AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH COMMISSION FOR WASHINGTON STATE
TRIBAL/URBAN INDIAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY POLICY SUMMIT

Honoring and Sharing Sacred Traditional Food Wisdom for Seven Generations

Hosted by Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
12885 Casino Dr., Anacortes, WA 98221
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 – 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

OBJECTIVES

1. Share thoughts about the definition of "Tribal Food Sovereignty."
2. Share successful strategies, programs, and partnerships that support access to healthy nutrition and traditional foods and medicines.
3. Understand the importance of embracing tribal perspectives in state policy and initiatives (i.e., Healthier Washington).
4. Learn about the national perspective in "Tribal Food Sovereignty" efforts.
5. Learn about treaty rights and access to traditional lands: foods, medicines, and other cultural supplies; also, modern obstacles posed by rules, regulations, and requirements that limit access to hunting, fishing and gathering.
6. Learn importance of creating local Tribal/community policies around land use, food access and advocating for state and national pol
7. Understand the historical context of culture and how access to traditional foods is integral to health equity by addressing disparities in chronic disease rates experienced by American Indian and Alaska Native people.
8. Learn how culture and access to traditional foods are key to the health and well-being of current and future generations of American Indian and Alaska Native people.
9. Learn the importance of maintaining traditional cultural practices regarding food use, i.e. seasonal gathering, sharing and taking only what is needed.
10. Learn how tribal and urban Indian communities are increasing access to healthy nutrition and traditional foods through strategies to support land use and food systems.
11. Learn how the integration of Native Epistemology and public health practices that use a policy, systems, and environmental change approach support the food sovereignty effort.
12. Learn about the relationship between climate change, viable food systems, and the health of seven generations and beyond.
13. Learn how funders are supporting tribal and urban Indian community food sovereignty and food systems efforts.
14. Learn the importance of leadership and advocacy.
15. Leave motivated and inspired.

AGENDA

7:30	**Registration and Continental Breakfast**
8:00	**Posting of Colors:** Swinomish Veterans
	Invocation: Swinomish Tribal Member

Welcome and Call for Witnesses: Vicki Lowe, AIHC Executive Director and Jan Ward Olmstead, AIHC Lead Public Health Consultant

8:30 **Opening Remarks:**

Steve Kutz, Chair, AIHC and Cowlitz Councilman
Honorary Co-Chairs:
Chairman Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Tribal Indian Community
Chairman Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribe

9:00 **Agenda Overview**: Jan Ward Olmstead, AIHC and Adrian Dominguez, Scientific Director, Urban Indian Health Institute

9:15 ***You Are What You Eat—Honoring Culture through Food–*** Larry Campbell, Swinomish Tribe

9:30 **KEYNOTE:** ***The Time is Now—Tribal Food, Health Codes, and the Power of Our Own Actions*** – Janie Hipp, J.D., LL.M.(Chickasaw), Founding Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law

10:15 Break and Visit: **Tribal Resource Tables**

10:35 **1st Panel: Stories and Experiences Implementing Tribal Health and Food Policy/Codes**
SPEAKERS:
15 minutes – Heather Erb, AIHC Lawyer, Moderator/Speaker
10 minutes – Valerie Segrest, Muckleshoot Tribe
10 minutes – Jamie Judkins, Shoalwater Bay Tribe
10 minutes – QUESTIONS

11:20 **Talking circles/conversation café (two 20-minute rounds with brief report out). Critical questions—facilitated, documented, and positioned to carry work forward.**

12:10 **Pulling Together for Wellness framework – Culture is Key to Our Health**, Jan Ward Olmstead, AIHC

12:20 **Introduction of Cooks**
12:30 **LUNCH**

1:15 **KEYNOTE: Atlantic Salmon Spill -** Travis Brockie, Vice Chairman, Lummi Nation

1:35 **2nd Panel: Protecting and Supporting Native Fish and Game Access and Food Systems**
SPEAKERS:
15 Minutes - Moderator/Speaker: Emily Washines, Yakama Tribe
10 Minutes – Speaker: Valentino Villaluz, Swinomish Tribal
10 Minutes – Speaker: Hanford Mccloud, Councilman, Nisqually Tribe
10 Minutes – Questions

2:20 Break and Visit: **Tribal Resource Tables**

2:40 **3rd Panel — Protecting and Supporting Native Foods and Medicines**
SPEAKERS:
15 Minutes – Moderator/Speaker: Charlene Krise, Vice Chair, Squaxin Island Tribe
10 Minutes – Speaker: Amelia Marchand, Colville Tribes
10 Minutes – Speaker: Azure Boure', Suquamish Tribe
10 Minutes – Questions

3:25 **4th Panel: Supporting Tribal/ Indian Community Food Sovereignty Initiatives**
5 Minutes – Moderator: Marilyn Scott, Vice Chair, Upper Skagit Tribe
10 Minutes – Speaker: A-dae Romero-Briones, Director of Programs, First Nations Development Institute
10 Minutes – Speaker: Susan Balbas, Executive Director, Na'ah Illahee Fund
10 Minutes – Speaker: Natalie Charley of Quinault's Taala Fund
10 Minutes – Speaker: Brandon Hoffman, Business Service Specialist, USDA Rural Development Program

4:10 **Next Steps—**Vicki/Jan
- Witnesses
- Raffle

4:30 **Words from Leadership**
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