

The Lushootseed language comes from the land

Archie Cantrell (Puyallup): [Says Twulshootseed word for river six times]

[Speaks in Twulshootseed] The Lushootseed language comes from the land.

[Twulshootseed Introduction]

The word [Twulshootseed word / river] meaning river, comes from the sound the river actually makes as the water is running over the rocks: [Says Twulshootseed word for river six times]

The word [Twulshootseed word / saltwater], which refers to the saltwater, comes from the sound the water makes as it crashes onto the shore.

[Says Twulshootseed word for saltwater twice]

The Puyallup [Twulshootseed word / river] is one of my favorite places to be. It begins from the glaciers of Təqʷuʔməʔ flowing northwest until reaching Commencement Bay.

[sound of flowing water and birds on the banks of the Puyallup River]

[Speaks in Twulshootseed / The ancestral name for the Puyallup people is [Twulshootseed name]. This literally translates to the People from the Bend at the Bottom of the River]

[Speaks in Twulshootseed / I have the opportunity to net fish on the Puyallup river and dive for geoduck in the Puget sound with my family.]

[Speaks in Twulshootseed] In the Puyallup river, five species of salmon come upriver: [Lists Twulshootseed names for salmon] Chinook, coho, chum, steelhead, and pinks.

[Speaks in Twulshootseed / My father was a fisherman and he shared his love of fishing with me.]

[Speaks in Twulshootseed] We continue to gather fish and travel by water in our traditional waterways.

[sound of Puyallup River fade away]

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