Hintak.ádi   (*Marine Animals*)
At Gutu.ádi   (*Land Animals*)
Át Kawdliyéeji.át   (*Flying Animals*)
Kayaaní   (*Plants*)

Tlingit people have a special relationship with the ocean, land, and sky. The shore is embedded in the grammar of Tlingit people, and the second phase of the great clan migrations took place across the waters. In many of our stories of migration and the development of crest systems in Tlingit contain elements of communications with the natural world. In the Tlingit worldview, all things have a spirit and can understand the Tlingit language. In times of incredible stress, sometimes animals will communicate in the Tlingit language, which has developed in Southeast Alaska over the past 15,000 years. There are many misconceptions about Tlingit people. It is important to know that what you are saying is accurate, true, and positive when talking about Tlingit people, because you are on Lingít Aaní (Tlingit Land). Stories, songs, and crests should never be used without permission. The answers to many questions about who Tlingit people are and what our art represent deserve complex discussions about how our cultures and languages function. Gunalchéesh — Thank you.

	héen	water, river, creek
	áa	lake

tléix'

	yáay	whale
	yaaw	herring
	cheech	porpoise
	saak	eulachon, hooligan, candlefish

déix̱

	yaak	mussels
	s'ook	barnacle
	éek̲	beach; waterside; down on the beach, shore
	neech	shoreline; beach
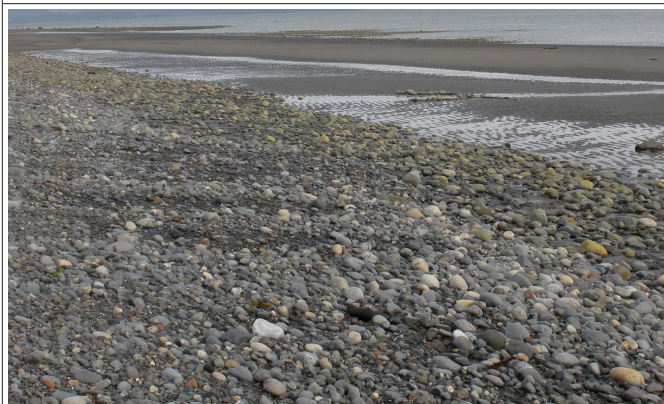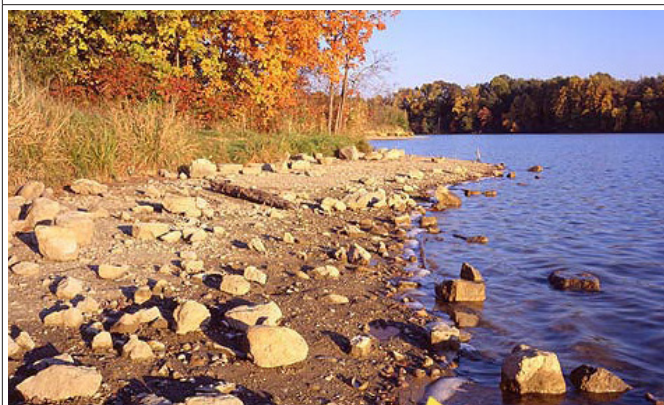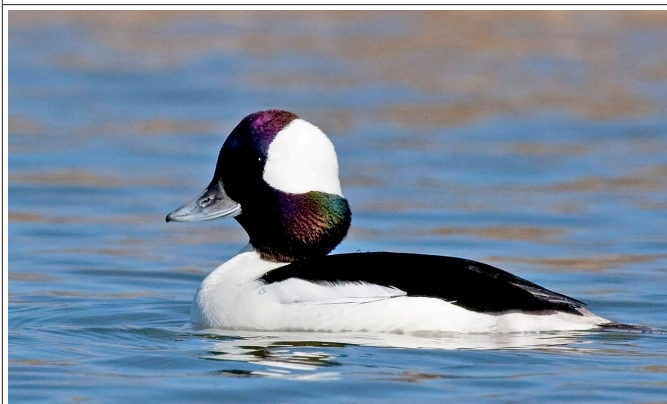
	s'igeidí	beaver
	hintakx'wásgi	bufflehead duck
	laak̠'ásk	black seaweed
	k̠'áach'	ribbon seaweed
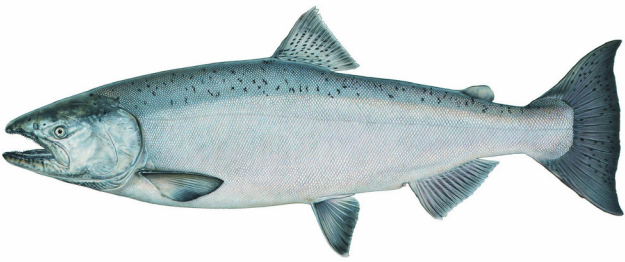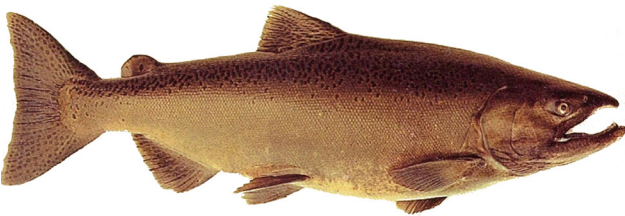
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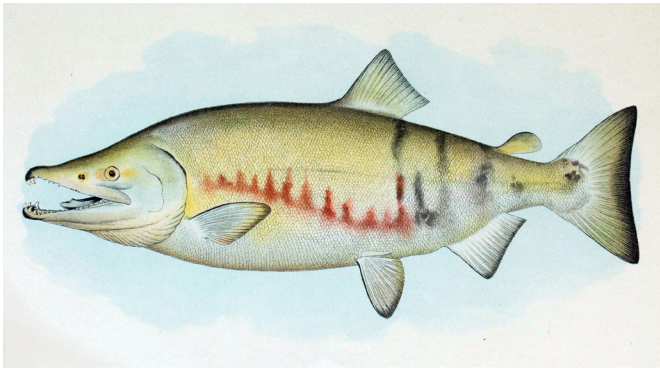
	geesh	bull kelp
	gáal'	clam
	gáal' nóox'u	clam shell (empty)
	yalooleit	cockle

