

Our non-human kin

Narrator: The oldest geoduck clam ever confirmed was 168 years old. Washington has only been a state for 133 years.

[sound of underwater microphone entering water]

Owen Oliver (Quinault / Isleta Pueblo): I want to see more protections for our non-human kin...

LaDean Johnson (Skokomish): [Tuwaduq word / fish] Oysters and clams

Randi Purser Smith (Suquamish): And geoduck

Archie Cantrell (Puyallup): [Speaks in Twulshootseed] Geoduck.

Michelle Myles (Tulalip): Crab.

Archie: Crab.

Randi: Horse clams.

Archie: Clams.

Randi: Cucumbers and starfish and spider clams.

Ken Workman (Duwamish): Beaver and elk and deer and seagull and...

Jeanne Hyde (The Whale Museum): Southern Resident killer whales.

Owen: Orcas.

Lydia Sigo (Suquamish): Orca whales.

[sound of orca whales communicating and using clicks]

Jeanne: They are endangered.

[sound of orca whale clicks continues]

[00:00:35] **Owen:** I want to see more protections for our plant and animal relatives. All our nonhuman kin...

Lydia: Salmon.

Randi: Salmon dwindle right before our eyes. And my dad, he liked to talk about a run out of a creek by Marysville that sported 75-pound spring kings.

Warren: The King salmon...

Randi: They don't exist anymore.

Archie: [Speaks in Twulshootseed] Chinook. Coho. Chum. Steelhead.

Warren: Steelhead, [Speaks in Southern Lushootseed] The sockeye salmon, the silver salmon, the humpy, uh, or pink salmon.

Archie: [Speaks in Twulshootseed] And pinks.

LaDean: [Speaks in Tuwaduq] It means fish. Fish, fish, fish.

Michelle: Fish.

Archie: Fish.

Joseph: Fish. They're these singing fish.

Lydia: Fish.

LaDean: Fish in general.

Joe Sisneros (UW): Very common in Seattle. Most people aren't even aware of them. You'd be amazed of all the sounds that are being produced right there, close to shore.

[midshipman sounds hum and growl]

LaDean: My favorite word is [Tuwaduq word / fish]. [Laughs] We, as a people in general, love the fish.

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