

Telexw – To Learn

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Learning Target- I can recognize First Peoples learning involves generational roles and responsibilities

~The eighth month is around May, is salmonberry time, **Tem'elile (Tum-ul-ee-luh)**. These are the first berries out and signal the beginning of six or seven months of berry picking time.

They are also connected to our Salmon run, when the Salmonberries are rip, the salmon run is going to start on the Fraser River (the Stó:lō).

The moon of tem'elile (salmonberry time) might start on the closest first-sliver moon on May 11th this year.



Salmonberry blossom



Salmonberries

Discussion:

Rena Bolton Stó:lō elder~ Gathering Plants and berries is a gift you were either born with or not. We are born with our gifts we carry them in our baskets you know. And we share them as time goes on. If one cannot learn their gift, its not their gift. When elders share their knowledge, we should listen with our

heart, mind and spirit. Because it may be the only time they share in this physical world.”

All the berries we gather locally.

This versatile shrub was well utilized by coastal First Nations, who ate great quantities of young sprouts in spring. The berries are picked when soft and tender, they were peeled and eaten raw or sometimes steamed. North Coast peoples dipped the shoots in eulachon grease. The berries were widely eaten fresh as they ripened in late spring and early summer; great boxes of berries were collected and consumed during feasts. Even the canes were used – as shafts in harpoons, as practice spears or for holding cedar bark roofing in place.

Resources:

Elementary-Middle

Teacher Information Reference Package (From Time Immemorial)

<http://aboriginal.sd34.bc.ca/sites/default/files/teacher-information-reference-package%28reduced%29.pdf>

Elementary-Middle-Senior

Stó:lō Atlas

Sqewlets Website with Harvesting Information

<http://digitalsqewlets.ca/sqwelqwel/belongings-possessions/harvesting-recolte/salmonberry-eng.php>

Elementary

Neekna and Chemai Book by Jeannette C. Armstrong

Middle-Senior High

Ethnobotany Information

<https://www.bcliving.ca/salmonberries>

Stó:lō Traditional Food 'Talk' as Metaphor for Cross-cultural Relations

<http://journals.ufv.ca/rr/RR22/article-PDFs/8-wiebe.pdf>