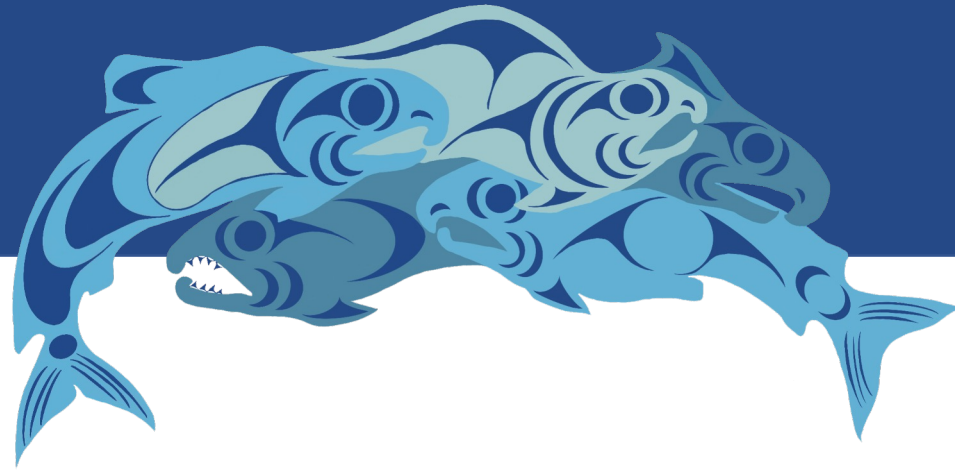


SALMON IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD

*Synthesis of the International Year of the Salmon
and a Roadmap to 2030*



‘Indigenous Knowledge and Science to Empower Salmon and Salmon Peoples’

Dr. Andrea Reid, Dr. Shelley Denny, Dr. Camilla Brattland, & the ISP Collective

