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Tsimshian halibut hook showing the sea lion spirit. Photo: Rachel Dickens



Spencer Greening

## Nii 'Ntxo'ont'm (The Ones Who Feed Us): Indigenous Teachings on Spirituality, Ecosystems, and Harvesting

Spencer Greening (La'goot) sheds light on a common phenomenon in Indigenous Knowledge: how non-human beings have laid out instructions for humans on how to be in relationship with the ecological world. Focusing on Tsimshian harvesting laws and practices of three different species, mountain goat, salmon, and halibut, Spencer highlights how spiritual communication with these animals has led to practices that not only sustain coastal ecosystems, but also benefit all who inhabit them.

**Spencer Greening (La'goot)** is a Tsimshian anthropologist from the Gitga'at First Nation of the Pacific Northwest Coast and former CSRS Indigenous Research Fellow. His post-doctoral research focuses on the relationship between Indigenous ecological knowledge, spirituality, and harvesting.

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