



Salish Sea Speakers Series

**Larry Chexanexwh Kinley &
Ellie Tah Mahs (Solomon) Kinley**



October 3 and October 5, 2017

Northwest Indian College

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Free Lunch Provided)

Log Building, Cultural Learning Center, bldg. 7a

Western Washington University

Thursday, October 5, 2017

4:00 - 4:50 p.m.

Academic Instructional Center West, room AW-204.

Free Parking in Lot 12a

Note: Huxley will host BBQ in communications lawn 4-6

Larry *Chexanexwh* and Ellie (Solomon) *Tah Mahs* Kinley are Lummi Nation tribal members, life-long fishers, and community leaders. Both Larry and Ellie come from a long line of fishers and tribal leaders, and are deeply connected to the waters of the Salish Sea. As fishers, they are dedicated to exercising their sovereign rights and practicing their traditional ways of life. Larry and Ellie, together with their two sons, Kyle and Luke, are the co-owners of the reef-net boat, *Spirit of Sxwo'le* and the purse seiner, *The Salish Sea*.

Larry is the former Chairman of the Lummi Nation, and served on the Lummi Indian Business Council for 18 years. Larry is also the founding member, and current President of the Northwest Indian College Foundation, serving in that role since 1988. In addition, he currently serves on two other boards, the National Center for Indian Enterprise Development, and the Lummi Commercial Company.

Ellie serves as a Fish Commissioner for the Lummi Nation and is heavily involved in Natural Resources protection. Ellie was recently awarded the 2017 Environmental Heroes Award through REsources for Sustainable Communities for her profound and abiding respect for the natural, cultural, and historical importance of the Salish Sea. She received this award specifically for her work in fighting to protect Cherry Point (*Xwe'chi'eXen*); stopping the Coal Train and Fishing Terminal were noted in her award nomination.

Most recently, the Kinley family was instrumental in breaking the news about the Atlantic Salmon spill -- being one of the first fishers to catch the Atlantic Salmon, document their persistence, and voice the issue to the public.

In this talk, the Kinley's will reflect on the many changes of the Salish Sea over time, and the importance of inter-generational transfer of knowledge. In addition, they will discuss their role in revitalizing tribal reef-net fishing and the contemporary issues facing the Lummi Tribal community -- including the most recent Atlantic Salmon spill.

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<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/farmed-and-dangerous-pacific-salmon-confront-rogue-atlantic-cousins/>

<https://nwtreatytribes.org/lummi-nation-holds-onto-tradition-moving-future/>