*Outcomes from the International Gathering of
Indigenous Salmon Peoples (ISP)*



Territories
 Languages
 Treaties

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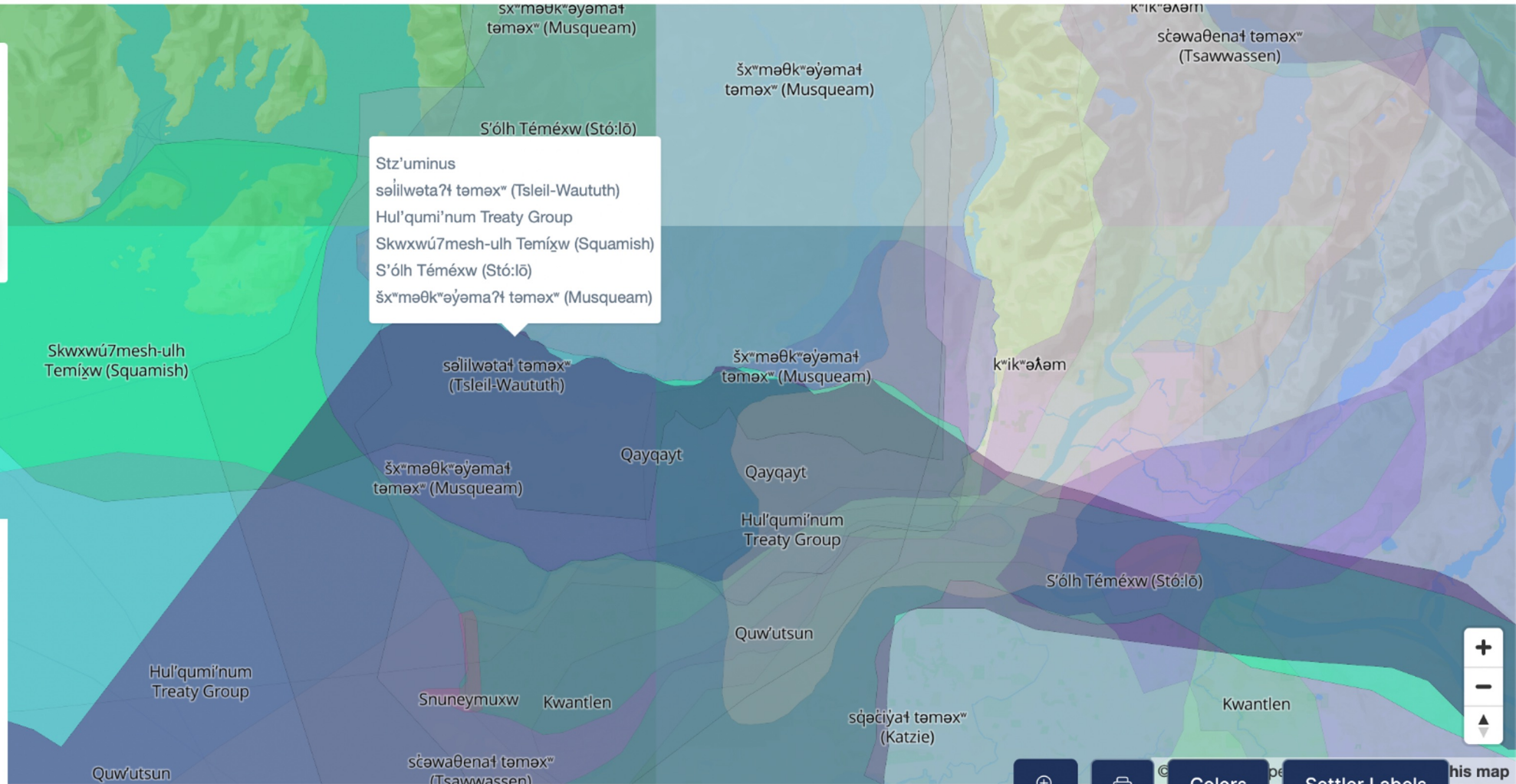
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Contact local nations to verify:

