

## Hit the Water

**Warren King George (Muckleshoot):** [Repeats Southern Lushootseed name three times / Hit the Water]. Hit the Water.

***[sounds of water lapping in the background]***

The Lake Union is a good memory for me.

[00:00:18] My name is Warren King George. My father's bloodline is how I'm enrolled in the bəqəłšut Tribe.

Gas Works Park is a great park for a lot of people. Most people who visit the park, I don't think they have any idea of the traditional history and the traditional value of that area; of that—banks of the Lake Union. And the last time I was there, I got to fish that water with my sister [European name] who carries the traditional name [says Lushootseed name]. And, we got to fish together. We fished for sockeye. We got to exercise a treaty right.

Sockeye salmon—[Says Southern Lushootseed word twice] is the way you can say that in Lushootseed. You know, it's rare that we get a treaty sockeye fishery.

[Repeats Southern Lushootseed word / sockeye]

And we fished in Lake Union. Lake Union falls within the usual and accustomed area of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. The place that my sister and I fished was very near [Says Southern Lushootseed name twice]. It was just east of [Southern Lushootseed name].

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That was an old fishing site. An old village site. So it was—it meant more to me than just fishing and spending time with my sister and exercising a treaty right. There was a historical value to it, that I was able to repeat something that my ancestors on my father's side did years and years ago.

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