

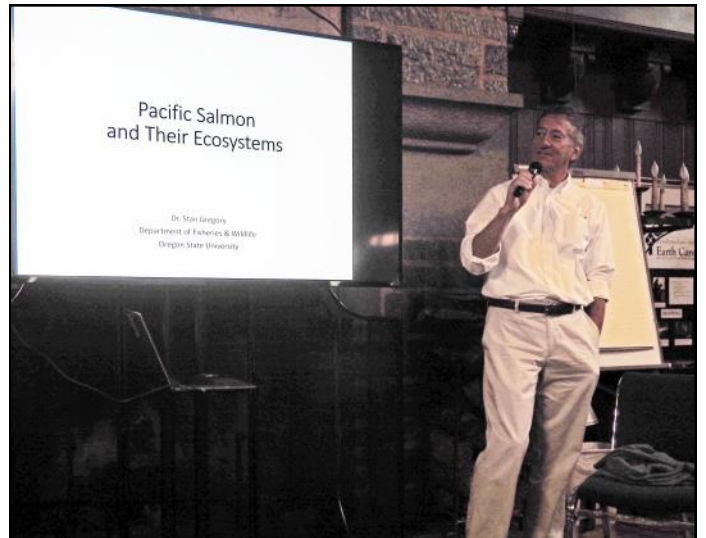
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Monday 25 September



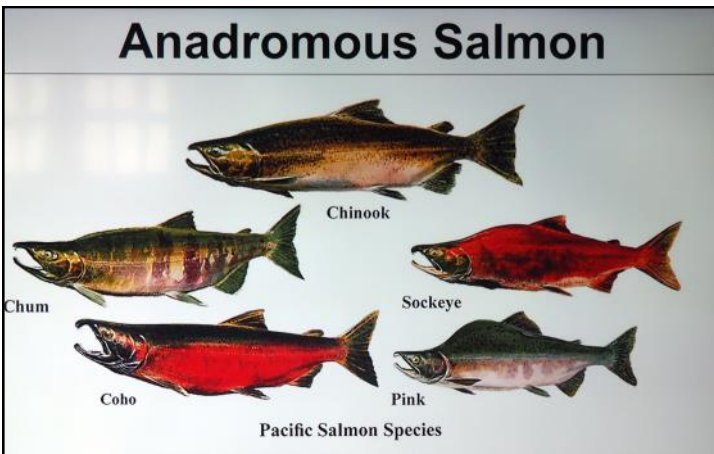
Prayer, Welcome and Overview of the Spirit of Salmon Immersion

Jefferson Greene, Cultural Liaison Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Be'essa Blondin, Dene Elder from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories



State of the Columbia River Salmon

Fish Biologist Barry MacPherson introduces Dr. Stan Gregory, Professor Emeritus of Fisheries, Oregon State University.



Alevin: the first life-stage after hatching from eggs

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State of the Columbia River Salmon (continued)

Smolt



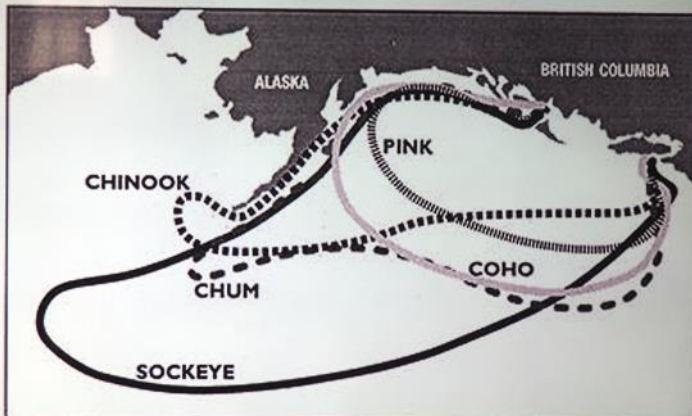
Smolt: last freshwater stage — ready to head for the ocean.

Parr



Parr: second freshwater stage

Anadromous Salmon



Migration patterns of Pacific salmon

Steelhead Trout



Steelhead: an anadromous trout

First Foods

Serving Order

1	2	3	4	5
Water	Salmon	Deer	Cous	Huckleberry
	Chinook	Mule Deer	Celery	Chokecherry
	Coho	RM Elk	Camas	
	Sockeye	WTD	Bitterroot	
	Steelhead	Bighorn		
	Lamprey	Mtn Goat		
	Mussels	Moose		
	Trout			
	Whitefish			
	Suckers			

