

Salmon Watch Land Acknowledgement Poem

We stand here together
With the robins hopping around,
The large leaf maples rustling in the wind,
And the river calling to us with gurgling hellos

We are here as guests. The salmon have invited us.

We are invited to watch, learn, and steward Salmon.

We are here to learn what Indigenous people have know since time immemorial: salmon are, REALLY IMPORTANT

Since time immemorial the Multnomah, Clackamas, and Chinook Peoples tribes celebrate salmon through the First Fish celebration.

They remember the salmon,
the salmon will feed their people,
and salmon will swim back every year.

The land we stand on with its deep cut valleys and towering ridges is home to ancestral members of many nations.

We give thanks to all the nations that steward this place including:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, The Nez Perce, The Yakama Nations, and The Cowlitz Tribe, and all those not yet presently recognized.

Where the salmon are we recognize and honor the ongoing spiritual relationship between the land, plants, animals, and people Indigenous to this place we now call Oregon.

Today, look, listen, and learn from the salmon.

