

THE WAVE FOUNDATION IMPACT SUMMARY



This past year, The Wave Foundation ramped up to provide healthy and sustainable food to communities impacted by COVID-19 and overall food insecurity. With generous support from grant funding and individuals, The Wave Foundation received contributions (both hard and in-kind) that allowed the following work to occur.

IMPACT NUMBERS: PAST YEAR QUICK GLANCE STATS

Seafood

- 117,500 lbs. of seafood donated to The Wave Foundation (Alaskans Own Lingcod, Sablefish & Salmon)
- 60,825 lbs. of seafood purchased by The Wave Foundation (Fishpeople Seafood & Columbia River Salmon)
- 23,875 lbs. of Tribally caught Columbia River salmon purchased for Tribal Nation communities
- 55,000 lbs. of Alaskans Own sustainable Alaskan salmon donated to Alaska's active-duty military members and their families on bases and through deliveries to remote locations via Armed Services YMCA of Alaska where military members have limited food access.
- 45,000 lbs. of haddock purchased from Gloucester, MA and donated to the families and Elders of the Wisconsin Tribal communities



"The Wave Foundation Team is to be put in a very high place in my heart for fulfilling their original promise and how open they are to our Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs food and other needs. I appreciate the open minds that listen to my sharing our Tribal way of life and recommendations for the food box ideas."

-Delson Suppah, Sr., Tribal Elder, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Food Boxes & Meals

- Approx. 45,540 Tribal Nation community members impacted
- 284,550+ lbs. of food items (non-seafood) purchased for food boxes and distribution
- 251,000+ lbs. of food recovered
- 224,500+ meal equivalents served
- 29,000+ hot meals served
- 1,800+ lbs. of Alaskans Own Lingcod distributed to Colville & Spokane Tribes
- 3180+ USDA Farmers to Families food boxes distributed by The Wave Foundation
- 1,685+ food boxes distributed to the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- 3,250+ food boxes distributed to the Nez Perce Tribe



- 3,000+ food boxes distributed to Columbia River Tribal Nation Fishing Access Site Communities
- 2,600+ food boxes distributed to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
- 2,100+ food boxes distributed to Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe & the Burns Paiute Tribe
- 1,330+ food boxes distributed to Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- 150 culturally relevant Latino food boxes distributed to Hood River, OR School District communities

Procurement, Distribution & Other Support

- Prior to initiating the Tribal Nation community

focused program, The Wave Foundation partnered with 36+ community organizations in the Northwest to support over 650,000 people facing food insecurity with food donations representing over 4,000,000 meal equivalents.

- 45+ individuals compensated for labor associated with The Wave Foundation's Food Program (seafood labor not included)
- 780+ fishers and fish workers compensated for labor associated with The Wave Foundation's Food Program
- 56+ agricultural businesses supported with purchases by The Wave Foundation's Food Program
- 12,096+ bottles of water provided to Tribal Nation Communities
- 6,375+ hot meals distributed to those impacted by the Detroit, OR & Southern Oregon wildfires
- 21,250+ miles driven for food distribution efforts; miles are pending carbon offsets
- 730 animal pens from Jewett Cameron provided to Southern Oregon & Warm Springs
- 40 generator and equipment packages provided to Columbia River Fishing Access Site communities
- 300 adult sized masks and 200 child sized masks donated from Looptworks and distributed by The Wave Foundation to Tribal Nation communities



SUMMARY OF THE WAVE FOUNDATION FOOD PROGRAM & PROJECTS

The Wave Foundation's Food Program increases local food recovery, gets people back to work, feeds the food insecure, and shifts to more resilient community food systems. The program is inclusive of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, giving preference to sourcing from these providers **and** providing healthy, sustainable, and culturally relevant foods to these communities. Sourcing preference has also been given to those agricultural businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID.

In 2020, The Wave Foundation Food Program shifted to address the immediate food insecurity needs that have increased because of the pandemic. We provide healthy and sustainable food options while creating a more resilient and regional food system that can support additional economic marketplaces for the Tribal Nation communities and fishers as the pandemic and its limitations dissipate.

The Wave Foundation partners with experts all along the food system to ensure healthy and sustainable food gets to people who need it. Our partner, Food Fleet, works with us to determine meal box components and recipes, with input from the Tribal Nation communities to ensure cultural relevancy and nutrition. We procure the necessary fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, and other items from our network of regional partners, giving a needed boost to regional suppliers.

