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The River Runs By It:

An Update on the Yakima River Delta Restoration 1135 Project

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Bateman Island

The river runs  by it ...



Richland Wye

Montana St

Columbia Park Trail

240

What We Will Cover

Brief Background of the Problem



Project Updates



Current Status of the Project

Many project titles....

- Bateman Island Causeway Conceptual Design
- Bateman Island Causeway Modification
- Bateman Island Causeway Project
- Bateman Island Project
- Yakima River Delta Enhancement Project
- Yakima River Delta Restoration Project

Same message...

- Causeway is a complete barrier to fish passage and river flow.
- Back water area is ideal habitat for non-native predatory fish.
- Temperatures of 77-86 degrees = thermal block to late migrating salmon.

Fish Passage

Recreational Access

Protect Marina and Boat Launch





Columbia River

Yakima River



A river runs by it
but would like to flow through.
The tribes have always used it
Lewis and Clark saw it too.

An island, a shore
connected before the great War.
Seventy-plus years later
all the issues are greater.

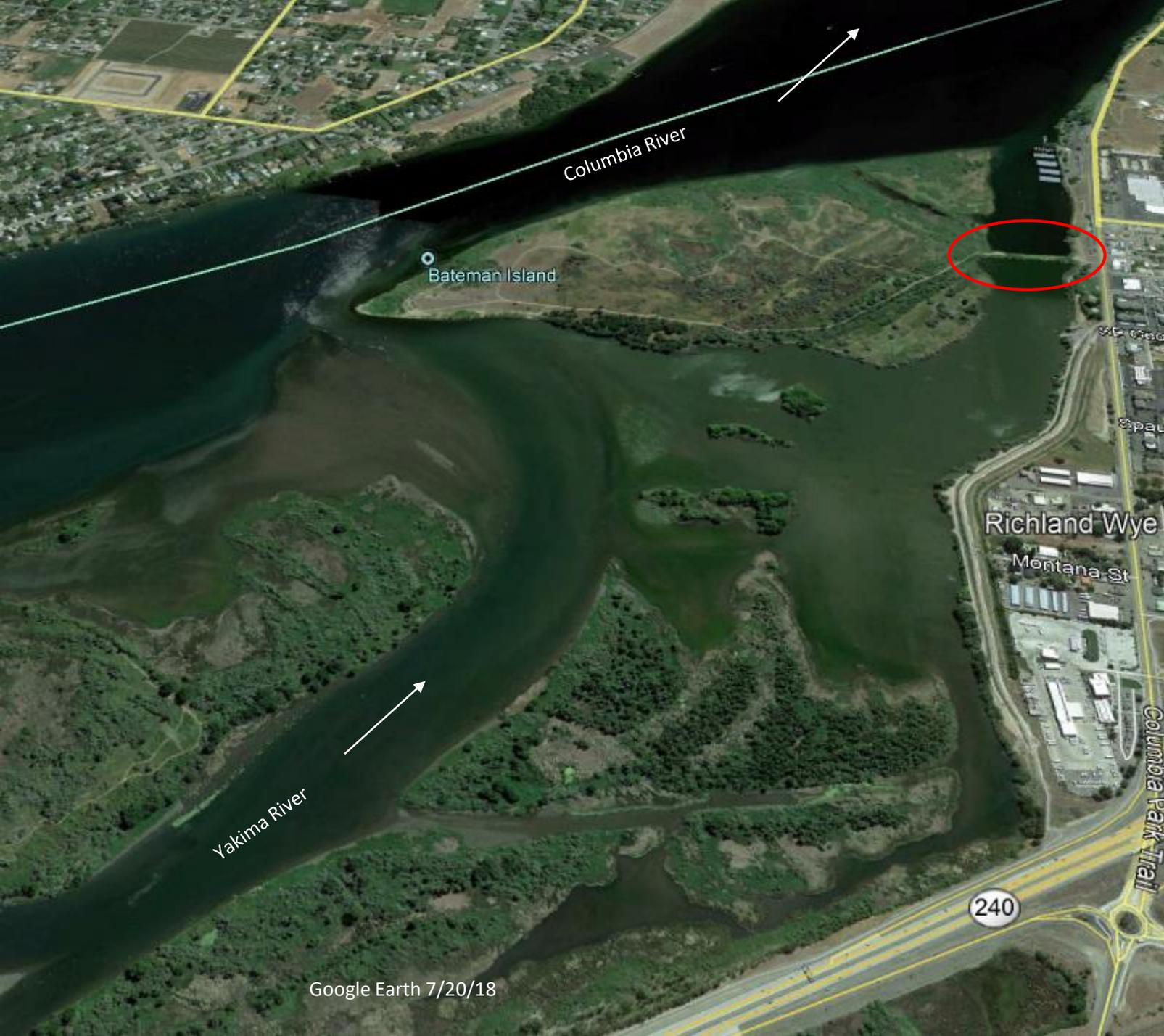


An aerial photograph of the Yakima River delta in November 1964. The image shows a large, dark reservoir of water in the upper right, with a dam structure visible at the bottom center. The surrounding landscape is a mix of agricultural fields and natural terrain. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right, with several meanders and smaller channels branching off. The overall scene depicts a significant alteration of the natural river delta environment.

Nov 1964

The construction of McNary Dam in the mid-1950s dramatically altered the nature of the Yakima Delta.

The current is gone,
native fish diminished.
Ecology has changed
clearer water vanished.



Restoration is planned
And people will speak.
Ecology improved
in about 260 weeks.

Native fish schooling
Swimming to and fro.
Native fish in cool water
It's quite simple, not so.

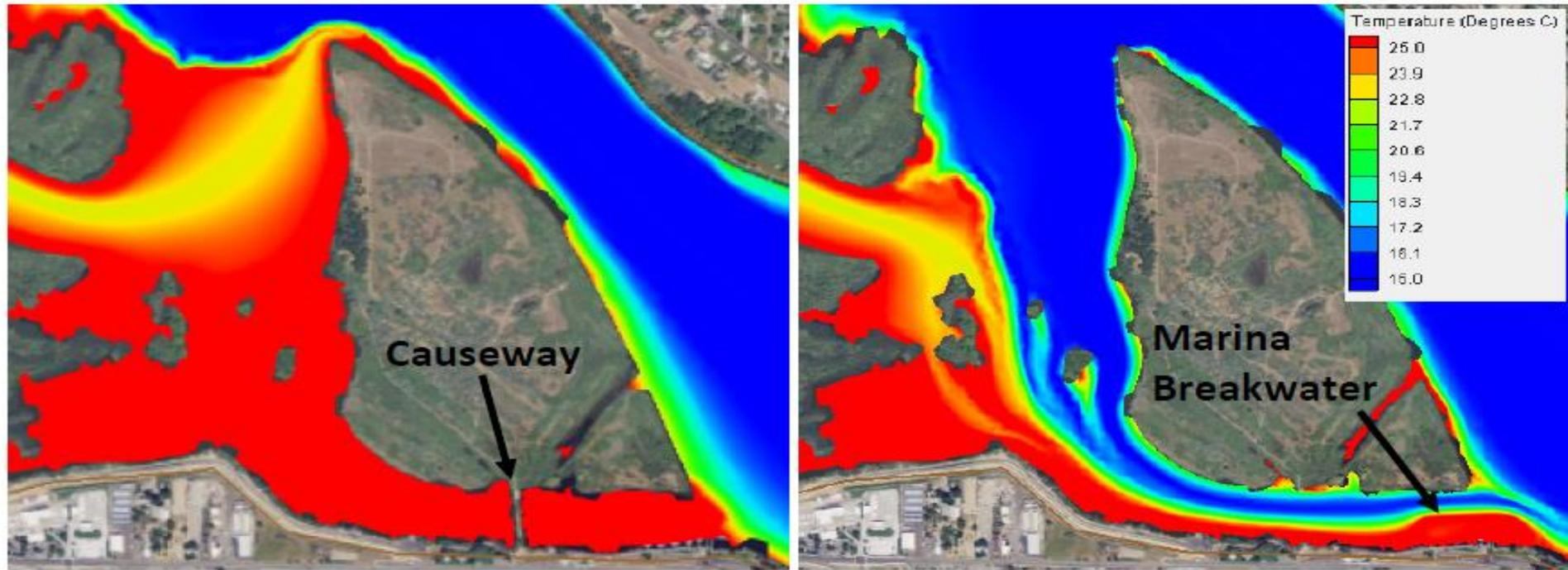


Figure EX1: Simulated Temperatures for a Moderately High Columbia River Discharge on July 8, 2012, (Left) Existing Conditions, (Right) Alternative 8, Full Causeway Removal with a Breakwater around Marina

Full Breach with Breakwater Protecting Marina

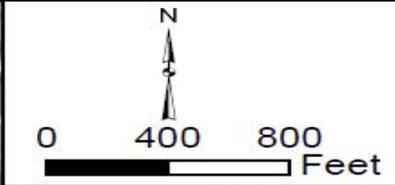
Legend

ALTERNATIVES

-  ALT 2: DISCONNECT YAKIMA RIVER THALWEG FROM YAKIMA DELTA AREA
-  ALT 3: BREACH THE BATEMAN ISLAND CAUSEWAY
-  ALT 4: MODIFY THE BATEMAN ISLAND CAUSEWAY ALIGNMENT

OWNERSHIP (Source: Benton County Assessor)

-  USACE
-  CITY OF RICHLAND



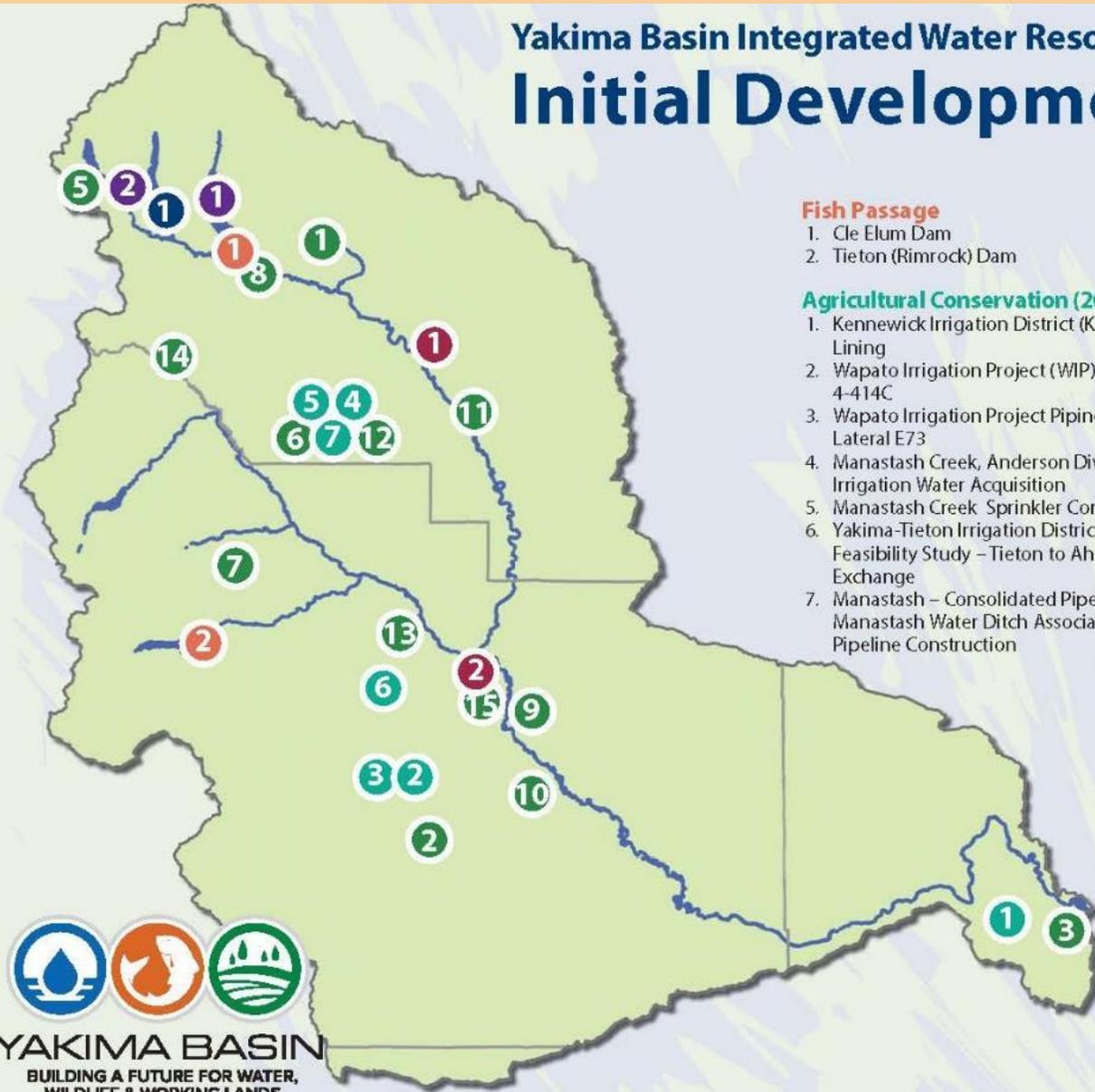
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Causeway Concept Design Project
Figure 2.1
Coarse Alternatives Locations Map