Pacific Lamprey

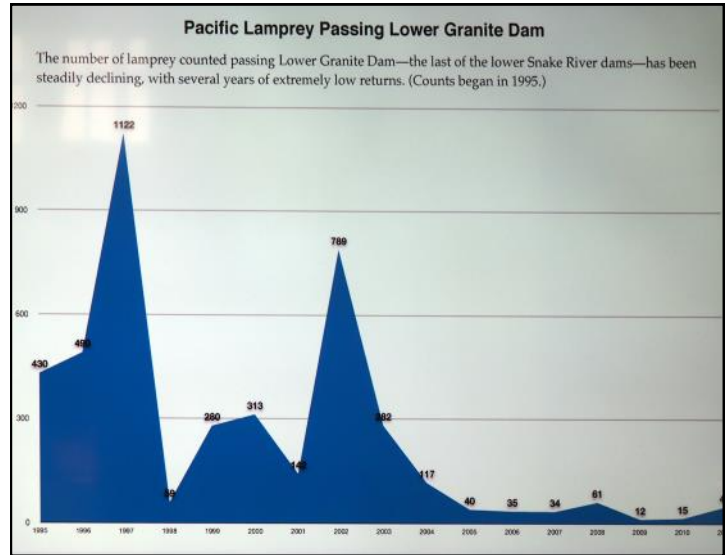
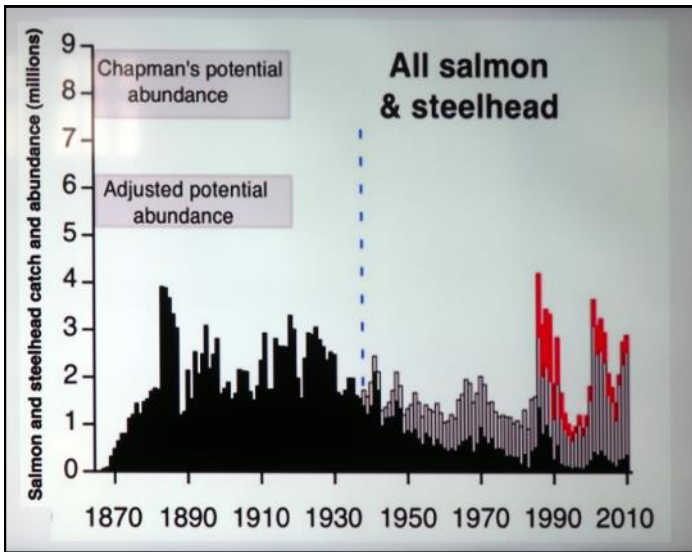


Pacific lamprey: an anadromous eel

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State of the Columbia River Salmon (continued)

Salmon and steelhead abundance



Counts of Pacific Lamprey passing over Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River, 1995-2010



