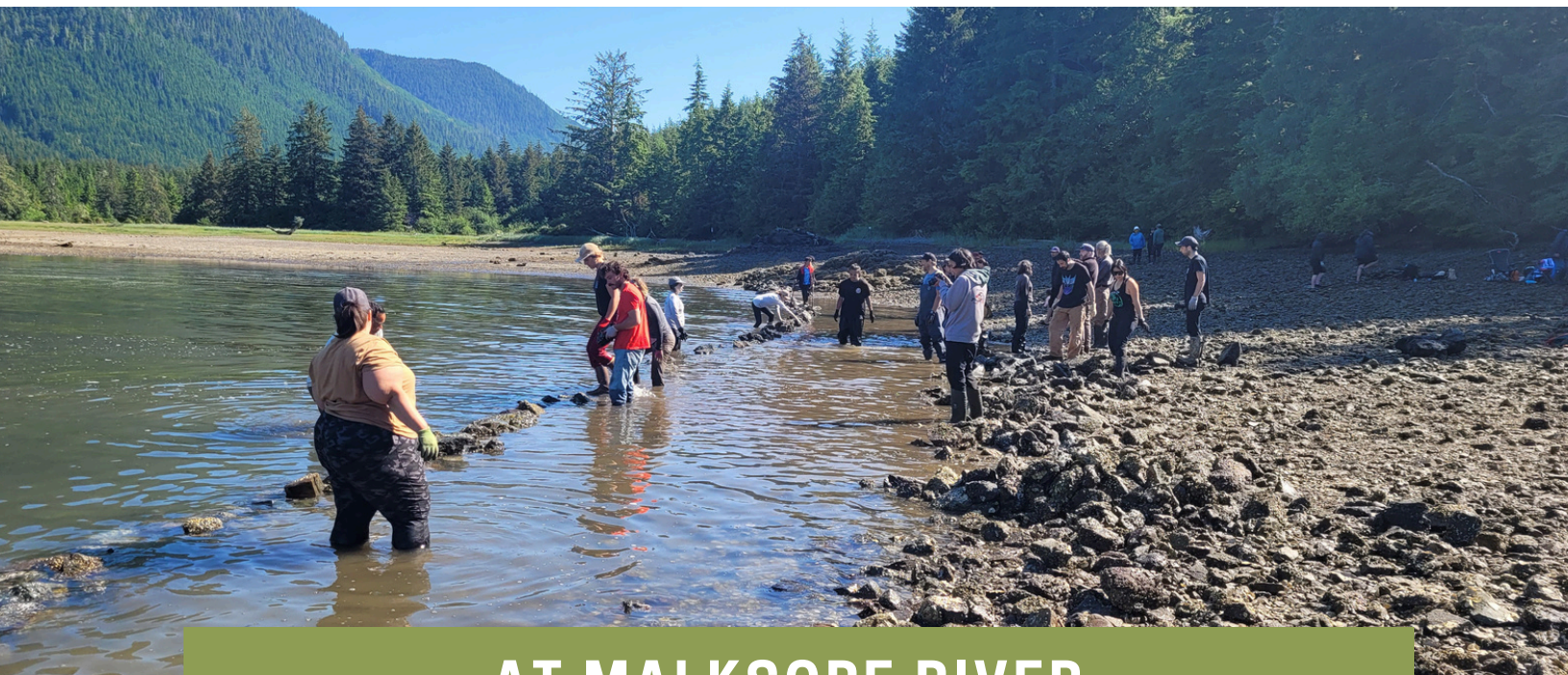

BUILDING A CLAM GARDEN

"WHEN THE TIDE IS OUT THE TABLE IS SET"



AT MALKSOPE RIVER

ON JULY 9 AND 10, KCFN WAS JOINED BY COASTAL VOICES, THE WARRIORS, AND AHOUSAHT FIRST NATION TO BUILD A CLAM GARDEN AT MALKSOPE.

WHAT IS A CLAM GARDEN?

Clam gardens (or sea gardens) are an ancient aquaculture innovation invented by the Indigenous coastal people to

cultivate clams and other species like cockles, sea cucumbers and even fish to feed the people.

Clam gardens are created by building rock walls at the low tide line of bays and inlets to change shorelines into productive, flat beach terraces. By constructing walls at specific tidal heights, these terraces can enlarge or create a new space for clams to flourish.



