

## Pre-Conference Spirit of the Salmon Immersion

Tuesday, 26 September

**Faith Panel on the Doctrine of Discovery** Moderated by Reverend Paul Belz-Templeman, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Cascades



Reverend Allen Buck, Cherokee. Pastor of the Portland Native American Fellowship



Reverend Katherine Jesch, Unitarian Universalist, Native American Solidarity Group



Reverend David Bell, Minister for Indigenous People's Concerns, Yakama Mission, Disciples of Christ

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#### Faith Panel on the Doctrine of Discovery (continued)



#### Cascade Locks

Fishing platforms and gill nets



Kat Brigham and Ed Edmo talked about the Cascade Locks salmon fishery



Ed Edmo, "His-story"

"We have to learn to listen; listen to the wind, to the animals, to the plants, to the waters"



Chinook Salmon — part of today's harvest

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#### Cascade Locks (continued)

Lunch in the Pavillion at Cascade Locks

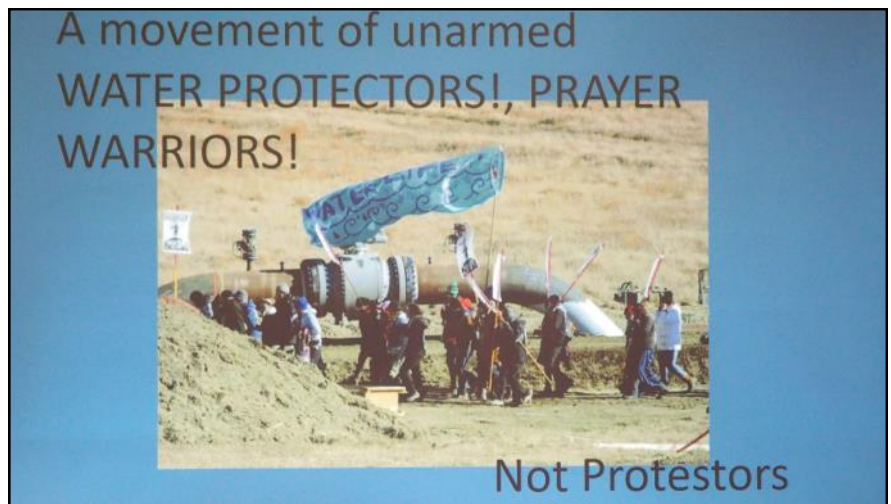
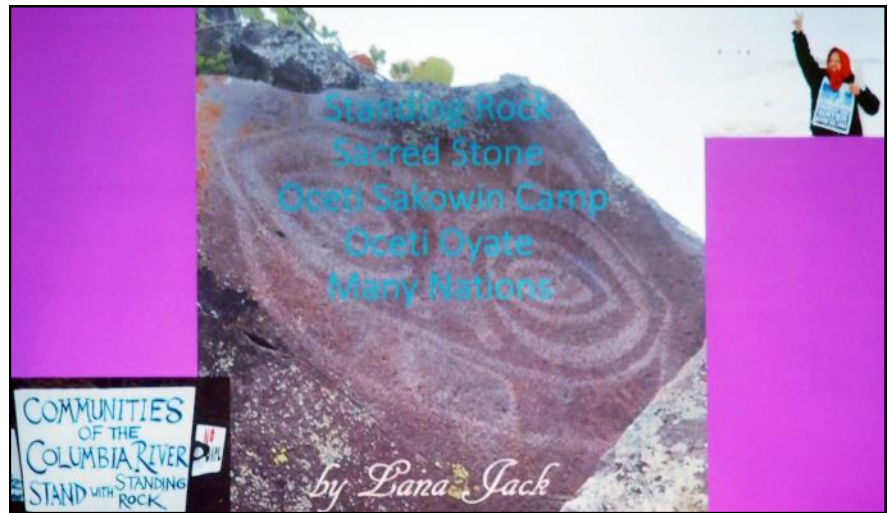


**Testimony — Why we are Water Protectors** Elke and Alysia Littleleaf, members Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs



Lana Jack, Celilo-Wyam

“Standing Rock  
Sacred Stone  
Green Sakowin Camp  
Oceti Oyate  
Many Nations” by Lana Jack



