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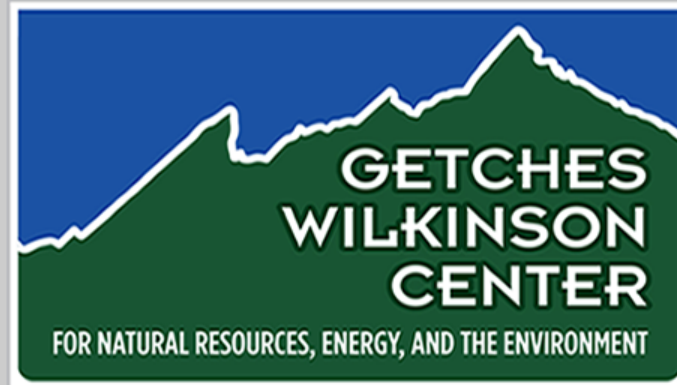
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Wilkinson focuses on Billy Frank's life and activism as he chronicles the history of tribal fishing rights in the Pacific Northwest, and draws on decades of experience as a lawyer working with Indian people to clarify the complex legal issues and provide insight into a turbulent period in the political and environmental history of the Northwest.

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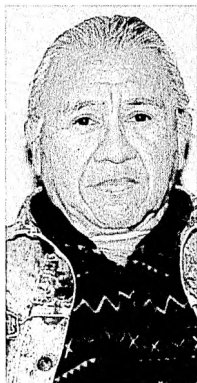
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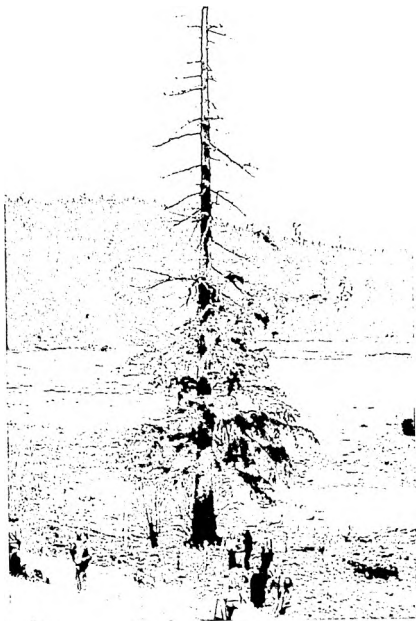
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Professor RALPH W. JOHNSON

*who heard the messages from Frank's Landing
and took them into his mind and heart*



The evergreen stand on Medicine Creek in 1854 has left a lone witness to history. The resilient Treaty Tree maintains its watch on the western edge of the Nisqually River delta.

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