The items are then prepped, boxed or bagged, and otherwise packaged for distribution by either our team or through our partners, depending on scale and availability. The food boxes, meal kits, or other items are then distributed by our logistics team to either central locations or directly to homes via a refrigerated truck.



Our program is designed holistically to ensure food recovery, nutritional value, responsible sourcing with priority to small farms and fisheries owned/managed by people of color and our Tribal Nations, all while paying fair wages from source to table. It is a “communities helping communities” model.

In our listening and learning, we heard about the need for water, clothing, PPE, and generators for those that live full time at the Columbia River fishing access sites and at other locations. We have been able to procure bottled water, sustainable face masks, and other items to support these communities’ needs. Most of the Columbia River fishing access sites do not have access to electricity, and we were

thrilled to obtain funding from our network to procure 40 generators and accessory sets. We are currently in the process of distributing them to community members.

The Wave Foundation remains committed to the “build back better” concept regarding infrastructure, and in seeking and achieving the final goal of food sovereignty within these communities. We anticipate need within these communities will continue to rise in 2021 as a direct result of COVID-19 and intend to continue and ramp up the level of support we are able to provide with our food program. We will continue to leverage crises (e.g., the pandemic, climate change, social justice) to create systemic change.

“Working with The Wave Foundation has been great. The food boxes are excellent and food sources being so close is even better. That is the one thing we like to share with our Tribal members—that most of the food is produced within a day’s drive of most peoples’ homes. Our people have been very appreciative of the food boxes and what The Wave Foundation is trying to accomplish with providing as much traditional foods as possible. The collaboration with The Wave team has been excellent and the value of our input has always been treated with kindness, respect and with a true sense of helping our Tribal communities.”

-Thunder Garcia, Director, USDA/Food & Nutrition, Nez Perce Tribe

Food Boxes

The Wave Foundation purchases food items with the goal of purchasing from BIPOC producers/farmers/fishermen and then we distribute these products in our food boxes to Tribal Nation communities and other underserved communities in the region. We are focused on providing food boxes that are healthy, sustainable, and culturally relevant. We have the honor of listening to what these communities need and want, and then do what we can to procure and provide those items for them.

We are actively engaged with and intently listening to the Tribal Nation communities that we are honored to serve. The Wave Foundation has a Tribal Nation Food Program Working Group that meets weekly and includes representatives from each of the four Treaty Tribes of the Columbia River, as well as key partners and stakeholders.

Food boxes and general support efforts are typically not tailored to the actual needs and requests of these communities. For example, The Wave Foundation was able to provide bison from the Shoshone-Bannock, Tribally harvested salmon from the Columbia River and Alaska, beans from Ramona Farms, salmon products from Salmon King Fisheries, and more within our food boxes and via other mechanisms for distribution.



"The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and our whole community appreciate what The Wave Foundation has offered. The many varieties of foods have been amazing and the freshness of the foods when delivered by your kind and generous delivery people... Our Casino closed down for most of the summer which put about 600+ community members out of work and waiting and waiting for their unemployment benefits to begin. The food boxes brought by The Wave were welcomed with smiles from everyone. We coordinated with our Tribal Senior Citizen Center to deliver boxes of the food to our homebound elders who were so surprised with the variety and fresh fruits and vegetables. The Wave food boxes also helped to feed some of our households that were quarantined due to positive COVID-19. We were amazed when your staff began inquiring as to what our community would like, that was a first for us. The CTUIR-Department of Children and Family Services look forward to working with your experienced, understanding and concerned staff at The Wave Foundation for months to come. Qieceyewyew (thank you)!"

-Kathleen Elliott, THRP, Department of Children & Family Services, Workforce Development Coordinator, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

Tribally-Caught Columbia River Salmon

The Wave Foundation purchased 20,000 lbs. of Tribally-caught Columbia River salmon (which equates to approx. 14,400 lbs. of product for distribution in our food boxes). This salmon was processed into preferred forms requested by Tribal Nation community members in the region (including vacuum-packed filets, and head and gutted). The salmon was then distributed to Tribal Nation community members as part of food boxes assembled and distributed by The Wave Foundation. Tribes that received the salmon include: the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, the Burns Paiute Tribe, as well as Tribal Nation community members living at Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites.

Additionally, The Wave Foundation, in partnership with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) will use a portion of grant funds to support enhanced ice distribution operations for upcoming salmon seasons along the Columbia River for Tribal fishers. Using ice that is not distributed directly by fish processors provides Tribal fishermen with the opportunity to shop their harvested fish to multiple buyers.

Sustainable Alaskan Seafood

Through generous support from Catch Together, The Wave Foundation received 110,000 lbs. of Alaskans Own sustainable Alaskan seafood, including sablefish, lingcod, and salmon. This fish was distributed to a variety of communities, including the Tribal Nation communities outlined above and nonprofit food insecurity organizations in OR, WA & AK.

A donation of 55,000 lbs. of sustainable Alaskan salmon went to Alaska's active-duty military members and their families on bases and through deliveries to remote locations via the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska where military members have limited food access.



In addition, over 7,500 lbs. of Alaskan seafood (from Alaskans Own/Northline Seafoods) was distributed to 500+ Tribal Nation and Indigenous families and Elders in the Anchorage/Kenai, AK area.

Sustainable Northwest Fish & Value-Added Seafood Products

Further grant support allowed The Wave Foundation to procure more than 37,000 lbs. of sustainable fish and seafood products from Certified B-Corporation Fishpeople Seafood to distribute to communities in need. COVID impacted the retail sales of many of Fishpeople Seafood's products. By purchasing these products, The Wave Foundation was able to support fishermen and provide a healthy, nutritious protein to recipients.

Atlantic Haddock to Wisconsin Tribal Communities



Through a partnership with Catch Together and Mazzetta Company, The Wave Foundation is supporting more than 30 fishermen in Gloucester, MA by purchasing over 45,000 lbs. of haddock processed from approximately 110,000 lbs. caught by local family boats, such as *Miss Trish* and *Midnight Sun*. These are longtime fishers at the wharf and with this catch over 50 fish workers were back processing fish at Intershell, a family company based in Gloucester.

The filleted and frozen haddock is being distributed to COVID-19 impacted Wisconsin Tribal Nation communities in need via The Wave Foundation COVID-19 Food Relief Program and last-mile collaboration with Mohican Nation Stockbridge Munsee Band and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. The haddock supplies over 111,000 meals to food insecure families of the Wisconsin Tribal Communities.

"I'm very pleased with the initial promise being fulfilled for the Wave Foundation beginning to have the Tribal traditional foods in the food boxes being delivered here in Warm Springs for the Tribal seniors. The Columbia River chinook salmon, Sho-Ban buffalo meat, Chippewa-Milac wild rice, SW Tribal beans, fresh vegetables and fruit and other healthy foods are a valuable resource to get our Tribal people going back to our traditional diet. The anxious anticipation from our people for the other traditional dishes that are forthcoming, salmon chowder, deer bones, smoked and canned salmon!"

-Delson Suppah, Sr., Tribal Elder, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

SUPPLIER STORIES

The Wave Foundation strives to procure sustainable food products from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and women-owned producers to the extent possible. Items were also procured from businesses that were impacted by COVID-19. We have highlighted a few of these supplier stories below.

A Tale of Two Columbia River Tribal Fishers

The Columbia River's Tribal fishers' operations were directly impacted by COVID-19 because many of the restaurants that typically purchase their fish cancelled orders. Safety of the fishing team was also a concern, given the proximity and the potential to spread the virus to Tribal Nation community members and Elders. The Wave Foundation was able to purchase 3,872 lbs. of Native-caught salmon from two fishers at pre-COVID fair market value to distribute to Tribal Nation community members.



400 lbs. of salmon fillets from one fisher's team were given to Lyle and Wishram schools (these schools have a large percentage of Tribal Nation students) as part of a cultural enrichment and education program for students. Students and their families were able to enjoy the salmon while learning about Tribal fishing culture and customs, fishing techniques, and the fisher's family history. You can listen to the recording at [//bit.ly/3qDO6g6](https://bit.ly/3qDO6g6) and will be providing it, along with other materials, as an educational resource to students to accompany a second distribution of the salmon in the coming months.

The Wave Foundation purchased another 2,200 lbs. of Columbia River salmon from another Tribal fisher. 500 lbs. were smoked and canned to create a value-added product for The Wave Foundation to distribute. The Wave Foundation team and the Chef of the Portland Trail Blazers were honored to welcome this fisher, his wife, and 1,700 lbs. of his salmon into Moda Center to learn proper cultural handling, processing, and smoking techniques. The salmon smoked at Moda Center then went back into food boxes to distribute to the Tribes The Wave Foundation serves. A small portion of the salmon went to the Portland Trail Blazers to fuel the team.

