



TLAGUT

Tla'amin Nation



Herring & Sliammon Life



Digester/Powell River Museum ND000241 1938

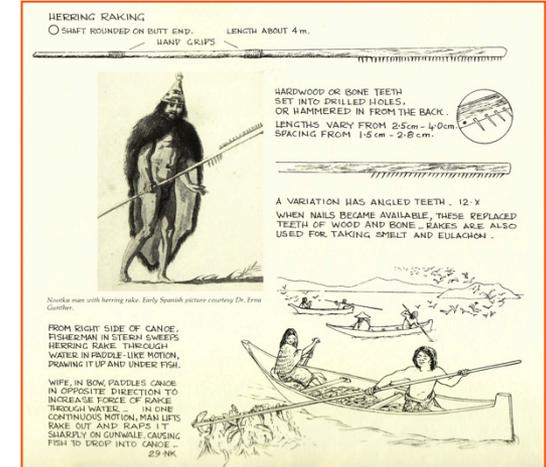
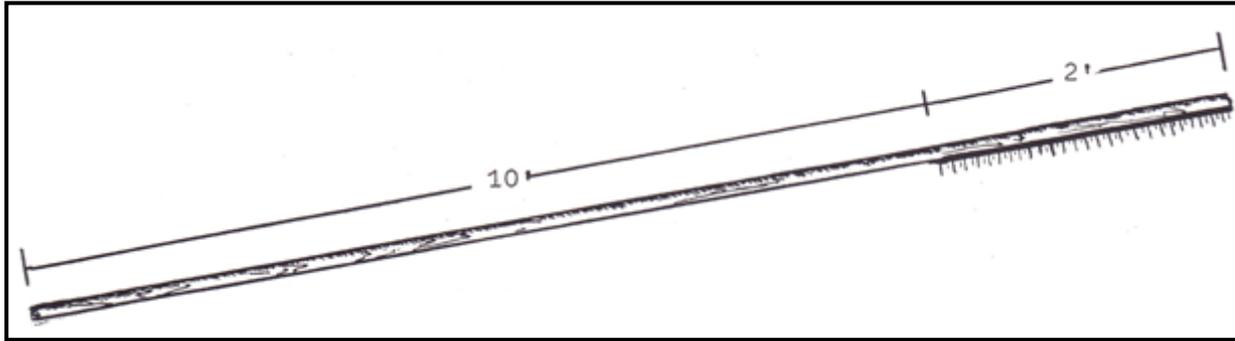
“Herring was once a plentiful food that our ancestors and elders used a lot of. It was dried or smoked and the roe is still considered a delicacy. This was one of our elders Louie Tom in front of drying racks at kleh kwahn um .

Kleh Kwa Num (AKA Scuttle Bay)

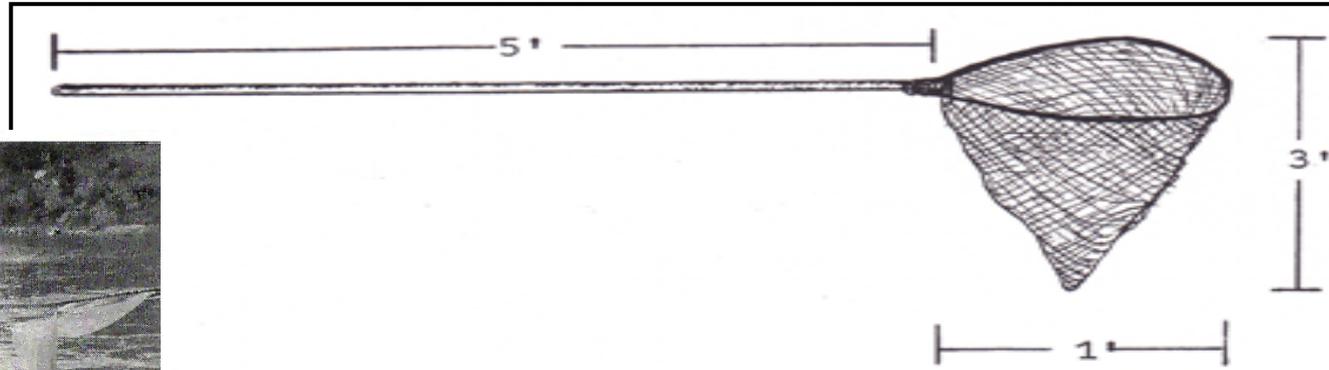


Mumyum (Harvesting time)

Harvesting with a laht'emin (herring rake)

