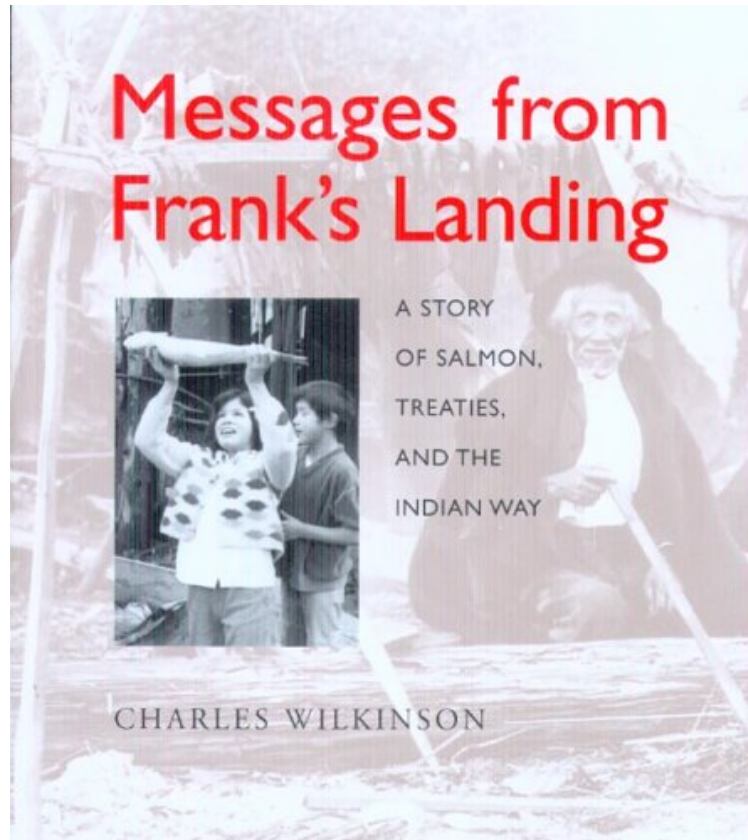


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Nisqually watershed. During the 1960s, African American civil rights "sit-ins" inspired Native American "fish-ins." This focused national attention on Frank's Landing as a key battleground for Indian demands that the federal government uphold treaty rights to end a century of Washington state interference that jeopardized tribal survival and sovereignty. This struggle created a new level of awareness about Indian fishing rights in the United States. Billy Frank's forebearer Chief Leschi insisted that the 1854 Medicine Creek Treaty secure the reserved "right of taking fish, at all usual and accustomed grounds and stations ... in common with all citizens of the Territory." This treaty provision was violated by the state of Washington until in 1974 federal judge George Boldt ruled that "in common" meant that Indian fishers were entitled to half the harvestable catch of salmon. Despite the resistance to this decision by state officials and commercial fishing interests, the end result has been cooperation between federal, state, and tribal governments over fisheries co-management since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boldt decision in 1979. Billy Frank, Jr. galvanized and sustained Native American efforts that produced the most significant Indian rights case of the twentieth century. He is now the chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission fighting to restore the environment and natural resources of the western Washington treaty tribes. In 2004, Indian Country Today newspaper presented him with its Inaugural American Indian Visionary Award. Wilkinson tells Billy's story in a circular Native American style that is a welcome respite from textbooks or linear accounts of American Indian history. This book is suitable for high school students, the general reading public, and college under-graduates, and a "must read" if you live in the Pacific Northwest. Sadly, Billy Frank passed away this year (2014). I look forward to a biography about him by a scholar like Charles Wilkinson. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Poor treatment by the government through the years following the ... By Customer An outstanding history of the treatment of the northwest native tribes following the Medicine Creek Treaty. Poor treatment by the government through the years following the treaties, and justice served by the Bolt decision, but too much damage done by overfishing (not by native American) and degradation of habitat and problems with fish passage caused by dams, roads and other barriers. We need to do better.

In 1974 Federal Judge George H. Boldt issued one of the most sweeping rulings in the history of the Pacific Northwest, affirming the treaty rights of Northwest tribal fishermen and allocating to them 50 percent of the harvestable catch of salmon and steelhead. Among the Indians testifying in Judge Boldt's courtroom were Nisqually tribal leader Billy Frank, Jr., and his 95-year-old father, whose six acres along the Nisqually River, known as Franks Landing, had been targeted for years by state game wardens in the so-called Fish Wars. By the 1960s the Landing had become a focal point for the assertion of tribal treaty rights in the Northwest. It also lay at the moral center of the tribal sovereignty movement nationally. The confrontations at the Landing hit the news and caught the conscience of many. Like the schoolhouse steps at Little Rock, or the bridge at Selma, Franks Landing came to signify a threshold for change, and Billy Frank, Jr., became a leading architect of consensus, a role he continues today as one of the most colorful and accomplished figures in the modern history of the Pacific Northwest. In *Messages from Franks Landing*, Charles Wilkinson explores the broad historical, legal, and social context of Indian fishing rights in the Pacific Northwest, providing a dramatic account of the people and issues involved. He draws on his own decades of experience as a lawyer working with Indian people, and focuses throughout on Billy Frank and the river flowing past Franks Landing. In all aspects of Franks' life as an activist, from legal settlements negotiated over salmon habitats destroyed by hydroelectric plants, to successful negotiations with the U.S. Army for environmental protection of tribal lands, Wilkinson points up the significance of the traditional Indian world view - the powerful and direct legacy of Franks' father, conveyed through generations of Indian people who have crafted a practical working philosophy and a way of life. Drawing on many hours spent talking and laughing with Billy Frank while canoeing the Nisqually watershed, Wilkinson conveys words of respect and responsibility for the earth we inhabit and for the diverse communities the world encompasses. These are the messages from Franks Landing. Wilkinson brings welcome clarity to complex legal issues, deepening our insight into a turbulent period in the political and environmental history of the Northwest.

From Booklist More than a quarter of a century ago, a federal judge, George H. Boldt, affirmed the tribal fishing rights of Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest, granting them 50 percent of the harvestable salmon and steelhead catch. One of the key players in the controversy surrounding that decision was Billy Frank, a Nisqually tribal leader and outspoken champion of Indian rights. Frank's Landing, where Billy Frank and his 95-year-old father lived, became the center of a battle (the famous "Fish Wars") that captivated the entire country. This account of the events leading up to Judge Boldt's decision is remarkably broad in scope, given its length (the 128 pages include 52 photographs and three maps). The authors have written a history not only of a single event but also of the fight for Native American rights in America. The combination of legal analysis and oral history (some fascinating people tell their stories) produces a balanced, thoughtful look at a subject that is as timely and important now as it was 25 years ago. David Pitt Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "The author tells a dramatic and complex story with clarity and insight, but his greatest triumph in *Messages* is that he conveys the inner peace and traditional Indian world view that carries Frank through as an activist and negotiator for Native American rights, and as the spokesperson for the salmon,

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