

# Upper Columbia River Update

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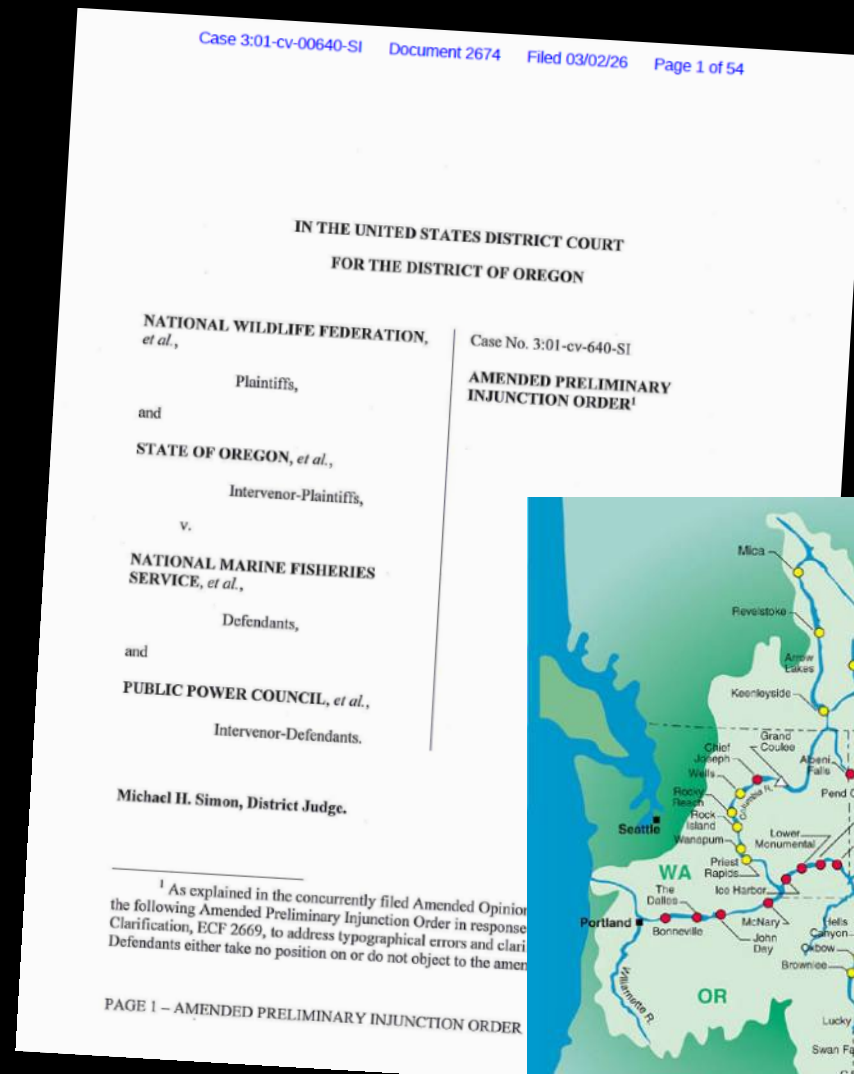


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# CRSO Litigation

## D. Or. PI Order (2/25; am'd 3/2)

- Operations: singular interconnected system
- Summer spill
- Upper Columbia complaints-in-intervention remain stayed (ECF 2443)



# Fish Accords

## Transitional time

- 2008 originally signed
  - 8 Accords partners, 3 fed agencies
- F&W programming funding + other commitments = not litigate or challenge CRSO
- Extensions 2018, 2020, 2022
- Expired Sept. 30, 2024
- Programming continues

