

PFAS and Tribal Food Sovereignty

Historically, Tribes had diverse and regionally unique food resources. Every Tribe had their own ways of procuring food through culturally specific methods. Settlers displaced the Tribes and took all their resources which resulted in the lack of access to their cultural and traditional foods and leaving in their wake, widespread food insecurity. Attempts to assimilate Tribes altered their relationship to foods, how they interacted with the natural environment, and undermined their ability to maintain sustainable food practices and systems.

As Tribes currently try to restore food sovereignty, the world throws them another curve. PFAS contamination is widespread and once again, Tribes cultural and traditional foods are threatened. In this presentation, you will learn about what Tribes are doing to protect their members from PFAS exposure but still restore their food sovereignty and security.