- S'ólh Téméxw (Stó:lō) ↗
- Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group ↗
- səliilwətaʔt təməxʷ (Tsleil-Waututh) ↗
- šxʷməθkʷəy̓əməʔt təməxʷ (Musqueam) ↗
- Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Temíxw (Squamish) ↗
- Stz'uminus ↗



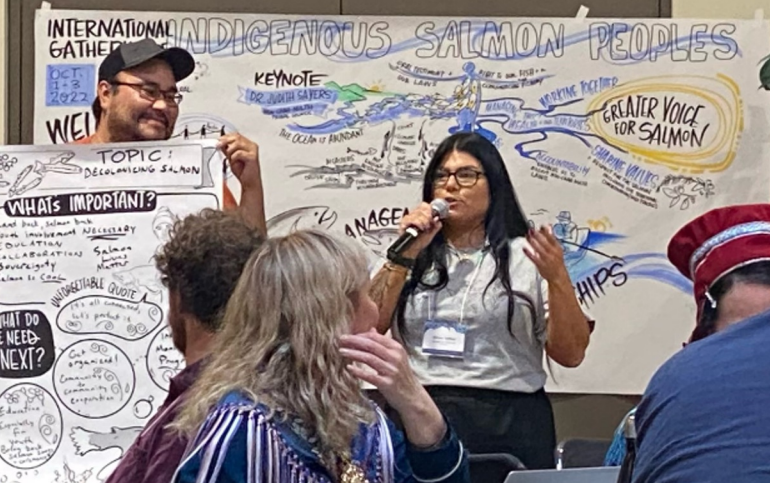
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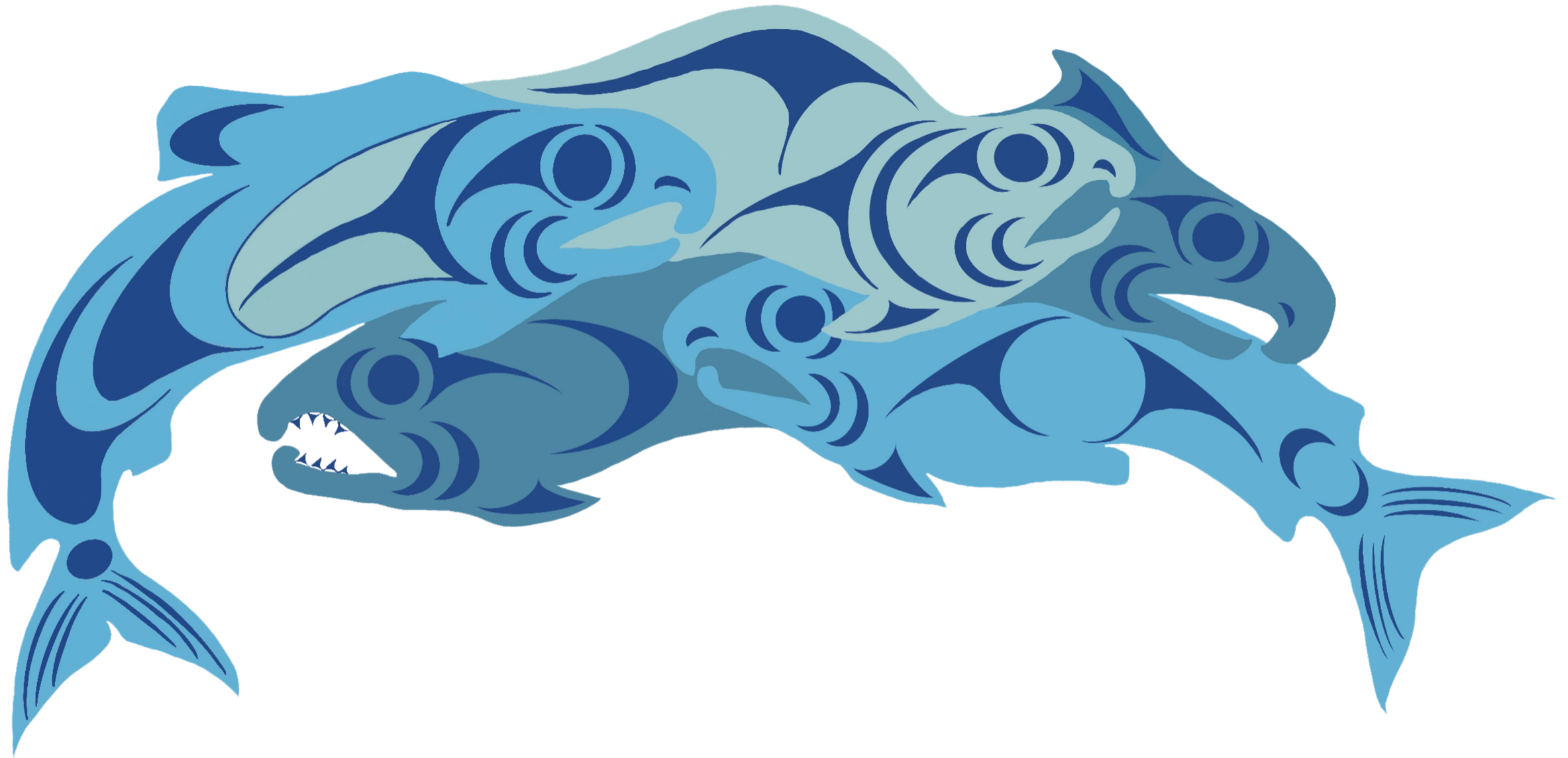