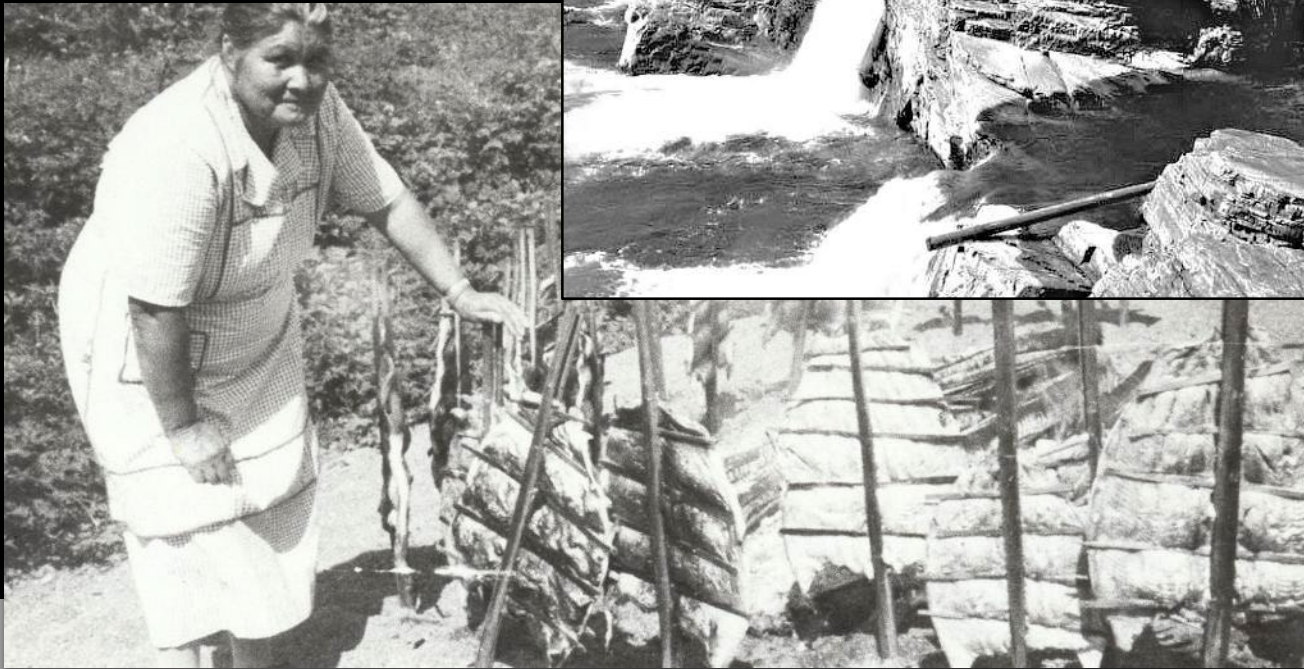
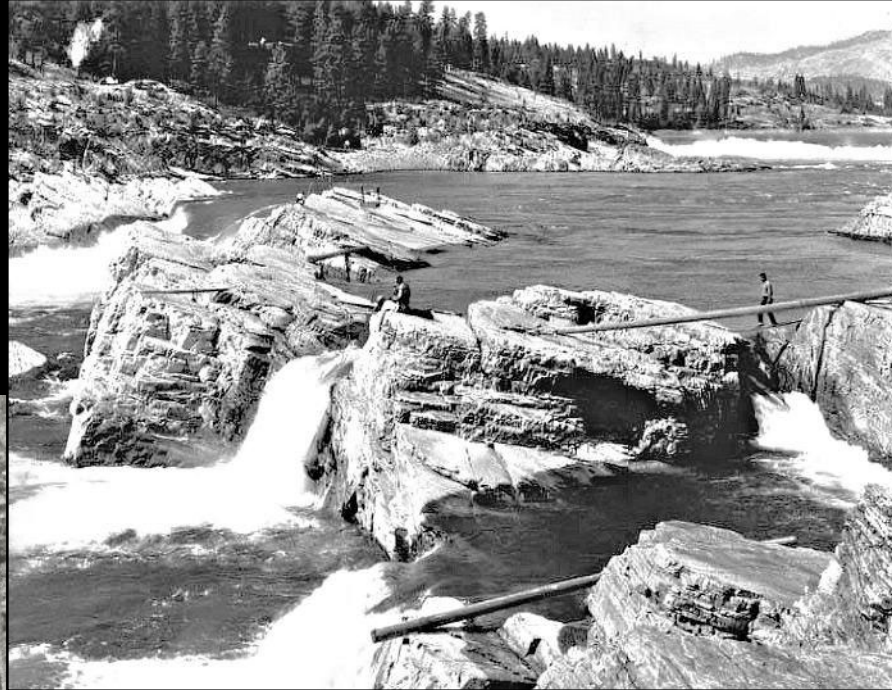


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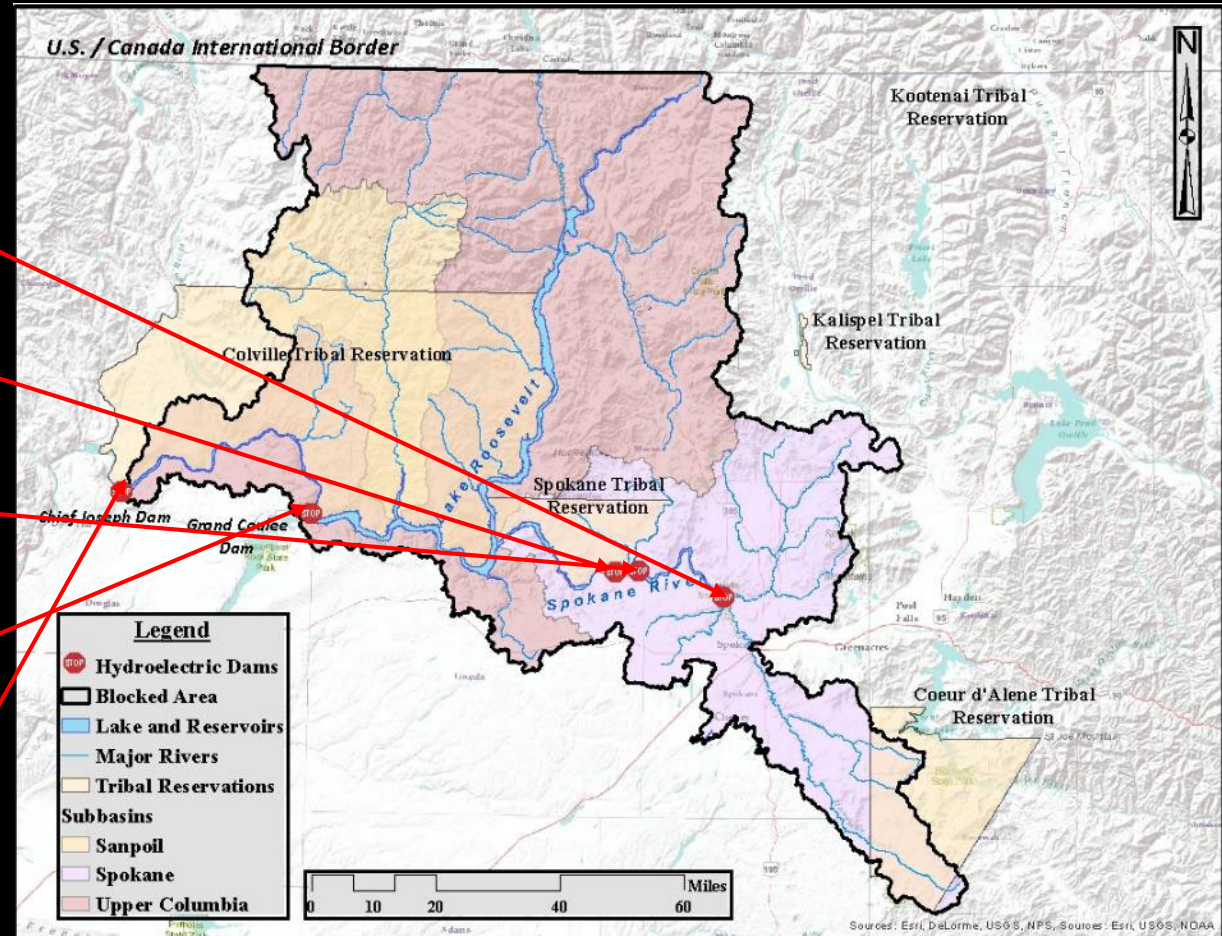
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