The Yakima Delta Restoration Project is an integral part of the YBIWRMP

Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resources Management Plan Initial Development Projects



Fish Passage

1. Cle Elum Dam
2. Tieton (Rimrock) Dam

Agricultural Conservation (2013-2015)

1. Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) Division IV Lining
2. Wapato Irrigation Project (WIP) Piping Lateral 4-414C
3. Wapato Irrigation Project Piping Satus East Lateral E73
4. Manastash Creek, Anderson Diversion Irrigation Water Acquisition
5. Manastash Creek Sprinkler Conversions
6. Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District (YTID) Feasibility Study – Tieton to Ahtanum Exchange
7. Manastash – Consolidated Pipeline & Manastash Water Ditch Association (MWDA) Pipeline Construction

Structural and Operational Changes

1. Cle Elum Pool Raise
2. Keechelus to Kachess Conveyance

Surface Water Storage

1. Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant

Water Bank/Exchange Programs Basin Wide

Groundwater Storage

1. Upper Kittitas Aquifer Storage and Recovery
2. Yakima City Aquifer Storage and Recovery

Habitat Enhancement (2013-2015)

1. Teanaway Acquisition
2. Toppenish Fan
3. Bateman Island Causeway Modification Conceptual Design
4. Bull Trout Habitat Improvements
5. Gold Creek Habitat Assessment and Conceptual Design
6. Reed Diversion design Barrier Removal
7. Little Rattlesnake Road Decommissioning
8. Cle Elum River Side Channel Restoration Project, Phase 2
9. Gap-to-Gap Property Acquisitions
10. Upper Wapato Riparian Restoration
11. Ellensburg Water Company / Coleman Creek Restoration
12. Reed Diversion Barrier Removal
13. Trout Meadows Acquisition / Enhancement
14. Manastash/ Little Naches Land Acquisition
15. Gap-to-Gap Outfall Relocation



