

# NEWS BREAK

**Sunday's News Break** selects an article from **Sunday, November 8, 2015** of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected story and answer the attached study questions.

**Since Time Immemorial: Tribal Sovereignty In Washington State** (NIE Special Section, The Right to Fish in Washington **pages J4 and J5**)

## Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. What does it mean to be a sovereign nation? Why do you think some Indian tribes are considered sovereign nations by the United States?

2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. ban
- B. barrier
- C. barring
- D. canneries (cannery)
- E. ceded
- F. conservation
- G. dwindling
- H. entitling
- I. forum
- J. habitat
- K. integral
- L. prohibited
- M. restoration
- N. treaties
- O. quota

- 1. to gradually become smaller
- 2. to prevent or forbid (someone) from doing something
- 3. an official agreement that is made between two or more countries or groups
- 4. to give control of (something) to another person, group, government, etc.
- 5. the act or process of returning something to its original condition by repairing it, cleaning it, etc.
- 6. the place or type of place where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives or grows
- 7. something that makes it difficult for people to understand each other
- 8. the protection of animals, plants, and natural resources
- 9. very important and necessary
- 10. to forbid people from using (something) : to say that something cannot be used or done
- 11. an official limit on the number or amount of people or things that are allowed
- 12. to give a right to (someone)
- 13. a factory where food is put into cans
- 14. to say that (something) is not allowed
- 15. a place or opportunity for discussing a subject

## Comprehension

1. The U.S. Government made treaties with tribes of the Pacific Northwest. What did the tribes grant the U.S. government, while retaining certain rights like hunting and fishing?
2. What ended up being a barrier between the tribes and non-natives that the tribes were put at a disadvantage when treaties were made – like The Treaty of Medicine Creek in 1854?
3. The Treaty of Medicine Creek was deemed so unfair to tribes that President Franklin Pierce later granted the tribes what?
4. Over time, the tribes' rights were challenged by the arrival of: **(Multiple Choice)**
  - a) Large fishing boats
  - b) Salmon canneries
  - c) Sea Lions
  - d) None of the above
  - e) Both a) and b)
5. In 1905, what did settlers Lineas and Audobon Winans, who owned property on both sides of the Columbia River, acquire licenses to operate that would prevent salmon from passing through them, making the fish inaccessible to the tribes?
6. What did the Winans also prohibit anyone from doing, which also barred fishing access to the tribes?
7. In the 1960's, as arguments over fishing rights continued, non-native people were often blamed for dwindling fish populations– **true or false?**
8. In 1968, what act did President Lyndon Baines Johnson pass, that was similar to the Bill of Rights in the United States Constitution?
9. Federal Judge George Boldt issued a ruling on February 12, 1974, entitling tribes in Western Washington to what percentage of the salmon catch?
10. What did this decision, known as the Boldt Decision, force the state of Washington to limit?
11. In 1979, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boldt Decision ensuring that Native Americans, with the exception of severe \_\_\_\_\_ issues, could not be limited by the state as to where they could fish. **(Fill in the blank)**

## Additional Activities

1. Have students do further research regarding the gray whale being removed from the endangered species list and the Makah tribe resuming whaling using the [seattletimes.com](http://seattletimes.com) archives, internet or library. What controversy surrounded the decision? How did this decision benefit the Makah tribe? Do you feel this decision was the right one – why or why not?
2. Have students read about the Makah whaling tradition at:  
<http://makah.com/makah-tribal-info/whaling/>

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### **Answer Key to Vocabulary**

- A. 10
- B. 7
- C. 2
- D. 13
- E. 4
- F. 8
- G. 1
- H. 12
- I. 15
- J. 6
- K. 9
- L. 14
- M. 5
- N. 3
- O. 11

### **Answer Key to Comprehension Questions**

- 1. The tribes granted the U.S. government land.
- 2. Language ended up being a barrier.
- 3. He granted the tribes additional land (4,700 acres).
- 4. e) Both a) and b)
- 5. They acquired (four) large fish wheels.
- 6. They prohibited anyone from crossing their land.
- 7. False – tribal people were often blamed.
- 8. He passed the Indian Civil Rights Act.
- 9. Entitling the tribes to 50 percent.
- 10. It forced the state of Washington to limit fishing by non-natives.
- 11. conservation