

Watít: Waxpushyáy ku Asumyáy.

Story about Rattle Snake and the Lamprey Eel, written out by Tuxámshish, Virginia Beavert, Fall 2008

Míimi t 'aáxw tun íchna tiichámpa is nwixana anakúsh namák na íkuuk s nwixa. Íchi watít anakú Waxpúuya ku Asumyáyin pawachá tiin. Pas nwixana ku patkw'ánatixana anakúsh imk ku ink.

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History about Wishxam

Wishxam Village was at Dalles Port located on the North side of the Columbia River across from The Dalles, Oregon.

The cliff north of Wishxam is the place Eel and Rattle Snake used as their diving board when they dove into the Columbia River. There were lots of Rattle Snakes there too. They had a huge den covered by a flat smooth stone the size of an average size slide. It was an ideal place to play, because every time you slid down, the Rattle Snakes made a lot of noise.

During fishing season people who were related by blood or through marriage gathered to fish for salmon and to dry eels there. The flat table rock provided an ideal place for eels to stick on the smooth stone to stabilize themselves. You could look down into the river and see sheets of eels waving back and forth fastened on the rocks. They shined like black silk satin material reflecting in the sun.

There was also a large rock with a face. It was called the Widow Rock. They told he children not to play at these two places. They were warned about getting bitten by Rattle Snakes, and the Widow Rock was taboo.