



***Sustaining Our Culture: Management and Access to***

***Traditional Plants on Public Lands***

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**Presenter and Moderator**

**Contact Information, Biographies & Presentation Descriptions**

***(Alphabetical by Last Name)***

## **PRESENTERS**

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<b>Bio</b>	I am of Eastern Cherokee Descent and am married to a Suquamish Tribal Elder. My background of working with traditional plants is multifaceted. I am the fourth generation in my family to work with plants and have additional training in Ethnobotany and a M.Ed. in Environmental and Natural Science Education. I have been working for the Suquamish Tribe as Traditional Plant Educator and Program Coordinator since 2009. My earlier work includes; ethnobotanical consulting with several Southwestern Tribes and the United States Forest Service and adjunct instructor at Colorado Mountain College.
<b>Presentation Title</b>	<b>Suquamish Traditional Plants Program</b>
<b>Presentation Description</b>	Introduction to the Suquamish Tribe's Traditional Plants and Garden Youth Internship Programs and discussion of our challenges of access to traditional plants and foods and our developing partnerships and strategies to overcome these challenge.

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<b>Bio</b>	Tim Brewer has served as a Reservation Attorney with the Tulalip Tribes for the last 10 years. Prior to that, he was an attorney for the Colville Tribes in Nespelem and practiced civil rights law in Seattle. His current legal work includes cultural and natural resources issues, treaty rights, Tribal healthcare and other general Tribal government legal issues.
<b>Presentation Title</b>	<b>Regulation of Gathering and Access: Tribal Self-Governance of Members, Farm Bill Provisions and Regulation of Non-Tribal Gathering on Public Lands</b>
<b>Presentation Description</b>	This presentation will focus on issues relating to Tribal regulation of treaty gathering; co-management of plant resources; confidentiality issues

### **Burtchard, Greg**

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<b>Bio</b>	Greg Burtchard has been park archaeologist and tribal relations coordinator for Mount Rainier National Park for eleven years. During this time he has worked with the park's archaeological record to develop a better understanding of long-term Native American use of the mountain; and to incorporate that knowledge into interpretive displays in the park's new visitor centers at Paradise and Sunrise Ridge. Greg also coordinates park activities with tribal neighbors. In that capacity, he has worked with the Nisqually Indian Tribe to implement the joint Nisqually/Mount Rainier plant collecting agreement and continuing traditional plant collection research project.

**Presentation Title** **Traditional Plant Collection at Mount Rainier National Park: The Nisqually-Mount Rainier Plant Collection Agreement**

**Presentation Description** In 1998, the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Mount Rainier National Park entered into a cooperative agreement providing for tribal collection of eleven traditionally used plants on park lands. Collection was administered by permits issued by the tribe. Annual tribal-park meetings evaluated the success of the previous season, and established collectable species and quantities for the following year. Despite formal protest from an environmental oversight group in 2000, the park continued to honor the Nisqually agreement while working to change the federal code of regulations (CFR) to provide a firmer legal foundation for traditional plant collection practices on park lands. After the cooperative agreement expired in 2002, the park and tribe continued to work together under terms of a research permit to facilitate continuing collection; and to gain a better understanding of the effects of traditional gathering on collected plants and associated habitats. Ms. Kautz will discuss origins of the Nisqually -Mount Rainier Agreement; and the importance of the agreement to the tribe and to the continuing relationship between the tribe, the mountain, and the National Park Service that presently administers it. Mr. Burtchard will discuss traditional plant collection at Mount Rainier from the park's perspective, the impact of the environmentalists' complaint on plant collection, and the future of traditional plant gathering practices at Mount Rainier.

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**Bio** I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Xalek, my Chieftain name is Sekyu Siyam, and my nickname is Chief Ian Campbell. I was born on the fourth of June, 1973 and am the youngest of 16 Hereditary Chiefs of the Squamish Nation. My family lineage descends from the Squamish and Musqueam First Nations of the Coast Salish people. As a child, I was immersed in Coast Salish history and culture through our Native languages. My family and elders instructed me to uphold the integrity of our values and embedded a spiritual connection to our sacred lands. I am extensively involved in the protocols, rites, and rituals of my people as an orator, diplomat, negotiator, mentor and resource. It is imperative for me to share the richness of my heritage through: language, ceremonies, song and dance, mythology, traditional games, history, land and resources, and Coast Salish art. After graduating from Secondary school, I studied family systems and counseling in college as well as linguistics at University. I spent many years applying these teachings combined with traditional Native values in working with children, youth, and families. My fundamental value is "You cannot teach respect, you show it".

Over the last few years Chief Ian Campbell has negotiated agreements and worked in areas including Wildlife Focus Areas, Protected Area and Wild Spirit Places, Cultural and Village Sites, Mining, Rivers/Streams, Fisheries and Forest Management, and Energy, among many others. He has been instrumental in the development of the Cultural Journey name and recognition project along the Sea to Sky Highway and the development of the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre located in Whistler, British Columbia.

**Presentation Title** **Trans-boundary Collective First Nations Efforts, The Coast Salish Gathering**

**Campbell, Larry**

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**Bio** Larry Campbell is the Tribal Historical Preservation Officer for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in the Cultural Resource Office. His work involves the regulatory aspects of cultural and archaeological resources in the usual and accustomed areas of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. He also serves as Intergovernmental Relations/Cultural Resource Planner in the Office of Community Planning and Economic Development. He has been involved for over 30 years in Swinomish Indian Tribal Community governmental committees, intergovernmental affairs, public relations, community development, spiritual traditions and cultural activities. For the past 20 years, the greater part of Larry's work has involved the interrelationships between tribal, local, regional, national, and international governmental programs. He has presented numerous times on inter-governmental relations, cultural, spiritual and historical issues.

**Presentation Title** **The Archeology of Traditional Resource Access in the North Cascades**

**Presentation Description** Archeological sites testify to 10,000 years of indigenous use of plants and interaction with plant communities, other natural resources, and climates. This archeological data will be used to show a way to identify traditional access routes and traditional resource areas in the North Cascades, and the tribal collaborations used in conducting such studies. The sites reveal an initial building of local-based knowledge of plants and other natural resources during an early post-glacial time period, which continued more or less unabated until the reservation period. After this, traditional patterns of resource use were restricted in broad areas, including national forests and parks.

**Cawston, Rodney**

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**Bio** Rodney Cawston presently is the Tribal Relations Manager for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Rodney is an enrolled member of the Colville Confederated Tribes and a PhD student in the College of Forestry at the University of Washington. Rodney is a traditional weaver and gathers traditional use plants.

