

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals



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Welcome to our monthly newsletter which provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.



Pacific Ocean Coast and Klamath River California

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Books. I love books. For me, the words take me to another world. When I am reading, my whole focus and attention is on the words in front of me. For the moment, I forget about any stress and demands. In a previous newsletter, I mentioned that my mother saved a huge bookshelf and a ton of books from the local school that had dumped out perfectly great books. One of my first memories was those books, and along with the encyclopedias and dictionaries, they taught me to read and learn about the outside world. As I read, I was transported to different worlds and people. I was so intrigued by the stories that I recounted them in my head as I went about herding sheep and riding horses. One of my boarding school teachers, Mr. Riggerbach, a tall white guy from Chicago and a die-hard Cubs fan, introduced more books and would sit with me if I had questions about what certain words meant or translated a sentence or story I didn't quite understand. This began a lifelong obsession with books, and even today, it is hard to give up books. My mother or grandmother would call for me, and as the saying goes, my nose was always buried in a book. I often replied, "Ałtsé wait" which translates to "Wait, wait." After a few times, they would get upset with me and pile on more chores but never took my books away. I still have lingering feelings about a different relative locking up books just so I wouldn't have access to them. Maybe they wanted to keep the books for themselves and whatever the reason, it hurt. Being the resourceful rez kid at a very young age, I could make my way past any barrier including teaching myself how to pick various locks. So, I did get

to read those books, and put them back in the condition they were in but some may have had one or two fingerprints.

Nowadays, I often read stories on my iPad but have made the transition back to paperback. I love reading technical articles and new stories. When I do need a break from the heaviness of reading about the environment or climate change, I read with my son, and we are almost done with the first Harry Potter book. When I did my master's fieldwork in North Carolina, my evenings and time off were spent buried in Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter books. Yes, I love to read books about dragons, elves, magic, and nature. It made my solo time bearable as I lived so far away from home. If I were to list books I recommend, it would take up the next page so I'm going to ask for your reading recommendations. What have you read or are you reading now?

[NDN Girls Book Club](#)

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With gratitude and respect, on behalf of the [climate warriors](#) at ITEP, Nikki Cooley

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## Program Spotlight

### Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu (TAM) – Train the Trainer



Earlier this month, the Tribes and Climate Change Program (TCCP) partnered with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) to host a pilot training for the Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu (TAM). The goal of the training was to introduce and teach tribal climate liaisons and representatives from across the country how to facilitate a TAM workshop since most of the previous workshops were convened with Tribes from the Mid-West. The training was held in Boulder, Colorado – a central meeting location for all attendees – at the University of Colorado - Boulder campus. Beginning with an opening blessing from a cultural specialist and a Sicangu Lakota member, Steven La Pointe, the two- and half-day training was filled with heartfelt moments about grief and loss of family, culturally significant beings, and spaces. The days were complimented by the innocent squeals of a young climate warrior, the intonations of the Ojibwe language, the chatter of a full room of collaborators, and the laughter that comes from letting go and expressing vulnerabilities. The TCCP is thrilled to have been a partner in this training and we anticipate future gatherings alongside our exceptional partners, GLIFWC and TAM FAM.

### [Kasigluk Endures The Many Challenges Of Thawing Permafrost](#)

Residents of the Alaska village maintain community in the face of climate change. Climate change and thawing permafrost are impacting both landscapes and lifestyles in and around Kasigluk. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta is made up of thousands of tundra lakes, ponds and silty river estuaries. Erosion and shifting land have always been a part of life here, but climate change is ratcheting up the speed and intensity of these natural processes. © High Country News, 11/01/23

### [Climate Scientists Are Working With Indigenous Tribes](#)

Native peoples have long collected environmental data. Now scientists are cataloguing these observations and learning how they're affecting indigenous communities globally. When the warm nights used to come each summer, Frank Ettawageshik would spend most of his time outdoors, sleeping outside, right on the ground. Today, he balks at the thought. "I was 35 or so before I ever saw a tick," says the 74-year-old executive director of the United Tribes of Michigan, a Native American advocacy group. © BBC Future Planet, 11/03/23