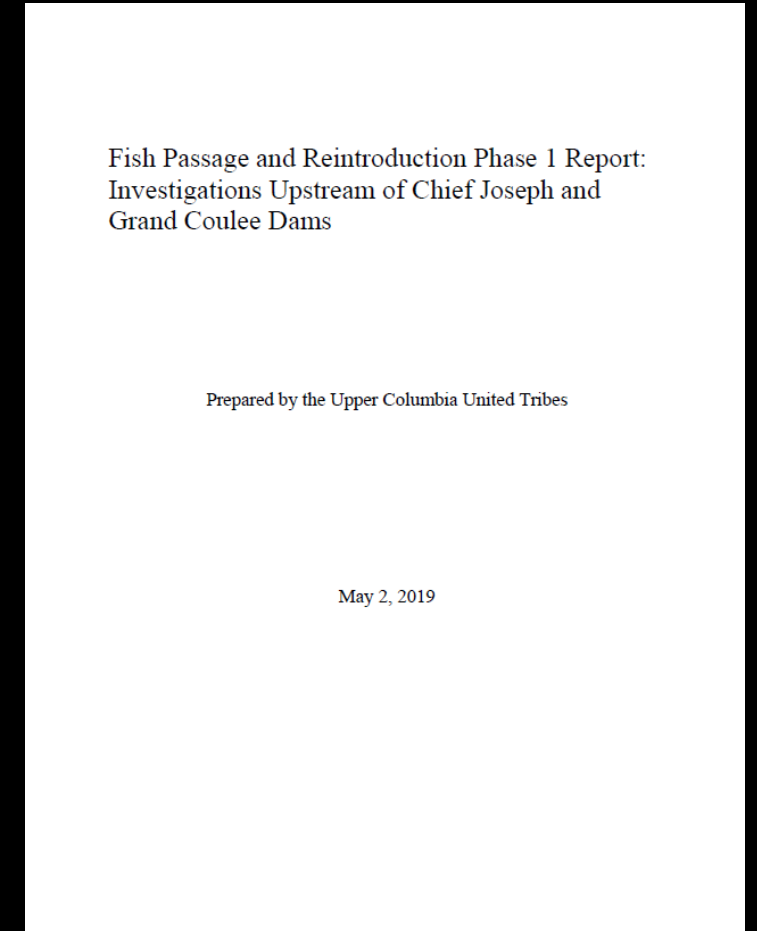
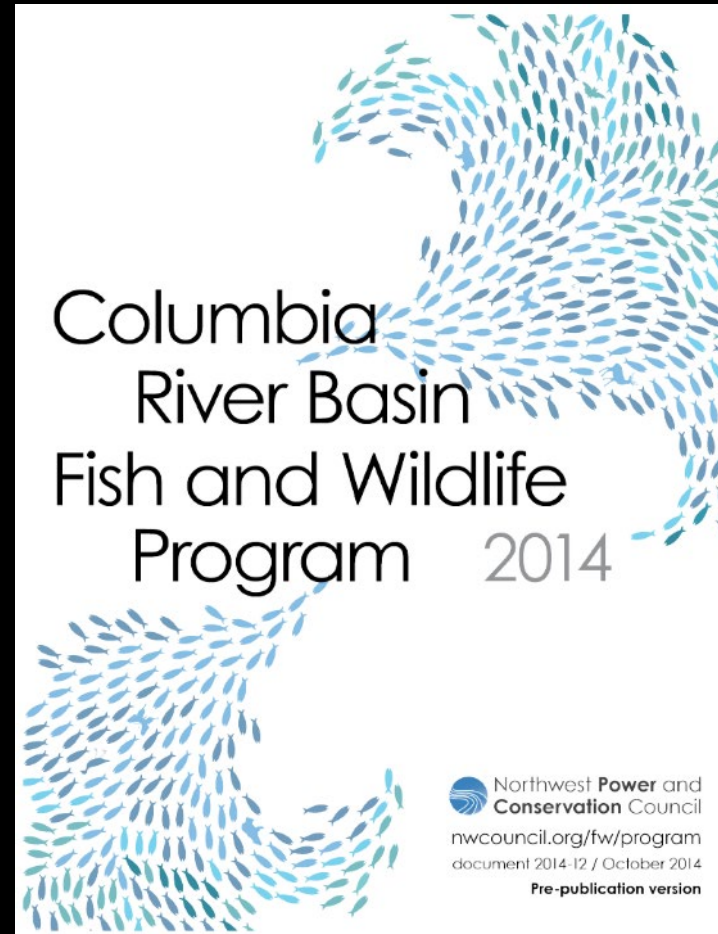
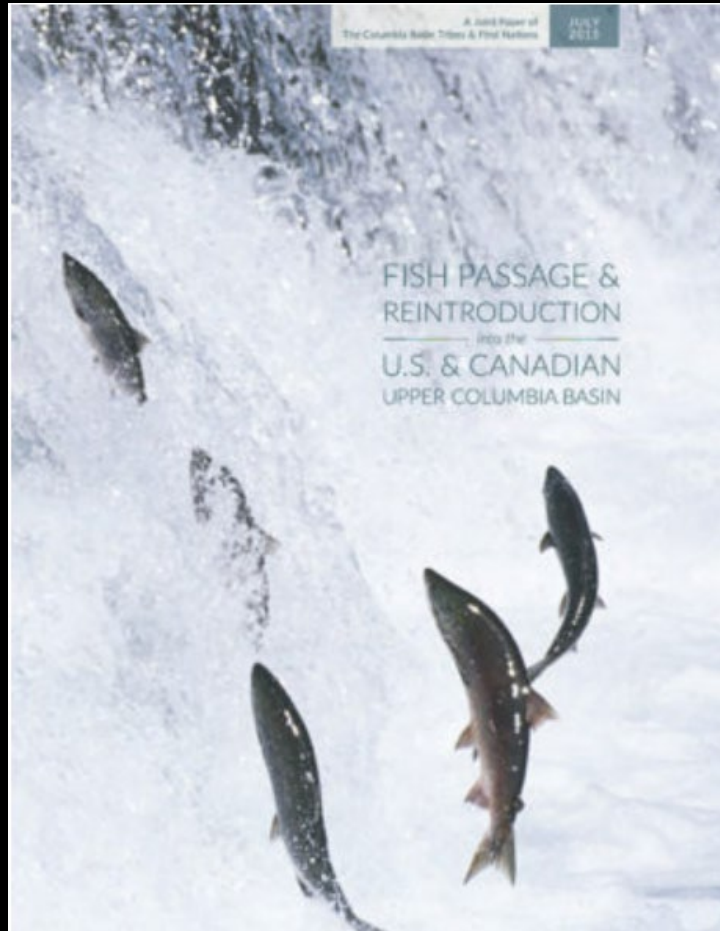
Courtesy of Seattle Times

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1. Nine Mile Dam (1908)
2. Little Falls Dam (1911)
3. Long Lake Dam (1915)
4. Grand Coulee Dam (1941)
5. Chief Joseph Dam (1955)



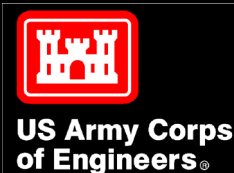
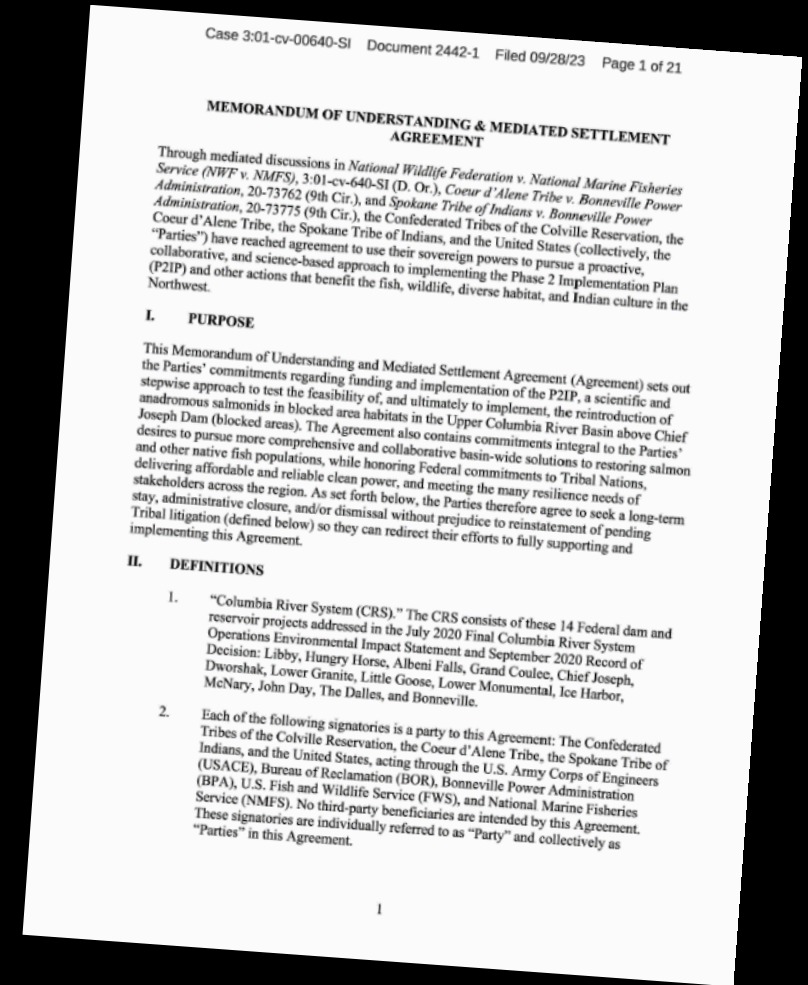
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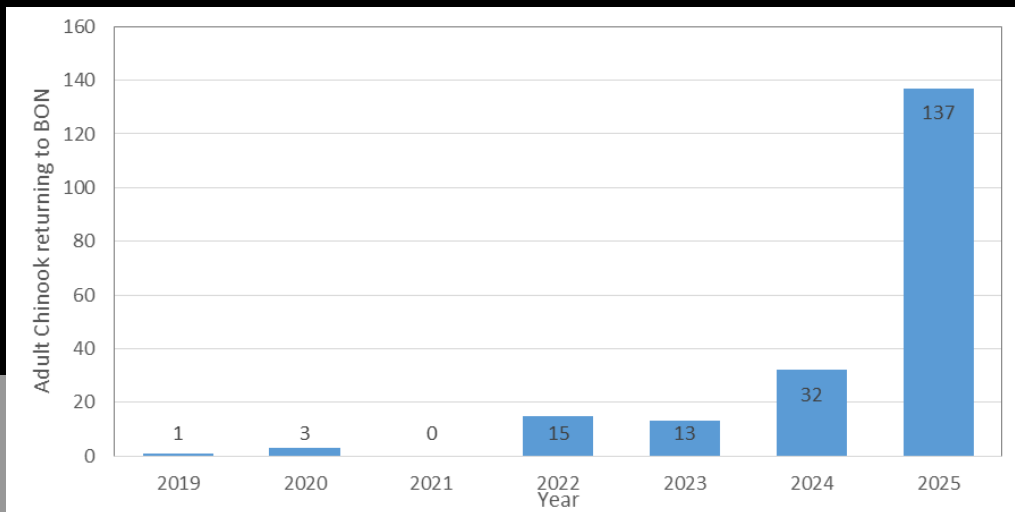
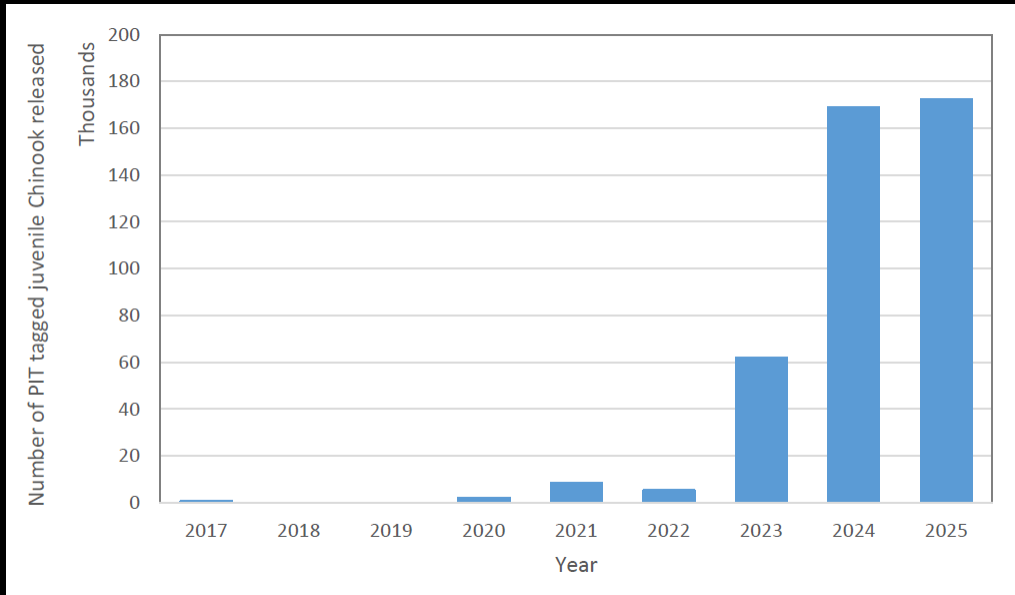
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