Moderator: Daryl Williams, Tulalip Tribes*)

- Food Security: Scarcity in the Midst of Abundance (Dr. Rudolph C. Rýser, Center for World Indigenous Studies) (*presented by Elise Krohn, Northwest Indian College*)
- Defending Our Home and Heritage in the Era of Climate Change (Terry Williams and Preston Hardison, Tulalip Tribes)
- Trans boundary Collective First Nations Efforts, The Coast Salish Gathering (Chief Ian Campbell, Chief Bill Williams, Squamish Nation, Patti Gobin, Tulalip Tribes)

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Moving Forward: Recommendations and Actions (*Longhouse: Facilitator, Georgiana Kautz, Nisqually*) *Concluding plenary discussion of key issues and needs*

3:30 pm Acknowledgements

3:45 Closing Remarks

4:30 pm Calling of the Witnesses

Prayer/Song and Adjournment (*Sandra and Jim Bura*)