

Tribal support for new water projects

Tribal leaders from across the U.S. met in late April for the national Water Summit in Washington, D.C. A new program the partners have been working on creates a new national goal to protect, restore and reconnect 8 million acres of wetlands and 100,000 miles of our nation's river and streams.

Representing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at the summit was Tribal Council Chairman Jonathan Smith Sr., the opening speaker for the summit.

During his remarks, Chairman Smith spoke of fishers at Celilo Falls, and how sub-standard water systems on the Warm Springs reservation impact the community.

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Chairman Smith and other tribal officials at the summit.

River treaty fishing tribes, as well as the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, were among the over 100 inaugural members at the water summit.

The members discussed three main topic areas about: Water conservation and protection; clean and safe drinking water; and wa-

ter and climate change.

During his comments, Yakama Nation Chair Gerry Lewis said, "There are 574 sovereign federally recognized tribes in the United States. Our communities and cultures are all unique; but we are connected by our understanding that water is sacred—water is life."



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