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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to join us for our first Shuswap Salmon Symposium on September 30 and October 1, 2018 co-hosted by the Adams River Salmon Society and the Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band. This significant event will bring together Indigenous knowledge keepers, policy makers, and stewards of salmon conservation as well as 150 attendees. The outcome of this event is to share various ways of knowing related to salmon, and to create meaningful action plans toward strengthening salmon species and habitat conservation.

The **outcomes** of the overall symposium are to share information and to create action plans toward protection, conservation and restoration of wild pacific salmon, incorporating Indigenous and non-Indigenous knowledge and perspectives.

A 2018 Salmon Symposium Action Plan and report will be shared with participants, followed up with an annual report on benchmarks. Potential subsequent Symposium gatherings may result through the action planning process.

Symposium Overview:

- Day one: field trip/stories & legends/feast/banquet
- Day two: workshops focused on issues and ideas
- Indigenous experiences will be hosted and led by Secwepemc community members and Quaaout Lodge Cultural program
- Speaker topics to include but not limited to: Indigenous relationships to salmon, salmon habitat, salmon sustainability issues, bio-diversity, decision making models being used and proposed, shifting from “conservation movement” to “conservation action”

We would be honoured if you would join us for this event. If you would like to, please contact Carmen Massey, Event Manager at [shuswapsalmonsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:shuswapsalmonsymposium@gmail.com) and let her know if you can attend. If you require further information, please visit our website at [www.salmonsymposium.com](http://www.salmonsymposium.com) for full event agenda.

In friendship,

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Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band

