

30TH ANNIVERSARY
INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

AJUMAWI TERRITORY, FALLS RIVER MILLS, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
July 8 – 11, 2004

CONFERENCE AGENDA

July 6 – 7: Workshop on the UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Pit River Nation office, Burney

Wednesday, July 7 - CONFERENCE ARRIVALS, setting up camps

Conference registration all day, will continue throughout the conference for ongoing arrivals

2 – 5 PM: Youth organizing session: Coordinators: Sherri Norris, Sebastian Zavala, Jonathon Freeman, Arlena Laso

5:30 - 7 PM Dinner

7:15 – 9 PM: Introduction and training: the United Nations, International Human Rights and defending community struggles in the International Arena; workshop for youth and community members; presenters: Andrea Carmen, Jimbo Simmons, Mark LeBeau, Faith Gemmill, others tba

Daily Meals Schedule 7/8 – 7/11:

- **7:30 TO 8:30AM BREAKFAST**
- **12:00 TO 1:30PM LUNCH**
- **5:30 TO 7:00 PM: DINNER**

THURSDAY, July 8th

5:30 AM: Sunrise Ceremony to Open Conference, Pit River Nation

Breakfast and continued registration

9:00 AM Welcome to the Conference: Floyd Buckskin, Pit River Nation Chairperson
Jessica Jim, IITC Board member Mickey Gemmill, IITC Board President Francisco Cali, and
Andrea Carmen, IITC Executive Director (Program Overview)

10 AM – 12 NOON: California Indian Nations: History and Current Issues

Moderator: Radley Davis, Pit River
Linda Navarro, Torres Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians
Amos Tripp, Karuk
Mickey Gemmill, Pit River

Lunch

1:45 – 3:30 PM - PANEL: Protection of Sacred Sites and Traditional Cultures

Chris Peters, Yurok-Karuk, Moderator/presenter
Floyd Buckskin, Pit River
Hinewirangi Kohu, Maori
Rochanne Downs, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone

Comments, questions and input invited from other participants after each panel

3:45 - 5:30 PM - PANEL: Treaties and Lands Rights

Denise Winn, Pit River, Moderator
Caleen Sisk Franco, Wintu, California
Saul Vicente, Zapoteca, Oaxaca Mexico
Charmaine White Face, Oglala Lakota, South Dakota

Dinner

7:30 PM - EVENING PROGRAM: Traditional Cultural Presentations, California

Pit River Traditionalists and Elders

FRIDAY, July 9th

Breakfast

9:00 am – 11 AM - PANEL: Right to Food, Food Sovereignty, Subsistence and Health; Restoring and protecting traditional food systems and practices

Moderator/Presenter: Rolland Pangowish, Anishnabe, Ontario Canada
Faith Gemmill, Gwich'in, Alaska/Pit River, California
Paul Smith, Oneida, Wisconsin, (Heifer International Indian Nations Program)
Francisco Cali, Mayan Kachiquel, Guatemala, IITC Board President

11 AM – 12:30 - PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: Mercury Contamination as a Toxic Legacy of the Gold Rush and threat to food security, health and

children's development; Developing a plan for next steps with Northern California tribal communities

Moderator: Mark LeBeau, Pit River, California Rural Indian Health Board
Lakota Harden, IITC Mercury and Community Health Project Coordinator
Jim Brown, Elem Pomo, California
Robert Shimek, Anishnabe, Indigenous Environmental Network

Brief explanation of the objectives of the commissions or small working groups: Andrea Carmen.

Lunch

1:30 PM – 4:00 - COMMISSIONS (with co-moderators listed)

1. Rights to Land & Territories; Treaties, Agreements and Recognition of Indigenous lands: Charmaine White Face, Cati Carmen and Caleen Sisk Franco
2. Protection of sacred sites, cultural and spiritual rights: Mark LeBeau and Felipe Gomez
3. Protection of the environment, biodiversity and traditional knowledge: Faith Gemmill and Estebancio Castro
4. Sovereignty & Traditional Self-government: Bumpy Kanahele and tba
5. Rights of Women and Children: Hinewirangi Kohu and Shelly Vendiola
6. International standards for defending Indigenous Peoples' Rights: Andrea Carmen, Ron Lameman, Marcial Arias and Francisco Cali
7. Political prisoners and Prisoners' Rights: Lenny Foster, Fred Short and Raquel Robles
8. "Free Trade", Fair Trade and Economic Self-Determination for Indigenous Peoples: Bill Means and tba
9. Right to Food, subsistence and health (including mercury contamination and pesticides): Rolland Pangowish and Lakota Harden
10. Youth issues and organizing: Sherri Norris and Sebastian Zevala

4:00 – 5:30 - Training/Organizing Workshops

- 1) **Using the United Nations to defend Indigenous Peoples' Human Rights:** Alberto Saldamando, IITC General Counsel
- 2) **Community Food Sovereignty Projects planning with Heifer International Indian Nations program:** Paul Smith

- 3) **Socially Responsible Investing for Protection of Indigenous Peoples' Rights:** Lilly Donge, Calvert Group
- 4) **Mercury Contamination in Northern CA organizing; local/national/international challenges:** Lakota Harden and Tony Gonzales

Other Breakout sessions tba:

Dinner

7:30 Evening Program: Youth presentations

Sherrri Norris, moderator/presenter, IITC Youth Program/Gold, Greed and Genocide Project
Jonathon Freeman, Choctaw/Mexica, Pit River Native Youth Cultural Exchange
Northern California Indian Youth Presenter, tba
Raquel Robles, Aztec, Youth Empowered for Leonard Peltier
Representative, Kuna Youth Movement, Panama

“Gold, Greed and Genocide” video

SATURDAY, July 10

Breakfast

9:00 – 12:00 - PANEL: Key International Developments and Strategies for Defending Indigenous Peoples' Rights

Andrea Carmen, Moderator/Presenter, Yaqui, IITC Executive Director
Marcial Arias, Kuna, Panama
Willie Littlechild, Hobbema Cree, member, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Juan Leon, Mayan Quiche, President, Working Group for the Inter-American Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Lunch

2:00 - 5: 30 pm: COMMISSIONS Continue; Finalize Resolutions

Dinner:

7: 30: Evening Program Keynote Speakers

1. **Why are we here? Building support to Protect Medicine Lake,** Speaker tba
2. **IITC: 30 Years Defending Indigenous Peoples' Rights,** Bill Means

IITC Drum

9 PM: California Indian Nations Traditional Culture Night

SUNDAY, July 11

Breakfast

9:AM – 12:00 noon: IITC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Moderators: Andrea Carmen and Ron Lameman

Presentation and Approval of Resolutions from the Commissions

Approval of new Affiliates

Site for next IITC Conference

12 noon: Thank Yous, Conference Closing Ceremony

1:00 Lunch

Departures and begin to break camp

Site visits in the area may be arranged for those who plan to stay the afternoon

6:00 PM Dinner

Departures continue, Sunday Night and Monday AM

Coffee and light breakfast will be served on Monday morning July 12