Feed the Mass

Feed the Mass is based in Portland, OR with the goal of bringing people together through food and education. Since the beginning of COVID, Feed the Mass has been providing free meals to anyone in need of food, nourishment, care, and community with a focus on BIPOC and marginalized communities. From the inception of the Feed the Mass' FED Project in March 2020 thru Dec 2020, they served over 118,000 meals

to the community, with thousands of people being served throughout the Portland Metro area, Clackamas County and Washington County. They also rescued over 91,000 lbs. of food, of which approx. 1/3 of came from The Wave Foundation. The Wave Foundation also compensated Feed the Mass chefs to prepare hot meals for The Wave to distribute to wildfire victims and Tribal Nation communities along the Columbia River.

First Nations Distributing, Inc. - Minnesota Wild Rice

The Wave Foundation purchased 1,200 lbs. of wild rice from First Nations Distributing, Inc. First Nations Distributing, Inc. has been registered in the state of Minnesota since 1994 as a Native-owned business. It currently conducts business with Tribes domestically and with Hawai'i Indigenous people, providing various food services: wild rice distribution and fresh-caught frozen and smoked Sockeye and Coho salmon. First Nations Distributing contracts with Tribes locally providing bottled water services and consulting services on sovereignty and Tribal Governance. First Nations Distributing also has a Cultural Division providing cultural programs for the public schools in Minnesota, including Ojibwe traditional crafts.



LINC Foods & Pacific Coast Fruit

Most of The Wave Foundation's produce has been purchased from Pacific Coast Fruit and LINC (Local Inland Northwest Cooperative) Foods. These two regional co-ops prioritize sourcing general produce items (fruits, veggies) from sustainable and BIPOC-owned businesses that have been directly impacted by COVID-19. Through these relationships, produce has been purchased from over 40 different agricultural suppliers.

Nicky USA



As a supplier of proteins to restaurants, Nicky USA has been directly impacted by COVID. Their orders have decreased, and their delivery vans are unused during many days of the week. The Wave Foundation has procured a variety of products from Nicky USA for our food boxes including 5,000 lbs. of Maui Nui wild Hawaiian venison soup bones and 1,400 jars of their local farm honey. Nicky USA is also supporting distribution efforts by doing last mile Wave food box distributions to remote Tribal Nation communities in the region.

"Our goal is to provide the finest sustainably raised specialty game & high-quality meats available to our customers... By

sourcing and raising meats of such quality, we feel that we are not only helping to care for the land that sustains us, but furthermore, helping chefs & epicureans come as close to the farm as possible." -Geoff Latham, Founder & President, Nicky USA

Powell Butte Bison

The Powell Butte Bison Ranch (PBBR) in Powell Butte, OR is a family-owned and operated ranch that was established out of respect and admiration of the American bison and to provide all-natural, grass-fed, healthy red meat to central and western Oregonians. The Wave Foundation purchased 200 lbs. of ground bison meat from PBBR for inclusion in food boxes to distribute to Tribal Nation communities.

"Respect for bison inspired our decision to create the Powell Butte Bison Ranch. Many factors, including economics, determine our success. Over the last 15 years we have largely balanced our operations with local meat sales and steady sales to area restaurants. The pandemic has now significantly impacted restaurants and that also directly affects us. Fortunately, more area residents have come directly to us to purchase our all-natural grass-fed bison meat. Some food providers that service specific groups, such as The Wave purchase for residents of the Warm Springs reservation, have also helped support our bison ranching business. Although we donate some meat to our neediest neighbors, we can only assist as long as the ranch is economically viable. The bison, then, support themselves."

Ramona Farms American Indian Foods - Dried Beans

The Wave Foundation purchased 1,250 lbs. of dried beans from Ramona Farms American Indian Foods in Arizona for inclusion in food box distribution. They were directly impacted by COVID resulting in a decline in orders from restaurants that typically purchase their products. From the ancient traditions of Ramona Farms' desert farming heritage, they offer wholesome and delicious food choices. Their mission was initially focused on bringing back the bafv (tepany bean) to the community. By perfecting their production techniques, Ramona Farms has been able to develop their bean project into a larger enterprise and now market their beans to the local community, surrounding areas, and offer other American Indian grown traditional, heirloom, and non-traditional food products.