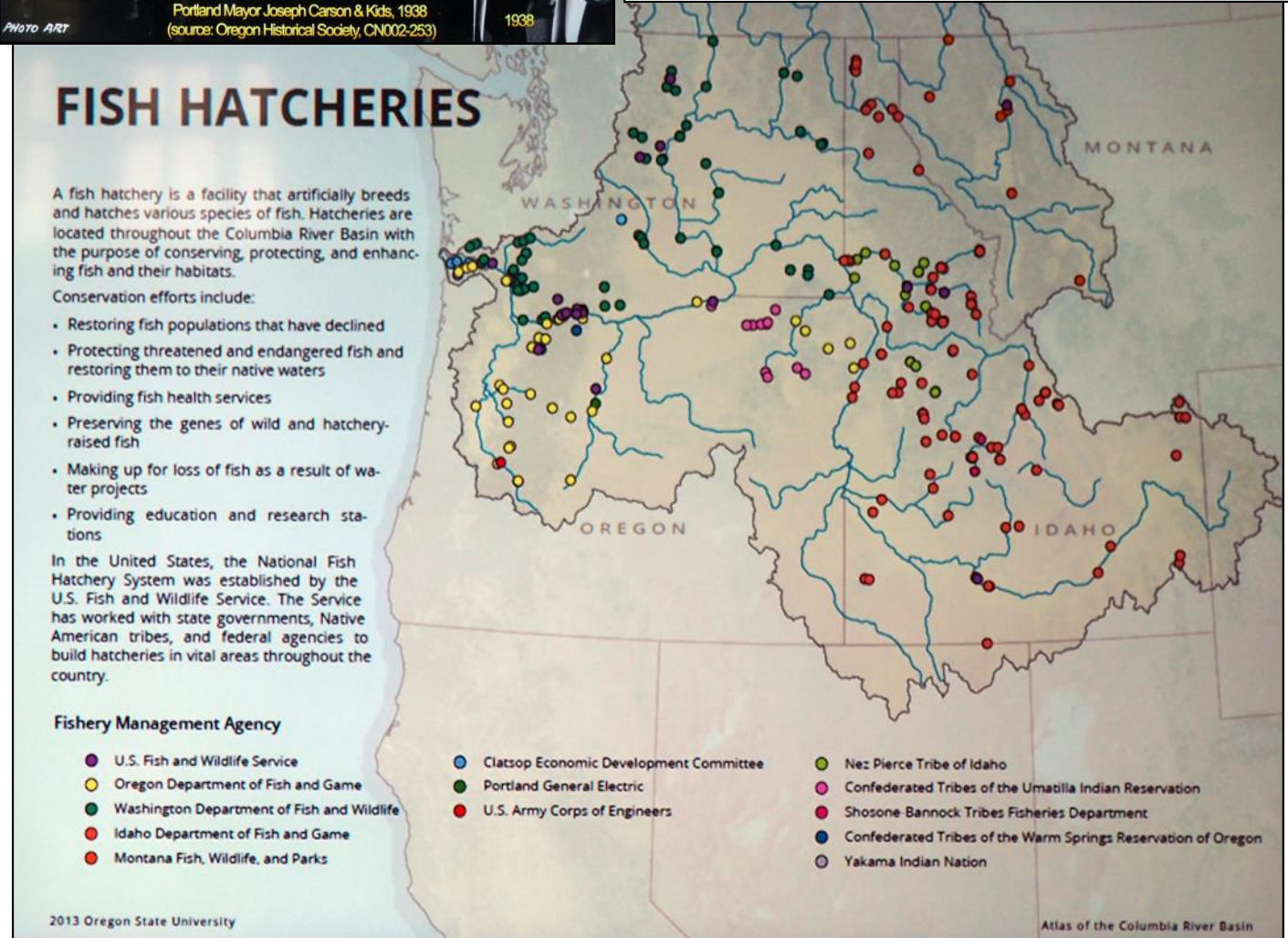
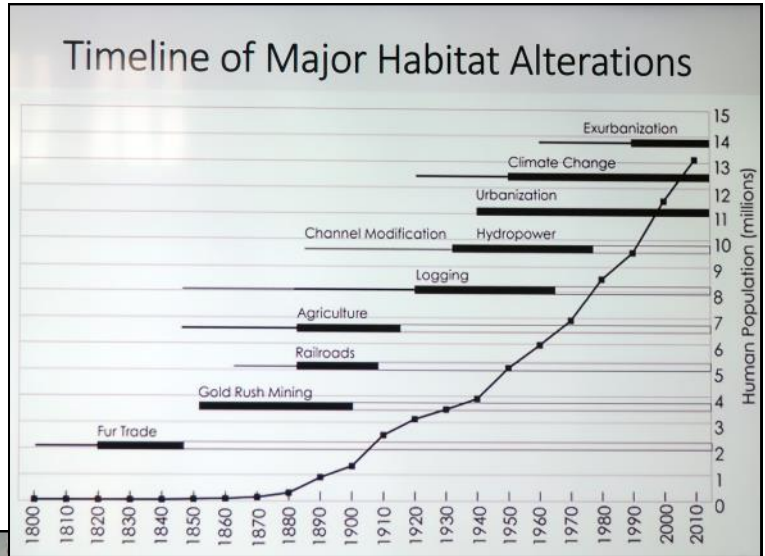
At risk fish species and migration obstacles in the Columbia River Basin

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State of the Columbia River Salmon (continued)

Status and Trends

- Roughly one-third of the Basin is no longer accessible to anadromous salmon
- Changes to environmental conditions and habitats have further diminished the capacity of habitat that remains accessible
- Hatchery releases account for a large proportion of current salmon abundance

