

Fish passage: CRITFC tribes to work with UTUC

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The Columbia Basin tribes will work with Upper Columbia United Tribes, and state and federal agencies on this project, he says. "CRITFC tribes have an authoritative management role within the Columbia Basin and will continue to pursue fish passage restoration at all historic locations."

It is not clear how fish passage would be attained at the Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph dams.

Some technology used at the Pelton-Round Butte dams could be a model for the work at the Upper Columbia.

Lost fish runs

The CRITFC website explains the situation of the Upper Columbia:

The upper Columbia River Basin in the U.S. and Canada once produced annual runs of 1 to 3 million salmon and steelhead and provided habitat for lamprey, sturgeon and other fish species.

These aquatic resources were critical to the cultures, spirituality, subsistence, and economies of Native Americans and First Nations in Canada.

Fish access to the upper Basin was lost with the construction of Grand Coulee Dam and further diminished with the construction of Chief Joseph Dam in the U.S. and Hugh Keenleyside (Arrow), Brilliant, Waneta, and other dams in Canada.

The potential for restoring fish passage back into the upper basin was foregone with the ratification of the Columbia River Treaty that led to construction of additional dams and management of river flows counter to the health and viability of upper basin salmon.

The cumulative decisions in the U.S. and Canada to block fish access and inundate habitats were made over the objections or without consultation and consideration of Native American and First Nations' rights.

Since Treaty ratification, awareness and interpretation

of these aboriginal rights has been considerably clarified.

In recent years, science and technologies have been developed that can effectively pass adult and juvenile salmon and other fishes over existing dams, though the larger Treaty dams and reservoirs will present greater challenges.

These new facilities are being installed at other dams throughout the Pacific Northwest, including Round Butte and Cougar dams in Oregon and Upper Baker, Lower Baker, and Lewis River dams in Washington.

The recent letter from CRITFC to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council reads, in its entirety, as follows:

The Columbia River Inter-

Tribal Fish Commission wants to take this opportunity to congratulate the Council on its adoption of the updated Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. We are particularly pleased with the inclusion of these two program elements:

- To investigate reintroduction of anadromous fish above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams to mainstem reaches and tributaries in the United States through a phased approach; and,

- That strongly encourages the United States to pursue a joint program with Canada to investigate the transboundary reintroduction of anadromous fish to Canadian spawning grounds.

These Council program elements are consistent with

the 15 Columbia Basin Tribes Coalition goals outlined in the *Fish Passage and Reintroduction into the U.S. & Canadian Upper Columbia Basin, A Joint Paper of the Columbia Basin Tribes and First Nations* (January 2015) and are consistent with the Regional Recommendation on the Future of the Columbia River Treaty after 2024 submitted by the U.S. Entity to the Department of State in December 2013.

The CRITFC supports the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) taking the lead on developing and implementing a work and coordination plan for Phase 1 of the Council's Phased Approach to investigate the reintroduction of anadromous fish above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams in the United States. UCUT is to be

commended for developing a strawman proposal for a work and coordination plan that will help the region focus on objectives.

Through the collaboration of the Columbia Basin Tribes Coalition, we have learned that we can accomplish a lot by working together and we have learned that each of us have a role and a responsibility for the reintroduction of anadromous fish above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams.


The Columbia Basin tribes will work with UCUT and state and federal agencies to develop a coordination framework and work plan for Phases 2 and 3 that will include other entities that have a role and responsibility for the reintroduction of salmon above the Chief Joseph and

Grand Coulee dams.

CRITFC tribes have an authoritative management role within the Columbia Basin and will continue to pursue fish passage restoration at all historic locations. While the Columbia Basin Tribes Coalition continues to discuss approaches to transition into the later phases, we support getting this document out to the region to solicit feedback from others on the draft work and coordination plan for Phase 1.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our conditioned support for the proposal presented by UCUT today. Please contact me if you have any questions about our support for this effort.

Sincerely, Babtist Paul Lumley, executive director, CRITFC.



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Monday, February 9

5-7 p.m.

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BAAD tourney at Umatilla

Coaches and players are invited to the upcoming Twenty-Eighth Annual Basketball Against Alcohol and Drugs (BAAD) Tournament. This tournament is held and sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Recreation Program, Yellowhawk Prevention program and their sponsors.

The dates for this year's B.A.A.D. Tournament will be from March 20-27 at the Umatilla tribe's Recreation Community Gymnasium.

The 2015 B.A.A.D. Tournament Committee is now accepting rosters and entry fees for the tournament.

Deadline for entry fees and rosters is Friday, March 6.

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