

# Klamath Food Security Updates

## November 2017

***Watch new videos from the Karuk Tribe:***

**Food Security in the Klamath Basin: 2012-2017**



**Pamu'araaras Nupikyav -  
Making It Better For Our People**

to all the interviewees  
and their families



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### ***Join us for a talk:***

Píkyav Lecture Series continues! Jennifer Sowerwine and Megan Mucioki will report on the results of the household surveys, focus groups, and interviews many of you participated in.

**Where: Karuk Panamnik Center, Orleans, CA**

**When: Weds. November 15, 4-5:30 p.m.**

**Plan to stay for dinner! RSVP to [btalley@karuk.us](mailto:btalley@karuk.us)**

## Klamath River Basin Food Assessment: a Tribally focused food systems study



Dr. Jennifer Sowerwine is a cooperative extension specialist in the Dept of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at UC Berkeley. She is a founding member of the Karuk-UCB Collaborative and Principal Investigator on the 5-year USDA-NIFA-AFRI grant titled, *"Enhancing Tribal Health and Food Security in the Klamath Basin of Oregon and California by Building a Sustainable Regional Food System"* (2012-2017). Her research examines the cultural politics of resource access and the relationship between bio-cultural diversity, food security, food sovereignty and human health. She has extensive experience in collaborative design, implementation and management of multi-disciplinary projects with diverse stakeholders in cross-cultural settings.



Dr. Megan Mucioki is a Postdoctoral Researcher on the USDA Klamath Basin Food Security Grant at UC Berkeley in the University and Jepson Herbaria. Megan holds a PhD in Plant Science from McGill University where she studied informal seed systems and seed security in rural Kenya. She lives in Orleans, CA where she conducts research as part of the tribal food sovereignty assessment and supports tribal herbaria creation.



Please join us  
for an overview  
of the assessment  
created by the  
5-year Food  
Security Project.



We hope to see you there! Please RSVP  
to Bari Talley, [btalley@karuk.us](mailto:btalley@karuk.us), so we  
can plan for dinner



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### Research Continues:

#### Huckleberries - Púrith - Cheeegery

Over the next year, **Colleen Rossier** (PhD candidate at UC Davis, huckleberry lover of Irish-Scottish descent, black CRV/white Jetta driver you may have seen around town or up in the woods) will be analyzing and writing up research on evergreen huckleberries (púrith, cheeegery) that she's been doing with the Karuk and Yurok people and Tribes.

If she already interviewed you, she will be

returning the transcripts of your interviews for your review in the next couple months. If she didn't interview you, but you'd like to be interviewed - or if you'd like to reach out for any other reason - please contact her at: [cerossier@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cerossier@ucdavis.edu). She would love to talk with you!



Huckleberries! Photo by Colleen Rossier.

## What else is going on?

The **Karuk Tribe's Píkyav (Fix It) Field Institute** and Humboldt State University were recently awarded an education grant to integrate TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge) into classes at Happy Camp High School and HSU.

**Píkyav Program Manager Lisa Hillman** coordinates workforce development, cultural and environmental education, Sípnuuk Digital Library, Archives and Museum, and Native foods workshops, camps and programs. For more info, contact [Lisa at lisahillman@karuk.us](mailto:lisa.hillman@karuk.us) or 530-627-3446.

The **Klamath Tribes'** four community greenhouses and gardens are open to all in Chiloquin and Klamath Falls, OR. Read the [recent article featuring a tour](#) of the new Hilyard Tribal Elder Housing greenhouse and garden. Contact **Food Security Coordinator Perri McDaniel** to find out about upcoming events at [perrimcdaniel@klm.portland.ihs.gov](mailto:perrimcdaniel@klm.portland.ihs.gov) or 541-882-1487 x 235.

Contact the **Yurok Tribe's Food Distribution Manager Chris Peters** to borrow the apple press or help out in the Klamath Community Garden: [c.peters@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:c.peters@yuroktribe.nsn.us) or 707-464-1852.

**Mid Klamath Watershed Council** is adding new guides to the vegetable, soil, fruit and nut information on its [Foodshed web pages](#). Visit the Mid Klamath Foodshed [Facebook page](#) for ongoing updates. **Carol Earnest** coordinates MKWC's Farm to School work in collaboration with the Karuk Tribe. You can reach her at [carol@mkw.org](mailto:carol@mkw.org) or 530-627-3202.



Stormy Staats, Klamath Salmon Media Collaborative photo.

## In the News

See stories about the **Klamath Basin Tribal Food Security Project** from around the web [on our website](#).

## FOOD SECURITY RESOURCES

### **MKWC FOODSHEDS WEBSITE**

Wondering what, where and when to plant? Visit the Mid Klamath Watershed Council [Foodsheds](#)

[pages](#) for excellent free online info on the vegetables and fruits that grow best here, along with planting calendars, soil, and disease prevention advice.

### **MID KLAMATH FOODSHED FACEBOOK PAGE**

Keep in touch with us! Find upcoming events, see photos, ask questions, let your neighbors know what's going on in the foodshed! All that and more on the [Foodshed Facebook page](#).

### **NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES**

Missed an issue? See what your Food Security team has been doing [here](#).



Eels in smoker. Chris Peters photo.

### **SÍPNUUK DIGITAL LIBRARY**

The Karuk Tribe's [Sípnuuk Digital Library, Archives and Museum](#) supports food security and sovereignty with information on our regional food security issues, solutions and knowledge of traditional and contemporary foods and materials. Easy to use and open to all - sign up now!



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**The goal of the collaborative Klamath River Basin Food Security Project is to rebuild a sustainable food system that supports healthy communities, ecosystems and economies among the Karuk, Klamath and Yurok Tribes.**

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