YAKIMA BASIN
BUILDING A FUTURE FOR WATER,
WILDLIFE & WORKING LANDS

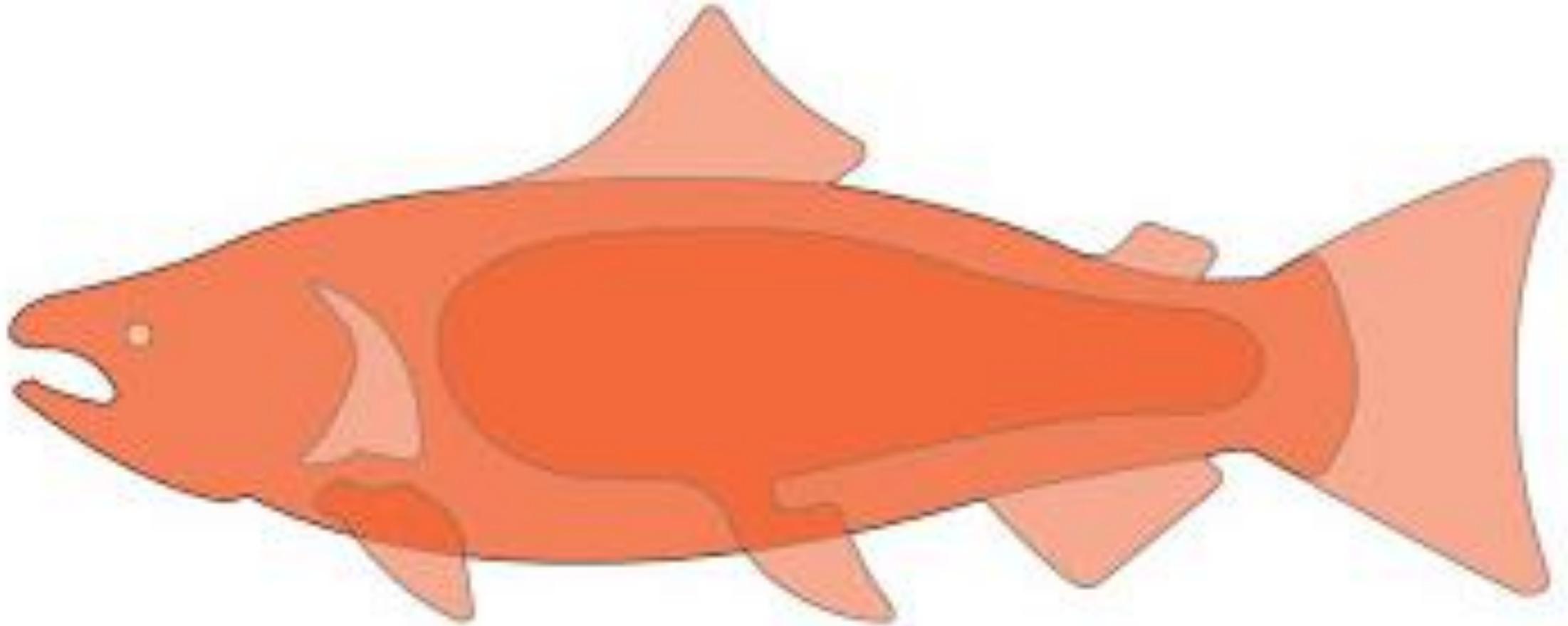
Stakeholder Partners



Agreement on Broad Project Scope

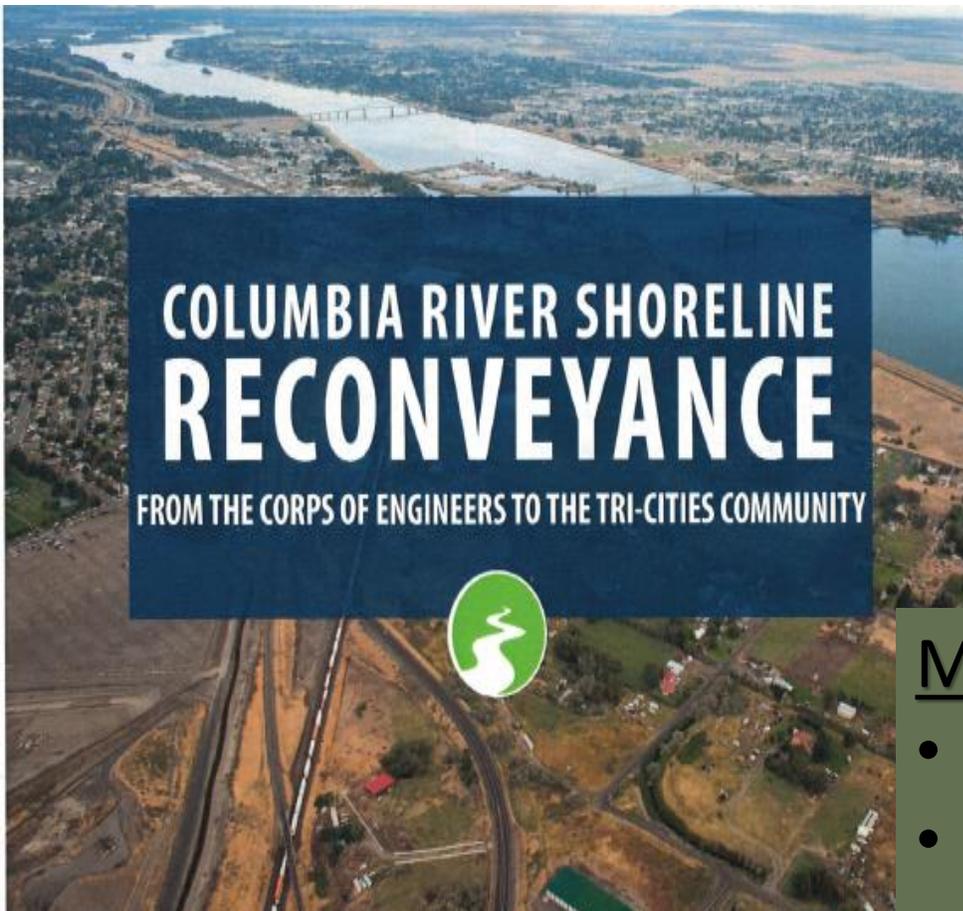


- ❖ Restore flow around south side of island