**Presentation Title** **Plant Gathering on DNR Lands – Case Studies**

Presenter will discuss gathering on lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR); why it could be useful to contact DNR prior to gathering; gathering of valuable materials; Natural Areas Program and Natural Resource Conservation Areas.

**Display Title** **Traditional Plant Foods**

## Connaughton, Kent

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**Bio** Kent Connaughton is the new Regional Forester as of February 2011, for the Pacific Northwest Region. Kent has served as the Regional Forester for the Eastern Region since 2008. Prior to his assignment as Regional Forester he was the Associate Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry in Washington, DC. Kent also served as Deputy Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region; Forest Supervisor of the Lassen National Forest; and as a scientist specializing in forest economics at the Pacific Northwest Research Station. He also was responsible for the economic assistance programs associated with the Northwest Forest Plan's implementation.

Kent holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University, a Master of Forestry degree from Oregon State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, and was elected Fellow of that professional society in 1991.

**Presentation Title** **Public Lands Agencies Panel: Managing Public Lands to Ensure the Meaningful Exercise of Treaty Gathering**

**Presentation Description** The U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region recognizes that by working together to live in productive harmony with the watersheds and ecosystems that sustain us all, we can manage America's rich natural resources for the lasting benefit of generations to come. We will continue to build upon our relationships with tribal governments and surrounding communities. We all know Forests do far more than grow trees - they provide clean water, jobs, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, solitude and much more. The Pacific Northwest Region consists of 16 National Forests, 59 District Offices, a National Scenic Area and National Grassland which comprise 24.7 million acres in Oregon and Washington. Presentation and Discussion will focus on sustainability of and access to those resources of interest to tribes on National Forest System lands.

## Decoteau, James

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**Presentation Title** “λεῖβεῖ τε ηικω” Or “*The Big Walk*”

**Presentation Description** The presentation is about the Sauk-Suiattle people tracing an ancestral route through the cascade ridge, and along the way identifying Cultural Resources. On July 26 and 27, 2010, members of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe hiked from the Skagit Valley to Stehekin Valley in North Cascades NPS Complex. Their path followed a route over Cascade Pass, which has been used for at least 9,600 years to cross this area, the highest and most rugged segment of the Cascade Range. The crest is a divide between the traditional Northwest Coast and Columbia Plateau areas.

**Freed, James R**

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**Bio** I have worked for Washington State University for 34 years. I am an extension professor of Natural Resources. My major area of focus is to help family forest land owners to develop long term sustainable plans that deal with the management, harvest, processing and marketing of products from native plants. Since 1977 I have worked with native tribes, bands, clans and families to assist them in obtaining harvest site on natural resources lands managed by non-native families and foresters.

**Presentation Title** **Tribal and Private Landowner Agreements for Accessing Cultural Plants**

**Presentation Description** With shrinking public and tribal assets for harvesting native plants for personal use how can native families partner with families that own forest and range lands to provide needed native plants? This presentation explores ways for tribal families and family forest owners to work together to identify, protect, manage and increase the number so natural native plant sites needed for traditional foods and cultural products. It will also look at how to develop long term agreements to insure protection of tribal families and family forest owners goals, objectives and rights.

I will focus on my programs that focus on providing educational programs to private land owners across Washington State on how the native people used the forest to provide for their health, food, crafts and spiritual needs. I work with native harvesters and users of native plant materials from the northwest forest to develop programs that insure that the owners of private lands in Washington State understand how they can be an important source of native plant materials for local native families. I also will be presenting how I am working with tribes and private land owners to improve and increase the sites where native plants can be managed and harvested sustainably. Finally I will discuss efforts to work with tribes to develop nurseries where they can grow plants to be used for restoration of old harvest sites and the development of new ones on private lands.

**Gobin, Hank**

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**Bio** Hank Gobin-Kwi tlum kadim was born and raised on the Tulalip Reservation. He attended and graduated from the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1965. He went on to the San Francisco Art Institute and received his Bachelors in Fine Arts in 1970, and obtained a Masters Degree with a 4.0 GPA at Sacramento State College in 1971. He was asked to return to the Institute for American Indian Art in 1971, and served as their Arts Director from 1972 – 1983. After leaving the Institute in 1983, he lived the life of a starving artist, and then worked for the Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians from 1986 – 1987. Like a migrating salmon, Hank came back to the Tulalip Reservation and has been working on the Hibulb Museum ever since. He now serves as the Cultural Resources Department Manager and Director of Tulalip's new Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve.

**Presentation Title** **Elders Panel: The Role of Plants in Northwest Tribal Culture: Stores and Perspectives from our Elders**

**Gobin, Jason**

*Tribal Name: Hik Stubs*

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**Bio** Jason Gobin is a member of the Tulalip Tribes. His parents are Tom and Christie Gobin, and his grandparents are Bernie and Delores Gobin, and Charles and Pat Strid. Jason was born July 1st 1978 in Everett, WA. In addition to his work as Manger of the Tulalip Forestry Department, and as a commercial fisherman, Jason has been doing native art work since he was a young boy learning from his grandfather, Bernie KIA KIA Gobin, and his uncle, Joe Gobin. "My focus has been on the revitalization of the Salish art forms and utilizing it in many different mediums. I am currently carving, painting, weaving, and working in metal, glass and digital media."

"A few years ago my Uncle Joe and I carved our small family cedar canoe -- The Butterfly. The canoe was used in our First Salmon Ceremony that year. I have been involved in the Salmon Ceremony at Tulalip all of my life. Today, I am the caretaker and one of the skippers for our Tribal sea-going canoes here at Tulalip. I have been involved in the Coast Salish tribal "Canoe Journeys" since 1997."

**Presentation Title (#1)** **Traditional Practices and Knowledge Guiding Habitat Restoration and Enhancement of Mountain Huckleberry**

**Presentation Description (#1)** The Forest Service is collaborating with the Tulalip Tribe to enhance the production of big-leaf huckleberry, *Vaccinium membranaceum* (VAME) on the Darrington Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Enhancement treatments target traditional uses areas with the removal of trees to reduce competition from maturing conifer trees that are shading out huckleberry growth. The treatments that have been developed with Tulalip forest staff are within the forest stands or plant association groups (PAGS) with big-leaf huckleberry and include the thinning of second-growth stands, the maintenance of openings within the second-growth stands and proposed thinning with spot burning and broadcast burning.