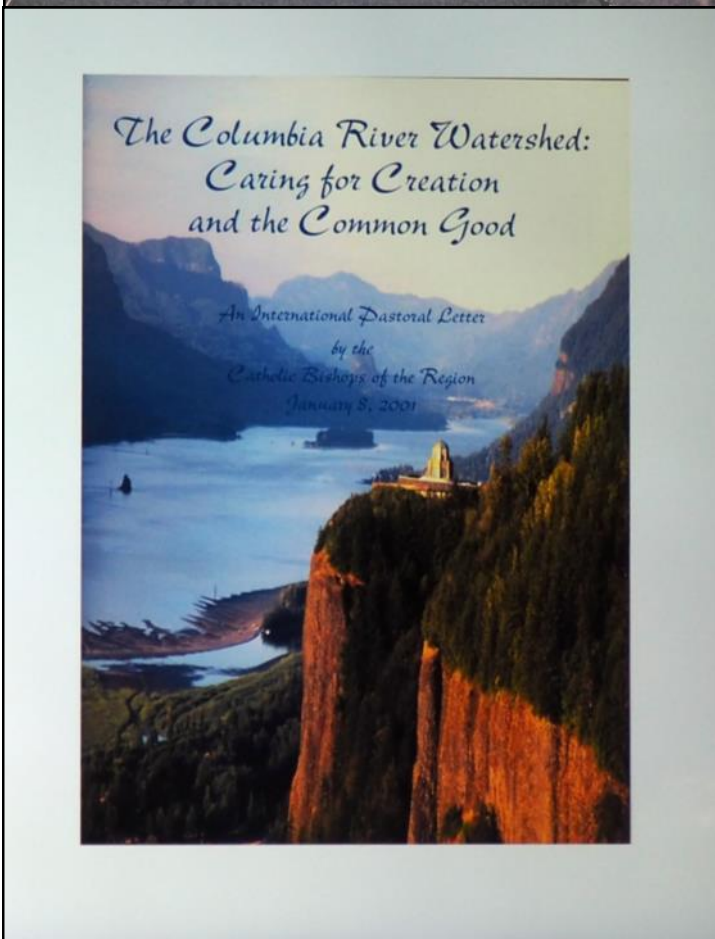
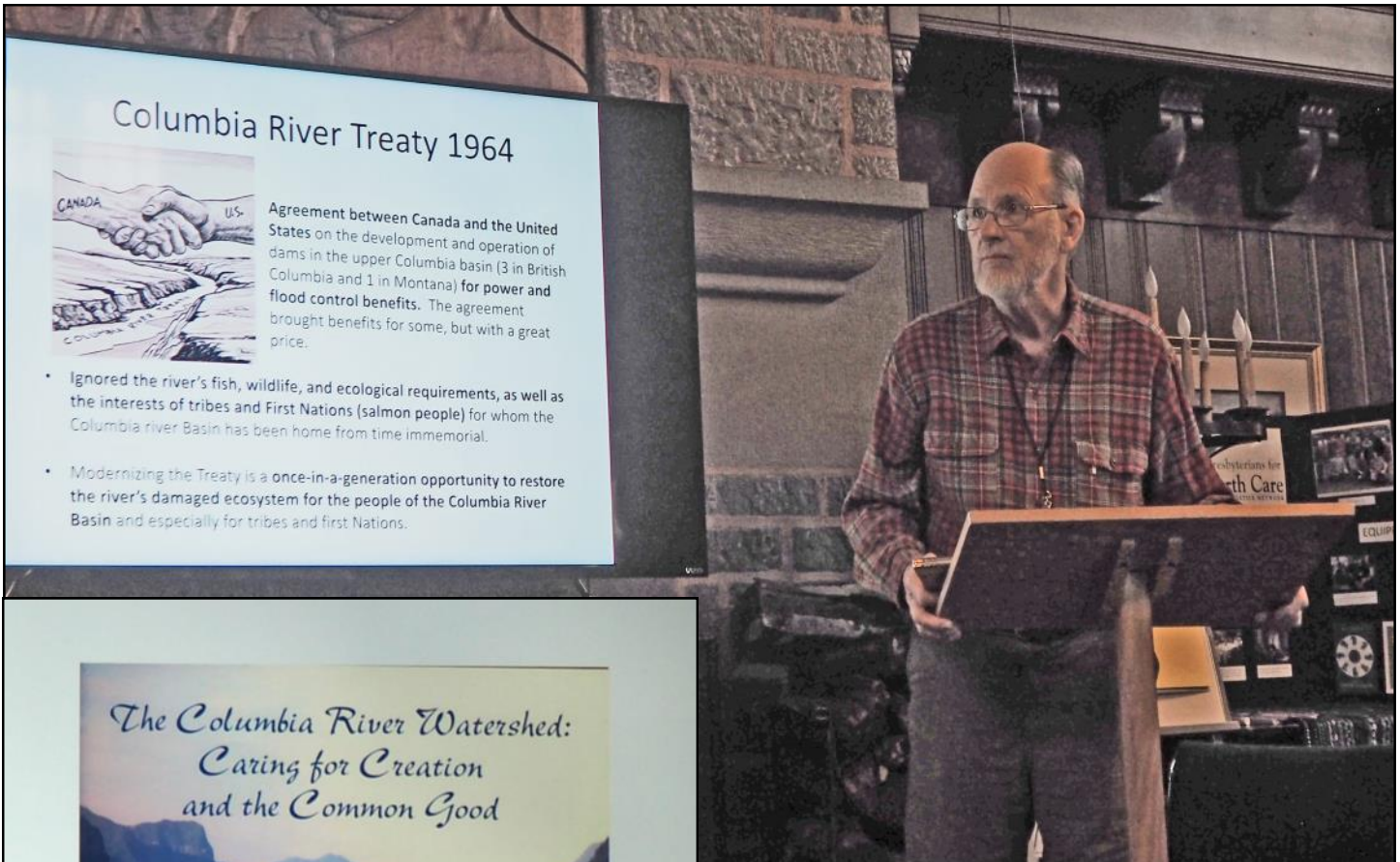


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Ethics of the US-Canada Columbia River Treaty

The Reverend Tom Soeldner of the Columbia River Ethics and Treaty Project

This 1964 agreement between Canada and the United States on the development and operation of dams in the upper Columbia Basin for power and flood control benefits came with a great price. It ignored the river's fish, wildlife and ecological requirements as well as the interests of tribes and First Nations (salmon people) who have been there from time immemorial. Current efforts to modernize the Treaty is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to restore the river's damaged ecosystem, especially for tribes and First Nations.



