

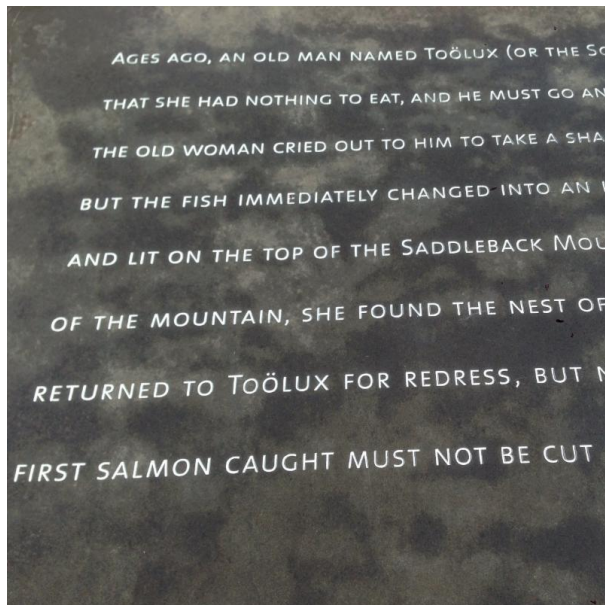
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Cape D Fish Cleaning Table Like New



Confluence Fish Cleaning Table at Cape Disappointment after major refurbish this summer. Photo: Staff

When you say something is "written in stone," it sounds pretty permanent. Not on the Northwest coast! The Confluence Fish Cleaning Table at Cape Disappointment near the mouth of the Columbia River is a solid piece of basalt, etched with the Chinook creation story, connecting the day's catch to the people who lived and fished there thousands of years before Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific Ocean at that place. But the salty air, rain and, yes, seagulls take their toll. So much so that the words were hard to read.

Now, after a major refurbish, the Fish Clean Table looks as powerful as it did when it was first dedicated in 2006. Check out [this great story](#) about master stone mason Pete Andrusko's work .

Thanks to the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Foundation for making the refurbishing possible!

Students Connect To River Through Confluence in the Classroom

This summer, Confluence in the Classroom worked with students at Pendleton's [Nixyaawii Community School](#) (say nick-YAH-way) on a traditional drumming workshop to make their own drum and helped create one large drum for the center. The students also worked with master printers from [Crow Shadow Institute](#). The program culminated in the Day of the Drum celebration (right). Confluence in the Classroom creates meaningful memories for students, connecting them to the Columbia River system through art and education. Thanks to tradition keeper Lloyd Commander and to the Wildhorse Foundation for making this program possible !



Nixyaawii students celebrate Day of the Drum. Photo: Dallas Dick Confederated Umatilla Journal

Confluence Workshop for Life Long



Bonneville Dam. Photo: USACE Archives

Confluence Workshop for Life Long Learners

Confluence is working with PSU professor David Osborn, the Wapato Valley School and [many other organizations](#) to launch a project that aims to transform identities and relationships through place-based, experiential education.

Transformations on the Columbia: Contact, Colonization and Decolonization

August 30th from 10:00 am 6:00 pm

The Dalles Dam and Celilo Park

Cost: \$ 40 to 120/person [Sign up here](#) !

In case you missed it:

[Seattle's KUOW interviews Maya Lin about Confluence](#)

[Daily Astorian editorializes](#) about the critical need to fund long-term preservation of public art and what Arlene Schnitzer, Jordan Schnitzer and Thomas Lauderdale did about it. [Find out how you can help.](#)

Please join us for these upcoming events:

September 20: Sandy River Delta Restoration Celebration from 9 am to noon, includes coffee, bluegrass music by Mountain Honey, poetry and interpretive hikes.

September 25-26: Heritage Days in Pasco, Washington at [Sacajawea State Park](#). All day.

October 3: [Old Apple Tree Festival](#) from 11 am to 3 pm in Vancouver, Washington at Old Apple Tree Park.

Don't forget: [Send us your Confluence site visit pictures](#)! At the end of the year, we'll pick the best shots to create the first Confluence calendar.

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