**Presentation Title (#2)** **Growing the Tribal-Federal Partnership in Land Stewardship: The Tulalip-Mount Baker-Snoqualmie MOA and Treaty Reserved Gathering**

**Presentation Description (#2)** In November, 2007, the Tulalip Tribes signed an historic Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service regarding the Tribes reserved hunting and gathering rights on off-reservation ancestral lands. This presentation focuses on the four-year process that culminated in the signing of the MOA, and the subsequent formation and work of the collaborative Cedar-Huckleberry Committee -- a technical group from Tulalip and the Forest Service that met for over a year to address supply and access to traditionally gathered plant foods and materials. Several ongoing collaborative projects that have grown out of this agreement, including experimental traditional huckleberry management, and the procurement of cedar will be highlighted.

**Gobin, Patti**

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**Bio** Ms. Gobin has over 25 years of Community Development experience with the Tulalip Tribes. Presently, Ms. Gobin is involved in the Strategic Plans of the Tulalip Tribes. In addition to her years of experience, Ms. Gobin is a member of the Tulalip Tribes and is well versed in the culture and history of the Tribe. With the limited time left at the end of the day, she also participates in tribal cultural events; helps raise her grandchildren, and goes camping and fly fishing in Canada. Ms. Gobin's personal goal is to invest in her community helping to affect a sustainable future for the next generations to come.

**Presentation Title** **Trans-boundary Collective First Nations Efforts, The Coast Salish Gathering**

### **Goldmark, Peter**

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**Bio** Peter Goldmark is the 13th Commissioner of Public Lands since statehood in 1889, and the fifth Commissioner to manage the Department of Natural Resources which was created in 1957. Peter's four-year term began in January 2009.

As the elected Commissioner of Public Lands, Goldmark manages the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and administers a \$625 million, two-year budget, managing resources including approximately 2.6 million acres of aquatic lands and some 3 million acres of publicly owned forests, agricultural/grazing lands, and commercial properties. Peter chairs the state Board of Natural Resources, which sets policy for the management of state trust lands.

Goldmark also oversees the largest fire department in the state, protecting 12.7 million acres of non-federal land including private, state-owned, and tribal land from wildfires. He chairs the state Forest Practices Board, which sets regulations concerning private timber harvests, forest road building, and other forest operations. DNR monitors cleanup and restoration efforts from mining operations, and assists communities by providing scientific information about earthquakes, landslides, and ecologically sensitive areas.

**Presentation Title** **Public Lands Agencies Panel: Managing Public Lands to Ensure the Meaningful Exercise of Treaty Gathering**

**Presentation Description** 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?

### **Hardison, Preston**

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**Bio** Preston Hardison is a Watershed Policy Analyst for the Tulalip Tribes in Marysville, Washington, where he provides policy advice on incorporating traditional knowledge into



natural resource management, climate change adaptation, and treaty rights to biodiversity. He has worked on the Cultural Stories Project, which is aimed at documenting traditional ecological knowledge for use in Tribal planning and environmental decision making. Since 1996, he has helped negotiate decisions in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) relating to indigenous rights to traditional knowledge and biological diversity and their role in conservation, and was a lead negotiator of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, concluded in 2010. He is currently negotiating a treaty on indigenous intellectual property rights to traditional knowledge, traditional cultural resources and genetic resources at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Currently, he is one of the lead authors for North American chapter of the fifth report on climate change adaptation by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

**Presentation Title**      **Protecting Our Home and Heritage in the Era of Climate Change: Ecosystem and Watershed-Based Approaches**

**Presentation Description**      We believe that Native American treaty tribes face an unprecedented challenge as landscapes and habitats change, and resources migrate in response to increasing temperatures, while tribal territories and treaty rights remain tied to fixed boundaries. For Tulalip and other tribes, our unique cultures are directly tied to the sustainability of these resources. Adapting to climate change will require investment in ecosystem and watershed-based approaches to increase the resilience of landscapes to climate change. We will highlight some of the ongoing work at Tulalip, both at home and abroad, in anticipation of these environmental changes, and welcome discussion and support from others in tackling this concern.

**Iwamoto, Robert**

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**Bio**      I was born in Japan, immigrated to the U.S. in 1959, and grew up in Oakland, California. I've been married for over 28 years to Marianne (a Nurse Practitioner). My interests are traveling, service to community (Rotary, United Way, church), skiing, road biking, fishing, golf and sports, and my hobbies include landscaping, photography, and learning about new things. I earned my undergraduate degrees, a BS in Biological Sciences/Botany (1975) and BS/MS in Forest Management (1979), from UCLA and Humboldt State University. Before graduate school I worked as a histologist/lab tech in a hospital and as a temporary employee during college with NPS at Yosemite and Sequoia/Kings Canyon NP, and the Forest Service. I started with the Forest Service (FS) in October 1978, on the Big Bar RD, Shasta-Trinity, R-5 (CA), as a forester (planning, wilderness, silviculture, lands). Since then, I have served as the District Silviculturist and District Resource Officer at Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF (CA), R-5, and then as the District Ranger at Rochester RD, Green Mountain NF, R-9 (VT), and Aspen RD, White River NF, R-2 (CO). From 1998 onwards, I served as the Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor, Deputy Forest Supervisor or Acting Forest Supervisor at White River NF, R-2 (CO), Willamette NF, R-6 (OR), Siuslaw NF, R-6 (OR), and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF, R-6 (WA), before assuming my current position as the Forest Supervisor of Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in 2005.

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**James, Chief Bill**  
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**Bio** William Arthur James (Tsi'li'xw), who goes by Bill, was born Oct. 20, 1944, in Bellingham. He attended Lummi Day School and Ferndale High School and, in 1964, went to the Indian Art Institute of America in Santa Fe, N.M. He has worked with Lummi elders on Xwle'mi', the chosen Lummi language, oral history and tradition for 20 years. He was project coordinator for the multicultural heritage program for Lummi Nation from 1984 to 1986. He taught traditional cultural arts and crafts, including basketry and traditions, with Lummi Community College, which later became Northwest Indian College.

Bill has taught many young people how to gather and process material for weaving. Bill shared his knowledge he has learned from his elders with anyone who wanted to seriously learn. Bill teaches conservation, protection of the trees, and not to be greedy by taking more than you need. Respect your re-sources by using all you take and not wasting.

