TRIBAL FOOD SUMMIT



Protect + Respect + Restore

The Tribal Food Summit brings together Native local food gatherers, stewards, producers, manufacturers, and growers on January 8-9, in Portland, Oregon. The educational Summit is dedicated to connecting emerging youth leaders with tribal Elders. Keynote speakers and panelists will discuss the history of Native foods, legal issues and solutions, and philanthropy in Indian Country including next steps towards realizing the Summit's motto: Protect – Respect – Restore.

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AGENDA

Wednesday, January 8, 2013

Tribal Food Summit

Lloyd Center, Doubletree Hotel, Portland OR

8:30-9:00 am — Opening Prayers + Introductions
Roy Sampsel, Choctaw+Wyandotte, ED, Tribal Leadership Forum
Nicole Charley, Warm Springs, TFS Chairwoman

9:00-10:00 am — Keynote: Tribal Food Sovereignty in Practice
Indigenous Food + Agriculture Initiative

10:00-10:30 am — Break – Tiny Warm Springs Dancers, Autni Ichishkiin Sapsikwat, Language Immersion Preschool

10:30-12:00 pm — Concurrent Tracks — Panel presentations, Q+A

A. Land-Based Treaty Rights: Local, Regional and International Indigenous Rights
Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes, Commissioner, Fisheries + Natural Resources
Preston Hardison, Tulalip Tribes Watershed Policy Analyst
Libby Nelson, Tulalip Tribes Environmental Policy Analyst

Land-Based Treaty Rights: The Tulalip Tribes assert their food-related treaty rights locally, through creative partnerships with agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, and by promoting national and international policies, to protect the rights of indigenous people. Learn about some of these creative negotiation tools that safeguard traditional foods.

B. Tribal Sovereignty + First Foods
Eric Quaempts, CTUIR, Director of Natural Resources
Thomas Younker, Coquille, former Vice Chair Tribal Council
Robin Slate, Tlingit, Tribal Liaison, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Tribal Sovereignty + First Foods: Tribal leaders and policy managers will share their work to protect tribal foods through innovative agreements and tribal governance from the Oregon coast and Olympic Peninsula to eastern Oregon.

C. Youth, Elders + Innovation
Lavina Colwash, Warm Springs
Elizabeth King George, Nooksack
Matt Morton, Squaxin, ED, Native American Youth Association
Mariana Harvey, Yakama, Native Youth Leadership Alliance (NYLA)

Youth, Elders + Innovation: Youth and elders are working together to remember old food ways for future generations with new programs and tools like social media, gardening and cooking classes. Tribal elders and emerging leaders will share their insights on how to reinvent traditional food ways for tribes.

12:00-1:30 pm — Box Lunches – Table Talk

1:30-2:30 pm — Interactive Session: Food, Medicine + Community
Brett Ramey, Ioway, Director, Community Engagement, University of Washington School of Medicine.

2:30-2:45 pm — Break

2:45-4:30 pm — HOW TO Workshops (concurrent)

How to Write Successful Grants – Jenny Holmes, Director, Environmental Ministries, EMO
How to Organize Community Food Projects – Judy Bluehorse Skelton, Nez Perce/Cherokee, Educator + Herbalist
How to Conduct a Community Food Assessment – Sharla Robinson, Siletz, Traditional Foods Educator
How to Engage Youth + Traditional Foods using Social Media – Elizabeth King George, Nooksack, Salish Sea Consulting
Communicating Key Messages for Media – Sara Thompson, Grand Ronde, CRITFC, Public Information Officer, and Amanda Preacher, OPB, Public Insight Journalist.

AGENDA

Thursday, January 9, 2013

Tribal Food Summit

Lloyd Center, Doubletree Hotel, Portland OR

8:30-9:00 am — Opening Prayers

9:00-10:30 am — Panel: Tribal Sovereignty, Philanthropy + Creative Financing
Moderator: Liz Woody, Warm Springs, Program Officer, Meyer Memorial Trust
Mike Roberts, Tlingit, President, First Nations Development Institute
Astrid Scholz, President, Ecotrust
Mike Dickerson, Executive Vice President, Craft3

Funding for tribal food systems range from project grants awards to low-interest loans for larger initiatives. Leaders in philanthropy and creative financing will discuss foundation support for Indian Country and new and emerging funding programs.