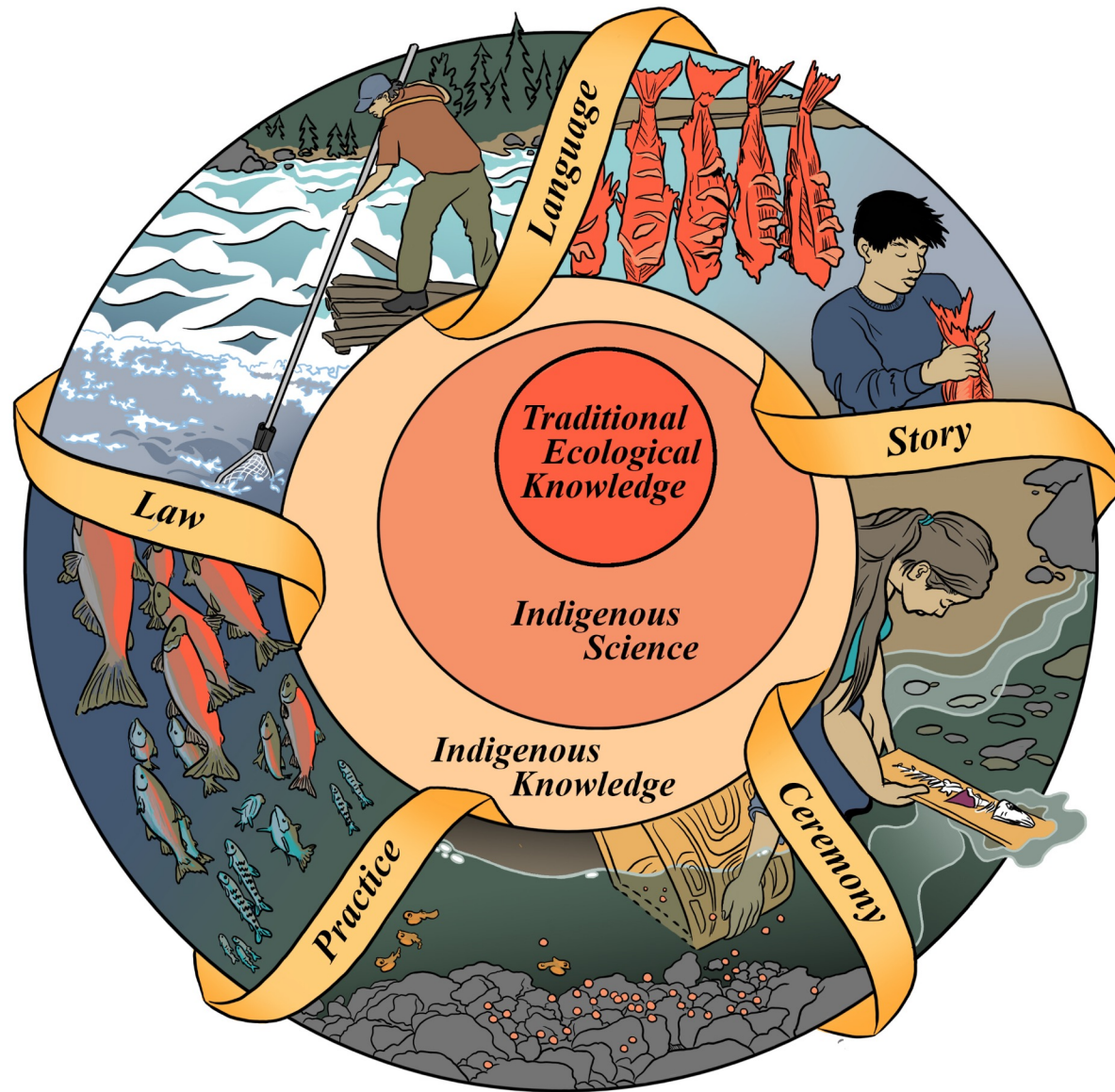
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October 1st – 3rd, 2022

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Event Overview

DAY 1 - CEREMONY

- Welcome, Elder Larry Grant
 - Coastal Wolf Pack
 - Csetkwe Fortier
- Git Hayetsk Dancers
 - Open floor
- Salmon dinner

DAY 2 - STRATEGY TABLE

- Asserting and Advancing Indigenous Rights to Salmon
- Implementing Indigenous authority and decision-making in multi-jurisdictional salmon management
- Indigenous relationships with salmon and (re-)creating social and ecological conditions for an abundant future

DAY 3 - INDIGENOUS SCIENCE

- Welcome, Chancellor Steven Point
 - *Sápmi Salmon Management*
 - *Mi'kmaq Salmon Governance*
 - *Kamchatka Salmon Fisheries*
 - *Fish outlaws in British Columbia*
 - *Sámi Salmon Struggles*
 - *Decolonizing Alaskan Fisheries*
- Dialogue session
- Closing



Approach and Guiding Questions

Priorities:

- Indigenous-led
- Action-oriented
- Guided by ceremony, song, language and storytelling
- Collaboration of like-minded salmon people, communities, organizations and governments
- Collective sharing in order to identify next steps

Questions to guide discussions

1. How can Indigenous Salmon Peoples (ISP) exercise rights and jurisdiction internationally?
2. How can ISP work across different scales and jurisdictional boundaries?
3. How can ISP draw from laws, legislation, and frameworks to advance Indigenous-led interests?
4. What could be featured within an international ISP declaration or other outcomes?