**Presentation Title** **Elders Panel: The Role of Plants in Northwest Tribal Culture: Stores and Perspectives from our Elders**

**Kautz, Georgiana**  
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**Bio** Georgiana is a tribal elder of the Nisqually Tribe and has served as the Tribe's Natural Resource Manager for over 20 years. Georgiana is a frequent spokesperson for the Tribe addressing the importance of the Nisqually River and of the Tribe's treaty rights. Georgiana has fished the Nisqually River for many years and has been actively involved as a leader for the Nisqually tribe in its efforts to recover and restore the estuary and salmon populations. She is a graduate of Evergreen College.

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traditional plant collection practices on park lands. After the cooperative agreement expired in 2002, the park and tribe continued to work together under terms of a research permit to facilitate continuing collection; and to gain a better understanding of the effects of traditional gathering on collected plants and associated habitats. Ms. Kautz will discuss origins of the Nisqually -Mount Rainier Agreement; and the importance of the agreement to the tribe and to the continuing relationship between the tribe, the mountain, and the National Park Service that presently administers it. Mr. Burtchard will discuss traditional plant collection at Mount Rainier from the park's perspective, the impact of the environmentalists' complaint on plant collection, and the future of traditional plant gathering practices at Mount Rainier.

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**Bio** The Oral Historian position is under the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Preservation Department. Primary responsibilities are to collect and record oral history from Tribal and Community Members. Oral history projects can range from hunting, fishing and clamming stories on the Puget Sound to berry picking trips in the Cascade Mountains. I work with various government agencies to ensure Treaty Right access and to create management plans to maintain and enhance our valuable cultural resources. Additionally, I work with museums, colleges and private collectors on repatriation of ancestral remains and artifacts.

**Presentation Title** **The Muckleshoot Huckleberry Project at Government Meadows**

**Presentation Description** Management & Monitoring Plan for the Enhancement of Big Huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*) in Government Meadows, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. A pilot project in collaboration with the US Forest Service, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, USGS, and UW Department of Anthropology to enhance the production of big huckleberries. A secondary objective of the project is to provide suitable native forage for elk. The units selected for huckleberry enhancement were based on 1) oral histories of tribal members, 2) the unit is not too steep and thus will be relatively accessible for elders, and 3) the potential site productivity for big huckleberries, according to a preliminary model of plant association groups. The treatment will be to thin small trees as needed in order to achieve the objective of 30-50% canopy cover. Slash will be hand carried and burned in small piles. Assessing Treatment Effectiveness: Weight and number of berries in treatment plots vs. control plots. Baseline monitoring was conducted in 2008. We present findings and provide a status report about current plans.

### **Krohn, Elise**

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**Biography** Elise Krohn, M.Ed. is a native plant specialist and herbalist who has been working and teaching in tribal communities for the last twelve years. In 2004-2007 Ms. Krohn was the head gardener and educator for the Skokomish Nation's People of the River Healing Garden. She is currently an educator and program coordinator for the Native Plant Nutrition Program at the Northwest Indian Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center and for the Northwest

Indian College's Traditional Plants and Foods Program. In 2007, Mrs. Krohn published a book entitled Wild Rose and Western Red Cedar: The Gifts of the Northwest Plants. Her second book Feeding the People, Feeding the Spirit: Revitalizing Northwest Coastal Indian Food Culture was co-authored with Valerie Segrest and was published in 2010.

**Presentation Title** **Tribal Food and Medicine Gardens**

**Presentation Description** Tribal gardens are emerging all over Indian Country as people seek ways to increase their use of healthy plant foods and traditional medicines. In a time when families have limited resources including time, money and access to traditional harvesting sites, community gardens are a powerful tool to meet peoples needs. Gardens are also a crossroads where diverse people from come together to interact and connect. Elders can share their stories and wisdom, while youth can share their energy and enthusiasm. Gardens have potential to foster community healing by bringing isolated people together over a common purpose. Our Northwest Indian College Traditional Plants and Foods Program is collecting information about tribal gardens through a series of forums. Join us as we share stories, photos and media projects from several community gardens that are currently flourishing.

**LeCompte-Mastenbrook, Joyce**

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**Bio** Joyce LeCompte-Mastenbrook is an ethnoecologist pursuing a doctoral degree in Environmental Anthropology at the University of Washington. Her dissertation research is examining the intersections between traditional foods revitalization and the management of public lands in Coast Salish territory, with a special focus on the historic and present importance of mountain plants, animals and landscapes to Coast Salish people.

**Presentation Title** **“Wilderness” in Mind: Rethinking Categories of Cultural and Natural Landscapes for the Benefit of Plants, People and the Land**

**Presentation Description** Prior to Euro-American settlement, Coast Salish and other Northwest Coast people actively tended meadows and prairies from the coast to the mountains in order to enhance the production of culturally important plants. The role these practices played in shaping ecological and social complexity has until very recently been overlooked, in part due to settler society world-views that separate “wilderness” and social life. This presentation examines how perceptions of a divide between nature and culture are codified in contemporary land management policy, and seeks to open up a discussion of how changing understandings of the role of humans in nature might benefit both cultural and biological diversity.

**Poster Title** **Cultural and Natural Histories of Mountain Huckleberries and their Habitats in the Central Cascade Mountains of Washington State**

**Poster Description** This poster and display document a research project examining landscape change and the social and natural histories of mountain huckleberry habitat on the “Divide Ridge” between the White and Green Rivers in the Central Cascade Mountains of Washington State, an important east-west trade route for the Coast Salish and Interior Salish and Sahaptin speaking plateau peoples of the area. Wherever it is found, mountain huckleberry and the places where it grows have been central to the cultural, economic and spiritual well-being of Native

American communities since time out of mind. Prior to Euro-American settlement and the widespread institution of fire suppression policies, Native people used fire to create and maintain the open meadows that favor huckleberry production. While contemporary disturbance activities including logging have to some extent mimicked the role of fire, declines in logging and road closures on public lands have led to a reduction in accessible and productive huckleberry meadows.

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**Bio** Robin Leshner PhD was Ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service from 1984 to 2011. In that position she worked to inventory, classify and describe the potential vegetation for the National Forest lands of northwestern Washington. She was a member of the scientific team that developed the Northwest Forest Plan, and worked on implementation of the Survey and Manage Program. She received her Ph.D. from University of Washington, where her dissertation work was a species habitat model for a species of conservation concern. She has served on the Board of Directors of Northwest Scientific Association since 2007 and as Secretary since 2009. She received her M.S. and B.S. in Biology and Plant Ecology from Western Washington University.

Chris Ringo is a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analyst and programmer with over twenty years of experience in applying GIS to natural resource management and the modeling of complex ecological systems. He has been a GIS Manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and is currently on contract to the US Forest Service to provide GIS support to the Pacific Northwest Region Ecology Program. For more information, please see his website <http://www.CascadeGIS.com>."

Jan A. Henderson PhD was Area Ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service from 1979 to 2010. His responsibilities included applied research in the field of vegetation and landscape ecology on the Olympic and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests in Washington. Prior to that he was Assistant Professor of forest ecology and silviculture at Utah State University. He has numerous publications and presentations in the areas of vegetation classification, ecological succession, fire and climatic history and use of Geographic Information systems (GIS) in forest management. He held national offices with the Society of American Foresters; served on the Washington State DNR Natural Heritage Advisory Council from 1982-1988; President (1995), Board of Trustees (1991-1996) and elected Honorary Life Member in 2007 of the Northwest Scientific Association. He has a B.S. in Forest Management from Washington State University, an M.S. in Forest Ecology from Oregon State University and a Ph.D. in Plant Ecology from Oregon State University.

**Poster Title** **An Approach to Modeling and Mapping the Potential Habitat of Big Huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*)**

**Poster Description** A potential habitat model for Big Huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*), a species of cultural interest, is being developed in collaboration with the Tulalip Tribes and the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The map will show the known occurrence and potential habitat of big huckleberry for the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The species habitat model is an environmental gradient model, and is an application within the U.S. Forest Service

Potential Natural Vegetation Model developed by Jan Henderson. This habitat modeling approach uses the “zone of the ecological optimum” concept, and assumes that species is normally distributed along any environmental gradient. The model uses known locations of a species and mathematical associations with environmental variables to predict areas on the landscape where suitable environmental conditions occur for the species. Understanding the spatial and ecological distribution of Big Huckleberry will provide information for resource managers to develop a plan to manage this important resource for sustainable production.

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**Presentation Title**     **Elders Panel: The Role of Plants in Northwest Tribal Culture: Stores and Perspectives from our Elders**

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**Bio**     Bob Mierendorf has served as North Cascades National Park archeologist for the last 25 years, researching and managing archeological sites in the mountainous interior of the North Cascades, with a primary focus on conservation and protection. Bob acquired degrees in Anthropology, including an MA from Washington State University. He served as a seminar instructor for the North Cascades Institute and as a former board member for 18 years. Bob enjoys hiking, running, and back-country skiing in the Cascades from his home in Marblemount.

**Presentation Title**     **The Archeology of Traditional Resource Access in the North Cascades**

**Presentation Description**     Archeological sites testify to 10,000 years of indigenous use of plants and interaction with plant communities, other natural resources, and climates. This archeological data will be used to show a way to identify traditional access routes and traditional resource areas in the North Cascades, and the tribal collaborations used in conducting such studies. The sites reveal an initial building of local-based knowledge of plants and other natural resources during an early post-glacial time period, which continued more or less unabated until the reservation period. After this, traditional patterns of resource use were restricted in broad areas, including national forests and parks.

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**Bio**     Presently is the Co-Director for the Skokomish Tribe Tuwadug Family Services where she administers and coordinates programs and services for Skokomish families. Kimberly is a member of the Skokomish Tribe and life-long learner of her culture and traditional ways. She

is an avid gatherer and has acquired knowledge and skills of Skokomish history, culture, plant usage and medicine. Kimberly is dedicated to cultural preservation and sharing her knowledge for generations to come.

**Presentation Title**      **Sharing the Harvest: Community Fall Harvesting and Feasting at Skokomish**

**Presentation Description**      This presentation will include history, gathering practices and harvesting of traditional foods. We will explore the importance of our traditional foods, food preparation and the teachings of feeding the people to ensure cultural preservation.

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**Presentation Title**      **The Legal Framework for the Treaty Gathering and Implications for Public Land Management**

**Presentation Description**      Tribal gathering rights are protected by Treaties between Western Washington Tribes and the United States. These rights do not depend on State or local governments which must honor these rights. The Federal Government, as trustee, and as a signatory to the Treaties must also honor and implement these rights. Previous litigation, including the famous “Boldt” decision on treaty fishing rights provides legal guidelines concerning the extent and scope of gathering rights.

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**Bio**      Libby is an Environmental Policy Analyst with the Tulalip Tribes, where she has been since 1990. For the last thirty years, she has worked on a wide range of environmental and tribal self-governance issues, both domestic and international. Libby was instrumental in the development of Tulalip’s MOA with the US Forest Service and continues to oversee its implementation to sustain the resources and places of importance to Tulalip on these ancestral territories, in partnership with the Tribes. Prior to her work at Tulalip, Libby served as the Manager of the Environmental Division for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

in Montana, worked for the World Resources Institute in Washington, DC to help establish an international indigenous peoples program, and worked ten years with tribes in Alaska on subsistence policy.

**Presentation Title** **Growing the Tribal-Federal Partnership in Land Stewardship: The Tulalip-Mount Baker-Snoqualmie MOA and Treaty Reserved Gathering**

**Presentation Description** In November, 2007, the Tulalip Tribes signed an historic Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service regarding the Tribes reserved hunting and gathering rights on off-reservation ancestral lands. This presentation focuses on the four-year process that culminated in the signing of the MOA, and the subsequent formation and work of the collaborative Cedar-Huckleberry Committee -- a technical group from Tulalip and the Forest Service that met for over a year to address supply and access to traditionally gathered plant foods and materials. Several ongoing collaborative projects that have grown out of this agreement, including experimental traditional huckleberry management, and the procurement of cedar will be highlighted.

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**Presentation Title** **Tribal Youth Hands-On Experience Propagating Cultural Plants: National Park Service Native Plants Nursery Program with Upper Skagit Tribe**

**Presentation Description** In 2009 and 2010, the North Cascades National Park worked with the Upper Skagit Tribe to create a summer work program for tribal youth. Over the two years, eighteen youth ages 14 to 18 spent 3 days a week working at the native plant nursery in the park. The youth learned many new things over the course of the program including basic first aid, food prep, gardening, composting and organic farming. They also learned about harvesting native plants, salve making, as well as the medicinal and health benefits. They also built their communication skills and skills to being a good employee. In 2010, the youth participated in the Traditional Plant Class hosted by the North Cascades National Park and the Northwest Indian College. They shared their experience with other class participants and prepared a lunch from the garden. This experience opened the doors for the Upper Skagit Youth by providing the exposure to the NWIC, careers within the park and other opportunities to return and teach future youth.

