

# COLUMBIA RIVER | Honor. Protect. Restore.

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation



# Overview

- Governmental Status/Structure
- Commitment to the Natural Resources
- Co-Management of Natural Resources
- Cleanup Priorities in the Columbia River
  
- Yakama Nation's Vision

# Yakama Nation's Governmental Status

- As a sovereign Nation, the Yakama Tribe signed a Treaty with the United States.
- The Yakama Tribe conditionally ceded vast quantities of land to the US.
- The Yakama Tribe retained all rights not expressly relinquished.
- ★ Yakamas have a right to take fish, fish not diminished by contamination.



# Commitment to Resources

- The sacred relationship of the Yakama people, the Salmon, and the Columbia River was established in ancient time.
- This relationship is the foundation of time-honored laws of the Yakama people;
  - ▣ the laws that protect life and the cycles of nature and provide for human well-being;
  - ▣ the laws that govern longhouse traditions;
  - ▣ The laws that support the practices that sustained the Yakama people since time immemorial.

# Co-Management of Resources



# Hazardous Sites Within The Columbia River Basin

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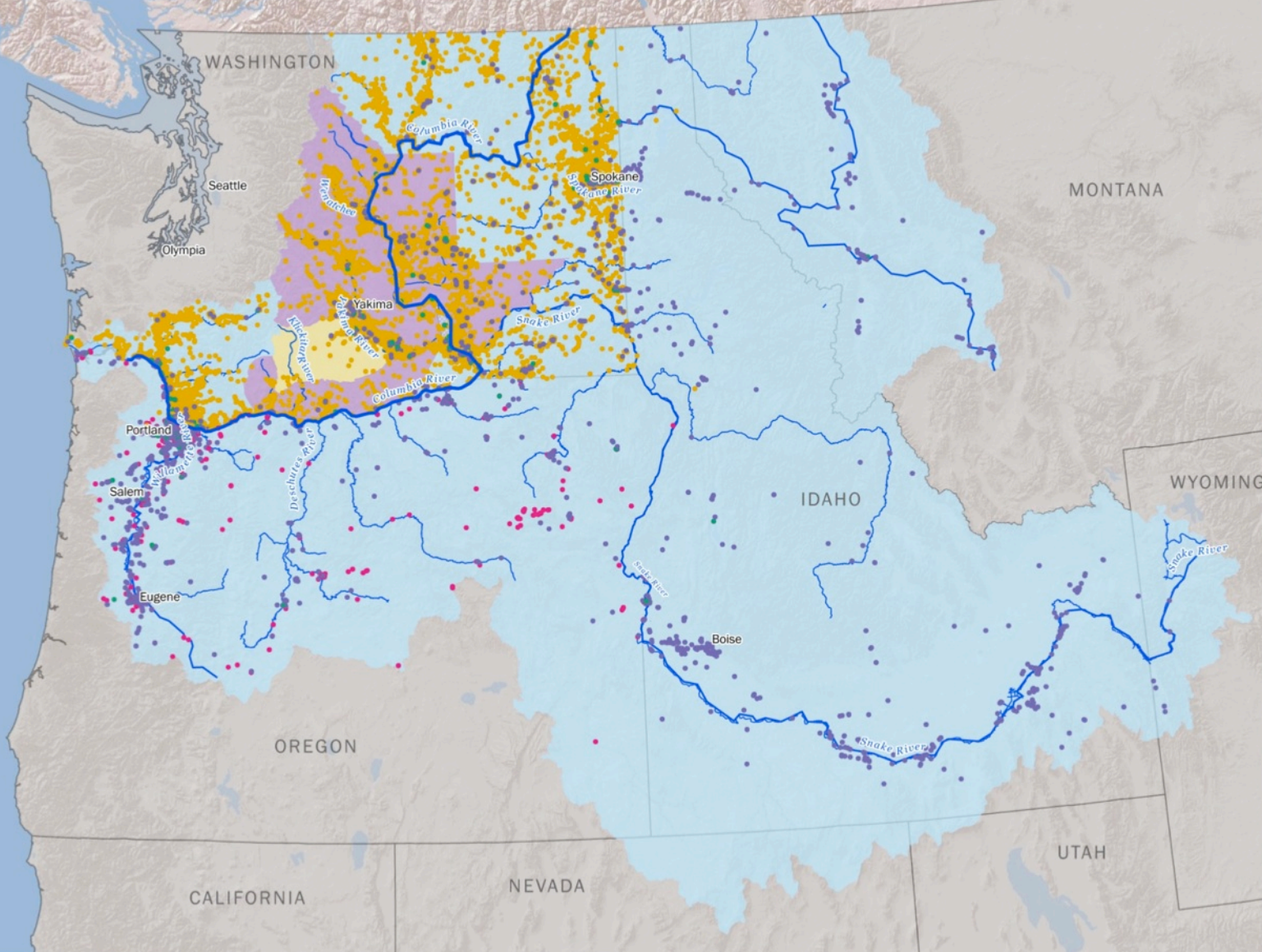
REGULATORY AGENCY