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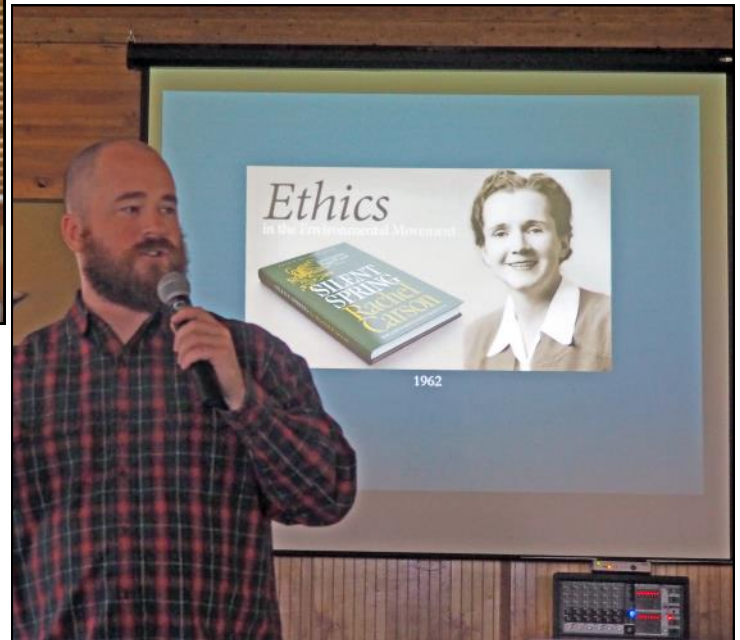
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### Workshops

The Thin Green Line — threats to Climate and Water and the Grassroots Resistance

Ryan Rittenhouse, Conservation Organizer, Friends of the Columbia River Gorge



### Kat Brigham

Member Confederated Tribes of Umatilla

Founding member of the Columbia River Fish Commission

Her two daughters run Brigham Fish Market in Cascade Locks.

"We are co-managers with the states."

"In many ways, we [the tribes] are living off the land."

"Umatilla River had 75 years without salmon. Three-Mile Dam diverted river water for irrigation, reducing stream flow in the lower river and preventing fish movement. We channelized the lower river, resulting in better fish movement. We are doing the same thing in the Walla Walla basin."

"Three types of management: Ceremonial, Substantial, Commercial Immigration. Management plans are developed by state, tribal and federal biologists."

"Seasons we deal with: Winter (steelhead), spring, summer (chinook), fall (chinook)."

"Escapement levels are distributed, e.g., for every 10 fish, 5 go to the tribes and 5 to the state."

Umatilla tribe actions:

Oregon – first state fish consumption rates agreement

Water quality – clean-up for fish

River Vision – tributary rebuilding, e.g., Umatilla headwaters are now clean; Columbia River water needs cleaning

Protecting water and protecting natural resources is very important:

"Good enough to keep good for seven generations"

Hanford contamination of water – pipeline is needed under Columbia River to clean up Hanford

"Why is water important? We developed a list – 56 reasons are listed."

"*Tuish*" – we drink water before and after eating.

"We need to look at what it means to use water — the whole system"

"The circle of life – we are all connected."

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#### Cascade Locks (continued)

#### “Water is Life, The Columbia is Life” Vigil



Ed Edmo, Shoshone-Bannock poet

#### **Celilo Fishermen**

*you made your nets      what was to hold you  
& tested the knots      after the sound of  
seeing that they held.    water falling  
little did you know      over what  
used to be.*



Reverend Aric Clark, writer, speaker and Presbyterian minister who lives in Portland. Co-moderator of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.



Jasmine Zimmer-Stuckey, Columbia Riverkeeper “The Longview, Washington Terminal is where an oil and coal project came to die. This is a first step for Presbyterians.” [who adopted a national overture opposing the project]

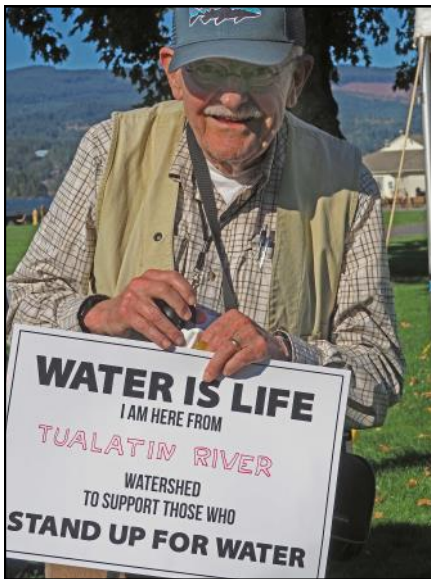


Elke and Alysia Littleleaf, members of Confederated Warm Springs Tribes, owners of Littleleaf Guide Service

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#### Cascade Locks (continued)

#### “Water is Life, Water is Sacred”



Warren Aney from Tualatin River (Oregon)



Nez Perce from Lapwai Creek and Potlatch Creek

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### Cascade Locks (continued)



Getting ready to leave Cascade Locks



Some of us stopped at the Brigham Fish Market and did a little fish-buying.