Chinook Indian Nation (CIN)  
Traditional Foods Distribution Policy and Procedures  
Introduced by CIN Natural Resources and Food Sovereignty Committee  
Adopted by CIN Tribal Council at a vote held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at which time quorum was present by a vote 6 For, 0 Against, and 1 Abstained.

The purpose of CIN’s Natural Resources and Food Sovereignty (NRFS) Traditional Foods Distribution Program is:

- To ensure CIN membership has adequate access to traditional foods;
- Increase food security; and
- Reduce Hunger

**Eligibility:** Every Tribal Member of CIN is eligible to request food from the NRFS Traditional Foods Distribution Program. Elders, families and those that qualify for need-based assistance are prioritized, but distribution is not limited to only those Tribal Members.

**Food Storage:** Funds for a freezer have been allocated by CIN Tribal Council to be used by the NRFS Traditional Foods Distribution Program. The Freezer is to be housed at CIN’s headquarters. The freezer is limited to use by the NRFS Committee for the Committee’s needs and the Traditional Foods Distribution Program.

**Reporting:** CIN must document when food has been allocated to Members. Sign-out forms for food distribution must be accessible in a folder attached to the freezer. Completed forms are to be submitted to the NRFS Committee.

**Notification of Food Distributions:** Tribal members will be notified of food availability via 4 methods:

1. The membership phone-tree
   The committee will maintain an online document that can be edited by NRFS Committee and CIN Staff. The phone-tree list will be comprised of Tribal Members on fixed income, STOWW recipients, those suffering from homelessness, and/or suffering from illness. Individuals will not be removed from the phone-tree list unless the Tribal Member has passed, or the committee votes to remove the individual
2. The members only Facebook page;
3. CIN members email listserv;
4. Posting on a bulletin outside of the CIN Office; and

**Fish Letters and Pick-up:** The original fish letter from the State is to stay in the CIN office. Individuals approved for fish pick-up, the person(s) collecting the fish must deliver the fish ticket to the office promptly. The person(s) must be able to account for ALL fish on the ticket.

**Fish Received from Hatcheries:** During hatchery deliveries CIN volunteers may take a couple fish for their personal use. Of the remaining fish, ¼ must be set aside for the Tradition Foods Distribution Program. The remaining fish can be allocated for CIN events.

**Meat and Fish Received from Washington State Fish and Wildlife:** CIN has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington State Fish and Wildlife service. All food allocated to CIN must be distributed as part of the Traditional Foods Distribution Program.