From the roots of our past, Grow the promises of tomorrow.

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For many tribes in the American Northwest, salmon are a fundamental part of religion, culture and sustenance. Cultural and religious ceremonies are often connected to salmon and their annual return to spawn in tribal waters - providing the transfer of traditional values between past, present and future generations. Salmon and the rivers they live in provide a sense of place and pride for the people of these tribes. Consequently, protecting the resources which allow the salmon to survive and flourish is a critical conservation and cultural endeavor.

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