

Pacific Northwest History and Cultures Why Do the Foods We Eat Matter?



Indians fishing at Celilo Falls, ca. 1900. NMAI P23273

Celilo means "echo of water on rocks" in the Sahaptin language. At the falls, fish were so abundant that people said you could walk across the river on their backs. Many Native Nations, travelling from as far away as the Dakotas, Alaska, and Northern California, gathered at Celilo Falls to trade goods and fish.