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Cultural and Educational Releases A parallel path to the Phased approach

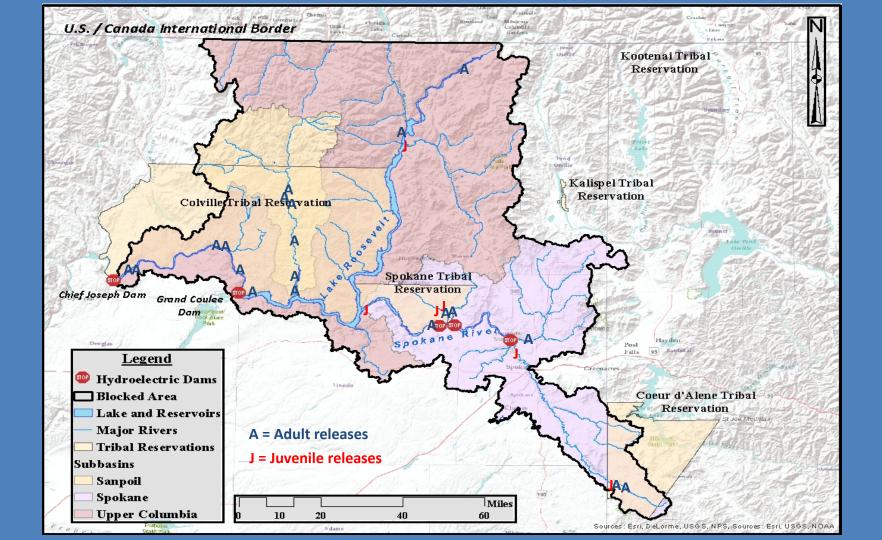
Beginning to address short-term tribal goals for:

- Ceremonies
- Education and outreach
- Harvest in areas deprived of salmon for 60-110 years
- Ecological restoration
- Data to inform the Phased approach
- Proof of concept

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- 1,058 adult Chinook
- 11,501 juvenile Chinook



## Salmon in the classroom



# Juvenile outmigration evaluation

• PIT tag detections downstream of Chief Joseph Dam



#### Trap and haul adult salmon for ceremonial releases







#### **Kettle Falls**



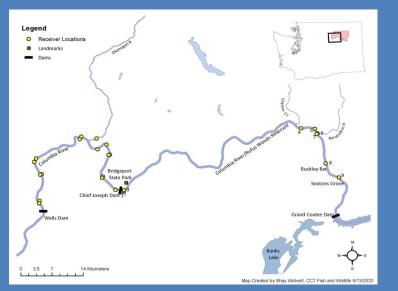


### Ceremonial Harvest on the Spokane and Coeur d' Alene Reservations

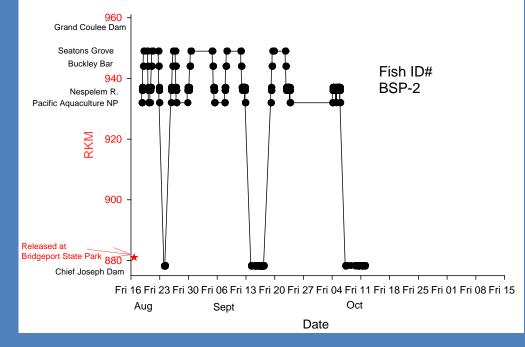








### Adult Behavior (acoustic and PIT studies)



## Ecosystem Restoration (spawning, nutrients)

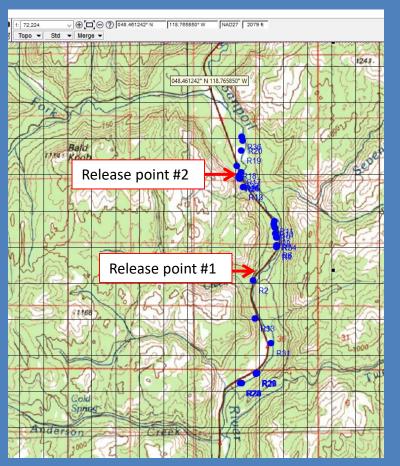
- Tshimikain Ck.
- Sanpoil R.
- Little Spokane R.
- Rufus Woods Reservoir
- Transboundary reach







#### Documented Spawning: Sanpoil R., Tshimikain Ck., Little Spokane R. and Rufus Woods 2019-2021









### Documented production of wild juveniles





#### Sanpoil R. juvenile

## Salmon Reintroduction to the UCR Blocked Area

- Phase 1- Completed and encouraging
- Phase 2- An implementation plan has been developed
- Cultural Releases- they are working and
- providing benefits

Salmon have been disconnected from their ancestral habitat for too long
The pieces are in place to move forward with a historic endeavor
Benefits will be extensive, costs are low compared to other Col. River programs, revenue generation and expenditures

**Questions?**