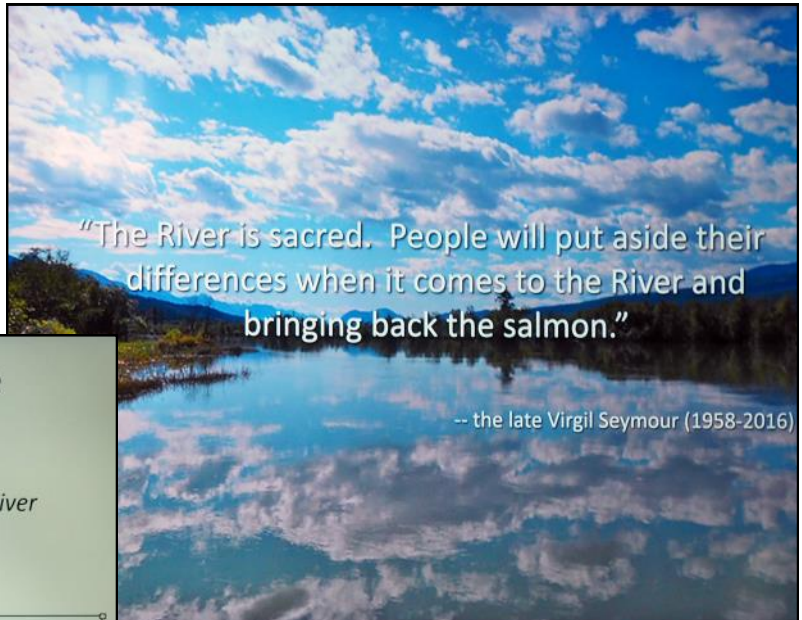
“ONE RIVER, ETHICS MATTER”

“The Columbia River Watershed:
Caring for Creation
and the Common Good”

An International Pastoral Letter
by the
Catholic Bishops of the Region,
January 8, 2001

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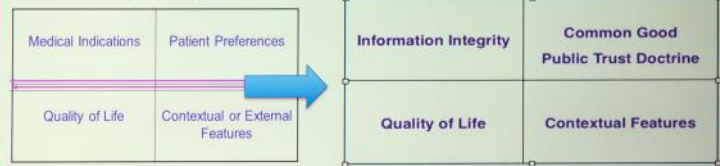
“The River is sacred. People will put aside their differences when it comes to the River and bringing back the salmon.”

-- the late Virgil Seymour (1958-2016)

Ethics: Bedside to Streamside

ethical decision-making for the “voiceless”:
 - Alzheimer’s patient in the ER
 - disempowered, future generations, nonhuman life, River

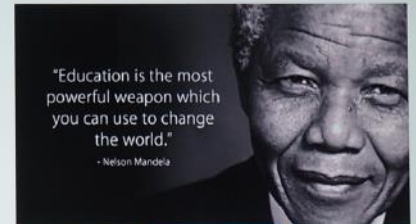
**Sorting It All Out
Using the 4 Box Method**



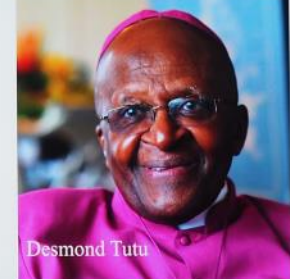
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**Ethics & Treaty Project –
Conference series: One River, Ethics Matter**

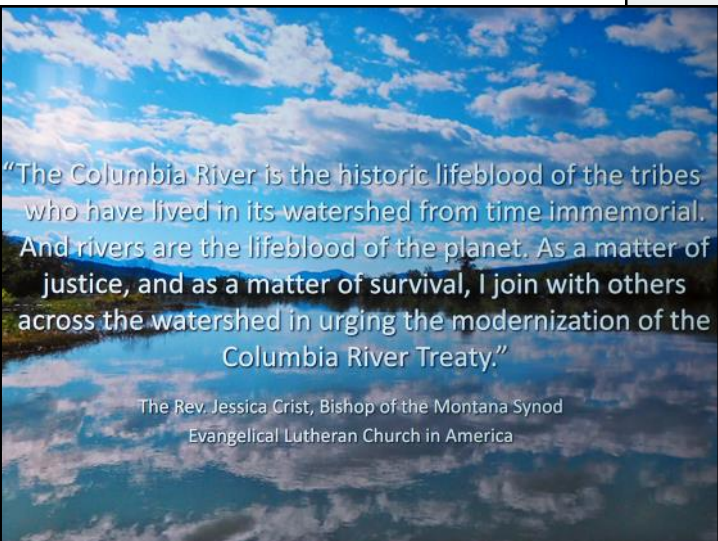
- South Africa as model
 - Response to Apartheid
 - Truth and Reconciliation
- *Focus:* speaking the truth about dam-building era impacts on First Nations, tribes, the River, ourselves
 - Righting historic wrongs
 - Reconciliation between ourselves and the River



