

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

"Salmon has always been essential to our life. We all had jobs to do and most of them centered around salmon. . . . [Salmon] provided everything they needed to live. . . . All their religion and food was salmon. It was the basis for everything."

Michael Marchand (Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation), NMAI Interview, July 2016

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