### [Great Lakes Tribes' Knowledge Of Nature Could Be Key To Navigating Climate Change. Will Enough People Listen?](#)

In late August, Robert Van Zile Jr., looked out over Rice Lake with dismay. Brown spot disease had decimated this year's wild rice crop. The lake is home to the last remaining wild rice bed on the Mole Lake Sokaogon Ojibwe Reservation, and one of the few ancient beds left in Wisconsin. Researchers collect seeds there annually for reseeded projects in other parts of the state. In addition to nutritional and cultural value, wild rice beds create habitat for fish, filter pollutants and nutrients out of the water, and provide food for migrating birds. ©Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 11/13/23

### [New Tribal Water Institute Will Help Arizona Tribes Navigate Water Law And Policies](#)

A new institute created by a national Native nonprofit law group and a foundation that works to protect rivers will support tribal water rights advocacy, recruit and train the next generation of tribal water attorneys and provide education on tribal water law and policies. The Tribal Water Institute will be housed at the Native American Rights Fund, known as NARF, a national nonprofit organization that provides legal assistance to tribal governments, organizations and individuals in need of legal help on Indigenous law cases. ©AZ Central, 11/13/23

### [New US Climate Report Says Land Theft And Colonization Amplify The Climate Crisis For Indigenous Peoples](#)

The report concludes that Indigenous self-determination is a key climate solution — if the federal government can get behind it. Indigenous peoples, like Ritte, bear both the weight of climate change's impacts and carry knowledge that may help lessen its

burden. That's according to the latest National Climate Assessment published Tuesday, a federal, interagency report published by the U.S. Global Change Research Program every five years. © Grist, 11/14/23

### [President Biden's Investing in America Agenda Provides \\$50 Million for Water and Energy Efficiency Projects](#)

The Department of the Interior today announced the availability of up to \$50 million for water conservation and efficiency projects as part of the President's Investing in America agenda to enhance the resilience of the West to drought and climate change. Funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will boost the Bureau of Reclamation's [Water and Energy Efficiency Grants Program](#), which provides funding for projects that result in quantifiable water savings, implement renewable energy components, and support broader resilience and sustainability benefits. © USDOL, 11/14/23

### [The Willow Effect: Are Even More Arctic Oil Projects on the Way?](#)

The massive Willow oil project on Alaska's North Slope is all but certain to be built now that a federal judge has ruled against environmental groups hoping to halt the development. While it's set to be Alaska's biggest new oil field in decades, it very well may not be the last: Willow could give ConocoPhillips and other oil companies cheaper access to vast, untapped reserves beneath the tundra. © Grist, 11/15/23

### [State of Water: Protecting and understanding wild rice, sacred to Ojibwe people](#)

Wild rice — or Manoomin as the Ojibwe call it — is one of the Midwest's most sacred plants. But extreme weather, from record snow to destructive floods, is having tangible consequences on our state's water cycle and puts native vegetation at risk. Researchers and tribal nations are creating partnerships to protect and better understand the needs of Manoomin. While these partnerships work to heal habitats, they also attempt to recenter Indigenous knowledge, slowly tending to deep cultural wounds. Historians say the Anishinaabe people arrived in Minnesota in the early 1400s after making a great migration from the east. According to Ojibwe storytelling, it was here a vision told them to find their home in a place "where the food floats on water." © CBS News, 11/22/23

# Resources

## [Accepting Session Proposals! A Meeting of Sacred Waters: A Global Gathering of Indigenous Voices](#)

Now accepting proposals to present! A Meeting of Sacred Waters is a gathering place for sharing Indigenous worldviews, values and perspectives to reclaim the health of the world's water sources. Through the experiences of Indigenous Peoples from the US and abroad, this global exchange explores solutions to restore balance for the wellbeing of humanity and the environment. Red Star invites Indigenous people representing Tribal Nations, organizations and communities to join our network and participate in this important conversation. A Meeting of Sacred Waters offers a unique opportunity to share your experience, skills and knowledge with other thought-leaders from across the Pacific. **Proposals due: December 22, 2023**

## [The 5th National Climate Assessment in 15 Maps](#)

The NCA5 is accompanied by the NCA Atlas, which provides interactive, online access to the climate projections used in the Assessment. The NCA Atlas allows users to explore localized climate projections to inform resilience, adaptation, and mitigation efforts. This Store bring together these two resources, merging maps from the NCA Atlas with findings from NCA5.

