

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
REINTRODUCTION OF SALMON ABOVE GRAND COULEE DAM

The Habitat Committee (HC) received a presentation on Chief Joseph Dam from Rodney Cawston, Chairman of the Colville Confederated Tribes, and Casey Baldwin of the Colville Confederated Tribes. Conor Giorgi (Spokane Tribe) co-presented.

The HC was impressed by the effort, cooperation, and community spirit of the 14 tribes that are working together to return salmon to their native habitat.

Successful salmon reintroductions into currently uninhabited waters of the upper Columbia will put more salmon into the system. In turn, this will provide cultural and socioeconomic opportunities for tribes, harvest opportunities for both tribal and non-tribal fishers, ecological benefits, and potentially more salmon for Southern Resident Killer Whales. We look forward to hearing more as this project moves forward. It is an uplifting example of progress in restoring fisheries, and the HC encourages the Council to support these efforts.

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