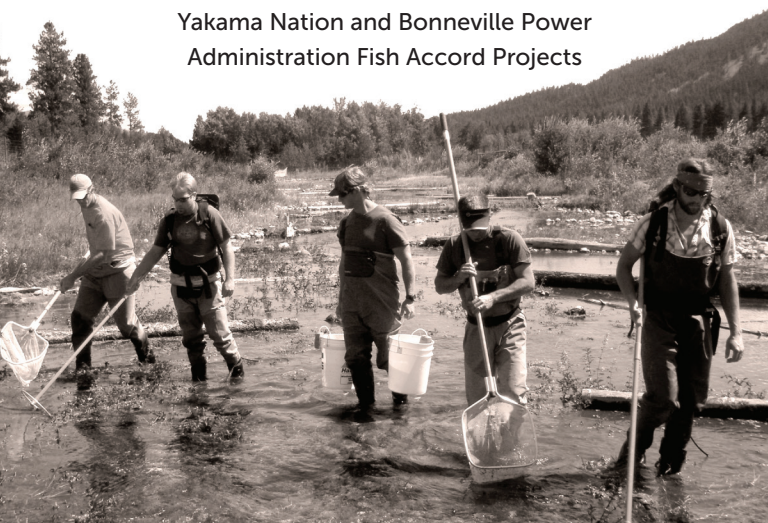


# RESTORING SALMON

## Upper Columbia Overview

Yakama Nation and Bonneville Power Administration Fish Accord Projects



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Imagine a clean and productive Columbia River Basin that sustains the cultural practices of Yakama members and improves life for Northwest people and generations not yet born.

Our regional work in the Methow, Entiat, and Wenatchee sub-basins is supported by the Yakama Nation Fisheries work and knowledge of the entire Columbia River Basin.



Since 1983, we have achieved success by combining our traditional knowledge with cutting edge science.

Today, we have 200 employees working on more than 100 projects in nine sub-basins along the Columbia River. We call the river Nch'í Wána. It is our sacred responsibility to honor, protect and restore the salmon.

## ***Núsux*** (salmon)

Since time immemorial, the Columbia River Basin has given its salmon to sustain the Yakama people; in turn, the Yakama have honored and protected the salmon.



# Key laws and decisions:

## 1855 Treaty

The Yakama Nation (912 stat. 951) reserved rights under the Treaty of 1855, include the rights to hunt, gather and take fish in all usual and accustomed places. The Courts have upheld Yakamas' treaty rights.

## 1969 Belloni Decision

Upheld that Yakama, in its treaty, reserved existing fishing rights in the Columbia River.

## 1979 Boldt Decision

Ruled that Yakama has a right to half of all the harvestable fish destined for the tribes' traditional fishing places.

## 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords

Funds Yakama salmon restoration work in the Columbia Basin until 2018.



For the Yakama people, fishing for salmon is “not much less necessary to the Indians than the atmosphere they breathed”

—U.S. Supreme Court Justice Joseph McKenna  
in the landmark 1905 U.S. v. Winans





## The Yakama Nation Upper Columbia Habitat Restoration Project

### Activities include:

- Landowner partnerships
- Removing fish passage barriers
- Improving instream habitat
- Recontouring flood plains
- Constructing livestock fencing
- Reconnecting side channels, backwaters and alcoves
- Improving sediment transport capacities

## Yakama Nation Upper Columbia Projects at a Glance

### Upper Columbia Habitat Restoration Project

Assess, design, and implement habitat restoration projects to restore endangered spring chinook and steelhead in priority streams and reaches of the Methow, Entiat and Wenatchee rivers.

### Hancock Springs Project

A habitat restoration effort in Hancock Spring in the Methow sub-basin that today has Endangered-Species-Act-listed fish returning.

### Habitat-Nutrients Restoration Project

Increase natural production of anadromous fish in the Twisp River and Hancock Springs by addressing habitat and nutrient limitations.

### Coho Restoration Project

Develop a locally adapted, naturally spawning coho stock in the Wenatchee and Methow sub-basins, which is capable of supporting harvest.

### Steelhead Kelt Reconditioning Project

Develop and implement a kelt reconditioning program in the Methow, Entiat and Wenatchee sub-basins to enhance the abundance and life history diversity of naturally produced steelhead.

# Yakama Nation Today

**14 Yakama Nation Tribal Council Members**

**10,361 Yakama Nation Tribal Members**

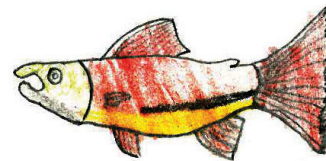
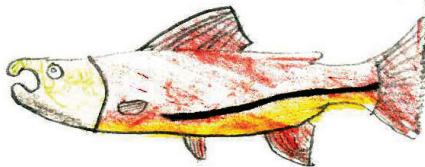
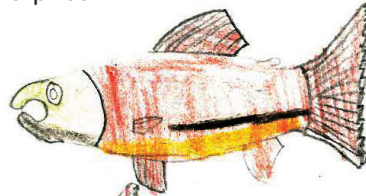
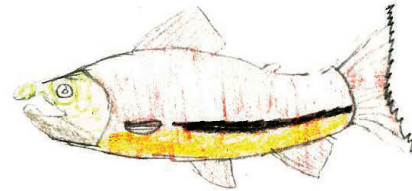
**1.3 million acre reservation**

## Core businesses:

- Yakama Nation Forest Products
- Yakama Nation Legends Casino
- Yakama Nation Cultural Center
- Yakama Nation Museum
- Yakama Nation Resort RV Park
- Yakama Nation Land Enterprise
- Yakama Power
- Yakama Transit

“Collaboration is a valuable tool and our partnerships help us as we honor, protect and restore the Columbia River and its tributaries.”

—Yakama Nation Tribal Chairman Harry Smiskin





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