- ❖ Maintain and enhance recreational access in and around island
- ❖ Continued operation of the private marina and public boat launch



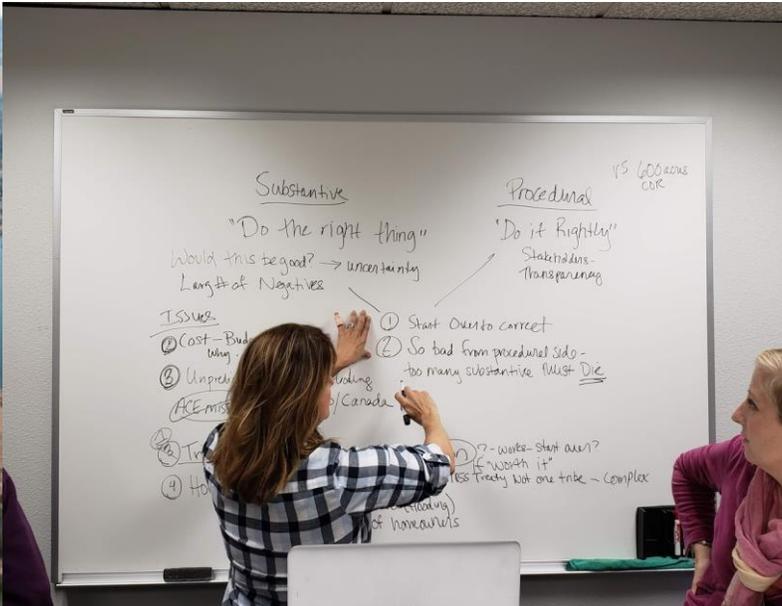
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So What Has Happened since 2018?