- OR DEQ
- WA DOE
- US EPA
- STATE AND FEDERAL LISTING

YAKAMA RESERVATION

YAKAMA CEDED AREA BOUNDARY

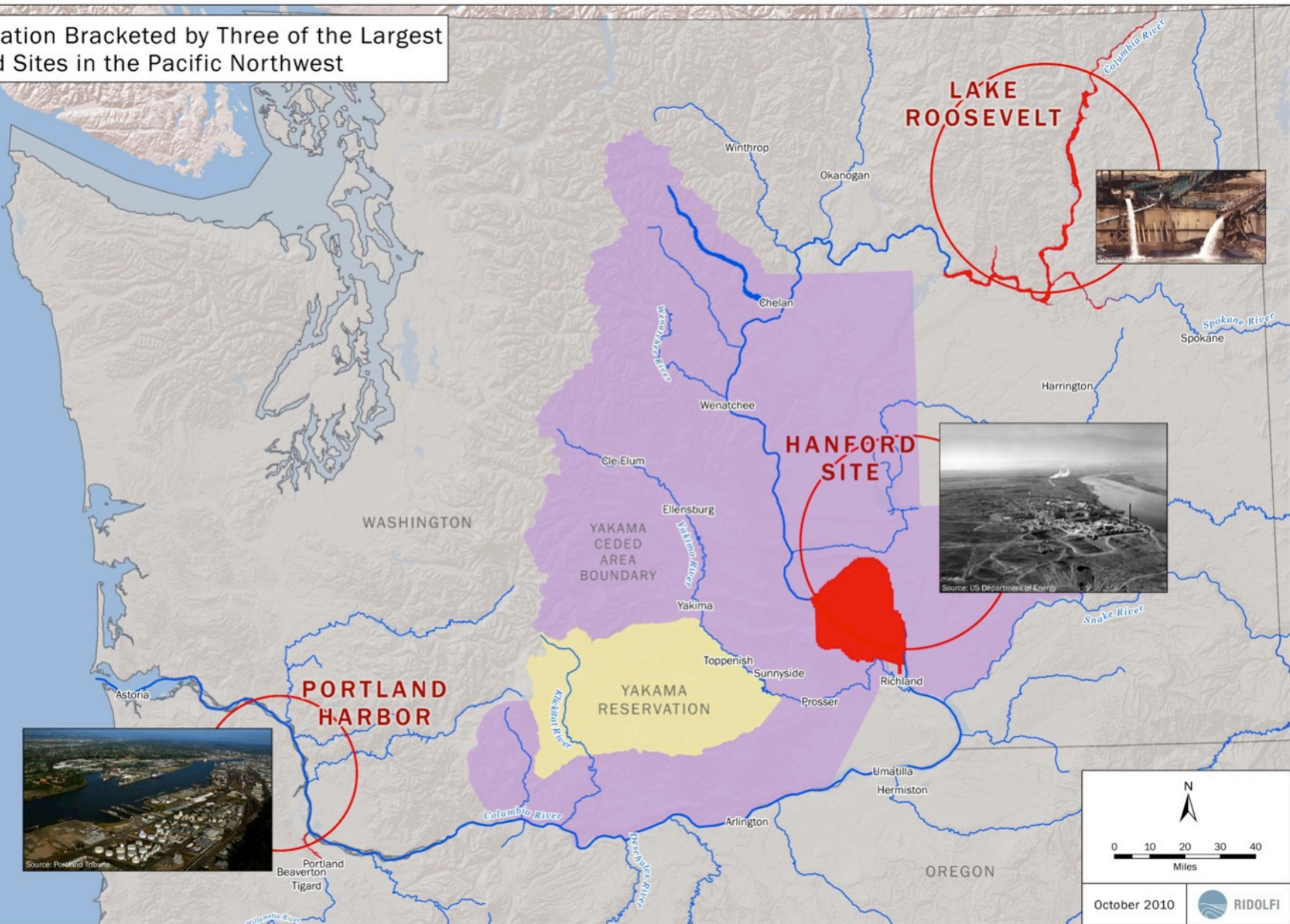
COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN



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# Yakama Nation Bracketed by Three of the Largest Superfund Sites in the Pacific Northwest



North arrow and scale bar (0 to 40 Miles).