## [#NarrativeBack: Trauma-informed Media Toolkit Offers a New Model for Wildfire Coverage](#)

The resource kit, titled #NarrativeBack, gives a community agency and power over how — and if — they want such stories to be told in the media. It consists of templates that communities can use if they want to reach out to media for coverage, and also features a guide for reporters on how to conduct themselves when covering a wildfire in an Indigenous community.

## [Come Rain or Shine Podcast: Indigenous Agriculture and Climate Resilience](#)

This month's podcast features Dr. Michael Kotutwa Johnson (Hopi Tribe of Arizona) who discusses Indigenous agricultural knowledge, traditional farming, Indigenous participation in conservation programs, climate change, and more.

## [The Fifth National Climate Assessment](#)

The Fifth National Climate Assessment is the US Government's preeminent report on climate change impacts, risks, and responses. It is a congressionally mandated interagency effort that provides the scientific foundation to support informed decision-making across the United States.

## [Native American Agriculture Fund - Food Access Survey](#)

In February 2021, the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) launched a survey on food access gaps within Native American communities during COVID-19. Results showed that 49% of American Indian and Alaska Natives experienced food insecurity during COVID-19 and one in four experienced very low food security. This survey showed that food insecurity is higher among AI/AN households with children, employment disruption during COVID-19, or self-reported poor or fair health status. The report "Reimagining Hunger Responses in Times of Crisis" illuminates the challenges of food security in Indian Country and the Tribally-driven solutions needed to address those challenges. The continuation of this

survey will share the depth of the issues of hunger and food access in Native American households. It is crucial to have access to accurate data to combat food insecurity in Native communities.

## [SW CASC Researchers collaborate with the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council to develop project-specific knowledge co-production protocols](#)

Authors from the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center are behind a new publication in the open access journal Community Science. This publication titled "[The Arctic Rivers Project: Using an Equitable Co-Production Framework for Integrating Meaningful Community Engagement and Science to Understand Climate Impacts](#)" is an effort by multiple CASC scientists, university researchers, and Indigenous communities and scientists to increase collective understanding of climate change impacts on rivers, fish, and communities and co-produce this understanding with Indigenous communities. In this publication, the authors discuss the efforts undertaken by the Arctic River Project to conduct ethical and equitable research with Indigenous communities and generate science that is useful to those communities.

## [NOAA Guidance and Best Practices Engaging and Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge in Decision-Making](#)

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has developed new guidance and best practices for tribal engagement. As a continuation of their commitment to engage meaningfully with federally recognized Tribes, non-recognized Tribes and other Indigenous Peoples, NOAA is building upon the "NOAA Procedures for Government-to-Government consultation with Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations" (Consultation Handbook) to provide guidance on including IK in federal decisions.

## [Story Map: Climate Adaptation in Aquatic Ecosystems - Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center](#)

Climate change is threatening our region's aquatic ecosystems. A warming climate is causing more floods and droughts, while overtaxed water management infrastructure leaks nutrient pollution into lakes and streams. Warming temperatures and excessive nutrients means less suitable habitat for fish. How then can we address these overlapping problems? Bringing together a wide range of NE CASC research on climate adaptation in aquatic ecosystems, our new StoryMap explores myriad management options for preserving fish populations and northeastern lakes and streams.



# Job & Internship Opportunities

## [Climate Adaptation Scientists of Tomorrow Program](#)

To advance climate adaptation science and increase diversity, equity, and inclusion in STEM fields, the Climate Adaptation Scientists of Tomorrow Undergraduate Research Experience brings undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty together with CASC partners to cultivate the next generation of climate scientists. Build your climate science skills, training, and development for two years. Join a cohort of 20 undergraduate students with common interests across the U.S. **Application deadline: December 31, 2023**

## [National Tribal Water Council-Membership Recruitment for Region 4 Representative](#)

The National Tribal Water Council is a technical and scientific body established to advocate for the best interest of federally recognized tribes in water pertaining to water. The council is currently accepting application from tribal water professionals for one open position. The position is open to tribal water professionals employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally authorized organization from Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee). Member duties include, but not limited to: Participating in monthly conference calls, attending bi-annual meetings, and creating a participating in crafting response documents to policy and/or rulemaking actions. To express your interest or obtain more information, please contact Elaine Wilson at [elaine.wilson@nau.edu](mailto:elaine.wilson@nau.edu). **Application deadline: December 31, 2023**