COLUMBIA RIVER SHORELINE RECONVEYANCE

FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO THE TRI-CITIES COMMUNITY



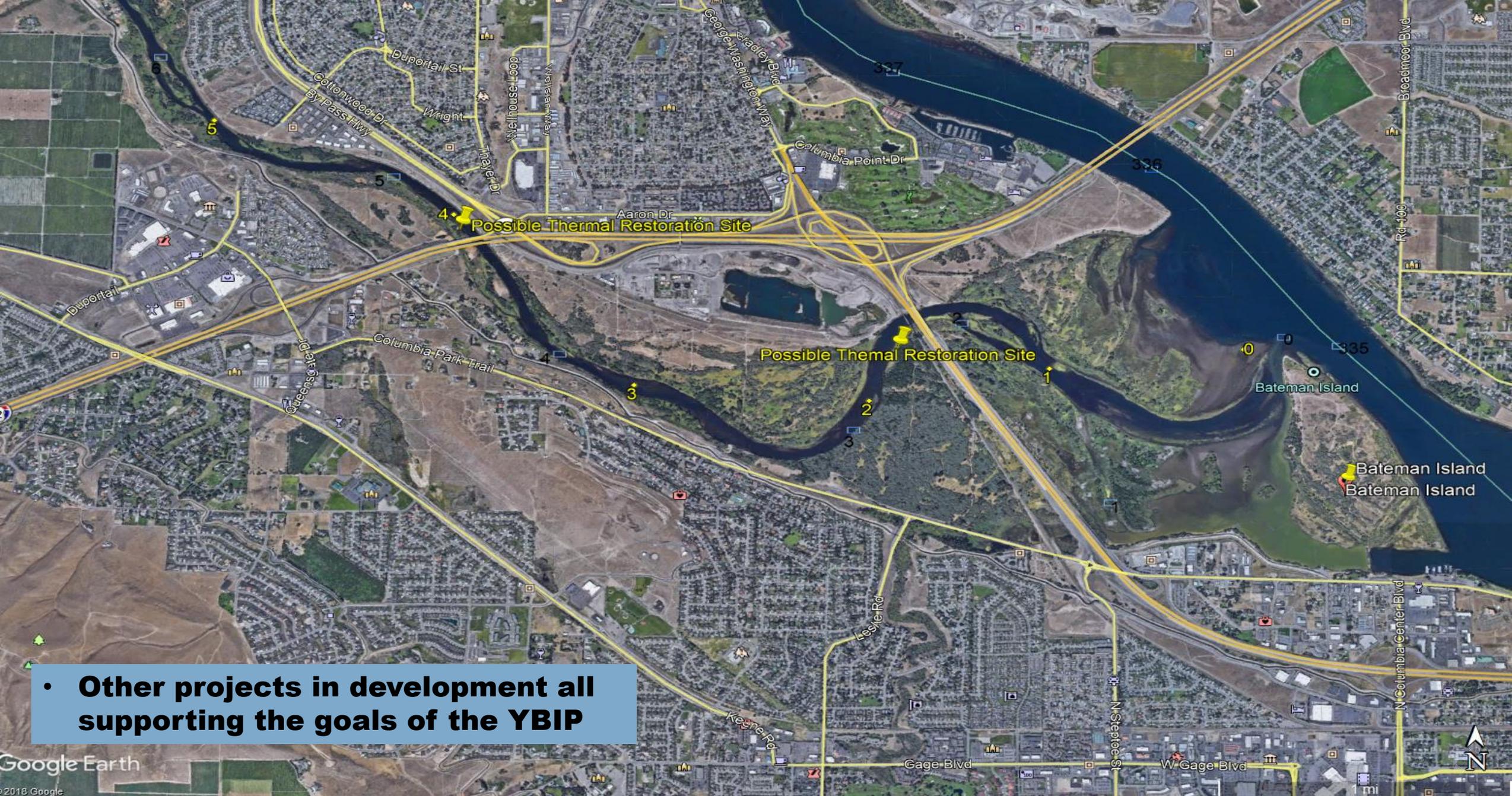
MCF 2018-2019 Highlights

- Partner Coordination
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Events
- Future Project Development



Building a Strong Presence in the Tri-Cities!





- **Other projects in development all supporting the goals of the YBIP**





What is
Section
1135?

2019 Milestones: 1135 Process



JANUARY- APRIL 2019: The Federal Interest Determination (FID)



August 2019 - Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA)

Signed by USACE and the Non Federal Sponsor - includes total agreed upon cost of the feasibility study and work in kind agreement.

Project Management Plan (PMP) is required and details the project scope, schedule, and cost.



September 2019 - Study begins

Public Meeting/Planning charrette will be held with Stakeholders to begin planning process (developing the problem statement, opportunities, and constraints).



November 2019: Public Scoping and start of Feasibility Document

May 2021: Draft Feasibility Study/NEPA Ready for Public Review

2022 Design phase
2023 Contract award
2025 Project complete

A photograph of a river flowing under a bridge. The water is clear, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the bridge structure. The riverbank is rocky and lined with dense trees and bushes. The bridge is a concrete structure with a flat top and a support pillar visible on the right side.

Video Courtesy of Connor Parrish, MCFEG

Important to Remember why changes to the Delta are so critical!