

North Pacific Rim Alive is the third issue of PLANET/DRUM, a seasonal bundle of information, ideas and visions about our mutual inhabitation of this planet.

PLANET/DRUM is an instrument passed from hand to hand rather than a bandstand. A shared instrument to hear from compass points in the circle that encloses us all.

Bundle #1, the first beat, carried a poem on cloth, a map of new States, West Africa photographs, a Columbian journal. It was an exploration to find explorers.

Bundle #2 relayed the first replies. 'Fourth World outlaw' notions, a spirit invocation of North America - Turtle's Son, a critique of 'world' environment groups from a planetary perspective, the Inevitable Gift Economy trade-route through New England, jail notes from Morocco.

North Pacific Rim Alive is the first PLANET/DRUM bundle with all its messages rooted in a single distinct geo-biotic region. It was assembled by editors living around the Skagit River delta, Puget Sound lowlands of the North Pacific Rim, at Box 140, LaConner, Wn., 98257.

Two hundred years of colonial disruption have stripped down the cedar and fir forests, decimated the great salmon runs, slaughtered sea mammals to near extinction for their oils and furs, and ruined river estuaries with mill run-off and factory waste. But it is once again possible to fit into the North Pacific range by participating in its ecosystem evolution - the specific regional succession along the North Pacific Rim. Living in and with it.

PLANET/DRUM is a network of correspondents. Fisher-folk in Alaska and Maine, communes in North America and Europe, Japanese natural scientists, urban planetarians, African game preserve managers, Russian poets and ethnographers, American Indian medicine people. It's sent to anyone who asks for it.

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