## [Restoration Ecologist- Institute for Applied Ecology](#)

The Institute for Applied Ecology is seeking to hire a Restoration Ecologist with a diverse skillset to lead several enhancement and restoration projects as part of the Habitat Restoration team. Projects are primarily focused in the Willamette Valley, Oregon and southwestern Washington, but may also include the Coast Range and other Oregon ecoregions. The Habitat Restoration Program conducts ecological restoration in the Pacific Northwest through on-the-ground restoration, cultivation of partnerships that promote regional conservation, and the advancement of restoration science techniques. **Application deadline: January 2, 2024**

## [NCAR Earth System Science Internship \(NESSI\)](#)

The NESSI program is hosted by NCAR Education, Engagement & Early-Career Development and offers students interested in the Earth system sciences an opportunity to conduct research with NCAR scientists from across all labs on a wide range of topics including but not limited to atmospheric science, computational science, engineering, and solar & space physics. Our program is designed to support and promote Earth system science through research, mentoring, and community building. **Application deadline: January 6, 2023**

## [Tribal Partnership & Resource Stewardship Manager - Sustainable Northwest](#)

Sustainable Northwest is recruiting a Tribal Partnership and resource Stewardship Manager to enhance ongoing work with Tribal partners and land managers to restore forest ecosystems throughout Oregon and Washington. The Tribal Partnership & Resource Stewardship Manager is responsible for advancing Sustainable Northwest's mission and vision by supporting our programs and working with Tribes in the Pacific Northwest. The position provides technical assistance, support, and strategic engagement with our partners, including Tribal governments, the U.S. Forest Service, and state and other federal agencies. **Application deadline: January 10, 2024**

## [AIHECTCU Climate Resilience Student Research Program](#)

AIHEC is recruiting students for the TCU Climate Resilience Summer Research Program, a 12-week summer experiential learning opportunity through which undergraduate students participate in identifying and addressing climate change and energy issues in their respective American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The program is designed for TCU Indigenous students who are passionate about taking action to

address climate change affecting Tribal lands and supporting Tribal leadership in all areas of Nation-building affected by climate challenges. Students will receive a monthly stipend, for a total of \$6,000. The program dates are May 28 to August 16, 2024. For more information, contact Frank Brannon at [fbrannon@aihec.org](mailto:fbrannon@aihec.org). **Priority Application Deadline: February 23, 2024**

## [AIHEC Tribal Ecological Restoration Specialist Plant Ecologist](#)

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is identifying ways to support Tribes in addressing ecological restoration issues on Tribal Trust and Treaty lands, including the implementation of the National Seed Strategy (NSS) for Rehabilitation and Restoration that seeks to increase the amount of native and locally adapted seed and plants available for building resilient landscapes. The incumbent will partner with the NSS to address plant materials' needs to improve land managers' ability to restore lands with locally adapted plants in a way that is ecologically fitting, to build lasting resilience back into the landscape. The role of the incumbent will fall under two major themes: 1) assess and better understand the native seed need and capacity of Tribal Nations (goals 1 and 2 of the Seed Strategy), and 2) support implementation of NSS goals in Indian Country and build Tribal capacity for ecological restoration, including revegetation efforts (all four goals of the Seed Strategy). **Application Deadline: Open until filled**

## [Grants Management Specialist- Indigenous Resilience Center](#)

The Indigenous Resilience Center (IRes) in Arizona Institute for Resilience at the University of Arizona is seeking a highly motivated grants management research specialist (Grant and Contract Coordinator III). The grants management research specialist will provide grants training to tribes that is focused on identifying grants, determining eligibility, grant writing, creating a budget, data analysis and presentation in proposals, creating graphics, and grant evaluation. For successful grants, the grant management specialist will also provide training on how to administer, track, and report on grant progress. The grants management research specialist will work directly with the IRes program manager and program coordinator and directly engage with community members, partners, and other key stakeholders. **Application deadline: open until filled**

## [EcoCulture Stewardship Manager- Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance](#)

The Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance (TERA) is a cross-cultural, multi-organizational collaborative that works to revitalize ecology, economy, and culture through indigenous-led stewardship. The mission of TERA, founded in 2019, is to cultivate land stewardship, livelihood, and leadership skills that weave collaborative relationships between Tribal members and the community at large for the benefit of all lands and beings. The EcoCultural Stewardship Manager is an organized, detailed-oriented manager who thrives in carrying a project from inception to completion. The ideal candidate has project management experience and knowledge of California coast range ecology and stewardship. The EcoCultural Stewardship Manager will work closely and collaboratively with the Executive Director (ED), Fuels Captain (FC), and partner organizations, to plan, implement, and oversee all aspects of ecocultural stewardship projects from conception to completion. **Application deadline: open until filled**

# Funding Opportunities



## Additional Sources for More Opportunities:

- 1) More Funding Opportunities can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website: <http://www7.nau.edu/itcp/main/tcc/Resources/funding>
- 2) Tribal Climate Change Guide maintained by the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project at the University of Oregon: <http://tribalclimateguide.uoregon.edu/>
- 3) Searchable database of all discretionary grants offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies. [www.grants.gov/applicants/find\\_grant\\_opportunities.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp)
- 4) Conservation Innovation Grants (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

### Young Tribal Leaders Art Contest

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Environmental Services and Cultural Resource Management (DESCRM) announced the 2023 Young Tribal Leaders Art Contest to highlight the perspectives and creativity of Native youth and young professionals across the nation. Tribal citizens ages 14-30 may submit artwork on the themes of the environment, culture, or climate for a chance to win travel expenses to the 2024 National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference and have their work exhibited online and at Washington, D.C. Submitted artwork can be in any medium, including photography, digital art, drawings and paintings, basketry, pottery, beadwork, and quillwork. **Application deadline: January 6, 2024**

### Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program

California Strategic Growth Council has

released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Application for SGC's newest grant program, the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program. The pilot program provides funding and technical assistance to California Native American tribes to build staff capacity to advance tribes' climate-related work. Eligible applicants include California Native American tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Contact List, including federally recognized and non-federally recognized tribes. A non-federally recognized tribe is eligible to apply if they are registered as a nonprofit, a for-profit corporation, or a limited liability company. SGC will award between \$150,000 and \$250,000 to each tribe selected for the pilot two-year grant term. The pilot program will fund staff salaries and activities that advance the tribe's climate-related work. Activities may include planning, securing funding for, and implementing projects related to climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. **Application deadline: February 5, 2023**

### EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

This program, called Community Change Equitable Resilience, will consist of free design and project development assistance, community engagement, and partnership development workshops, with the intent to help eligible entities apply for grants under EPA's Community Change Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Eligible projects for this technical assistance must be located in a disaster-prone area and benefit a disadvantaged community. The requestor can propose up to three sites for design assistance. Climate resilience projects must have a direct community benefit and could include retrofits to community-serving buildings; design or redesign of public parks, open space, and waterways; redesign of streets; or other projects that address climate resilience and environmental justice. Proposed projects should address climate change impacts such as extreme heat and more intense heat islands, wildfire and wildfire smoke, floods, storms, or other impacts that pose a greater risk to disadvantaged communities.

**Application deadline: November 21, 2024**

### Tribal Energy Plan Grant, Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund (TSAF)

The Tribal Energy Plan Grant program is open until funding is fully subscribed. Applicants may apply for funding up to \$25,000 for up to one year. The development of Tribal Energy Plans are intended to help tribal communities quickly and efficiently triage the known practical and impactful strategies to reduce greenhouse gas, reduce energy costs, and operate more sustainably. The grants can be used to compensate the planning team for their time, contract the services of consultants or other third-party experts, and cover the costs of public meetings and other methods soliciting public input. **Application deadline: open until funds are fully subscribed**

Center for Community Energy and Environmental Justice

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# Upcoming Events

NOTE: Updated info on events can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website:

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/Events>

## December 2023

**Listening Session: November 30-December 1, 2023**

### [DOI Environmental Justice Strategic Plan Development](#)

The Department is hosting three public listening sessions focused and designed to gather input to inform the development of the Department's Environmental Justice Strategic Plan. President Biden signed Executive Order 14096, Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All. To update its Environmental Justice Strategic Plan, the Department is organizing listening sessions in November to obtain public input to: (1) provide feedback to refine draft vision, goals, and objectives (attached), (2) identify implementation strategies, and (3) identify priority actions to advance environmental justice.

