

## SALMON REINTRODUCTION ABOVE GRAND COULEE DAM

At the September 2020 Council meeting, Rodney Cawston, the Chairman of the Colville Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) gave a presentation to the Council outlining the collaborative efforts of the CTCR, Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT), and other partners to implement a phased approach to fish passage and reintroduction of salmon upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams.

The Council was informed of the progress made towards those efforts, which included the 2015 report by the Columbia Basin Tribes and First Nations (Attachment 1) describing a feasibility study that outlined a plan using a phased approach to reintroduce salmon to the upper Columbia River Basin. The plan consists of four phases; and the 'Phase 1' report is complete (Attachment 2). The UCUT, 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. The CTCR had also submitted a letter (Attachment 3) that requested Council support for the reintroduction effort, citing the expanded salmon geographic distribution and increased salmon production as some of the potential benefits of the plan.

The Council discussed the request and agreed to consider a draft letter of general support (Attachment 4) for conducting the studies and research to help inform the concept of salmon reintroduction to the upper Columbia Basin.

### **Council Action:**

**Discuss Council response to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation on the Reintroduction of Salmon to the Upper Columbia Basin.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 1: Fish Passage and Reintroduction into the U.S. and Canadian Upper Columbia Basin (*Electronic Only*).
2. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 2: Fish Passage and Reintroduction Phase 1 Report: Investigations Upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams (*Electronic Only*).
3. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 3: Letter to Pacific Fishery Management Council Chair Marc Gorelnik from Rodney Cawston, Chair of the Business Council for The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (August 2020).
4. Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4: Draft Letter of General Support for Investigating Salmon Reintroduction to the Upper Columbia Basin.
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

E.2 Reintroduction of Salmon above Grand Coulee Dam

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Discuss Council Response to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation on the Reintroduction of Salmon to the Upper Columbia Basin

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