Overarching Themes



1) The Importance of Traditional Knowledge

“So many things that we know...science cannot begin to understand.” - **Dr. Judith Sayers, President of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council**



2) Assertion of Indigenous Legal Orders and Rights

“Practising Indigenous laws makes us outlaws.” - **Áslat Holmberg, Sami Council President**

3) Empowering Youth to Connect with Salmon

“I can't imagine my life without salmon. I fear that future generations won't know this abundance”
- **Hugh Braker, First Nations Fisheries Council, Special Rapporteur of Day 2**

4) International Indigenous Collaboration

“We're all in the same canoe, paddling in the same direction.”- **Cliff Atleo Sr., Ahousaht First Nation**



IMPLEMENTING INDIGENOUS AUTHORITY + DECISION MAKING IN MULTI JURISDICTIONAL SALMON MANAGEMENT

DR. SHELLEY DENNY, U NAMA'KI institute OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MIKMAQ



MORE TRUST
WE ALL WANT SALMON FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

SHARING MORE INFO!

NEGLECTED ABORIGINAL SPECIFIC NEEDS IN THE IMPOSED AGREEMENTS BY DFO...

- ✓ REGIONAL AGREEMENT
- ✓ REASONABLE REPORTING
- ✗ NOT ENOUGH SALMON...
- ✗ NO RECOGNITION OF MI'KMAQ TRADITIONAL GOVERNANCE
- ✗ ONLY 9 OF 13 COMMUNITIES

WHO HAS AUTHORITY + IS AT THE TABLE?

EDUCATE MANY PARTIES including recreational sector

JEREMY FIVECROWS COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISHERIES COMMISSION

BC WA, USA



"FOUR FINGERS - INTO ONE FIST!"

"WHAT IS A HARVESTABLE SHARE?"

- 4 TRIBES HOLD 90% OF THE SHARE OF SALMON TERRITORY/AREA
- STATES + TRIBES HAVE AN EQUAL SAY AT THE TABLE - allocating ceremonial, sustenance/traditional + then commercial fisheries
- CONSENSUS model + equal voices

CROSS-BORDER LOCAL + REGIONAL COOPERATION



BIVDU: for FISHERMEN in the SEA SAAMI AREA

We don't get to negotiate with govt DIRECTLY - this is DISCRIMINATION

bivdu.no
Deatnu guolledaallaguovlu - on Finnish side Local fisheries mgmt

Deatnu River Fishing Administration-

- 30 different salmon stock
- 16 diff. fish species
- 16,000 km² area

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM FISHING and PRACTICING THEIR CULTURE



2004 → FISHING RIGHTS ARE BEING GIVEN AWAY!
• sports fishers are buying licenses, but have no rights to fish
• SAAMI people have RIGHTS TO FISH BUT CANNOT

BENN LARSEN, DEATNU COASTAL + RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT GROUP



SUSTAINABLE FINDING

POWER OF PARTNERSHIP



RESTORING SALMON WAYS

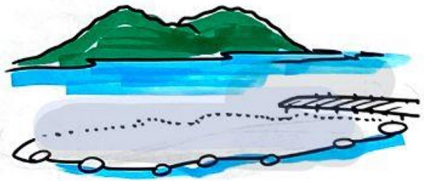
STRENGTHENING HABITAT

SEEING SALMON RETURN

STRONG GOVERNANCE + AUTHORITY

ASSERTING + ADVANCING INDIGENOUS RIGHTS To SALMON MANAGEMENT

KELLY SPECK,
'NAMGIS FIRST NATION



SUCCESSFULLY
NEGOTIATING MONITORING
+ REMOVAL OF FISH
FARMS IN 'NAMGIS TERRITORY



LEADING TO FORESTRY RECONCILIATION
WITH SHARED DECISION
MAKING

ÅSLAT HOLMERG
SAAMI COUNCIL

FINLAND + NORWAY:

SALMON
FISHING WAS
STABLE UNTIL
2017, THEN
RESTRICTED FOR
SAAMI



WE HAVE FISHED HERE SINCE TIME
IMMEMORIAL

DECLARED A MORATORIUM

ASSERTED
SAAMI LAW

SUPREME
COURT SAAMI
VICTORY
BECAUSE WE HAVE THE
RIGHT TO OUR CULTURE

WE MUST BE
INVOLVED IN
DECISION
MAKING



not
just
'consulted'



DISPOSSESSION OF INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE FROM OUR LAND &
RESOURCES HAS BEEN
SYSTEMATIC + RANGES FROM RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOLS TO FISHING RIGHTS

PRECONTACT
WE HAD PHDS
ADVISING OUR
CHIEFS!