10:30-10:45 am — Break

10:45-12:15 pm — Panel: Climate Change in Indian Country:
Fusing Traditional Knowledge and Science
Moderator: Terri Hansen, Winnebago, Environmental Journalist
Cheryl Shippentower, CTUIR
Kirsten Vinyeta, University of Oregon

Many tribes are integrating climate change adaptation into their management plans. How does the combination of science and traditional knowledge change how tribes manage traditional food systems?

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12:30-1:30 pm — Salmon Luncheon

1:30-3:30 pm — Summary Breakout + Talking Sessions

Facilitated breakout sessions will identify issues and questions and break into small groups to develop solutions. The results of these three sessions will be summarized immediately following the Talking Sessions.

Track 1 Land-Based Treaty Rights
Facilitator: Michelle Singer, Navajo

Track 2 Tribal Sovereignty + First Foods
Facilitator: Direlle Calica, Warm Springs

Track 3 Youth, Elders + Innovation
Facilitator: Brett Ramey, Ioway

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3:30-4:00 pm — Breakout + Talking Sessions Summary
Nicole Charley, Warm Springs, TFS Chairwoman

4:00-4:30 pm — Closing prayers

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Speakers

Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Nez Perce/Cherokee, is a Senior Instructor in the Indigenous Nations Studies at Portland State University. She has worked with federal and state Indian education programs throughout the Northwest for 18 years creating cultural activities focusing on traditional and contemporary uses of native plants for food, medicine, ceremony, and healthy lifeways.

Direlle R. Calica, Warm Springs, has 17 years of experience as a legislative, policy, planning, and regulatory advisor with the U.S. Attorney's Office-District of Oregon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and various Indian Tribes. She is the Managing Member of Kanim Associates, LLC, and an active member of the Washington State Bar Association.

Terri Crawford Hansen, Winnebago, is an environmental journalist who focuses on environmental and scientific issues affecting North American tribal and worldwide indigenous communities. Hansen is a correspondent for Indian Country Today Media Network, a contributor to Intercontinental Cry Magazine and High Country News.

Mike Dickerson is Executive Vice President of Craft3. Dickerson has more than 30 years of experience in community development and non-profit management. Craft3 is a non-profit community development financial institution (CDFI) with a mission to strengthen economic, ecological and family resilience in Pacific Northwest communities.

Elizabeth King George, Nooksack, is a consultant for Salish Sea Consulting. She is the granddaughter, daughter, sister, auntie, mother and grandmother. She grew up in her grandmother's kitchen and mother's kitchen and now she is teaching what she learned from others in her own kitchen. She is a college graduate and a descendant of the Cowichan and the Lackamel bands.

Preston Hardison, Watershed Policy Analyst, Tulalip Tribes, specializes in natural resource management, climate change adaptation, and treaty rights to biodiversity. He has worked on the Cultural Stories Project, which documents traditional ecological knowledge for use in Tribal planning and environmental decisionmaking and is a lead author for North American chapter of the fifth report on climate change adaptation by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Libby Nelson, Treaty Rights Office, Natural Resources Department, Tulalip Tribes, is an Environmental Policy Analyst and works on environmental and tribal self-governance issues for Tulalip. She developed the tribe's MOA with the US Forest Service and continues to oversee implementation of this agreement. Libby also served as the Manager of the Environmental Division for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Montana.

Amanda Peacher, Public Insight Journalist, OPB, coordinates the Public Insight Network, a community that shares personal experiences with the newsroom. She produces radio and web stories, data visualizations, and facilitates community engagement opportunities for the newsroom. Before coming to OPB she was a teaching fellow at the University of Oregon, where she was also the managing editor of Ecotone.

Eric Quaempts, Yakama, has been the Director of Department of Natural Resources, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) since 2004. He developed and implemented the First Foods management approach, has worked for eight years as a wildlife biologist and eight years in Umatilla National Forest management. He earned a BS in Wildlife Science from OSU.

Brett Ramey, Ioway, has worked with Native communities to reinforce land-based knowledge through food sovereignty for more than a decade. He was the founding Director of the Urban Lifeways Project within Native Movement, that supports Indigenous youth leadership development and sustainability programs. Ramey worked on the Ioway reservation in Kansas as the Tribal Health Liaison with the University of Kansas Medical Center and co-taught courses on traditional foods and climate change at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Mike Roberts, President of First Nations Development Institute, is of the Tlingit Nation. Roberts is responsible for the overall vision and coordination for First Nations' programmatic, administrative, and grantmaking strategies. He serves as the lead spokesman for First Nations' projects, programs and models throughout Indian country and the philanthropic community.