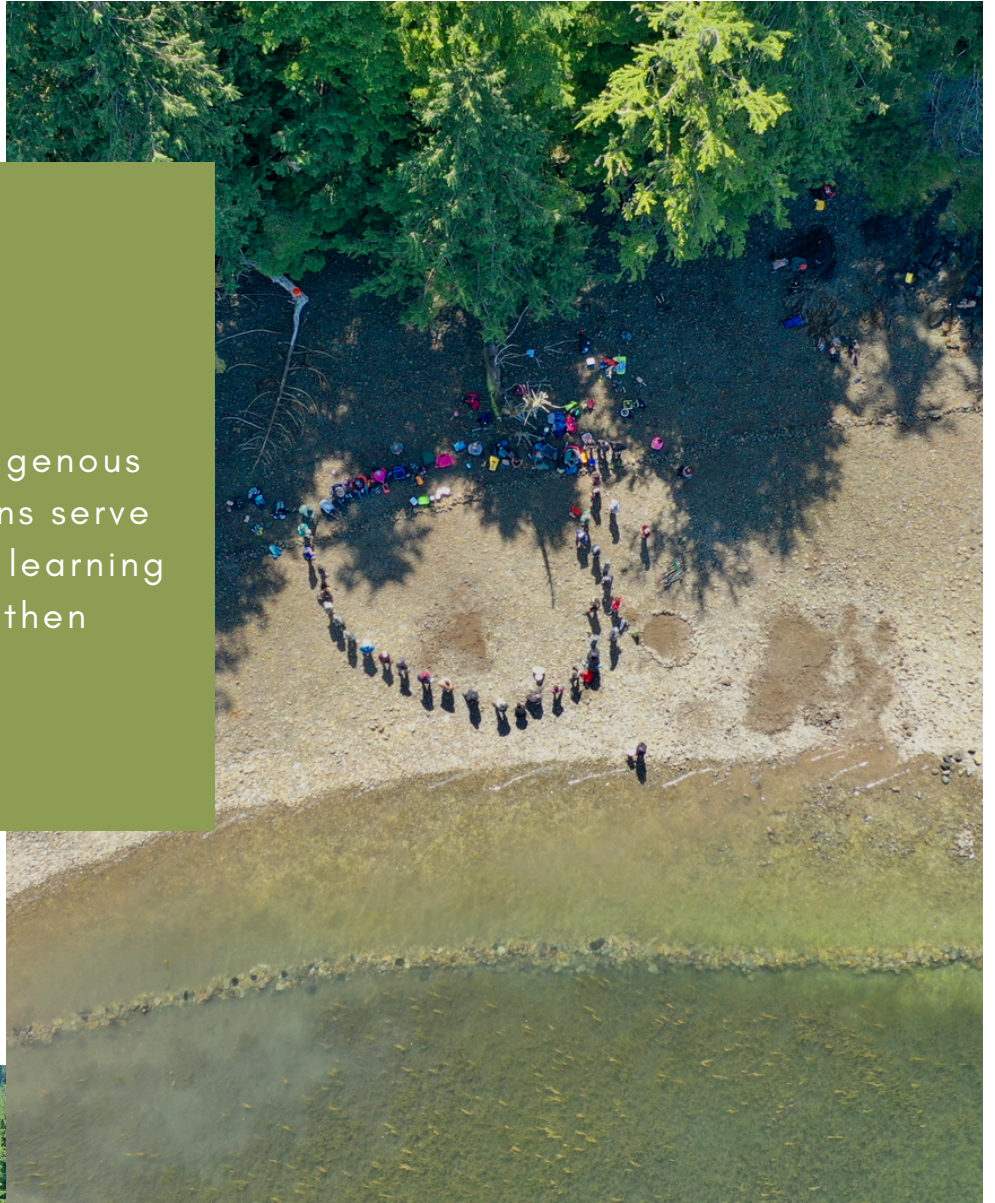
COASTAL VOICES

A diverse group of Indigenous leaders, knowledge holders, scientists and artists from British Columbia and Alaska working together, to discuss and plan for the profound changes triggered by the return of sea otters.



FOOD FOR LEARNING

By reviving ancient Indigenous practices, clam gardens serve as important places of learning and culture that strengthen community access to traditional foods



CARING FOR THE GARDEN

Like every garden, a clam garden needs tending. Tending helps improve sediment quality, maximize clam development, and increase the success of clam recruitment. Tending to a clam garden includes adding empty shells, clearing large cobbles and turning over the sediment.