Hereditary Leader Phillip Hawks

Hereditary leader, and former Chinook Nation Council Member, Phillip Hawks visits the site of his boyhood home. He is the last living Chinook born at the Goose Point Village. The precontact village was the predecessor for the modern town of Bay Center, Washington. Bay Center is the contemporary home of the Chinook Indian Nation, and is still the home of Chief Phillip Hawks.

Phillip as an infant with his chicha "grandmother" Annie Victoria (Lewis) Hawks (b.1854-d.1944)

On the Beach Phillips great great grandmother Catherine Was-se-quah-Hawks-George in a photo taken by photographer of the American West Edward S. Curtis. Her Chinook name was Ch’isht which means a “Burden Basket” not unlike the spruce root clam basket she is holding. Mr. Curtis took many photos of our ancestors here in our traditional territories.