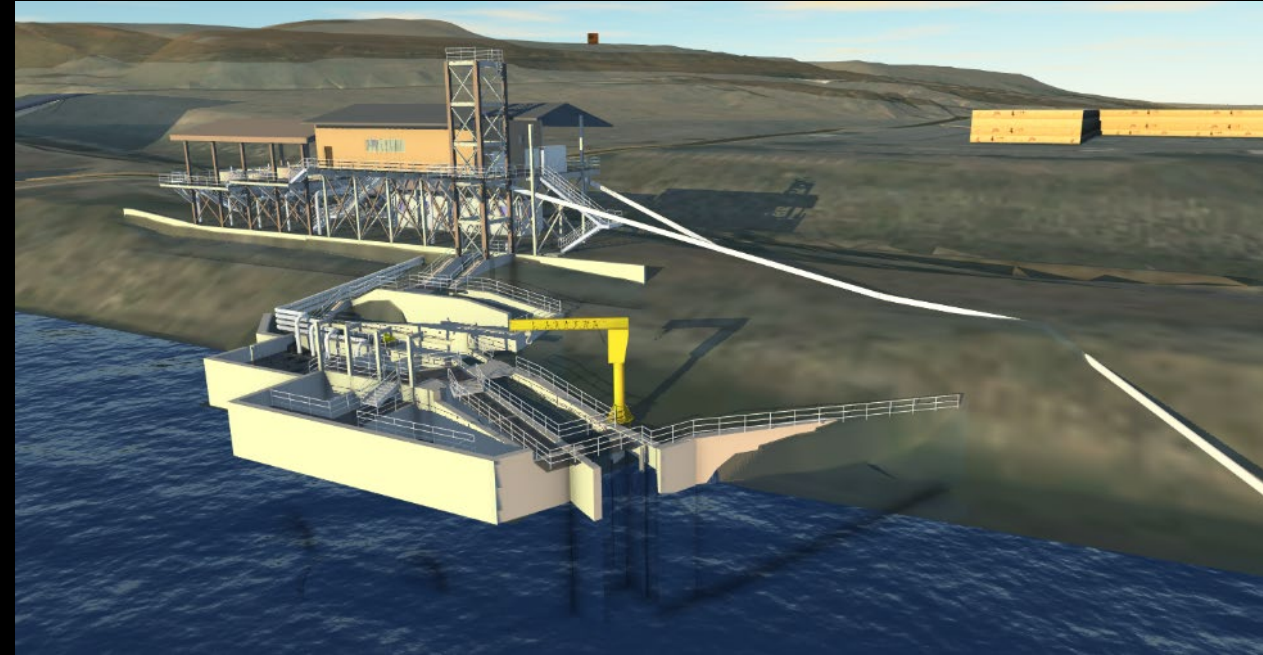
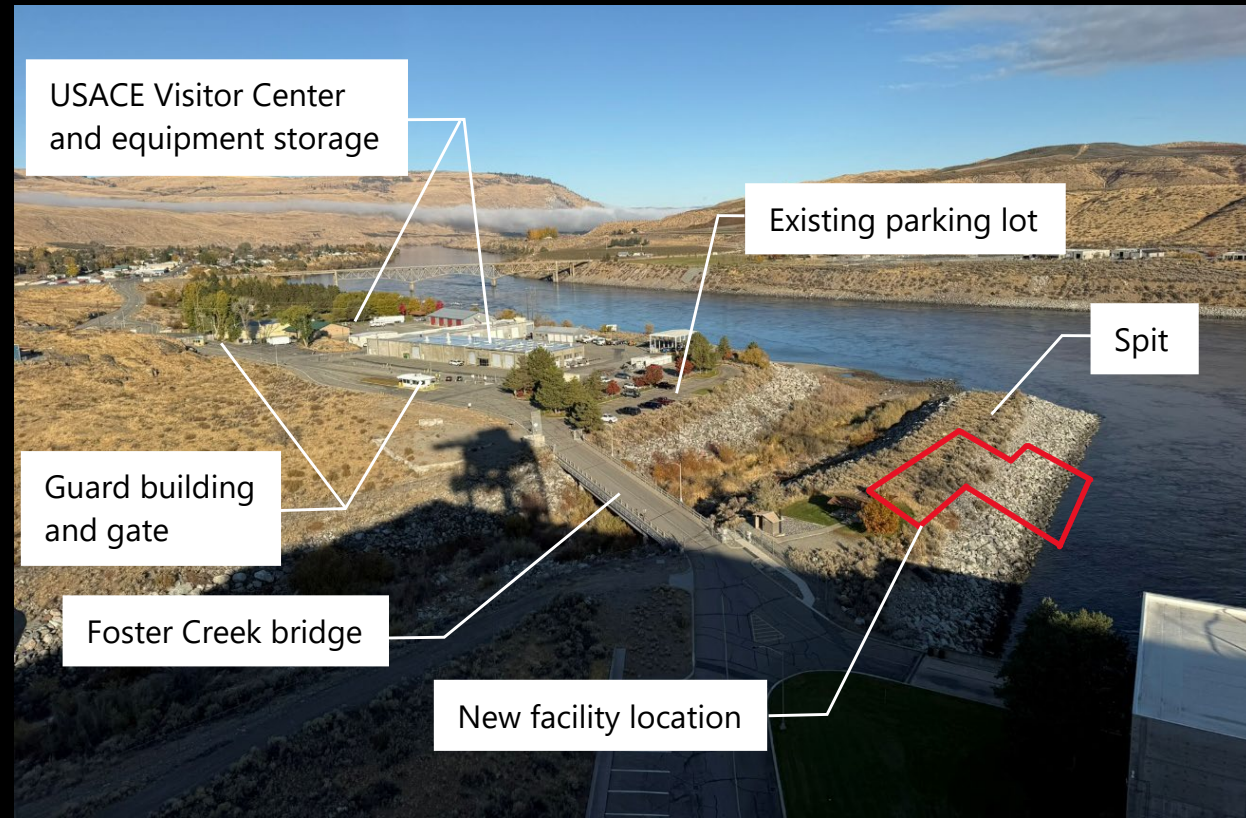
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Tribes quietly lead the way in reintroducing salmon in the Upper Columbia River System

