

Klamath River Basin Restoration State of the Salmon

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What's the Mission?

- The mission of the Yurok Tribe is to exercise the aboriginal and sovereign rights of the Yurok People to continue forever our Tribal traditions of self-governance, cultural and spiritual preservation, stewardship of Yurok lands, waters and other natural endowments, balanced social and economic development, peace and reciprocity, and respect for the dignity and individual rights of all persons living within the jurisdiction of the Yurok Tribe, while honoring our Creator, our ancestors and our descendants.
- Simply put, the job is to fix the river cultural landscape now, and into the future.
- The problems on the Klamath are big, and require landscape-scale solutions.
- We're going to talk about water and fish today...

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Fall Chinook



Spring Chinook



Coho Salmon



Pink Salmon



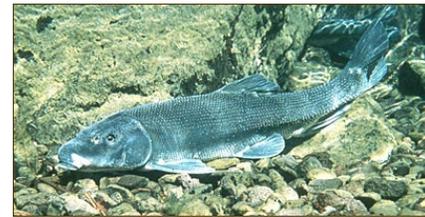
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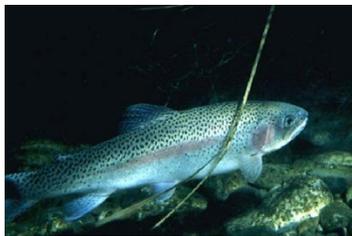
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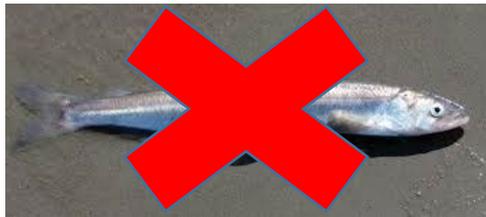
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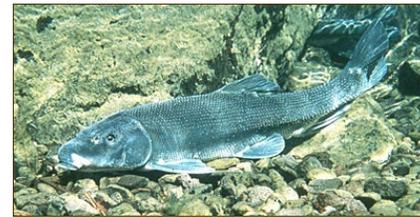
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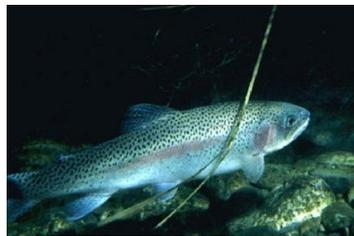
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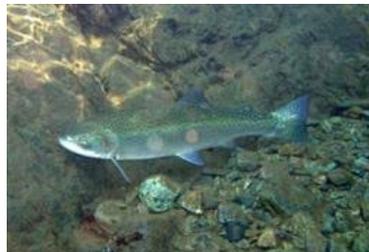
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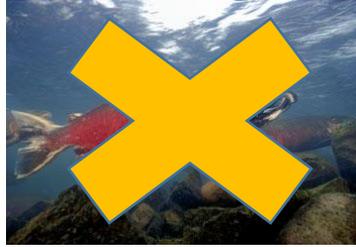
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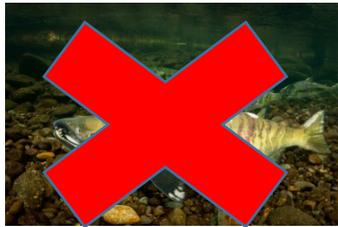
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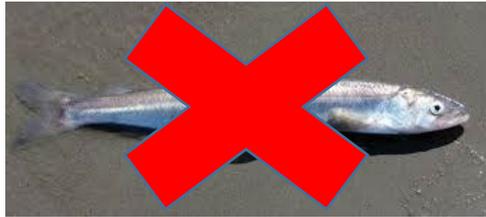
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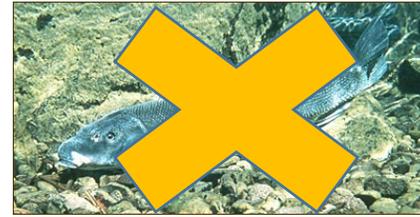
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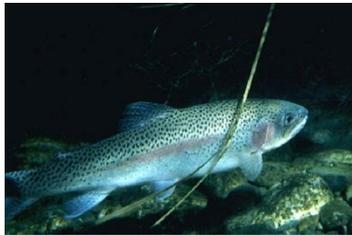
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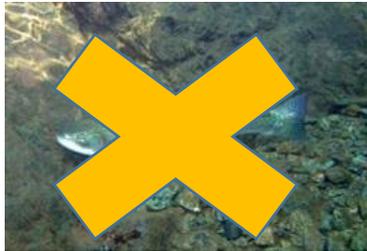
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How much water does a river need
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Water quality and flow conditions are
now poor enough
to cause major fish kills

