

WAYKÁANASHPUM – Salmon People

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Abstract: WAYKÁANASHPUM, translated as the Salmon People, have harvested the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries since the beginning of their existence. Traditional dip net fishing, along with other various methods of practice have been utilized to gather not only salmon, but other species provided. During this presentation those ways and means used by the indigenous people of the Columbia River gorge will be discussed. Also, how pre-colonized forms of constructing fishing materials were prepared in comparison to modern day provisions. Within the presentation, we will take a look at the society's religious spiritual beliefs as it pertains to seeking out, preparing, and cultivating for those yet to come. The inherent right of a individuals who maintained a relationship with their land and animals, in accordance with mythological stories of creation. This will be a small outlook on how the WAYKÁANASHPUM people came to be, lived, and continue to thrive from generation to generation.