Sakari Farms & Botanicals

Sakari Farms & Botanicals is in Tumalo, OR and is an Indigenous and woman owned small business run by Upingaksraq (time when the ice breaks) Spring Alaska Schreiner. Spring was born and raised in Valdez, AK and is the daughter of Chief Helmer J. Olson of the Valdez Native Tribe with Inupiaq lineage. Sakari Farms collaborates with the Central Oregon Seed Exchange, houses a unique Tribal Nation Members Only Northwest Tribal Seed Bank, and grows Native American Tribal Foods to create value-added food and personal care products. COVID created challenges for selling their farm-raised vegetables and resulted in increased competition in over-sourced markets.

"Working with The Wave Foundation has honestly been a breath of fresh air after a long and confusing year with the COVID pandemic and having our farm endure multiple climate-based natural disasters (i.e., hailstorms, windstorms, and wildfires). I have enjoyed watching The Wave travel throughout the Pacific Northwest to support our Tribal economy, which in turn is allowing Tribal producers to be recognized and put on the map nationally for our food production efforts and successes. Allowing Tribal members access to Tribal foods along our historic Inter-Tribal Trade Route emphasizes the need we have to feed our communities during these times of health and food shortages. Working alongside this organization has given me a boost of morale and strength to continue doing this needed food sovereignty work and we look forward to maintaining our family/food friendly relationship with this successful organization as we grow together." -Spring Alaska Schreiner (Upingaksraq), Owner & Principal Ecologist-Indigenous Agriculturalist, Sakari Farms & Botanicals

Salmon King Fisheries—Salmon Products

Salmon King Fisheries are a small business comprised of a husband-and-wife team. They are Tribal Members of The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and The Nez Perce Tribe. COVID has impacted their product orders from restaurants and their store from reduced in-person traffic, as well as their catering capabilities and limiting of additional services and products that they offer. The Wave Foundation has purchased 600 cans of their smoked salmon to distribute in food boxes and will be purchasing additional products going forward.

SBABC Buffalo Enterprises

Shoshone-Bannock Tribe member and buffalo rancher Lance Tissidimit supplied over 1300-lbs. of stew and ground buffalo meat to The Wave Foundation from his ranch in central Idaho. His herd descended from the Teddy Roosevelt National Park buffalo herd that came by railroad train to Idaho in the 1960s. His usual herd of 300 animals has increased to 400 because of the effects of COVID-19 on the restaurant industry and a reduction in market demand for high-quality, whole animal buffalo. Lance treats the animals with respect, according to tradition, and asks for their blessings, help, and permission to take one of their own to feed others. The buffalo offers its life and spirit to provide a nutrient-dense meat with calcium and healthy Omega-3s.

"I'm part of the ATNI Food Sovereignty team and at the National conference they were discussing a food box model that includes Tribal suppliers and I was excited to say it's already happening; we're already doing this with The Wave. This can be a model to a national committee. I thought it was neat to see The Wave develop and the food boxes got better each distribution. It started out with items not boxed and now everything is in the box and distributions are easier. It's been rewarding to see the improvements and the additions of the Native foods."

-Buck Jones, CRITFC Salmon Marketing, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation Member

Texas Ridge LLC

Texas Ridge Farm is a family-owned small business located in Deary, ID that provides local, all-natural meat, that is responsibly raised and finished on pasture. COVID directly impacted their retail business in 2020, resulting in a >25% decrease in farmers market booth sales for the year compared to prior non-COVID years. The Wave Foundation purchased 300 lbs. of meat (pork and sausage) from Texas Ridge that was distributed to the Nez Perce Tribe.

"It is a core value of our business to support our local community's food needs to the best of our ability. While we have provided our meat to our local senior meals center and donated holiday hams for food bank boxes in the past, we were delighted when we heard about the Wave Foundation's program to help source local food for the Nez Perce tribe food boxes." -Erika Sattler, Owner & Operator, Texas Ridge LLC

Vibrant Table Catering



Vibrant Table Catering has been collaborating with The Wave Foundation to pre-cook proteins for inclusion in The Wave's food boxes. Vibrant Table receives raw ingredients from us and develops them into prepared meals that require simple re-heating once delivered. To date they have prepared over 2,000 items (meals) for our food boxes.

