

Who designed, and what is the story behind the OSK logo?

Haida Artist – James Crawford – [Raven Steals the Light Bulb](#) – [@ravenstolemylightbulb](#)

2024 represents 35 years of exploring the natural wonders and cultural treasures of Haida Gwaii for Ocean Sound kayaking, and I wanted to do something special. So, I approached my longtime friend James in February 2024, regarding a new logo.

Salmon Egg & Kelp



"The salmon travel many miles through streams and oceans, up and down rivers. They connect the mountains to the sea. They forage in the kelp, and feed the bears in the rivers, and fill the wilderness with the promise of a great meal"

Salmon symbolizes abundance, fertility, prosperity, renewal and good luck. For thousands of years, salmon have been the primary food source for our indigenous cultures throughout the Pacific Northwest and are highly respected.

Kelp is a link between land and sea. It represents the interdependence between indigenous people and the sea, the reciprocal ties of kinship between humans and the supernatural beings, and the potential perils of marine livelihood.

[Watch a time lapse of Salmon Egg & Kelp](#)

Knowledge from the Deep



"I have had the great honour of having this piece featured on the cover of the forthcoming book, *Indigenous Intellectual Property: An Interrupted Intergenerational Conversation*, edited by Val

Napoleon, Rebecca Johnson, Richard Overstall and Debra McKenzie, and published by University of Toronto Press.

I feel the piece represents the vast knowledge of our ancestors, buried beneath the surface of centuries of genocide and oppression, and the delicate dance as it struggles to resurface. The relevance of this knowledge is increasingly apparent in this modern age, as we struggle with our estrangement from the natural world, and the consequences of the breakdown of that relationship. Even this piece was originally developed digitally, further illustrating the conflict between the traditional and the neo-indigenous artistic endeavour.

This print was brought from my digital piece to tangible media by the wonderful and amazing Bill Horne at Amazing Space Studio."

Currently the limited print is being sold at 200\$, contact James directly for availability

[Time lapse video of Knowledge from the Deep.](#)

A Light in the Wild



June 2024, this project fulfilled my need for a Haida tattoo. I asked James that the piece represent Raven, Water, Ocean, connect the earth and water worlds, all while being a supernatural being.

Raven disguised himself to enter the house of the Sky Chief, from whom he stole the sun, moon, and stars to give to humankind. Raven is a central figure in Haida mythology, depicted as a cultural hero, transformer, and magician. Possessing supernatural powers, Raven is credited with spreading lakes, rivers, and trees across the land and populating them with fish and animals. Often described as a "trickster," Haida people believe Raven, also known as Yáahl, represents a complex reflection of one's self.

The dorsal fins of the double fin killer whale represent family, romance, longevity, harmony, travel, community and protection. Orcas are said to protect those who travel away from home, and to lead them back when the time comes. Orcas will often stay their whole life with the same pod and raise each calf with care.

Within the double dorsal fins are the eyes of the Frog. Frog is portrayed as Raven's wife, child, or alter ego. Creek Woman, who resides in a stream and is associated with the Frog family, and is considered one of Raven's wives (Shearar). Frog represents wealth, abundance, ancient wisdom, rebirth, and good luck. Frogs are great communicators and often represent the common ground or voice of the people.

The water, or the underworld, represents the ocean and everything within it. Additionally, the orca's dorsal fins are were said to have their villages in the depths, mirroring the Haida villages on the surface, complete with aligned longhouses.

Fire Proof Frog



A 6 ft Yellow Cedar Paddle was created in 2016, by James. This piece is displayed with honour and respect in my home.