



# International Indigenous Salmon Peoples' Gathering

November 17–20, 2025

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Shxwhá:y Community Centre  
Chilliwack, BC

*Connecting Salmon Peoples in  
a World of Cumulative Effects*

# Welcome

The IISPN aims to support and empower the international community of Indigenous Salmon Peoples towards the sustainable management of salmon and the rights of Indigenous Salmon Peoples.

In the face of an ever-increasing number of cumulative effects impacting salmon and the people who rely on them, there is a need and opportunity for gathering to advance connections and associated collaborative products and impacts.

IISPN previously hosted in-person gatherings in xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Vancouver, BC; 2022) and Sápmi (Kárášjohka, Norway-Finland border; 2024) territories that advanced international cultural sharing, policy, and action.

Notably, the participants at the 2024 gathering collaboratively drafted and endorsed the Kárášjohka Declaration, which is an Indigenous Salmon Peoples Declaration focused on communicating the governance and rights that Indigenous Peoples have with respect to salmon.



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## Day 1: November 17, 2025

<b>AM/early PM</b>	<b>Travel to Vancouver/ Harrison Hot Springs Resort</b>
<b>3:00 – 4:00pm</b>	<b>Arrival – Hotel Check-in</b>
<b>4:00 – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Bus to Shxwhá:y</b>
<b>4:30 – 5:00pm</b>	<b>Arrival and Registration at Shxwhá:y</b>
<b>5:00 – 5:15pm</b>	<b>Welcome from Chief Gladstone</b>
<b>5:15 – 6:00pm</b>	<b>Cultural Presentation</b> Sasquatch Dancers and Others
<b>6:00 – 7:30pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b> (Provided)
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Bus back to Harrison Hot Springs Resort</b>

## Day 2: November 18, 2025

<b>8:00 – 8:30am</b>	<b>Bus to Shxwhá:y</b> Please arrive in the Hotel Lobby at 7:45am to ensure timely departure.
<b>8:30 – 9:00am</b>	<b>Registration</b> (Light Breakfast Provided)
<b>9:00 – 9:30am</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening</b> Welcome, housekeeping, etc. Background of the Gatherings (2022-2025)

## Day 2 Cont. November 18, 2025

### 9:30 – 10:00am      **The Karasjok Declaration**

Introduction to how it was developed, how it has informed the structure of the discussions for this Gathering, how it will be revisited during the wrap-up of the Gathering to decide how best to continue to move it forward.

- **Presentation:** Wickaninnish Cliff Atleo

### 10:00 – 11:00am      **Health and Wellbeing**

**From the Declaration:** We, as Indigenous Salmon Peoples, declare that we are the rightful stewards of the lands, waters, and Salmon for the prosperity of Salmon themselves, our current generation, future Indigenous Salmon Peoples and all those who benefit from the health of Salmon.

- **Presentation:** Kwanlin Dun First Nations Heritage, Land and Resources
- **Presentation:** Debra Lekanoff, House of Representatives, Washington State

### 11:00 – 11:15am      **Networking Break** (Coffee & Snacks Provided)

### 11:15 – 12:15pm      **Connection**

**From the Declaration:** We declare that as Indigenous Salmon Peoples we continue to steward and live interconnectedly with the Salmon and Waters and it is our responsibility to uphold our relationship with the Salmon and their habitat.

- **Presentation:** To Swim and Speak with Salmon
- **Panel:** Traditional Governance Systems and Salmon

### 12:15 – 1:15pm      **Lunch** (Provided)

### 1:15 – 4:00pm      **Local Site Tour with Steve Clegg from SAY Lands**

Buses will transport everyone to the site tour and return to Harrison Hot Springs Resort.

### 1:15 – 4:00pm      **AFN Fisheries Committee Meeting**

- Members of the AFN Fisheries Committee will remain at Shxwhá:y Community Centre for their meeting. Separate shuttle will transport members back to Harrison Hot Springs Resort.

## Day 3: November 19, 2025

**8:00 – 8:30am**

### **Bus to Shxwhá:y**

Please arrive in the Hotel Lobby at 7:45am to ensure timely departure.

**8:30 – 9:00am**

### **Networking** (Light Breakfast & Coffee Provided)

**9:00 – 10:00am**

### **Ecosystems and Habitat**

**From the Declaration:** We declare that the impacts from climate crisis and climate change-related stressors and industrial and commercial activities must be addressed with meaningful and holistic salmon rebuilding plans backed by significant resourcing and led by Indigenous Salmon Peoples.

- **Presentation:** Jonathan Moore from SFU/Watershed Futures Initiative
- **Presentation:** Okanagan Nation Alliance Rebuilding Work

**10:00 – 10:15am**

### **Networking Break** (Coffee & Snacks Provided)

**10:15 – 12:00pm**

### **Rights and Responsibilities**

**From the Declaration:** We declare our rightful role as the caretakers of Salmon. We affirm that all other parties must obtain the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples with respect to Salmon and Salmon habitat, and that Indigenous Peoples' jurisdiction over our lands and waters must be upheld. Indigenous Peoples' self-determination and sovereignty must be respected, and not be interfered with.

- **Panel Discussion:** Chief Dalton Silver presents on West Coast and National perspective followed by NASCO Indigenous representatives delegation
- **Update on Salmon Allocation Policy Review:** Wickaninnish Cliff Atleo Sr.

**12:00 – 1:00pm**

### **Lunch** (Provided)

**1:00 – 4:30pm**

### **Local Site Tours with Professor Keith Carlson (Sumas Lake) or Ray Douglas (Yale Canyon)**

Choose your own adventure! Participants can sign up for either the Sumas Lake or Yale Canyon tour. Buses will transport everyone to the site tour and return to Harrison Hot Springs Resort.

**1:00 – 4:30pm**

### **AFN Fisheries Committee Meeting**

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## Day 4: November 20, 2025

**8:00 – 8:30am**

### **Bus to Shxwhá:y**

Please arrive in the Hotel Lobby at 7:45am to ensure timely departure.

**8:30 – 9:00am**

### **Networking** (Light Breakfast Provided)

**9:00 – 10:30am**

### **Stewardship**

**From the Declaration:** We declare that Indigenous Peoples' authority, governance, jurisdiction and knowledge systems be recognized, respected and upheld. We emphasize that Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge must be the foundation for all stewardship of Salmon.

- **Presentation:** Kii'illjuus Barbara Wilson, Haida
- **Presentation:** Aslak Holmberg, Sami fisher from Saami Council
- **Presentation:** S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance

**10:30 – 10:45am**

### **Networking Break** (Coffee & Snacks Provided)

**10:45 – 12:00pm**

### **Witnessing and Actions to Take Forward**

- Witnessing Ceremony
- Discussion on the Declaration open floor to discuss how people are empowered to take action moving forward based on this Gathering

**12:00 – 1:00pm**

### **Lunch** (Provided)

**1:00 – 4:00pm**

### **Local Site Tour with Roxanna Kooistra, Cheam First Nation**

Buses will transport everyone to the site tour and return to Harrison Hot Springs Resort.

## Day 5: November 21, 2025

**Morning**

**Hotel Check-out and Departure/Travel Home**

# Thank you!

## Host

Chief Robert Gladstone and Shxwhá:y Village

## Facilitator

Saul Milne

## Event Advisors

Dr. Kii'illjuus Barbara Wilson

Wickaninnish Cliff Atleo

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