"Vibrant Table Catering is proud to partner with The Wave Foundation's Food Program to help feed people in need. COVID-19 has drastically impacted the catering and events business, working with The Wave has helped keep our employees working while we've been able to help feed local communities and the food insecure." -Brendan Coffey, Vice President of Operations, Vibrant Table Catering

Yakama Nation Bison

In 1994, twelve bison were purchased from a private party on the Yakama Reservation by the tribe's Cultural Heritage Center. The Cultural Heritage Center purchased the bison so they could provide bison meat for menu items offered at the Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Restaurant. At the time of purchase the herd was confined to a 40-acre fenced pasture. After the purchase, the management of the herd was delegated to the Yakama Nation Wildlife Program. Since then, the Yakama Nation Wildlife Program has been managing the bison herd within the boundaries of the Status Wildlife Area. Currently the herd consists of 159 animals, 9 bulls, 72 cows, 23 heifers, 9 yearling bulls, and 46 calves.

"I have such a great appreciation working with The Wave Foundation these past few months. So many families have been helped! The organized effort and communications are what I wish for all programs I've been associated with and I don't want to ever lose connection with The Wave."

-Dawn Kenoras, Columbia River Indian of Yakama Nation

FUTURE WORK

As the Wave Foundation looks to 2021 and beyond, we hope to leverage the work we are currently engaged in to create much needed reform to overall food systems. To do this, we will continue to increase our food box distribution program to expand to other Tribal Nation communities—including offering boxes to Tribal Nation members that live within the Portland, OR-Metro area (i.e., outside of Tribal Nation community Reservations/boundaries), Tribal Nation communities in rural Washington State (Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservations and Spokane Tribe of Indians), and expanding to additional Tribal Nations. Additionally, in partnership with Food Fleet (based in Southern California), The Wave Foundation plans to develop a culturally relevant food box program to Latino communities in Los Angeles.

In 2021, The Wave Foundation will focus its seafood procurement on wild salmon caught and processed by Western Alaska Native Village fishermen, and Tribally (and community-based non-Tribal) harvested salmon, shellfish and marine finfish sourced from the Salish Sea, Pacific Coast waters, and the Columbia River. The Wave Foundation will then concentrate distribution of this seafood to Tribal Nation Members in Alaska and the Western States. Through this program, The Wave Foundation will support the Quinhagak via purchase of Alaska Sockeye salmon from the Kuskokwim River Native Village salmon fishery.

The Independent Fishermen of Quinhagak Co-operative (IFQ) comprised of fishermen from four villages (Quinhagak, Eek, Goodnews, Platinum), faced additional challenges above and beyond COVID-19, including attempts to re-establishing their salmon fishery that had gone dormant for five years. The primary reason for this impactful hiatus of their fishery was a lack of market access, due substantially to the remote location, as well as lack of community organization. The Kuskokwim River commercial salmon fishery involves 100% Native fishermen. The Wave Foundation will support the fishery by purchasing and redistributing the fish back to these communities.

We will continue to solidify our network of Indigenous, BIPOC, and women-owned producers to source from, with a longer-term goal of exploring a collective marketplace opportunity—for both Tribal community members **and** as a sourcing connection for The Wave Foundation's network of venues—and reigniting Tribal Nation trade routes. This will enable The Wave Foundation to support food sovereignty, economic development, and the regeneration of traditional Tribal trading routes. From the working relationships and

trust developed in 2020, The Wave Foundation has learned that these are significant aspirational goals of Tribal Nations. Re-integrating seafood and other traditional foods into Tribal Members' diets will help diminish persisting underlying health conditions that have become lethal during the pandemic. Additionally, The Wave Foundation will continue leveraging this work to support development of necessary infrastructure within Tribal Nation Communities.

The Wave Foundation plans to hold discussions with the Biden Administration, congressional leaders, and the USDA/Secretary of Agriculture to scale up our food box program nationally. In these discussions our focus is food systems reform and "build back better" approaches with emphasis on how to support communities facing food insecurities with healthy, sustainable, regional foods, produced and sourced by BIPOC and women-owned enterprises. Additionally, The Wave Foundation will place increased emphasis on supporting Tribal Nation producers and integrating more sustainable seafood into government directed programs.

Your support ensures that we can continue this crucial work and we look forward to exploring additional partnership and funding opportunities with you!

"As a Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Elder, I am pleased for this Wave Foundation team helping our Tribal members getting away from processed foods and eating out at fast food companies. It will take a long time for our Tribal members to begin eating just traditional foods once again. I have happy tears in my heart and mind for getting to witness an outside entity help make this a reality. I thank all involved with this vital traditional foods' venture for a healthy lifestyle."

-Delson Suppah, Sr., Tribal Elder, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