By El FRANCOV On The Spokesman-Review | Apr 9, 2021

An adult chinook is swimming in Hangman Creek for the first time in more than 100 years, a symbolic victory for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe

July 13, 2022 | Updated Wed, July 13, 2022 at 11:25 a.m.

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

\$3 million will help tribes study salmon reintroduction in the Upper Columbia Basin

Courtesy: NPR  
Apr 10, 2022 11:22 p.m.

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Spokane Tribe releases 146 Chinook salmon into Spokane River, highlighting increasing respect given to indigenous knowledge

Aug 24, 2022 | Updated Wed, Aug 24, 2022 at 8:24 p.m.

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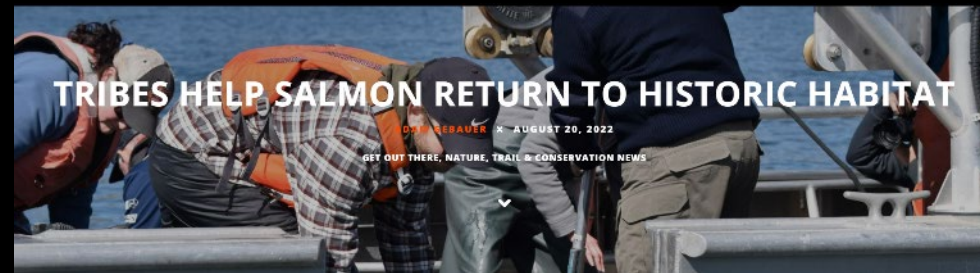
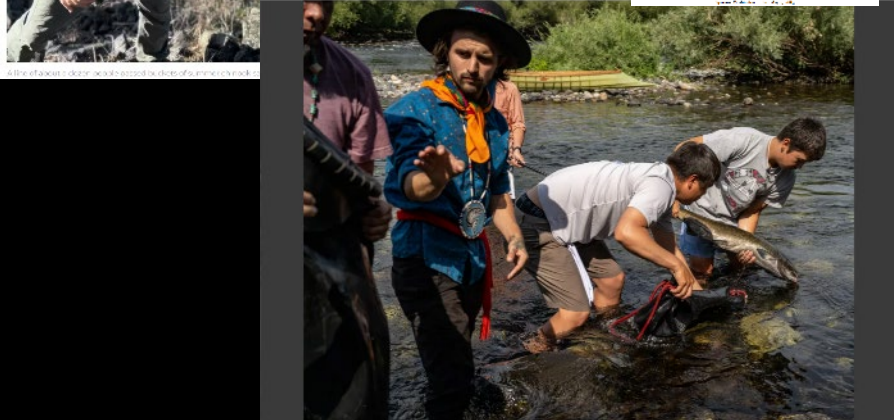


10K 6.7 Casey Baldwin, a research scientist with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, points out a salmon nest, or roach, on the Sanpoil River.

Courtesy: Platt / NW News Network

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Salmon spawning above Grand Coulee Dam a 'hopeful' sight



TRIBES HELP SALMON RETURN TO HISTORIC HABITAT

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