October 2010





# Prioritization of Hazardous Waste Sites

Identify

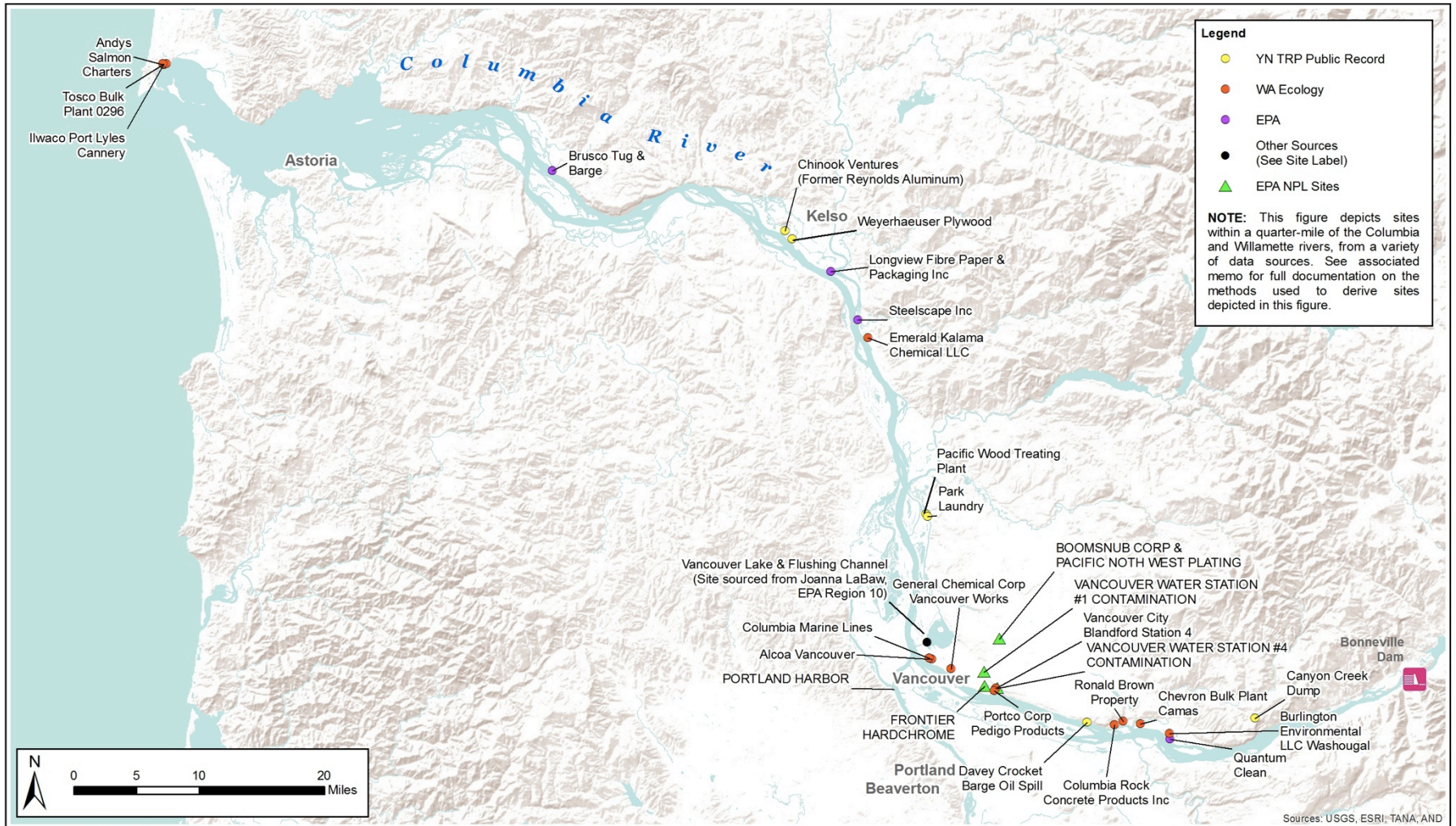
- Sites within a 1/2 mile of the Columbia River or major tributary


