

Reconciliation Advisory Table Artwork

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Logo - Constant Flow

We as humans are constantly moving through our lives and don't always have time to reflect. In order for reflection to be meaningful and productive, you need to give it effort and care. The same applies to reconciling the past of Canada with Indigenous peoples. It needs to be meaningful for it to work and be applied. Just the same as the salmon returning time and time again to their natal rivers to spawn, we as

humans need to return to connecting to each other. The constant flow of communication is what makes the magic happen. As the design constantly flows, think about your own constant flow of ideas and feelings around reconciliation.



Banner - Salmon

In connection to a flowing river, salmon can be seen making a splash to return to the spawning grounds. Salmon make a long 4-year journey before returning to spawn. Over the course of 4 years in the ocean, they will feed, grow and survive. Survival is the most impressive part of the salmonid life cycle. Without their survival we as humans would not have their meat as a food source. The cyclical nature of humans is so strong that we rely on it to survive. When new ideas and methods are introduced to our life, we tend to run away from it. We have a lot to learn from both each other as well as the nature and ecosystems around us. Let's live like the salmon and work together to move forward in a good way.



Learning - Long Time Learning

When learning at any point in life, it doesn't happen overnight and takes many days and hours to learn. When you want to learn something, you put in an effort to be successful at learning something new. Grizzly bears spend a lot of time and energy trying to catch salmon along the river. When younger Grizzlies come to a river to catch salmon, they are taught and corrected by the older generations. While the young ones might not be welcome in the best fishing spot. They learn to find their own place and once they find

it they attempt to catch a tasty meal. Not every fish that swims up river is caught by a Grizzly, because of this they try again and again to make a successful catch. We as humans, much like Grizzly, must try and try again. Through that repetition we learn and become better people. This cycle never ends and will be done the day you die.



Cultural Heritage - Journey Maker

Killer whales are often seen traveling far along our Pacific Northwest coast. The journey they make is often accompanied by other killer whales passing by. Many stories that we as coastal peoples have, often describe our relative the killer whale as a vessel of transportation. Where we cannot travel far, the killer whale can help carry us. The killer whale is just a guide and it is up to us to decide how to use that knowledge. The box of tools and knowledge that we have to properly understand each other is carried in this 'Journey Maker' box.