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
 - Nelson Mandela



Desmond Tutu



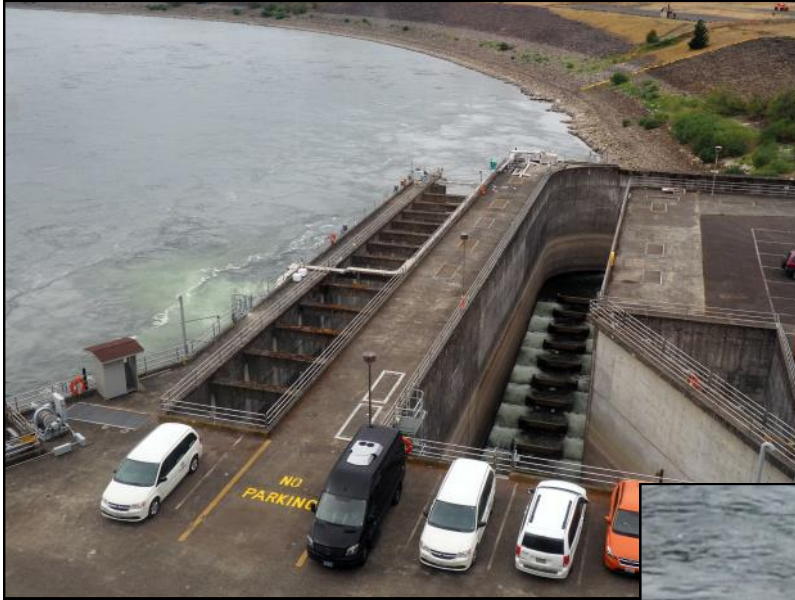
“The Columbia River is the historic lifeblood of the tribes who have lived in its watershed from time immemorial. And rivers are the lifeblood of the planet. As a matter of justice, and as a matter of survival, I join with others across the watershed in urging the modernization of the Columbia River Treaty.”

The Rev. Jessica Crist, Bishop of the Montana Synod
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

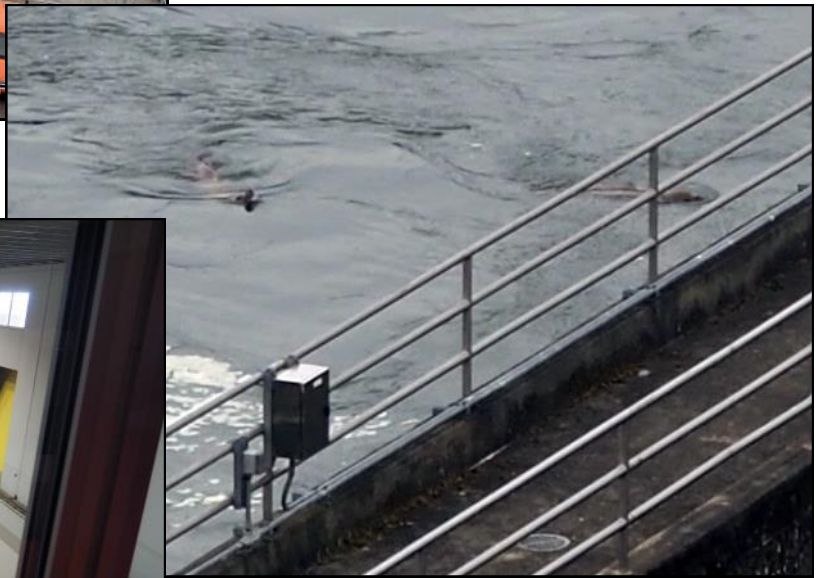
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Visit to Bonneville Dam