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**Bio** Laura Potash Martin has been the lead botanist for the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest since 1990. She earned her M.S. in plant ecology from University of Washington and is past



president of Washington Native Plant Society.

**Presentation Title**     **The Muckleshoot Huckleberry Project at Government Meadows**

**Presentation Description**     Management & Monitoring Plan for the Enhancement of Big Huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*) in Government Meadows, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. A pilot project in collaboration with the US Forest Service, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, USGS, and UW Department of Anthropology to enhance the production of big huckleberries. A secondary objective of the project is to provide suitable native forage for elk. The units selected for huckleberry enhancement were based on 1) oral histories of tribal members, 2) the unit is not too steep and thus will be relatively accessible for elders, and 3) the potential site productivity for big huckleberries, according to a preliminary model of plant association groups. The treatment will be to thin small trees as needed in order to achieve the objective of 30-50% canopy cover. Slash will be hand carried and burned in small piles. Assessing Treatment Effectiveness: Weight and number of berries in treatment plots vs. control plots. Baseline monitoring was conducted in 2008. We present findings and provide a status report about current plans.

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**Bio**     Phyllis Reed has a B.S. in Forest resources and a M.S. in Forest Biology. Her career with the US Forest Service began with seasonal work as a wilderness ranger and trail crew member. Phyllis also worked three years with the Washington Department of Fish and wildlife (1984-1986), doing spotted owl surveys and telemetry tracking in the National Forests from the Canadian border to Mt. Rainier. Since 1988, Phyllis has been employed on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, first as the Darrington District wildlife biologist, then several years as a north zone ecosystem coordinator, as an interim District Ranger and now has added duties of District environmental coordination (NEPA) along with continuing as the District wildlife biologist. "Stop by when in Darrington; it is my privilege to serve you in caring for national forest lands".

**Presentation Title**     **Traditional Practices and Knowledge Guiding Habitat Restoration and Enhancement of Mountain Huckleberry**

**Presentation Description**     The Forest Service is collaborating with the Tulalip Tribe to enhance the production of big-leaf huckleberry, *Vaccinium membranaceum*(VAME) on the Darrington Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Enhancement treatments target traditional uses areas with the removal of trees to reduce competition from maturing conifer trees that are shading out huckleberry growth. The treatments that have been developed with Tulalip forest staff are within the forest stands or plant association groups (PAGS) with big-leaf huckleberry and include the thinning of second-growth stands, the maintenance of openings within the second-growth stands and proposed thinning with spot burning and broadcast burning.

**Ryser, Ph.D, Rudolph (Presented by Elise Krohn)**

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**Bio** Dr. Rudolph C. Ryser grew to maturity in the Cowlitz Indian Tribe culture and is the Chair of the Center for World Indigenous Studies. He has worked for more than thirty-years in the field of Indian Affairs as a writer/researcher and as an Indian rights advocate. He was born in Elma, Washington as the youngest of eight children in Chehalis territory and grew up in a town of 150 people called Ocean City, just south of the Quinault Reservation. He graduated from Hoquiam High School and attended Washington State University where he studied philosophy. Since 1977, Dr. Ryser has expanded his work in Indian Affairs to encompass indigenous peoples throughout the world. After undergraduate studies and undertaking a series of graduate level studies in international affairs and war/peace studies with the Center for War/Peace Studies and Indian Education Administration (UCLA) in the 1960s, Dr. Ryser contributed to policy development activities of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the Conference of Tribal Governments and the National Congress of American Indians, and the World Council of Indigenous Peoples. He is a leading expert on Fourth World Geopolitics--the study and practice of the social, economic, political and strategic relations between Fourth World nations and between Fourth World nations and States.

**Presentation Title** **Food Security: Scarcity in the midst of Abundance**

**Presentation Description** Discussion of the benefits to native populations and ultimately the state if a constructive and cooperative arrangement is established to facilitate permanent tribal access to off reservation forests for gathering of plants, fruits, mushrooms, and other plant materials and foods

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**Bio** Valerie Segrest is a native nutrition educator who specializes in local and traditional foods. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from Bastyr University in 2009. As an enrolled member of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and works for the Northwest Indian College's Traditional Plants Program as a nutrition educator. In 2010 she co-authored the book Feeding the People, Feeding the Spirit: Revitalizing Northwest Coastal Indian Food Culture. Valerie hopes to inspire and enlighten others about the importance of a nutrient-dense diet through a simple, common sense approach to eating.

**Presentation Title** **The Muckleshoot Food Sovereignty Project: Reframing Environmental Health**

**Presentation Description** This presentation will highlight the method of tribal food sovereignty through sharing details of a project currently being implemented on the Muckleshoot reservation. This collaborative project focuses on the role tribal culture can play in successfully defining healthy food behaviors and the importance of revitalizing traditional food systems. We will discuss the relationship between traditional foods and Native health. Participants will experience how a resource map can be used as an assessment tool that helps a community revitalize Native food systems.

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**Bio** Pat Stevenson is the Environmental Manager for the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, and oversees the environmental program of the Natural Resource Department. He is responsible for the Timber/Fish/Wildlife Program, Water Quality Program, Habitat Restoration and Administration of approximately \$5 million in grant funds. Pat holds a BS in Environmental Science from Huxley College and a MS in Ecology from Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. Before his work as Environmental Manager, Pat was a biologist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife from 1983-1988. He currently serves on the following boards and councils: Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest Spotted Owl Advisory Board, Washington State Invasive Species Council, Salmon Homecoming Alliance, Stillaguamish Watershed Council, and Stillaguamish Festival of the River and Pow-Wow.

**Poster Title** **“Banksavers”:** Stillaguamish’s Tribal Plant Nursery and other Natural Resource Programs

**Poster Description** The BankSavers Project is an ecological/habitat rehabilitation services firm providing professional, state of the art, comprehensive services including: Native Plant Nursery-Habitat Restoration Services-Consultant Services. The Tribal Council and the Elders of the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians are dedicated to protecting and promoting the ecological traditions and cultural heritage of their people while forging ahead in developing social and economic self-sufficiency.

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**Bio** I am a grand-daughter, daughter, sister, auntie, mother and grandmother and I grew up in my grandmother’s kitchen and my mother’s kitchen and now I am teaching in my own kitchen what I have learned from others. I am a college graduate, a member of the Nooksack Tribe and descendant of both the Cowichan and the Lackamel bands.

**Poster Title** **Integrating Traditional Foods Into Modern Recipes**

**Poster Description** Using traditional foods in today’s recipes. How to use and how to preserve for use throughout the year traditional foods.

