

Video and Activity 2: “Sovereignty, Treaty Rights, and Adaptation”

Watch “Sovereignty, Treaty Rights, and Adaptation”

Activity: Share a Story

Read the summary below, or share your own take on Sovereignty:

Sovereignty as a concept and a reality varies between communities based on unique Tribal histories. Tribal sovereignty involves looking back and looking forward: building capacity based on culture, language and traditions, self-governing as a community and a People, and Nation-building.

There may be multiple perspectives in your group about Sovereignty. Share a story from your department relating to an issue of Sovereignty and Traditional harvests. Share how your example relates to climate change.

Using the T - chart example below, give examples from the Sovereignty video and how they would fit in. Ask participants to spend five minutes filling in a T-chart for Sovereignty and Culture. Sovereignty and Culture will have some aspects in common, and some that are not directly related. Under each concept, ask participants to write bullet points with history, personal experiences, concerns, or other things that come to mind. Invite everybody to share their work with the group. Highlight common themes.

Example, T-chart with key words:

| Sovereignty | Culture |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Self-Governance | Cultural foods- wild rice, corn |
| Tribal hunting permits | Stories |
| Energy Independence | Respect and reciprocity |
| Language revitalization | Language revitalization |