

Around Indian Country

First migrating fish above former dam site

Fisheries biologists identified a fall-run Chinook salmon in a tributary to the Klamath River above the former J.C. Boyle dam.

This is significant because this was among the first known anadromous fish to return to the Klamath Basin in Oregon since 1912, when the first of four hydroelectric dams was built, blocking migration.

The one identified salmon, and likely others, traveled about 230 miles from the Pacific ocean to reach the tributary only months after four Klamath River dams were removed to ensure fish passage from California to Oregon.

“The return of our relatives the c’iyaal’s is over-



Fall-run Chinook spotted above dam former site for the first time since 1912, Klamath River tributary.

whelming for our tribe. This is what our members worked for and believed in for so many decades,” said Roberta Frost, the Klamath Tribes Secretary.

“I want to honor that work and thank the team for their persistence in the face of what felt like an unmovable obstacle. The salmon are just like our

tribal people, and they know where home is and returned as soon as they were able,” Ms. Frost said.

Fish biologists with Oregon Fish and Wildlife have been surveying the Klamath River and tributaries since dam removal, as part of the agency’s responsibility to monitor the re-population of anadromous fish species to the basin in collaboration with the Klamath Tribes.

ODFW, the Klamath Tribes and other partners have been working together on the historic restoration project to monitor Chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey now that they are able to repopulate habitat above the dams.

WIN!

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BEEF RAFFLE

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