Screen

- 799 sites along the Columbia River
- Lower Columbia River priority sites

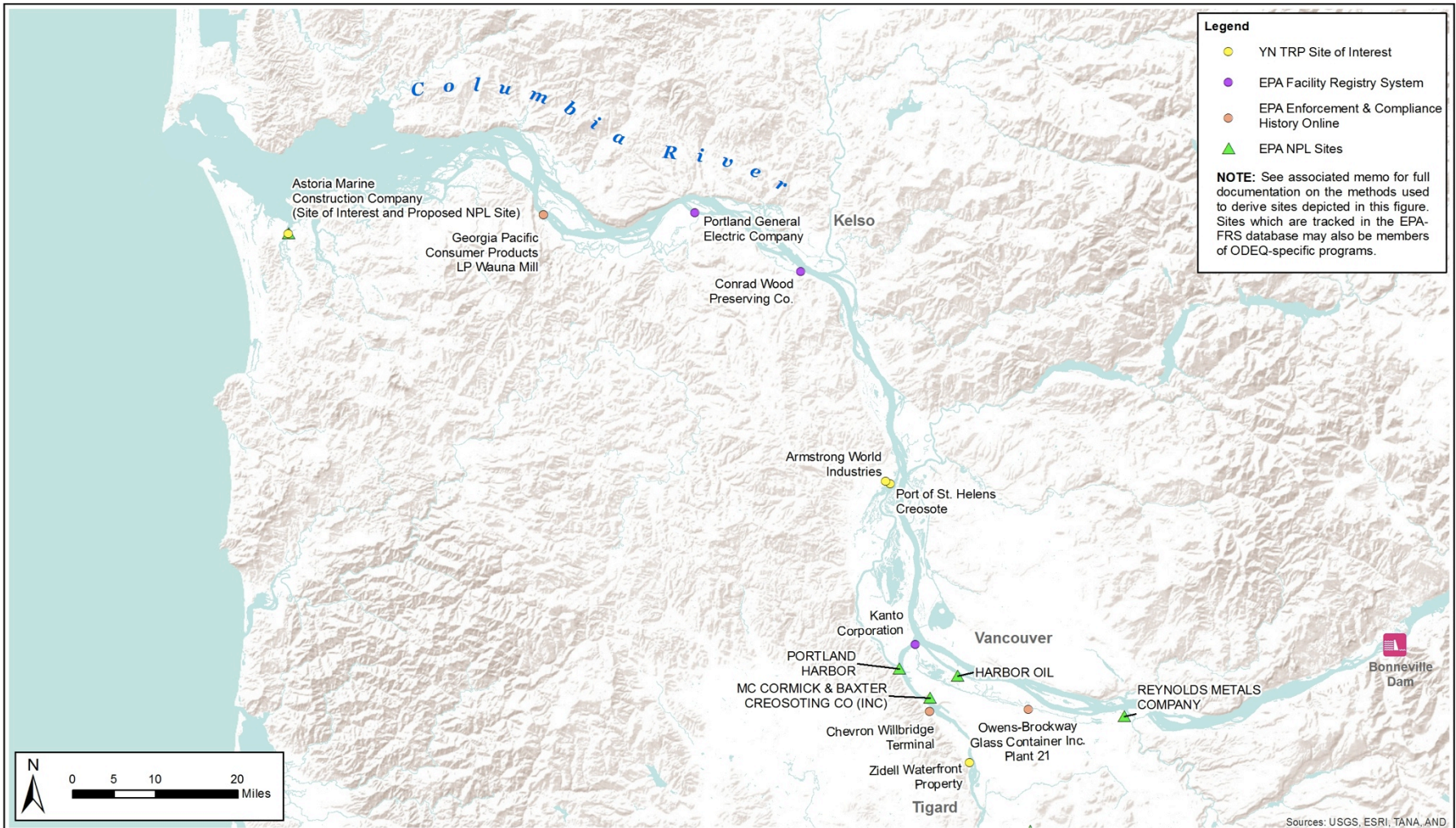
Prioritize

- 24 sites on WA side
- 31 sites on OR side
- Mid-Columbia River priority sites
- 23 sites on WA side
- 10 sites on OR side



	<b>Hazardous Sites Along the Lower Columbia River - Washington State</b>	January 2013	Figure 1
	Prepared for Yakama Nation Fisheries Department	Site Overview	

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Hazardous Sites Along the Lower Columbia River - Oregon State

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Figure 1

Site Overview



# Next Steps...

Honor.

Protect.

Restore.

- Continue site prioritization effort for the Upper-Columbia River
- Discuss identified sites with state and federal agencies
- Fill in data gaps
- Continue Addressing contamination concerns at priority sites throughout the Columbia River

# Danger

Polluted River



This river is polluted. Swimming, eating the fish, and drinking the water are not advised due to health hazards. Do at your own risk. Bureau of Environmental Services 823-7740



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# YAKAMA NATION

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IMAGINE...

a clean and productive Columbia River that sustains the cultural practices of Yakama members and improves life for our neighbors and future generations.