**Informational Webinar: December 7, 2023 2:00 pm ET**

### [Climate Adaptation Scientists of Tomorrow \(CAST\) Program Informational Webinar](#)

The Climate Adaptation Science Center of the US Geological Survey created the CAST program to recruit, train, and promote the advancement of undergraduate students who represent the nation's diversity and demonstrate keen interest in climate change and advanced study in STEM.

**SAVE THE DATE! December 13-14 PNW Landscape Conservation Forum**

This online forum will provide a platform for sharing knowledge, discussing landscape-scale conservation priorities and strategies, addressing common challenges, and fostering partnerships to enhance regional conservation efforts. Join us on December 13/14 from 9:00 - 12:30 PT each day for sessions featuring keynote speakers, panel discussions, breakout sessions, and audience engagement activities to advance landscape-scale conservation in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.

**Webinar: December 14, 2023, 12:30 PM- 2:**

### [Technical Assistance for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples to Advance Environmental Justice and Climate/Energy Justice](#)

This webinar will present information on the new technical assistance programs, such as the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTAC's),

being supported by the U.S. EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR), that are available to Tribes and Indigenous Peoples. This webinar will provide an overview of the TCTACs, including the national TCTAC for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, and other OEJECR technical and financial assistance resources to advance EJ. The webinar will also share information about other programs that can help Tribes plan, design, and seek funding for climate resilience and environmental justice projects.

## January 2024

**Meeting: January 28 - February 1, 2024, Portland, Oregon**

### [ATNI 2024 Winter Convention](#)

ATNI Conventions serve as important gatherings where members come together to engage in productive discussions, informative presentations, and committee activities related to policy, legislation, and the future of Indian Country in the Northwest.

## March 2024

**Summit: March 6-9, 2024, Worley, Idaho**

### [Northwest Intertribal Food Sovereignty Summit](#)

The first annual Northwest Intertribal Food Sovereignty Summit will bring together Tribal community leaders, youth, elders, Tribal food enterprises, Native food entrepreneurs, Native food producers, traditional food champions, funders, government agencies, and others to discuss, share and learn about Tribal food economies, small business development, climate resilience, and youth engagement in food systems and tradition. Youth will have a unique opportunity to learn from experts in the field and get hands-on skill-building experiences through workshops and presentations. Join us for sessions focused on topics such as:

- The role of Tribal governments in Food Sovereignty
- Tribal Food Enterprises
- Native Farm Bill
- Small business development
- Climate Resilience

## May 2024

**SAVE THE DATE! Symposium: May-6, 2023, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington**  
[12th Annual "Living Breath of wələb?altxw" Indigenous Foods Symposium](#)

This symposium fosters dialogue and builds collaborative networks as we, Native peoples, strive to sustain our cultural food practices and preserve our healthy relationships with the land, water, and all living things. The 2024 theme is "Growing Food Sovereignty and Nourishing Seeds of Hope." Calling for presenters! All presentations, panels, and workshop abstracts that align with our larger themes of Indigenous food sovereignty/security; traditional/first foods, plants, & medicines; environmental & climate justice as they relate to Indigenous food sovereignty/security; and health & wellness will be considered. Abstract submission deadline: January 29, 2024.

**Forum: May 6-9, 2024, Harrah Cherokee Casino & Resort, North Carolina**

### [Nation Tribal Forum of Air Quality](#)

The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) aims to support tribal programs by fostering information-sharing and networking opportunities that are focused on building tribal capacity in air quality management. The event's agenda is driven by tribal input and priorities, with a focus on increasing tribal engagement in air quality initiatives that are relevant to tribal communities across the nation. Forum organizers are actively seeking abstracts for presentations, trainings, and other informational sessions that support our goal of providing engaging opportunities for tribes to connect with others working to address air quality concerns. Our attendees seek usable information from real-world examples that discuss practical ideas and solutions, and provide insight into current trends, data, and research impacting tribes working to protect their lands and people. Abstracts should be related to air quality topics relevant to tribal stakeholders. If you have any questions about the agenda, presentation, and training options, or other ways to participate in the event, please contact [NTFAQ@nau.edu](mailto:NTFAQ@nau.edu). **Request for Presentation or training abstracts due: Friday December 22, 2023**