
Food Sovereignty Fair

The Food Sovereignty Fair is seeking research and evidence-based conservation efforts presented as infographics. The goal is to push decisionmakers to join Tribal efforts to protect food sovereignty and set up structures to work effectively with Tribal peoples. Your infographic will use a mixture of visuals and text to convey a definition of food sovereignty and include information about Tribal community concerns, impacts on the Tribal community, key findings from previous studies, and research with accurate citations. Before you begin, check out this example of an effective infographic: <https://www.fnesc.bc.ca/downloads/shackan-infographic.pdf>

Your group will choose an independent research topic related to food sovereignty—either specific to Siletz, Native Americans from the Pacific Northwest, or Indigenous people from across the globe. Depending on your topic, your infographic may focus on an existing restoration effort that seems highly effective but that requires more resource allocation. Alternatively, you may identify a restoration effort that needs more development and promotion or faces resistance from non-Indigenous policymakers. Be sure to consider both the importance of a particular food as a cultural resource to an Indigenous community as well as how food sovereignty contributes to maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

Below are some possible topics. Your group should also feel free to develop your own topic.

- Camas Prairie Restoration: https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/Rare_Plants/conservation/success/camas_prairie_restoration.shtml
- Jamestown S'klallam in Washington, farming steelhead to protect their food supply: seattletimes.com/opinion/modern-aquaculture-sustains-treaty-rights-and-tribal-food-security/
- Sea gardens across the Pacific: wsg.washington.edu/new-story-map-unites-sea-gardens-around-the-pacific-and-shows-the-importance-of-revitalizing-indigenous-mariculture-practices-for-food-sovereignty-and-resilience/
- Dr. Elizabeth Hoover on seed rematriation: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qz6JjVylMIs
- Work to protect wild rice habitat around the Great Lakes: <https://theways.org/story/manoomin>
- Work to revitalize Hopi dryland farming in Arizona: www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KbF5IR0ViY
- Efforts to revitalize Native Hawaiian forms of agriculture: <https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2017-2-march-april/feature/poi-power-hawaiian-food-sovereignty>
- Sena Alouka on promoting agroecology in Africa: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cNu0WfxuG8

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You may also focus your project on lamprey eel conservation efforts by other Tribes:

- Northwest Power and Conservation Council: “Rescuing ‘Brother Eel’: Unraveling the mysteries of Pacific Lamprey to rebuild depleted runs in the Columbia River” <https://nwcouncil.org/fish-and-wildlife/topics/rescuing-brother-eel>
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission: Pacific Lamprey restoration efforts: <https://critfc.org/fish-and-watersheds/columbia-river-fish-species/lamprey/pacific-lamprey-restoration>
- “Return of the eels: Nez Perce Tribe release Pacific Lamprey into Snake River.” <https://www.registerguard.com/story/news/2022/04/25/nez-perce-tribe-releases-pacific-lamprey-boost-snake-river-number/65351526007>