	l'ook	coho
	g̲aat	sockeye
	t'á	king
	cháas'	humpy

tleidooshú

	téel'	chum
	kéet	orca
	xóots	brown bear
	s'eek	black bear

	tawéi	mountain sheep
	jánwu	mountain goat
	dzísk'w	moose
	g̲uwakaan	deer; peacemaker

nas'gadooshú

	s'áaw	dungeness crab
	s'éex'át	shrimp
	ch'áak'	eagle
	yéil	raven

	yook̲	cormorant
	t'aawák̲	Canadian goose
	g̲úk̲l'	swan
	sít'	glacier

jinkaat

	kóoshdaa	land otter
	yáxwch'	sea otter
	taan	sea lion
	tsaa	hair seal
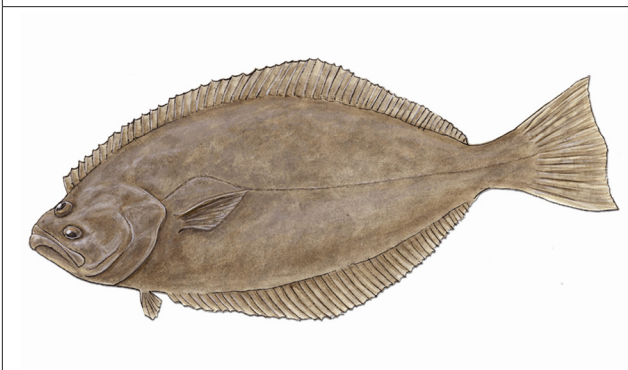
	léiḵ'w	yellow eye; red snapper; rockfish
	cháatl	halibut
	láx̱'	blue heron
	tlax̱aneis'	kingfisher