COLONIAL
LAWS RESTRICTED US FROM
THE BOUNTY OF SALMON



SALMON GIVE US
A WAY OF LIFE

LAWS
and GOVERNANCE

FIGHTING TO KEEP MY PEOPLE
ON THE WATER FOR

CLIFFORD ATLED
AHTOUSAT



OUR RIGHT
TO COMMERCIAL
HARVEST
AND MANAGE
SALMON

KEN PAUL WOLASTOQUEY NATION

1725 - TREATY OF BOSTON

1868 - FISHERIES ACT
(IS ONE OF THE OLDEST
DOCUMENTS)

1752 +
1760/1
PEACE +
FRIENDSHIP
TREATIES

INCLUDES
HUNT
FISH
+ GATHER

INHERENT RIGHTS
ARE FOUNDATIONAL

TREATY-PROTECTED
RIGHTS EMERGE
FROM THIS

Indigenous Knowledge and Science to Empower Salmon and Salmon Peoples

Hybrid seminar with indigenous researchers presenting their work on salmon

Zoom participants: between 60 and 70, not all content shared

In dialogue with the themes and emerging issues from the preceding days

Striking commonalities between Indigenous Salmon Peoples from Atlantic, Arctic and Pacific salmon rivers:



Empowering Indigenous Knowledge cont.

Hopeful restoration work and research projects:

- restoration work (Näätämö, Columbia, others)
- collaboration across disciplines
- upholding the need to learn from Elders and traditions



Research needs for the future

- recruitment of young researchers to the field
- utilise wide variety of methods
- journalism, poetry, storytelling, monitoring, interviews, governance studies and much more!



EMERGING THEMES AND NEXT STEPS



INDIGENOUS JURISDICTION FOR SALMON:
POSITIVE EFFECTS FOR SALMON,
PEOPLE + WATERS



UPHOLDING + PROTECTING -
UPLIFTING TRADITIONAL
KNOWLEDGE

- engaging youth + intergenerational transfer
- "TWO EYED SEEING"
- HOLISTIC

HONOUR:
(BRING BACK) CEREMONY

COOPERATION
UPSTREAM +
DOWNSTREAM
(and non-Indigenous/
Indigenous connections)

LONG TERM FUNDING
OVER OUR DATA
SOVEREIGNTY OF SALMON:

LEGAL PLURALISM

LAND BACK,
SALMON
BACK

INDIGENOUS-LED,
WORKING
TOGETHER + RECOGNIZING
MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

- develop mechanisms for communication + collaboration
- creating public accountability for salmon (governments)
- awareness: with a DECLARATION

DECOLONIZE
SALMON(MANAGEMENT)
by PRACTICING OUR TRADITIONAL
WAYS

- JURISDICTION + AUTHORITY MUST BE EXERCISED
- GOVERNANCE + INDIGENOUS LAW ARE CENTRAL - ASSERT THESE VIA COURT IF REQUIRED
- SACRIFICE IF NEEDED

LISTENING TO SALMON
AND BECOMING THEIR VOICE
IMAGINE WE ARE SALMON...
"When salmon are
HEALTHY, WE ARE
HEALTHY"



LET'S PROTECT IT,
IT'S ALL CONNECTED

CREATE MORE
CONNECTIONS:

- global gathering
- global coalition
- international views to address shared issue



RESPECT FOR SELF + OTHERS

SURVIVAL
OF OUR CULTURE
+ WAYS

BETWEEN
NATIONS,
NON-NATIONS

FUN!

WITH YOUTH

Next Steps

How can ISP continue to support each other?

- Is there support for a more formalized follow-up in the future (e.g. political)?
- How can participants bring the proceedings back to their respective leadership, decision-making authorities, venues and tables for additional dialogue?
- How can we provide the structure and process to connect Indigenous peoples internationally?
- How can we increase the participation of ISP in state-led salmon management?

To be provided:

- Reporting on the ISPG proceedings
- Survey
- Coalition or Network of Indigenous Salmon Peoples
- Salmon Ceremony 2023
- NASCO meeting in 2023
- International Indigenous Salmon Peoples Accord, MOU, Declaration or Network

Principles: disrupting the current models and status quo, lifting up all Indigenous Salmon Peoples, nesting, social networks, lateral connections...we will meet again!



Our challenge to IYS attendees...

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Giitu
Wela'liek