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**Bio** Implementing US vs Washington includes implementing the 1987 Timber/Fish/Wildlife Agreement (as well as the T/F/W amendment known as the 1999 Forests and Fish Report). The T/F/W Agreement specifies that protecting tribal cultural places (and assuring tribal access) are among the primary goals of the Agreement, that cultural resources include religious and social uses, that cultural activities that have not been practiced for some time due to site conditions or access may be re-established, and that logging proposals involving tribal cultural resources should be resolved through the landowner requirement to meet with the affected tribe (with the objective of developing a plan to protect the cultural values). WAC 222-16 (Forest practices board/Definitions) defines cultural resources as including “traditional

religious, ceremonial, and social uses and activities...”, the TFW/FFR “Cultural Resources Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP)” features guidance regarding cultural resource categories that includes both “traditional places”, and “traditional materials” (e.g. plants), and the CRPMP cultural resources watershed assessment module highlights questions regarding both cultural plant conditions as well as tribal gathering concerns. Encouragements to foster and use these and related provisions as one foundation upon which tribal gathering opportunities upon local private forestlands might occur, will be highlighted.

**Presentation Title** **Tribal Gathering & Local Private Forestlands: TFW-FFR Provisions to Foster and Use**

**Presentation Description** Jeffrey P. Thomas, Director/Timber, Fish & Wildlife Program – Puyallup Tribe of Indians. B.S./Biological Sciences (1985; Univ.ofWash). Jeffrey has served as Puyallup Tribal TFW Program Director since 1989; TFW-FFR Forestland Conversion/Small Forest Landowners Committee tribal representative since 1990; and TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable co-chair since 1994. Jeffrey provides ongoing services as an endangered species (especially salmonid) habitat recovery specialist, and as a Puyallup Tribal Historic Preservation Office technical advisor .

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**Presentation Title** **Regulation of Gathering and Access: Tribal Self-Governance of Members, Farm Bill Provisions and Regulation of Non-Tribal Gathering on Public Lands**

**2008 Farm Bill Provisions on harvest of Forest Products for Traditional Cultural Purposes, and preservation of Treaty Rights.**

**Presentation Description** Congressional Farm Bills, renewed every six years, contain broad authorization and funding for programs within the Department of Agriculture. A number of these programs are important to Indian tribes, including in the area of nutrition, rural development, energy, and forestry. 2008 Farm Bill provisions addressed US Forest Service programs for harvest and marketing of Special Forest Products, including tribal rights. The Forest Service issued and then withdrew draft regulations to implement the 2008 Farm Bill provisions. Regulations were never finalized, partly because they were perceived by some tribes to conflict with treaty rights, which were preserved in the 2008 Farm Bill. A Forest Service Directive issued on March 8, 2011 attempts to address the regulatory gap until September 8, 2012. The 2012 Farm Bill, now being negotiated and drafted for passage by 2013, bears attention, as it may contain additional or clarified provisions regarding tribal harvest of plant resources on US Forest Service lands.

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**Bio** In 1995, Chief Bill Williams was stood up by his family to become one of 16 Hereditary Chiefs of the Squamish Nation. His traditional name is találsamkin siyám and he is an elected representative of the Squamish Nation Council since 1980. Before being elected to the Squamish Nation Council, Chief Bill Williams, találsamkin siyám completed his educational background in business administration and marketing. His dedication and perspective comes from his understanding of the importance of passing on the knowledge of cultural and spiritual values in his work and everyday life. Development within the traditional territory, on reserve, and protection of natural resources has been a key goal throughout Chief Williams career. The Nation balances revenue generation with preservation as seen in the management of Timber Forest License 38 which was purchased by the Nation in December 2005. Chief Bill Williams serves as the President of Northwest Squamish Forestry, the forestry arm of the Nation. As the Squamish Nation moves forward building new relationships and negotiating both development and land acquisitions Chief Williams has been at the forefront of these negotiations.

Chief Williams has established the Ambassador program, the Witness project, and works extensively in conservation of the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation. From the establishment of the Squamish Nation traditional territory and it's recognition by the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada, to the signing of the Strategic Land Use Agreement with the Province in 2007, Chief Bill Williams has helped craft the agreements and collaborative tone of the Nations relationships. These efforts will see the protection for future generations, areas within the traditional territory, such as the Wild Spirit Places, village, and cultural sites. Chief Williams sits on the Coast Salish Steering Committee and over the last 5 years has worked to ensure the policies and practices of transboundary stewardship of the Salish Sea is developed and maintained for future generations

**Presentation Title** **Trans-boundary Collective First Nations Efforts, The Coast Salish Gathering**

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**Presentation Title** **Protecting Our Home and Heritage in the Era of Climate Change: Ecosystem and Watershed-Based Approaches**

**Presentation Description** We believe that Native American treaty tribes face an unprecedented challenge as landscapes and habitats change, and resources migrate in response to increasing temperatures, while tribal territories and treaty rights remain tied to fixed boundaries. For Tulalip and other tribes, our unique cultures are directly tied to the sustainability of these resources. Adapting to climate change will require investment in ecosystem and watershed-based approaches to increase the resilience of landscapes to climate change. We will highlight some of the ongoing work at Tulalip, both at home and abroad, in anticipation of these environmental changes, and welcome discussion and support from others in tackling this concern.

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**Bio** Dr. York has worked for the NPS as a Regional Anthropologist since September 1991. Initially hired to work in the Pacific Northwest Region states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington, Fred took responsibility for the entire Pacific West Region (PWR) due to a reorganization of the NPS in 1994. The states of California, Nevada, Utah and places in the Pacific such as the state of Hawaii and the territories of American Samoa, Guam and Saipan are part of the current Pacific West Region in addition to Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Fred is responsible for assisting parks throughout the PWR in working with indigenous communities and other park-associated groups. His responsibilities include assisting parks in compliance with the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and Tribal Self-Governance, Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

**Presentation Title** **Public Lands Agencies Panel: Managing Public Lands to Ensure the Meaningful Exercise of Treaty Gathering**

**Tribal Gathering on National Park Service Lands: An Update on Proposed Regulatory Changes**

**Presentation Description** At the direction of Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service (NPS), Dr. York has been working with Dr. Patricia Parker, Chief of the NPS American Indian Liaison Office for several years on an attempt to change the Code of Federal Regulations for all units of the federal park system that will allow for the gathering of plant and mineral resources by members of federally recognized tribes. Fred will report on the consultation meetings the American Indian Liaison Office engaged in during 2010, the current status of the effort to change the regulations, as well as the proposed schedule for publication of the regulatory change in the Federal Register and further consultations with Indian tribal governments.