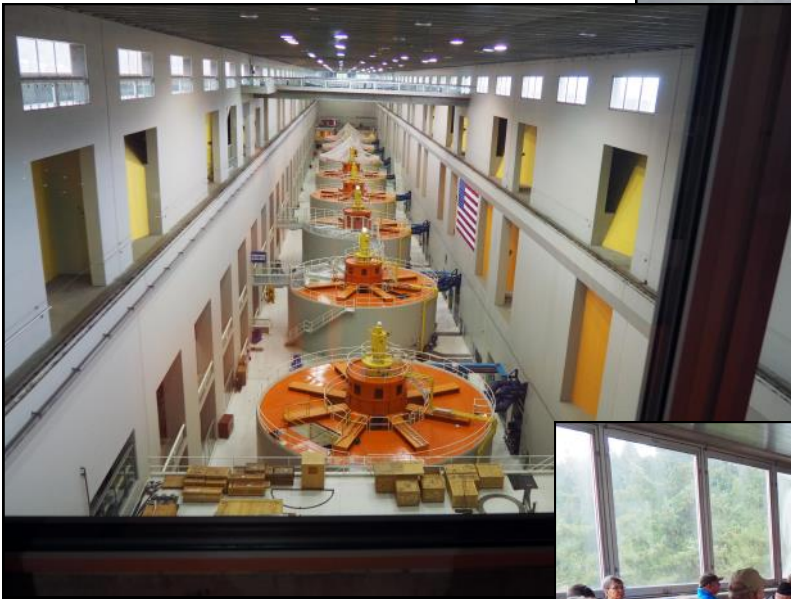
Washington shore fishway



A couple of seals near the fishway



North powerhouse



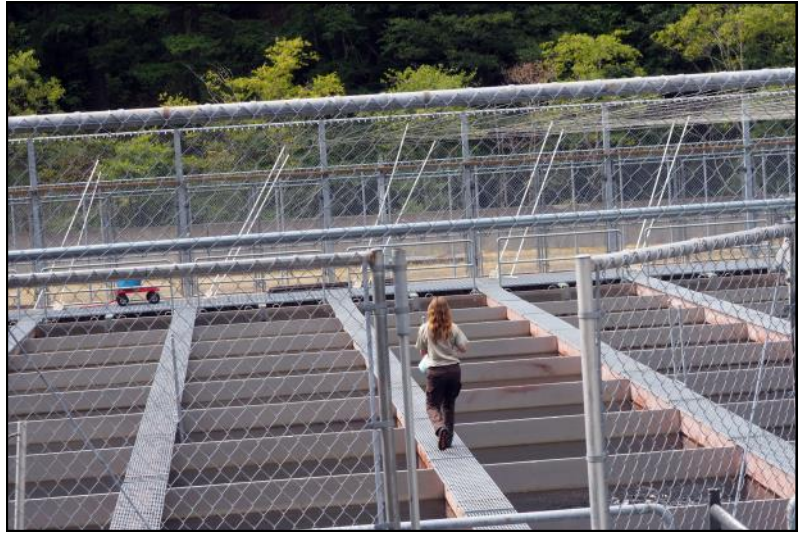
The Columbia Gorge: Past, Present and Future

Lunch time presentation by Peter Cornelison, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, in the Balcony Picnic Area at Washington Shore Visitor Center



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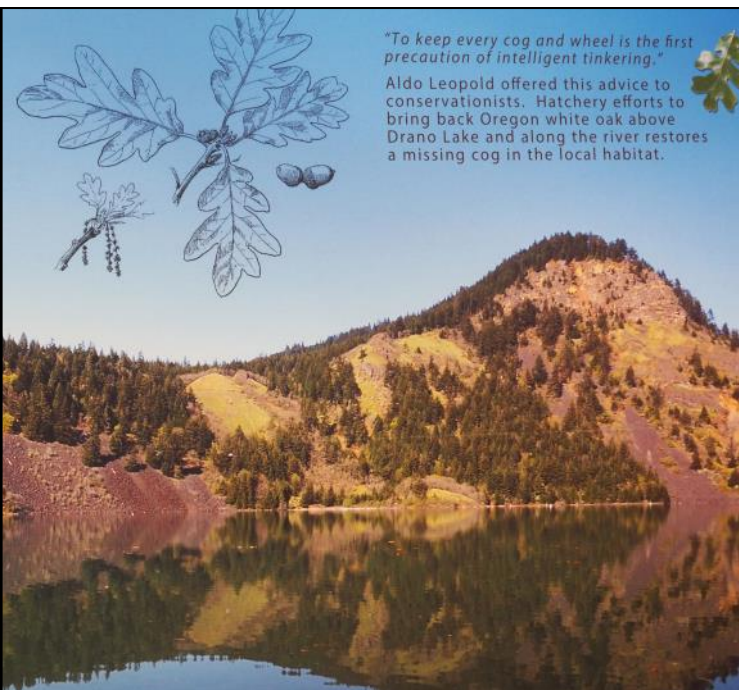
Salmon Spawning Viewing at Little White Salmon Hatchery



Fish viewing room



Hatchery displays



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Salmon Spawning Viewing at Little White Salmon Hatchery



On the banks of the Little White Salmon River, California condor once dined beside bald eagles, gorging on fat salmon. Thanks to the Endangered Species Act, both birds are still with us. Bald eagle, no longer listed as endangered, are seen here each winter. Perhaps one day the condor will rejoin them.

Hatchery displays of the Condor and Bald Eagle



Heading upriver to Celilo — driving through the tunnels on Washington Highway 14

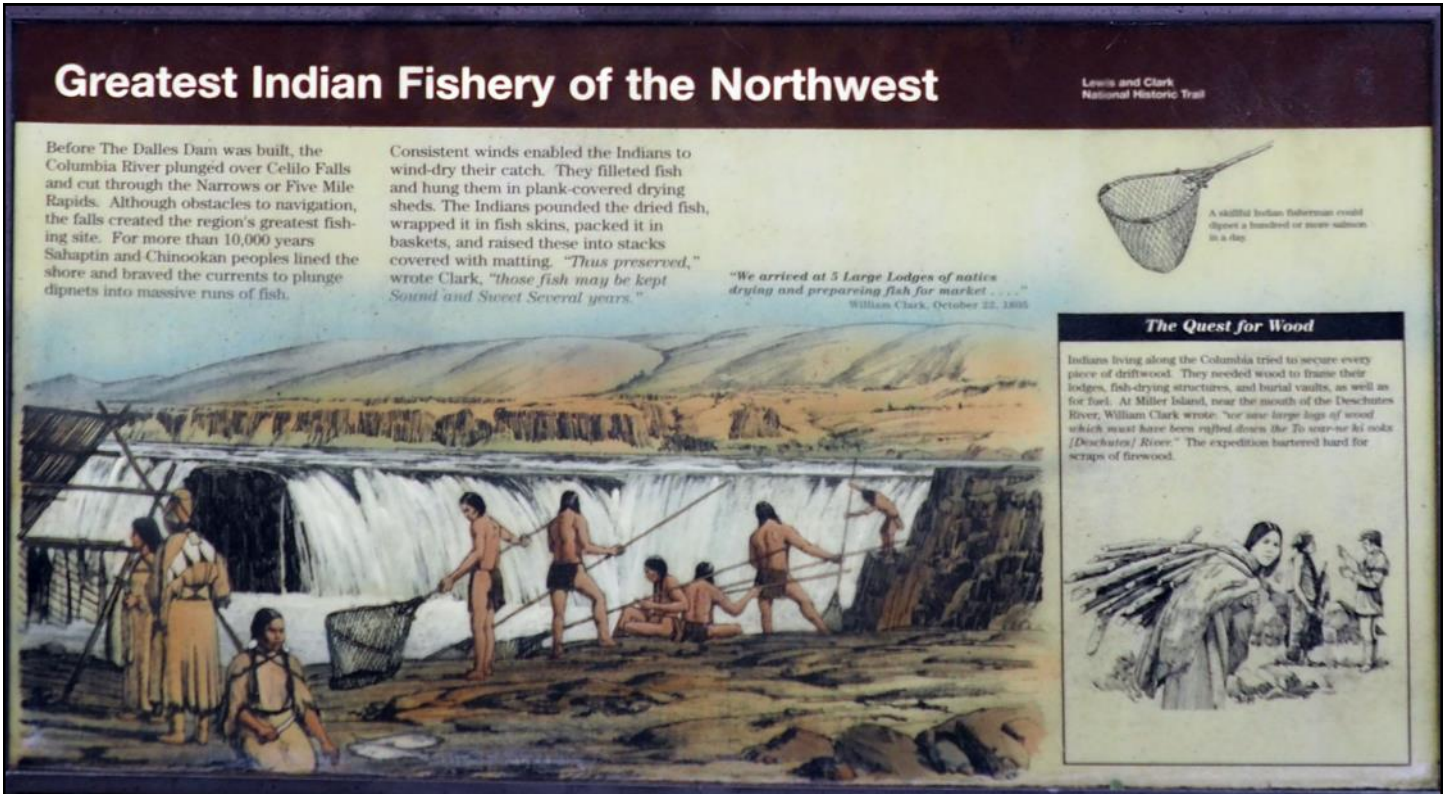
(Our bus driver was Martin Hecht of Martin's Gorge Tours)

At Celilo Park, site of one of the oldest inhabited places in North America



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At Celilo Park



Hearing Poems and Stories at Celilo Park

Elizabeth Woody, Oregon Poet Laureate and member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs



"Fire and Water Ceremony"

Preparing for the ceremony with water and tobacco leaves



Taking the water and tobacco leaves to the river for ceremonial dispersing

Our group after the ceremony



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At Celilo Village — Dinner and Conversation in the Long House

Entering the Long House

“Laughter is a healing for Mother Earth”

“We should all be comfortable and healthy; we don’t need to be rich or poor.”

“In our society, none of us were rich and none of us were poor.”



We heard stories from Celilo Village Elders Karen Whitford and Gloria Jack.

The N’chi Wanapum Warm Springs Canoe Family performed and shared about their work for healing and clean water.

We joined with them in song and celebration.