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RE: Fisheries Resource Management - Confederated Tribes and Bands - Yakama Nation
Deserve Coho Salmon Restoration Project Support for the Middle and Upper Columbia River

Your Attention Please:

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) needs to re-address its priorities when it comes to making recommendations to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) concerning continued support for Coho Salmon Restoration Projects in North Central Washington.

Funding the projects of the upper regions of the Columbia River are extremely important and will automatically stretch the rewards of their natural resource benefits over the total length of the river basins. Allocating a larger portion of funds from BPA to this established working program that involves the indigenous Yakama Nation will continue to showcase that the tribes people can have a positive influence and find economic benefits for themselves by being leaders in the rebuilding of the natural resources of our country.

One time as a volunteer, I assisted a fisheries biologist from the Mid-Columbia Field Station doing fish collection, tagging, and gathering statistics about the returning fish. Much needs to be done before any real self-sustaining run of "wild" fish can be assured. Other projects, such as the Beebe Springs Natural Area now being developed, will need the support of fish spawning and researching done by the Yakama Nation.

The continued support for the Fisheries Resource Management - Confederated Tribes and Bands - Yakama Nation is essential for the continued restoration of the natural resources in the Columbia Basin.

Sincerely,

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