

## SALMON REINRODUCTION ABOVE GRAND COULEE DAM

At the November 2019 Council meeting, representatives from the Confederated Colville Tribes briefed the Habitat Committee on a proposal for the reintroduction of anadromous fish upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams, and expressed interest in presenting this project to the Council.

In the 2015 report by the Columbia Basin Tribes and First Nations (Attachment 1) a feasibility study outlined a phased approach to reintroduce salmon to the upper Columbia River Basin. The plan consisted of four phases; and the 'Phase 1' report is now complete (Attachment 2). The Upper Columbia United Tribes, with support from the U.S. Geological Survey, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other key partners have investigated the feasibility of fish passage to the blocked area and support the effort.

Rodney Cawston, the Chairman of the Colville Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) is scheduled to provide the Council a presentation on this plan under this Agenda Item on Wednesday, September 16.

### **Council Action:**

**Consider the report of the Upper Columbia United Tribes.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1: Fish Passage and Reintroduction into the U.S. and Canadian Upper Columbia Basin (*Electronic Only*).
2. Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 2: Fish Passage and Reintroduction Phase 1 Report: Investigations Upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams (*Electronic Only*).
3. Agenda Item H.1.a, CTCR Report 1: Letter to Pacific Fishery Management Council Chair Marc Gorelnik from Randy Cawston, Chair of the Business Council for The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

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| H.1 Salmon Reintroduction above Grand Coulee Dam                   | Robin Ehlke    |
| a. Report of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation   | Rodney Cawston |
| b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies |                |
| c. Public Comment  |                |
| d. Council Discussion  |                |