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Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and federal agencies sign agreement to benefit fish

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and the Bonneville Power Administration, along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, have entered into a 10-year agreement that will provide funds to strengthen Snake River populations of steelhead and salmon, including sockeye.

This memorandum of agreement (MOA) reflects the growing regional sentiment to focus on collaboration rather than litigation. In May 2008, four Columbia River tribes and two states (Idaho and Montana) signed similar agreements with the federal agencies.

These earlier agreements, collectively referred to as the Columbia River Basin Fish Accords, focus on Columbia River salmon and steelhead stocks. The Shoshone-Bannock MOA adds to the Accords, providing commitments for projects focused in the Snake River Basin.

BPA will provide \$61 million over 10 years, enabling the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to continue existing programs and implement new projects to benefit Endangered Species Act listed and nonlisted fish and wildlife. The agreement provides for long-term funding certainty for the projects and supports BPA's tribal trust and treaty relationships.

The MOA identifies a set of agreed-on comprehensive actions

to strengthen fish and wildlife populations. Projects slated for implementation are listed below.

Salmon, Steelhead and Bull Trout Projects

- Idaho Supplementation Studies
- Snake River Sockeye Salmon Habitat/Limnological Research Project
- Salmon River Habitat Enhancement Project
- Crystal Springs Hatchery, Planning, Operation and Maintenance, and Adult Holding Facility
- Endangered Species Act Habitat Restoration/Rehabilitation Project



The goal of this tribal-federal partnership is to promote fish and wildlife recovery and enhance habitats in Idaho. The Salmon River and its surrounding riparian areas, pictured here, would be one beneficiary.



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- Yankee Fork Floodplain Restoration Project
 - Salmon River Nutrient Enhancement Project
 - Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Supplementation Program

Resident Fish and Wildlife Projects

- Fort Hall Habitat Improvement/Enhancement Project
- Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation Project

Fish and wildlife play a significant role in preserving tribal culture for future generations. Fishing for salmon and other species is an important cultural practice and subsistence activity. The Shoshone

Bannock Tribes look forward to the implementation of this agreement to promote fish and wildlife recovery, preserve species and enhance habitat.

For more information

For specific details on the MOA and the planned projects, visit www.salmonrecovery.gov. If you would like a hard copy of the MOA, call BPA's toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520 and leave a message with the name of the project, your complete mailing address and phone number.