

The Columbia & Snake Rivers

Our Living, Working Rivers



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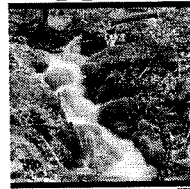
- A nonprofit, non-partisan coalition of diverse interests
- Partnership of farmers, electric utilities, large and small businesses, & maritime trade
- Promotes all benefits of the rivers: renewable energy, agriculture, commerce and recreation
- Provide a more coordinated effort and stronger voice in salmon recovery efforts



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What We Are About

- Born out of concern that public debate on salmon recovery:
 - Pays little attention to benefits of the two rivers, nor does ESA take them into account
- Need reasoned, scientific approach to salmon recovery
 - Ensure fish benefits
 - Sensible solutions



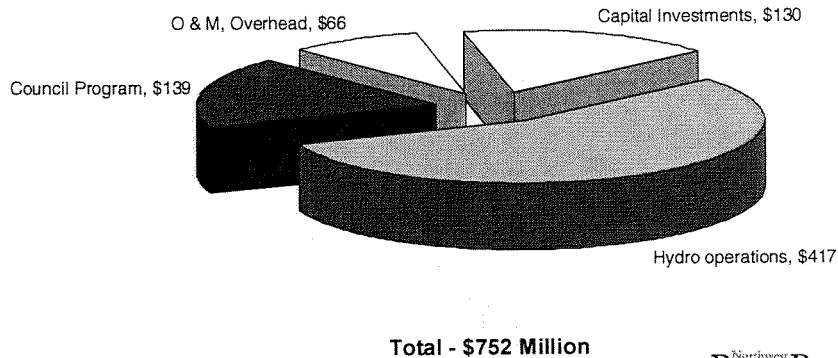
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- Electric costs affect everything - economy, our fundamental way of life
 - Multiple uses of rivers and hydro are critical to keeping region competitive
 - Hydro provides unique benefits: renewable, no CO2, flexible operations
 - We are NOT saying don't spend money
 - We are saying **spend wisely on salmon**
 - And, avoid costly approaches that provide little or few biological benefits

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BPA's Program

BPA's Total Fish & Wildlife Program
(Millions)



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What We Stand For

- "Science-based, cost-effective" salmon recovery not just a catchy phrase
- Science/experience show us we can have a healthy economy and salmon
 - More salmon now than when Bonneville Dam built;
 - Fish passage survival at most dams is 90% - 95%
 - Other improvements underway: RSW's
- Hydro can't do it alone: need comprehensive approach to reach recovery

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Structure and Operations

- Educate and inform NWRP members, public, elected officials, press/ media, decisionmakers
- Direct advocate on issues, and participant in ongoing FCRPS litigation (BPA Customer Group)
- Structure
 - Steering Committee, Communications and Government Relations committees, Work groups
 - Director and core group of "volunteered" experts
 - Consultants provide technical & other expertise
 - Grassroots

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Activities

- Launched web site and developed materials
- Outreach with delegation and staff
- Press/ media contacts
- Ongoing review of NPCC fish program
- Participant in Congressional field hearings on harvest
- Participant in ongoing federal litigation, including working with Regional Coalition
 - States of Washington, Montana, Kootenai, Spokane and Colville Tribes with NWRP

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Ongoing Efforts

- Continue tracking issues in BiOp
 - All issues still on the table in remand
 - October timeframe for new plan - may be extended
- Weigh in on Council's Fish and Wildlife Program funding process
 - Recommendations by October to BPA for 2007-09 funding
- Continue to push for All "H" approach to salmon recovery
- Work collaboratively with regional coalition/other groups - including CBFWA!

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NWRP - Summary

- Promote cost-effective, responsible salmon recovery that maintains river system benefits
 - Insist on salmon recovery efforts based in science
 - Resist measures with high costs and incremental or few fish benefits
- Work to preserve the quality way of life important to the people of the Northwest
- Encourage partnerships vs. controversy

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