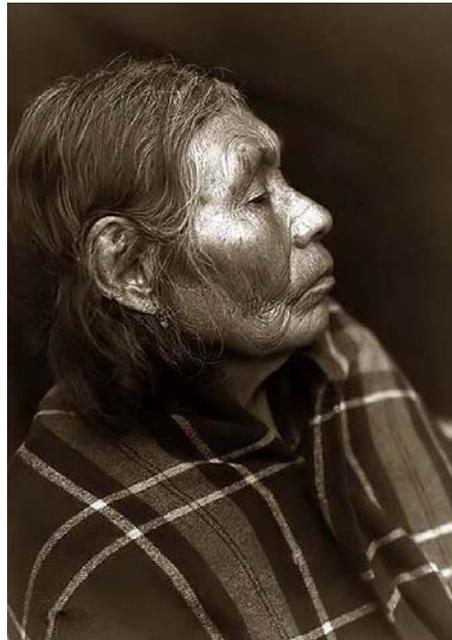
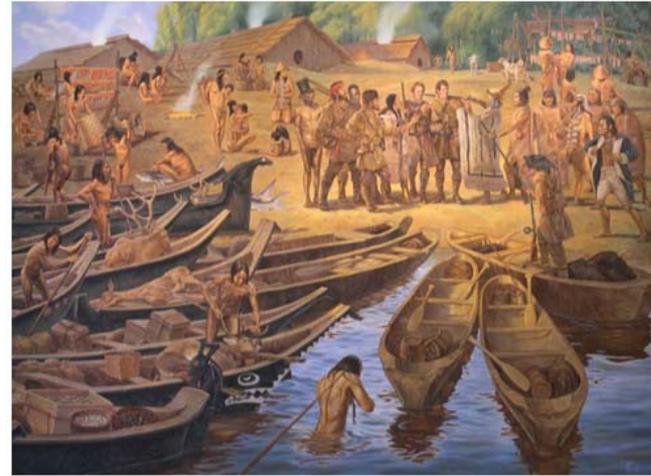