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**Bio** The Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), is an agency of eleven Ojibwe tribes located in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Formed in 1984, GLIFWC exercises delegated authority to assist its member tribes in the implementation and protection of off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering rights reserved in various land cession treaties with the United States.

Prior to assuming his leadership role as GLIFWC's executive administrator, James Zorn served

as the agency's lead attorney/policy analyst from 1987 to 2006. He has been extensively involved in the affirmation and implementation of Ojibwe ceded territory treaty rights, particularly regarding the Lac Courte Oreilles Band v. State of Wisconsin, or Voigt case, and the Mille Lacs Band v. Minnesota case. Prior to joining GLIFWC's staff, he served as tribal attorney for the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and represented the tribe in the Voigt case. A northern Wisconsin native, Zorn was born and raised in Phillips, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame (BA 1978) and of the University of Wisconsin Law School (JD 1981).

**Presentation Title (#1) Tribal Gathering Across Jurisdictional Lines in the Great Lakes Region**

**Presentation Description (#2)** This presentation will focus on the implementation of treaty-reserved gathering rights on state and federal lands within a tribal self-regulatory system and within processes of co-management between the treaty signatory Tribes and with other governments. Issues to be discussed include: tribal regulations; harvest management and monitoring; enforcement; plant and habitat management consistent with the underlying tribal rights; research; and interagency communication, data sharing and coordination.

**Presentation Title (#2) A Perspective from Tribes of the Great Lakes Region: State and Federal Agreements for Treaty Gathering**

**Presentation Description (#2)** This presentation will focus on the nature and extent of the treaty-reserved gathering rights of GLIFWC member Tribes as well as on the mechanisms and processes that are in place among the Tribes and with other governments that affirm and recognize these rights. Issues to be addressed include: the legal underpinnings of the rights; how the rights have been affirmed and recognized within the courts and through agreements with state and federal agencies; particular issues faced in gaining recognition of the right, such as the type of activities falling within the scope of the right, how the treaty-protected resources may be used, harvest allocation, and pre-emption, enforcement and jurisdictional issues; management of state and federal lands to fulfill treaty promises; and camping agreements.

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**Bio** Brian Cladoosby has been elected annually as Chairman of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community since 1997 and has served on the Swinomish Tribal Senate, the governing body of the Tribe, since 1985. While serving on the Tribal Senate, Brian was appointed as the General Manager of the Tribe. Prior to serving on the Tribal Senate, Brian was a commercial fisherman and continues to fish whenever there is an opportunity. Brian is a graduate of Skagit Community College

Since 1999, Brian has been the President of the Association of Washington Tribes, recently served as the President of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and on NCAI Executive Board. He is active in tribal and state politics, and has been the Co Speaker of the Coast Salish Gathering, an transboundary initiative to protect the environment of the Salish Sea.

Chairman Cladoosby is often referred to as the "extreme environmentalist", as his passion is to protect the Skagit and the Salish Sea, as these resources are vital to the sustainability of our treaty rights, culture and well-being.

Most of his limited spare time is spent with his wife, Nina, their daughters LaVonne and Mary, and granddaughter Isabella, or on the golf course with his son in law Tyler.

**Session Moderating** **Tribal Legal Panel: Plant Gathering and Treaty Rights**

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**Bio** Billy Frank, Jr. has spent much of his life advocating for human rights for all, particularly the Indian People of western Washington. A Nisqually Tribal member, Frank grew up fishing for salmon and steelhead on the Nisqually River, and he was on the front line when the battle over treaty-guaranteed Indian fishing rights erupted in the 1960s and '70s. His perseverance landed him in jail more than 40 times, but they also help guarantee Indian fishing rights when the Boldt Decision was made in the late 1970s. Cooperation -- not confrontation -- is what Frank, 61, advocates now. As Chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Frank has worked to achieve a number of key agreements between the tribes and various local, state and federal officials that further strengthen treaty-guaranteed fishing rights and environmental protection laws. His involvement in areas like the unique Timber-Fish-Wildlife Agreements, the Chelan Agreement (a water resources planning document), and the Centennial Accord, have placed Frank in a powerful leadership role for Indian and non-Indian alike. It's a leadership role that's been recognized from Olympia to Washington, D.C.



Frank currently serves as the Chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Commissioner of the Medicine Creek Treaty Area, and the Nisqually Tribal Fish Commissioner.

**Session Facilitating**      **Talking Circle / Listening Session: Tribal Gathering, Its Importance, Obstacles and Solutions**

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**Session Moderating**      **The Role of Plants in Northwest Tribal Culture: Stories and Perspectives from our Elders**

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**Session Moderating**      **Tribal Gathering: Needs, Challenges and Opportunities**

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**Session Moderating**      **Tribal Gathering: Needs, Challenges and Opportunities**

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**Session Moderating**      **Keeping it Growing: The Plants and the Teachings**

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**Bio** Roylene is a great-great-great niece of the medicine man, Sitting Bull and great-great-grand daughter of Rides at the Door. She is an enrolled member and was raised on the Blackfoot Nation located in Browning, Montana. Roylene was raised on a cattle and horse ranch that has been in the family for seven generations. Her family continues to operate a 200 Registered Quarter Horse Ranch and manage 800 ac of irrigated farm.

Roylene received a Bachelor of Science degree in Range Science from Montana State University. She has worked for the Natural Resource Conservation Service for over 20 years as a Student in Cut Bank MT, Soil Conservationist in Havre, Miles City, and Conrad MT and District Conservationist in Shelby Montana. She was the State American Indian Liaison for Arizona, the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operation in Oklahoma and State Conservationist in Rhode Island. She is currently the State Conservationist of Washington.

**Session** **Plants Know No Jurisdictions**  
**Moderating**

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**Session** **The Future – Adapting to New Political and Ecological Realities**  
**Moderating**

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**Bio** I serve as the Chairman of the Stillaguamish Tribe Board of Directors, the Fisheries Manager, and policy person on fish, wildlife, natural resource issues (including cultural resources). I am a hunter, carver, gatherer, and fisherman, and I enjoy continuing to learn more about traditional practices of gathering and resources.

**Session** **Public Lands Agencies Panel: Managing Public Lands to Ensure the Meaningful**  
**Moderating** **Exercise of Treaty Gathering**

**Zorn, Jim**  
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