

EXCERPT FROM RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH TED ANGASAN TALKING ABOUT
WILD CELERY
CONDUCTED BY PAT PARTNOW AND MARY JANE NIELSEN
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PAT PARTNOW: Another thing I forgot to ask about was -- and maybe this was during fish camp time was greens or any kind of roots or anything like that.

TED ANGASAN: Oh yeah. Gramma used to tell us to pick certain flowers for medicine. Teddy was good at it.

PAT PARTNOW: Teddy Melgenak?

TED ANGASAN: Yeah, she used to tell him which plants to pick so he used to pick some up for her up there.

MARY JANE NIELSEN: Do you remember Gramma and them eating that wild celery?

TED ANGASAN: Oh yeah, that was a favorite. You use seal oil and it was good.

MARY JANE NIELSEN: Now we know it's an angelica.

PAT PARTNOW: You call it putchkii or do you have another --

TED ANGASAN: There was a Native word for it but it was always celery. A certain time of year you picked that.

PAT PARTNOW: Right.