

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

cluded on the She nah nam or Medicine Ereck in the Territory of Washington this twenty swith day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, by Isaac I. Stevens, Gov orner and Superintendent of Indian Officers of the Suite Peritory on the part of the United States, and the unawigned Chiefs, headmen and deligates of the Nisqually, Prizateup, Italiacom, Squawk Sin, S. Hornamish, Stehn chass, Touch sin, Squi ail and Sa her - warnish tribes and bands of Indians, occupying the lands lying route the treat of Puget's Sound and the adjacent inlets, who for the pur pose of this treaty are to be exacted as one nation, on behalf of said tites and bands, and duly authorized by them. art. I The said triber and bands of Indians hereby cede , reinquish and cenory to the United States all their right, title and instruct in and to the lands and country compile by them; berinded and certainted as follows , to wit : Community at the point on the caston side of armically Sorter, homen as Point Pully, about microay between bommonce ment and Elwott Bays; thence running in a South castely 30 rection, following the divide between the waters of the Ougallup Dwamish or White rivers to the summit of the Cascade Moun tains, thence Southerly along the summit of said range to a point opposite the main source of the Skookum Chuck breck, thence to and down said breek to the coal mine, thence Northwesterry to the summit of the Black Stills, thence northerly to the upper forks of the Sat sop river , thence hortweasterly through the partage known as Wither portage to Point Southwrith on the western side of admirally Inlet, thence around the foot of Vashon's Island easterly and south easterly to the place of beginning. Art. II There is however reserved for the pariet use and occupation of the said tribes and bands, the following tracts of land, viz: The small island called Wan the min , situated opposite the mouths of Hammus (inj) and Tottais intets, and separated from Hantstine island by Peales passage, containing about two section of land by estimation; a square hast containing two sections or twelve hundred and eighty acres in buyet' Sound was the mouth of the Shenah-name creek, one will west of the naridian of the United States land Survey, and a synan teret contains ing two crotims or twelve hundred and eightly ares lying in the south side of Commencement Bay; all which had shall be let apart, and so far as much any surveyed and marke out for their exclusive use, hor shall any white man be permis ted to reside upon the same without permission of the title and

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The Treaty of Medicine Creek, like others negotiated in the Pacific Northwest in the mid-1850s, guarantees the right to harvest fish, game, and other foods in "usual and accustomed" grounds located outside reservation boundaries.