Chapter 2: Nisqually River

• 1935, Billy’s father suffered his first arrest.
• Urban, Suburban development
• Fish runs declined
• Unregulated offshore commercial fishing
• Hydroelectric development on the river
• Habitat destruction due to development
• Timber harvesting had impact on habitat
• Pesticides from forestry and agriculture
Nisqually Grade School
Fishing – A Way of Life
In 1952, at the age of 21, he fulfilled his dream of becoming a U.S. Marine. “I took real pride in that, the discipline, the hard training. I was in good physical condition, always have been.” He served for two years.
Al Bridges
(1922-1982)
In 1964 Al was with Billy when game wardens rammed and capsized Billy’s canoe. They were both arrested. They were fined and had their salmon and nets confiscated. They also confiscated the canoe.
At age 13, during the October 1965 confrontation with fisheries warden, Alison Bridges became a veteran of the Fish War skirmishes.
Maureen and Tobin Frank
Fishing wars
Billy under arrest
Norma Frank under arrest
Alison Bridges under arrest
Extensive national news coverage of the 1970 arrests at the Puyallup fishing encampment helped ensure filing of *United States v.s. Washington*. This dramatic photograph of Alison Bridges gained wide public attention.
Hank Adams
Treaty Rights Demonstration