Tribal Fishing Culture

We’ve Gone from Honoring Salmon to Protecting Salmon and from Sustaining a Way of Life to Preserving a Way of Life

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 • 12:00-1:00

Register by May 24

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Please join members of the Lummi Nation and Nooksack Indian Tribe as they discuss the importance of fishing, the First Salmon Ceremony, and their mission to preserve a fishing life for future generations.

Frank Lawrence III is a lifetime Lummi fisherman and has worked with the Lummi Natural Resources Department (LNR) for seventeen years. He loves spending time with his grandchildren at his Usual and Accustomed commercial fishing spot on the Nooksack River that flows through the Lummi Indian Reservation and is committed to working on natural resource projects and policies for maintaining and restoring important natural resources critical to the survival of the Lummi people.

George Swanaset Jr. “Yel7qaynem” is a member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe. He spent time growing up in his ancestral family area on the Nooksack River, and is the Natural and Cultural Resources Director for the Tribe. Along with fishing, George spent his life learning about the Nooksack people’s historic village sites from the mouth of the Nooksack to the head waters, along with the tributaries. As a Nooksack tribal member, he has made it his mission to assure that the cultural integrity is intact while protecting the natural resources of the Nooksack people, and surrounding communities.

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