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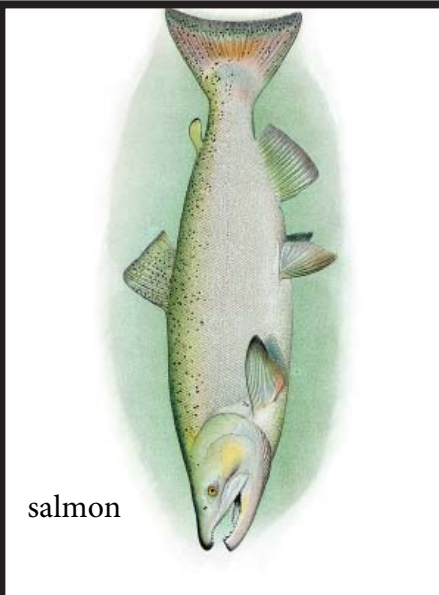
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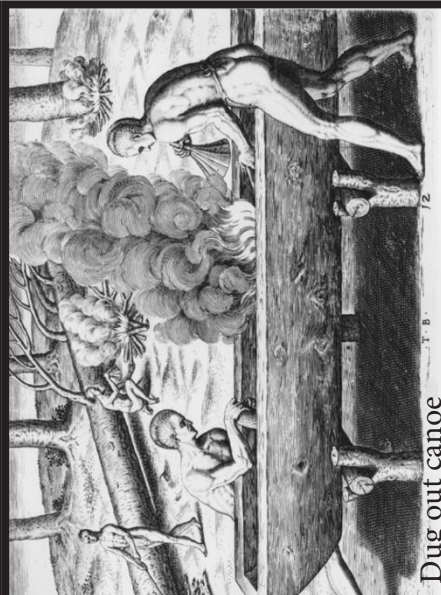
There are bears, whales, seals, and plenty of fish, including salmon.

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- Kwakwaka'wakw
- Coastal Salish
- Chinook



salmon



Dug out canoe



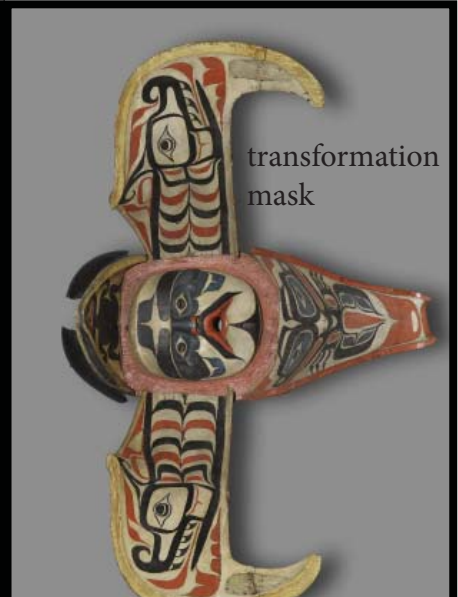
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The people of the north west lived in a land so rich with food, especially salmon that they did not need to farm, but could still live in settlements.

Their houses were made of red cedar planks. They were carved and painted. These expert woodcarvers used wood for many things - cooking boxes, ceremonial transformation masks, dugout canoes and totem poles. Totem poles showed a family's history.

Family history and wealth were very important. Families of 30 or 40 people lived together with their slaves. Each household was led by a hereditary chief. To show their wealth chief's held Potlatches, where they held a feast and gave gifts. If you didn't own a house, and no one had given a potlatch in your honour you were a commoner.

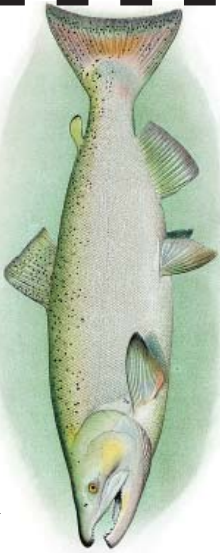
Bark fibres were used to make clothes, including rain hats and rain-coats.

The women wove prized blankets and clothes (Chilkat) from goat wool, dog fur (they kept special wool dogs) and bark fibres.

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