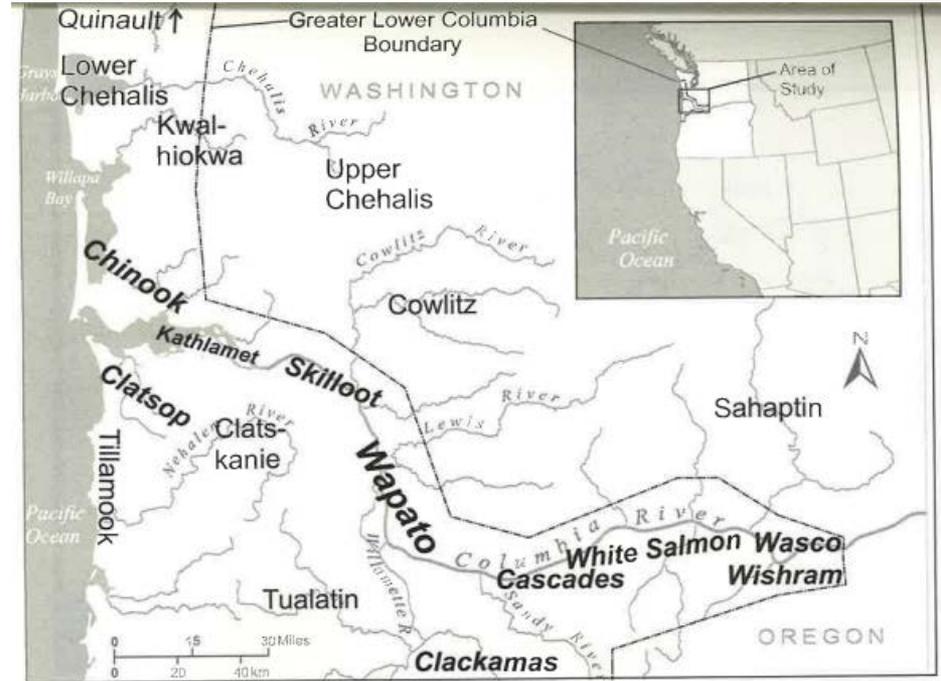
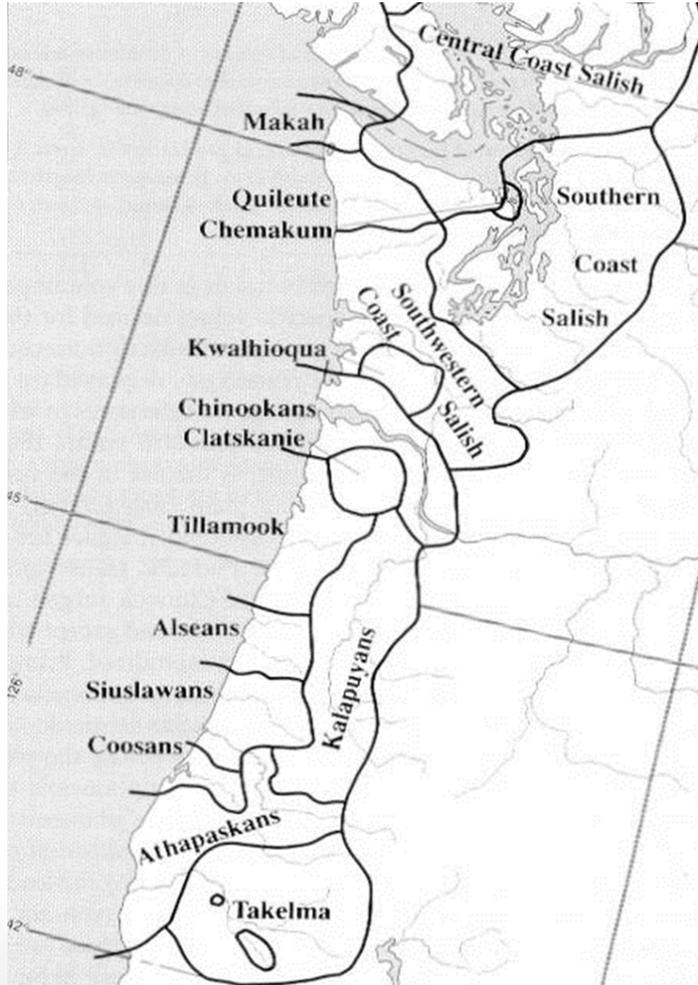
# **Intro to Indigenous Cultures of the Lower Columbia River**

