WE ARE OF THIS LAND
A LAND DEFINED BY SALMON
THE LAND UNITES US WITH OUR ANCESTORS ACROSS TIME...
KEEPING OUR CULTURES ALIVE.
FISHING IN RIVERS OUR GRANDFATHERS FISHED LONG BEFORE THE PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT WERE BUILT.
WE DIG ROOTS IN MEADOWS WHERE OUR GRANDMOTHERS DUG BEFORE THE ACROPOLIS IN ATHENS WAS BUILT.
WE BEAR THE NAME OF OUR PLACE IN WHAT WE CALL OURSELVES
AHSAKA, IDAHO

AHSKAPO · “PEOPLE OF AHSAKA”
HANFORD REACH

WANAPUM · “PEOPLE OF THE RIVER”
WAULULAPAM · "PEOPLE OF WALULA"
THE LAND SHAPED OUR CULTURES. OVER THE COURSE OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS, NATURE TAUGHT US HOW TO LIVE ON HER.
AND PROVIDED US WITH THE FOODS THAT SUSTAINED US AND KEPT US CONNECTED TO HER
“Food is the physical manifestation of our relationship with the natural world. It is where culture and ecology intersect. It can become even more important than language, and even geography, when it comes to culture.”

—AMY S. CHOI
TED TALK · “WHAT AMERICANS CAN LEARN FROM OTHER FOOD CULTURES”
DOES WHAT WE EAT TELL US ABOUT OUR PLACE?
THIS REGION IS DEFINED BY SALMON
First Foods

Wiw-nu
Huckleberries

Choosh
Water

Noosook
Salmon

Yamash
Deer

Camas
Camas
Wayampam - "People of Wy-am"
WALLULA GAP

WALUULAPAM · “PEOPLE OF WALUULA”
HANFORD REACH

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AHSAKAP, IDAHO

AHSAKAPO - “PEOPLE OF AHSAKA”
SALMON DECLINE
RETURNING COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON (CHINOOK, STEELHEAD, SOCKEYE, COHO)

Estimated Average
17,000,000

millions of fish

1,352,328
PUT FISH BACK IN THE RIVERS AND RESTORE THE WATERSHEDS WHERE FISH LIVE
AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS FOR OUR ECOSYSTEM AND THE TRIBAL CULTURES BASED ON IT

CLIMATE CHANGE
Water Temperature Passing Bonneville Dam from April through August

uses data from 1940 through 2016

- Approximately half the salmon exposed to water above 77°F for more than 24 hours will **die** from the exposure.
- Salmon exposed to water above 68°F have an increased risk of **stress, disease, and mortality**.
- This year, new record daily highs were set **six times** in April.
- Water temperature jumped 5.5°F between May 29 and June 7. This is the **largest 10-day increase** recorded at the dam since the high accuracy digital temperature system was installed in 1995.
- In 2015, water temperature passed into the stressful zone on June 22, more than **one month earlier** than average. It stayed above that level for the remainder of the summer and is the **longest stretch** of temperatures above 68°F in the past 75 years.
- On August 13, 1990, the water passing Bonneville Dam reached the **all-time high of 75°F**.

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**April**
- 75-year average for month: 49.2°F
- 2015 average: 50.4°F (+1.2°F)
- 2016 average: 51.7°F (+2.5°F)

**May**
- 75-year average for month: 55.0°F
- 2015 average: 58.1°F (+3.1°F)
- 2016 average: 57.8°F (+2.8°F)

**June**
- 75-year average for month: 60.3°F
- 2015 average: 67.0°F (+6.9°F)
- 2016 average: 63.7°F (+3.6°F)

**July**
- 75-year average for month: 66.2°F
- 2015 average: 72.3°F (+6.1°F)
- 2016 average: 68.4°F (+2.2°F)

**August**
- 75-year average for month: 69.3°F
- 2015 average: 71.3°F (+2.0°F)
- 2016 average: 70.9°F (+1.6°F)
We always had plenty; our children never cried from hunger, neither were our people in want... Our village was healthy and there was no place in the country possessing such advantages or hunting grounds better than those we had in possession. If a prophet had come to our village in those days and told us that the things were to take place which have since come to pass, none of our people would have believed him.

BLACK HAWK
SAUK AND FOX CHIEF
1767-1838
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Umatilla land elevations
CROOKED RIVER TAILINGS REMEDIATION
OXBOW TAILINGS RESTORATION PROJECT
5 PHASE PROJECT

Oxbow Conservation Area - Pre-Project 2011

Phase 3 - 2014
Phase 4 - 2014 & 2015
Phase 5 - 2016
Phase 2 - 2012
Phase 1 - 2011
MEACHAM CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT
WE ARE OF THIS LAND
WE ARE ALL OF THIS LAND
We must begin preparations to maintain our community and our natural resources. We must carry forward our culture and traditions for our tribes’ future and for your own families’ well-being.

For many generations, you will be challenged with a changing climate. But always remember, since time immemorial, we have looked to our elders for their wisdom and guidance, and within our children we will always see hope.