



Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS – School Program Salmon People: Coast Salish Fishing (Grades 3-5)

Theme: First Nations fishing tools and methods demonstrate the cultural and economic importance of fishing to indigenous people, past and present.

Description: Indigenous people have fished along the banks of the Fraser River since time immemorial. Using object-based inquiry, students investigate replica fishing tools and discuss fishing techniques. This program surveys how First Nations' skills and expertise contributed to the West Coast fishing industry.

Key Messages: Traditional Indigenous fishing technology is complex and effective. Indigenous people's knowledge, skills, and labour contributed greatly to the success of early salmon canneries. Many modern fishing tools and methods have their roots in Indigenous knowledge and fishing practices.

This 90-minute program includes:

- *The Salmon People* film
- A canning line tour
- Artifact investigation with indigenous fishing tool replicas
- Preservation station

Big Idea/BC Curriculum:

Grade 4

- The pursuit of valuable natural resources has played a key role in changing the land, people, and communities of Canada.
- Interactions between First Peoples and Europeans lead to conflict and cooperation, which continues to shape Canada's identity.

Grade 5

- Canada's policies and treatment of minority peoples have negative and positive legacies.
- Natural resources continue to shape the economy and identity of different regions of Canada.
- Immigration and multiculturalism continue to shape Canadian society and identity.

First Peoples Principle of Learning

- Learning recognizes the role of Indigenous knowledge.
- Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situation.

Booking notes:

- Maximum size = up to 3 groups of 20 students at the same time