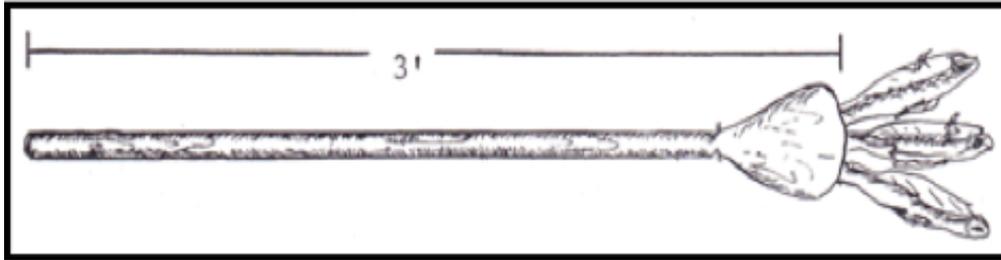


Harvesting with a wukw'_(scoop net)



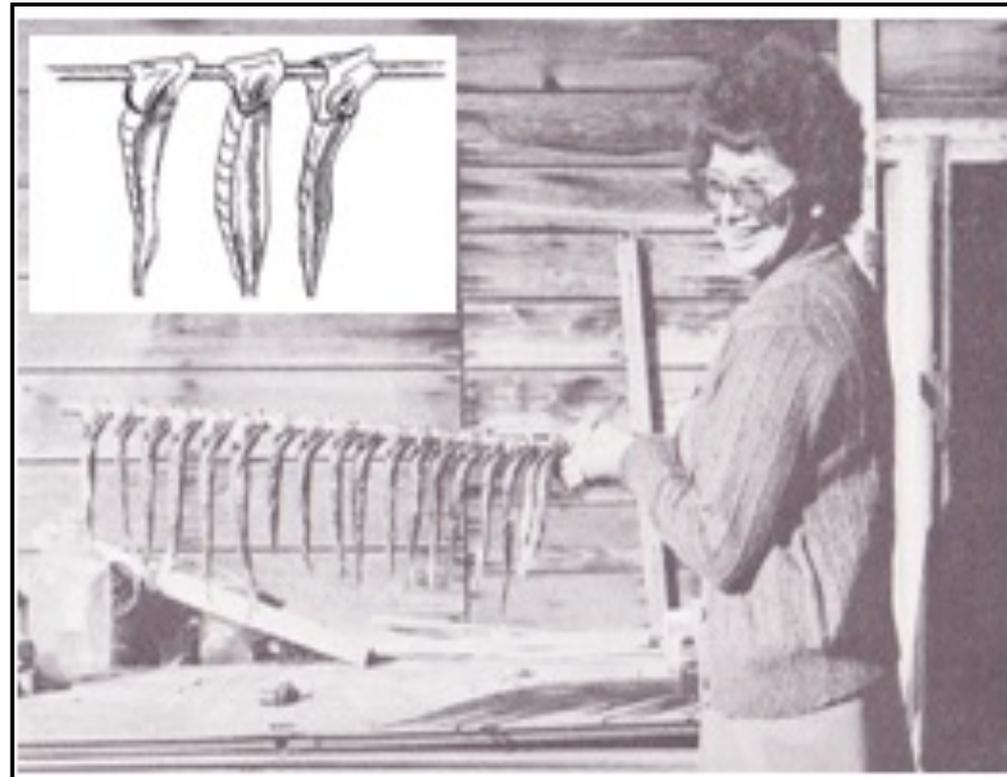
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kw'akw'sanumin
(paddle shaped toasting
stick)



**Shiw threading herring
onto a hardwood stick.
The stick was hung
between two poles on a
smoking rack.**

**Photo: Susan Pielle with
a stick of smoke dried
herring taken from a
smoke house**



It was a time to share Ta'ow

When you lose a gathering site or a species, you lose all the practices, the songs, and the language that goes along with that cultural activity

Processing Xow'xaqwum

**Mary George's
drying shed at
Kleh Kwahn nohm**



Processing



**Mary George in 1981
picking the herring eggs
from the hemlock that
had been soaking in a tub
of fresh water.**

**(photo: D. Kennedy, BCILP
Collection)**

Powell River, March 5, 1983



"... I counted around 80 boats between Harwood and the mill. That was the last year we had herring in this area." (Rod Inness, 2011)



I remember at one time from Gibson's Beach, the water was just white, all the way to Scuttle Bay, spawning. Now you can't even see it."

Dave Dominick, November 30, 1998

Not Just Ancient History

Our well being depended on a seasonal round: Animals and people depended on each other. This cycle that is being destroyed one species at a time.

Devastation of denial

It was no coincidence that the year "the city of lights" was allowed to fish out the area was the last year we had the privilege to see the water teeming with our beloved spawners.

The entire herring run at Tla'amin was decimated in couple of days.

What it means to us: This loss is a crisis to every part of our well being