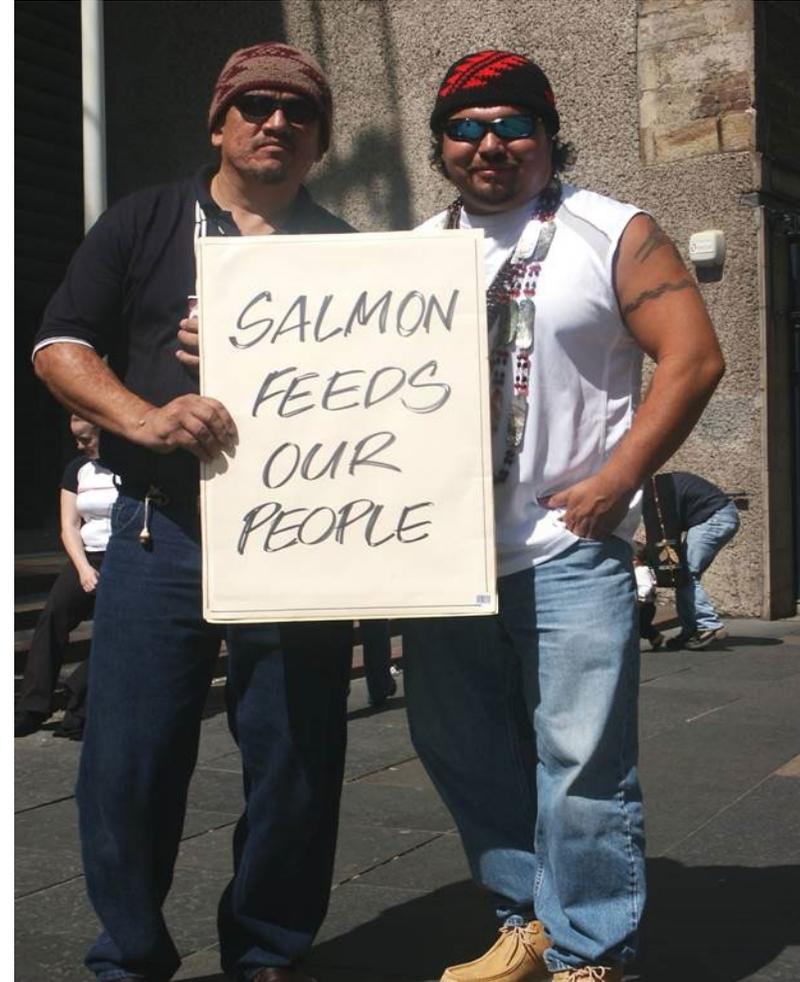


What Must Be Done?

- Dam Removal
 - Salmon return to their home
 - The basin: reunited with the salmon and culturally
- The right flows
 - Shasta, Scott, Trinity, Klamath
- Fix water quality
- Restore
- Restore Wetlands

How does it happen?

- Culture
- Traditional Environmental Knowledge
- Science
- Litigation
- Direct Action
- Media
- Politics
- Policy
- Organize!



Dam Removal

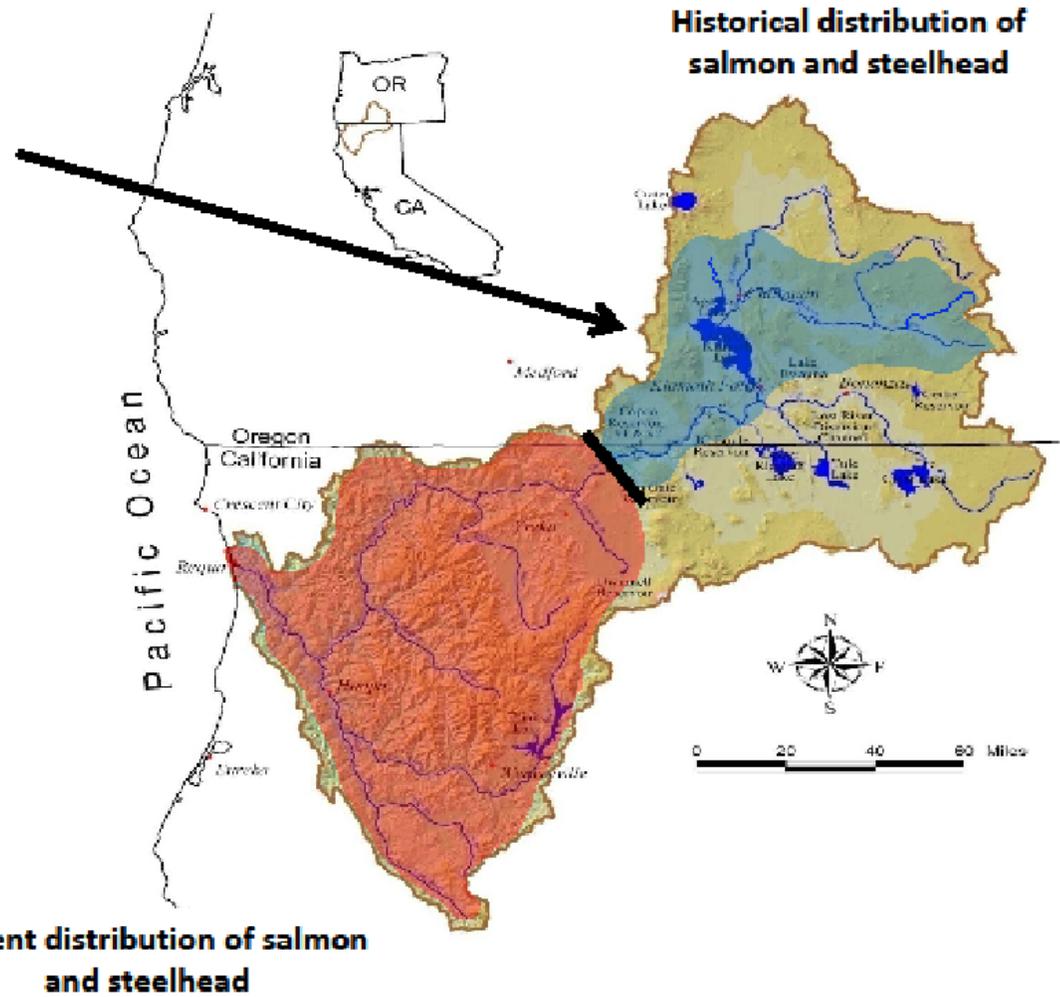




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**Provides Salmon
and Steelhead
access to at least
420 miles of
historical habitat.**

Klamath River Basin



Large-scale wetland restoration



Durable Solutions take dedication and communication.

- Clear thinking is required for long-term solutions. The way forward is not always obvious.
 - Sometimes deciding to fight may mean losing everything
 - Sometimes, there's no choice.
- Right now, water flows depend on the Endangered Species Act.
 - Is that the best way to ensure flows moving forward?
- How can Tribal Rights become more of a guiding factor in flow and water management decisions?
 - Rights are never granted, they must be asserted.