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# Since Time Immemorial



# Chinook, Chinookan, and the misnomer of “tribes”

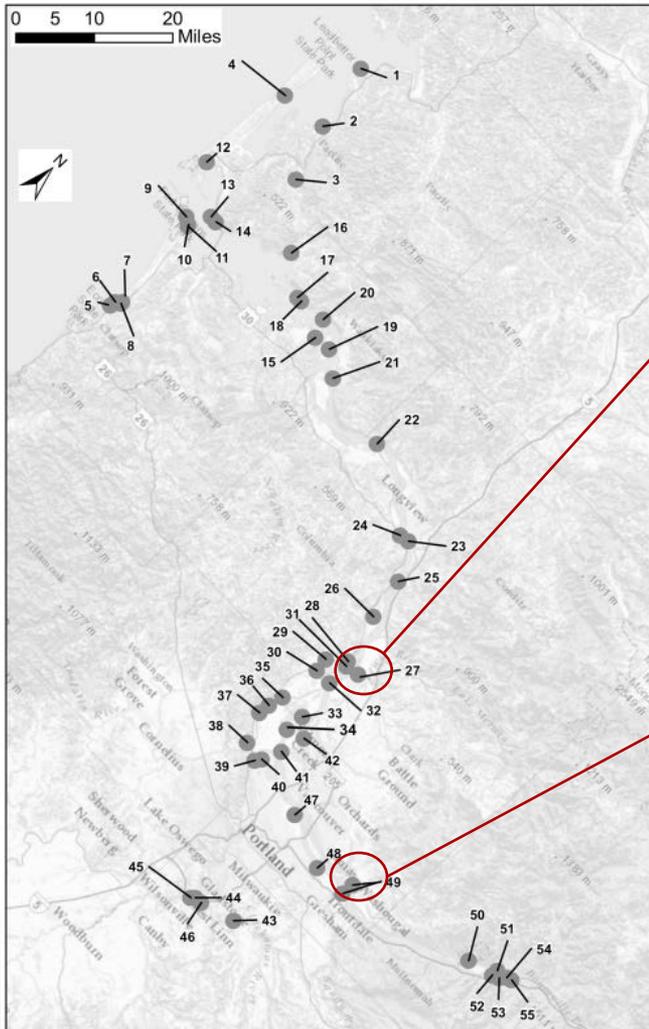


MAP 2. Tribal distribution on the Lower Columbia River

# Villages Along the River

- How do these communities Identify themselves?

- By village name/band name
- Hyper localized government



## *gałap'ułx* 'those of Lewis River (*nap'ułx*)'

Quath-lah-poh-tle	"above the Entrance of Cahwahnahiooks [Lewis] river" <sup>22</sup>	Lewis & Clark 11/05/1805
	14 connected houses extending ¼ mile a "Nation"; 14 houses, pop. 300/900	Lewis & Clark Estimate
Cathlapoutle	"large village" at entrance to Cowitk [not Cowlitz] river	Franchere 1811 (1969:81)
Cathlapootle Nation	180 men	Stuart 1812 (1935:31-32)
Catleapootle	"tribe" on small r., n. side Columbia R.	Kennedy 1824-25

## *gaławašúx<sup>wal</sup>* 'those of *wašúx<sup>wal</sup>*' (Curtis) *wašúx<sup>wal</sup>*, *wašúxal* (French and French)<sup>39</sup>

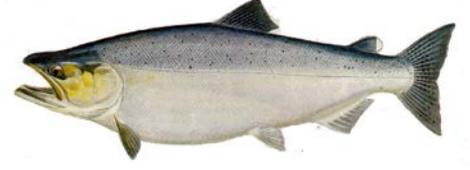
*gałatála* 'those of *wałála*': see no. 54

Wasoughalles	"tribe," n. side Columbia R.; pop. 100	Kennedy 1824-25
Wa-sucally tribe	s. side Columbia R., at Sandy R.	Ross 1821 (1974)
Wasough-ally	(alternate form)	Ross 1849:106
Gaňlawashúhwal	"tribe" at <i>Wašhúhwal</i>	Curtis 1911 (Martineau)
Wašhúhwal	village near Washougal, Washington	Curtis 1911 (Martineau)

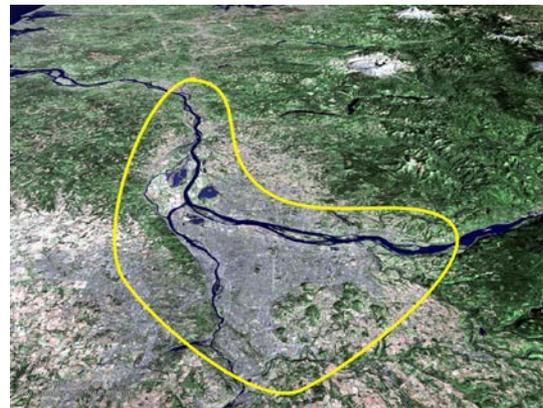
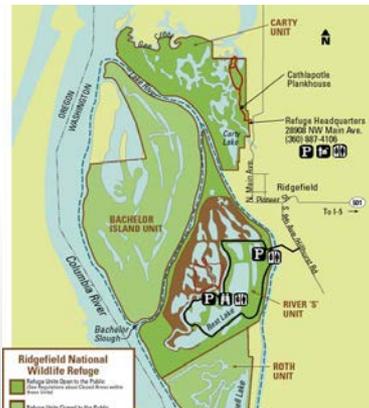
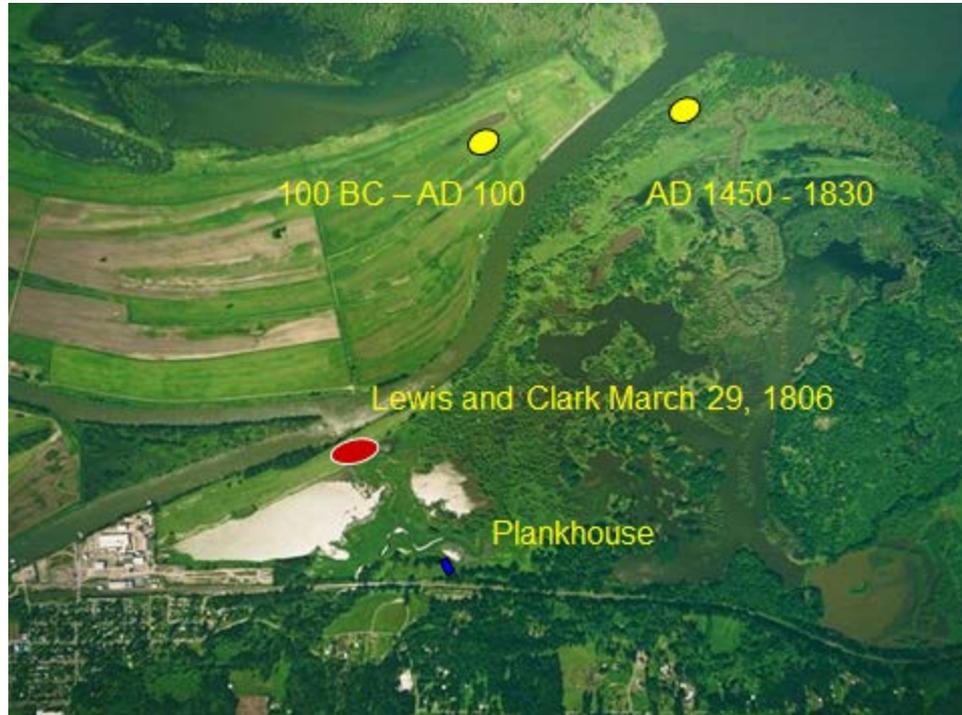
# A Gradient of Culture



- What ties these communities together & What made them different?
  - Resources (trade)
  - Seasonality
  - Kinship
  - Language
  - Art
  - Cultural Practices (traditions, customs, stories)
  - Dwellings



# Cathlapotle, A Timeline



- Town established c. AD 1450 - Six Houses
- Probably last of series of towns in the area over last 2000 years or more
- Lewis and Clark: one of 19 towns in area of Wapato Valley, 1805 and 1806
- Abandoned ca. 1833 (malaria epidemic)
- Known about but not located until the mid 1990's – resulting in Archaeological Excavation
- Cathlapotle Plankhouse opens in 2005

# Cathlapotle Plankhouse



- Built in partnership with Chinook Indian Nation & financial support from many, many individuals and organizations
- Hundreds of hours of volunteer work
- Opened in 2005 in conjunction with the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial
- Celebrated 10 years last March

# What Happens Here?



- Tribal Gatherings
  - Chinook Nation Winter Gathering
  - Canoe Family activities
- Public Programs
  - Open on weekends, 12-4
  - Second Sunday Series
  - Educational Programs
  - Volunteer opportunities as Docents and Educators





# Resources

- Plankhouse page on Friends website
  - [ridgefieldfriends.org](http://ridgefieldfriends.org)
- Chinookan Peoples of the Lower Columbia – UW Press
- Cathlapotle Catching Times Secrets (USFWS publication)
- Cathlapotle and its inhabitants, 1792-1840 (USFWS publication)
- Online Journals of Lewis and Clark
  - [lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu](http://lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu)
  - Search “Cathlapotle”
- Portland Art Museum – Great online resources on Chinookan traditional & Contemporary Art
- Chinook Nation Website:  
<http://www.chinooknation.org/index.html>

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## Questions?



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