

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Federal Action Agencies

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) and the Federal Action Agencies have agreed to a 10-year agreement that will provide funds for the implementation of 31 critical salmon and steelhead, resident fish and wildlife projects. The projects will be implemented within the Okanogan Subbasin and above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams.

The identified fish and wildlife projects are designed to restore healthy, sustainable salmon and steelhead, resident fish and wildlife populations to the upper Columbia River Basin. These projects were developed to complement efforts underway by other regional groups, agencies and local citizens to recover fish and wildlife in the upper Columbia River basin. The projects are considered core programs to the CTCR which have been vetted through the various regional recovery and mitigation processes including the Regional Subbasin Plan, the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan, and the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program.



Antoine Creek culvert replacement project. Projects like this make new habitat available to fish.

The MOA is designed to direct actions that aggressively address factors which limit anadromous fish, resident fish and wildlife populations. Of particular importance are the actions identified for immediate funding relative to reversing the trend toward extinction of the Upper Columbia summer steelhead.

Core anadromous, resident fish and wildlife programs slated for implementation include:

Salmon and Steelhead Projects

- Implement Upper Columbia Spring Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan
- Omak Creek Fish Passage
- Salmon Creek Project

- Okanogan River Habitat Improvement
- Okanogan River Water Acquisition
- Land and Water Acquisition
- Develop Locally Adapted Okanogan Steelhead Broodstock and Recondition Steelhead Kelts
- Chief Joseph Hatchery
- Selective Harvest Gear Evaluation
- Selective Gear Deployment
- ESA Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement
- Okanogan Basin Monitoring and Evaluation
- FCRPS Water Management Studies
- Adult Salmon and Steelhead Passage Investigations

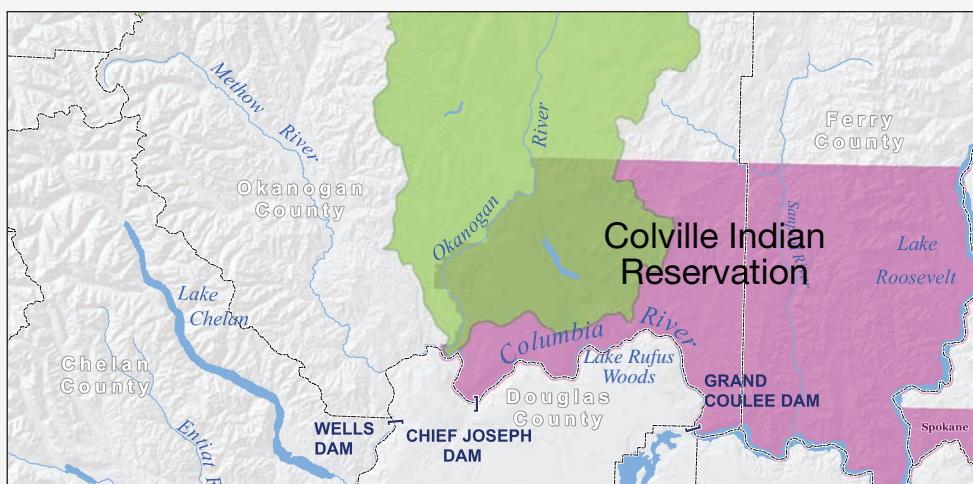
- Rufus Woods Harvest Augmentation with Feminized Triploid Rainbow Trout and Creel
- Lake Roosevelt Habitat Enhancement Structures
- Lake Roosevelt Burbot Population Assessment
- White Sturgeon Enhancement
- Rufus Woods Redband Rainbow Trout Broodstock Net Pens
- Lake Roosevelt Floating Habitat Enhancement Structures
- Colville Tribes Wildlife Land Acquisition
- Wildlife Mitigation, Hellsgate Project, Operation and Maintenance
- Omak Lake Parcels Acquisition

Resident Fish and Wildlife Projects

- Chief Joseph Kokanee Enhancement
- Lake Roosevelt Rainbow Habitat Improvement
- Colville Hatchery
- Resident Fish Research-Monitoring and Evaluation
- Bridge Creek Water Rights Transfer
- Twin Lakes Enhancement
- Resident Fish Loss Assessment

This Tribal-Federal partnership will ensure committed resources to address the Endangered Species Act requirements for Upper Columbia River salmon and steelhead associated with the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System. The CTCR look forward to the implementation of the agreement toward the conservation, restoration and sustainability of Upper Columbia salmon, steelhead, resident fish and wildlife.

Okanogan Subbasin



The Okanagan sub-basin, Lake Rufus Woods and Lake Roosevelt are focus areas for fish restoration strategies of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation.