



NOAA
FISHERIES

Columbia Basin Partnership

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Major Columbia Basin Dams & ESA-Listed Fish



Purpose

- NOAA Fisheries' Situation Assessment, completed in 2013, confirmed support for establishing regional, long-term goals.
- NOAA would like to create a regional dialogue to support ESA, tribal treaty rights and tribal trust responsibilities; and to provide context for upcoming management decisions and for emerging threats (climate change).
- Our desired outcome is to establish long-term goals for Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead, listed and non-listed, that optimally balance long-term conservation and harvest.

Scope

- All ESA-listed and non-listed salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin, above and below Bonneville dam;
- Ocean, mainstem, and tributary fisheries that harvest Columbia Basin stocks – commercial, recreational, and tribal;
- Multiple scales (basin-wide, ESU, and MPG);
- All impacts across salmon and steelhead life-cycle (e.g., habitat, hydro, hatcheries & harvest); and
- Consideration of ecological conditions, and current and future habitat capacity.

NOAA Fisheries Principles:

- Support tribal treaty rights and tribal trust responsibilities;
- Meet ESA requirements and provide for recovery of listed species;
- Address sustainable fisheries in a manner consistent with federal case law regarding harvest management;
- Rely on the latest scientific information; and
- Involve both sovereigns & stakeholders.

Outcome: Shared long-term goals for salmon and steelhead species across the Columbia Basin