Sharla Robinson, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, works for the Siletz Community Health Clinic in Type II diabetes prevention. Robinson leads the Healthy Traditions Project, dedicated to improving the health of tribal families through educational activities.

Cheryl Shippentower, CTUIR, is the Plant Ecologist at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Department of Natural Resources. She has worked for the Umatilla Tribe since 1995. Her primary responsibilities are the protection, enhancement, and ecological restoration of First Foods and native plant resources critical to Tribal culture.

Astrid Scholz, President of Ecotrust, is an ecological economist by training, and received her Ph.D. in Energy and Resources from the University of California at Berkeley. Scholz has worked with Ecotrust for 11 years, serving as Executive Vice President in 2012.

Michelle Singer, Diversity Community Outreach Specialist, Center for Diversity & Inclusion at Oregon Health & Science University, works to facilitate, establish and strengthen relationships with Native American and other diverse communities. With more than 20 years of experience in community outreach to tribal communities and Indian country, Michelle works to partnerships with federal, state and tribal government, and other organizations.

Robin Slate, works as Tribal Liaison with the Natural Resource Conservation Service USDA, in Olympia. Prior to that, Robin worked with the Environmental Protection Agency, as Tribal coordinator, and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission as habitat biologist. Robin is a lifetime Sequoyah member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

Sara Thompson, Grand Ronde, has been the Public Information Officer for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, since 2006. Thompson is responsible for building relationships with media, public dissemination of information, and outreach. Thompson earned a BS in Fisheries and Wildlife Science and an MS in environmental/tribal policy, both from OSU.

Kirsten Vinyeta recently completed a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Studies at the University of Oregon. Vinyeta is the graduate research fellow for the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project (TCCP), a collaboration between the University of Oregon Environmental Studies Program and the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station.

Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes, is the Fisheries and Natural Resources Commissioner for Tulalip Tribes and has served on the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC), the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and since 1997, has served on the Pacific Salmon Commission. He served as the director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) American Indian Environmental Office in 1995-96, and as Chair of the Tribal Committee of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee in 2003-04.

Elizabeth Woody is an enrolled member of Warm Springs and descended from the Yakama Nation. Primarily known as an author, she has three books and many essays anthologized. In 2012, she earned Master's degree in Public Administration from Portland State University and is currently a Program Officer at Meyer Memorial Trust.

Thomas Younker, Coquille Indian Tribe, has worked for Tribal Council from 1991-2011 as Secretary Treasurer and Vice Chairman. He is active in community issues including the Oregon Coastal Zone Management and the Territorial Sea Action Plan. He earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master's of Education degree.

Staff

Nicole Charley, Staff Assistant, Columbia InterTribal Fish Commission, is the TFS chairwoman and a traditional food gatherer for her tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

Roy Sampsel, Choctaw+Wyandotte, Executive Director and CEO, Tribal Leadership Forum, is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and a leader who has worked extensively on intergovernmental relations and developing natural resource policy. He has convened numerous meetings of tribal people and governments in the last 40 years across the full range of natural resources including water, fisheries, timber and minerals.

Marilyn C. Quintero, Social Media, is a graduate of Portland State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design. She has worked and designed for Portland State University's American Indian Urban Teacher Program, NARA's Healing Feathers, the American Indian College Fund, the National Indian Child Welfare Association, Children of the Sun, Spokane Tribe, and other great Native American organizations.

Jackleen de La Harpe is a nonprofit consultant and former director of the Metcalf Institute for Environmental Reporting. de La Harpe writes about food and social justice, is a correspondent for Indian Country Today, the former Executive Director of the Metcalf Institute, and an Associate for the Nonprofit Association of Oregon.



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Check out our blog for a recap of the Tribal Food Summit including videos of speakers, images of the Summit, and discussions on **Tribal Sovereignty + First Foods, Youth, Elders + Innovation,** and **Land-Based Treaty Rights**. Please feel free to leave comments and we recommend to state all questions on the blog.

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