



# Columbia River Briefing and Update

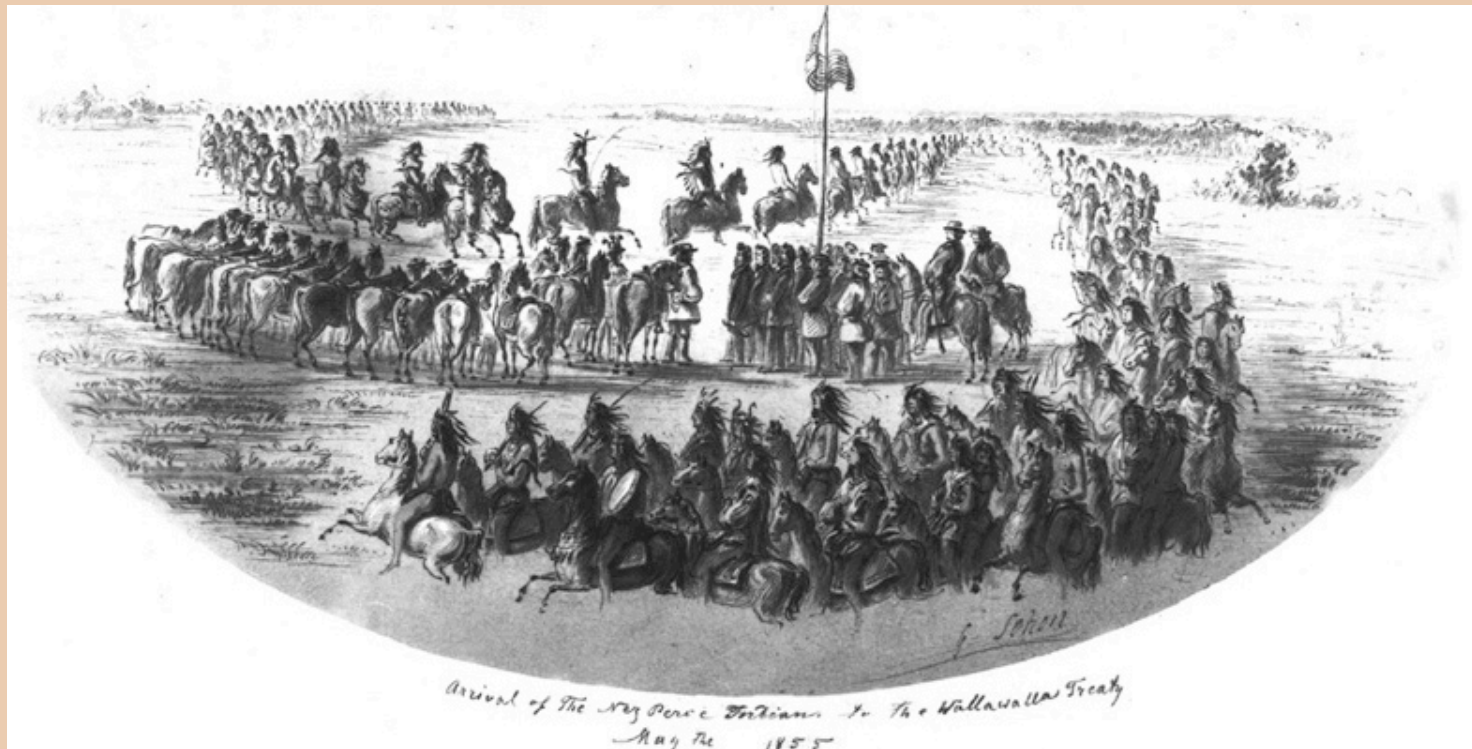
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“...the right of taking fish at all usual and accustomed places, in common with the citizens of the Territory, and of erecting temporary buildings for curing them, together with the privilege of hunting, gathering roots and berries....”

—1855 Treaty with the Nez Perce



# Four Tribes' Ceded Lands

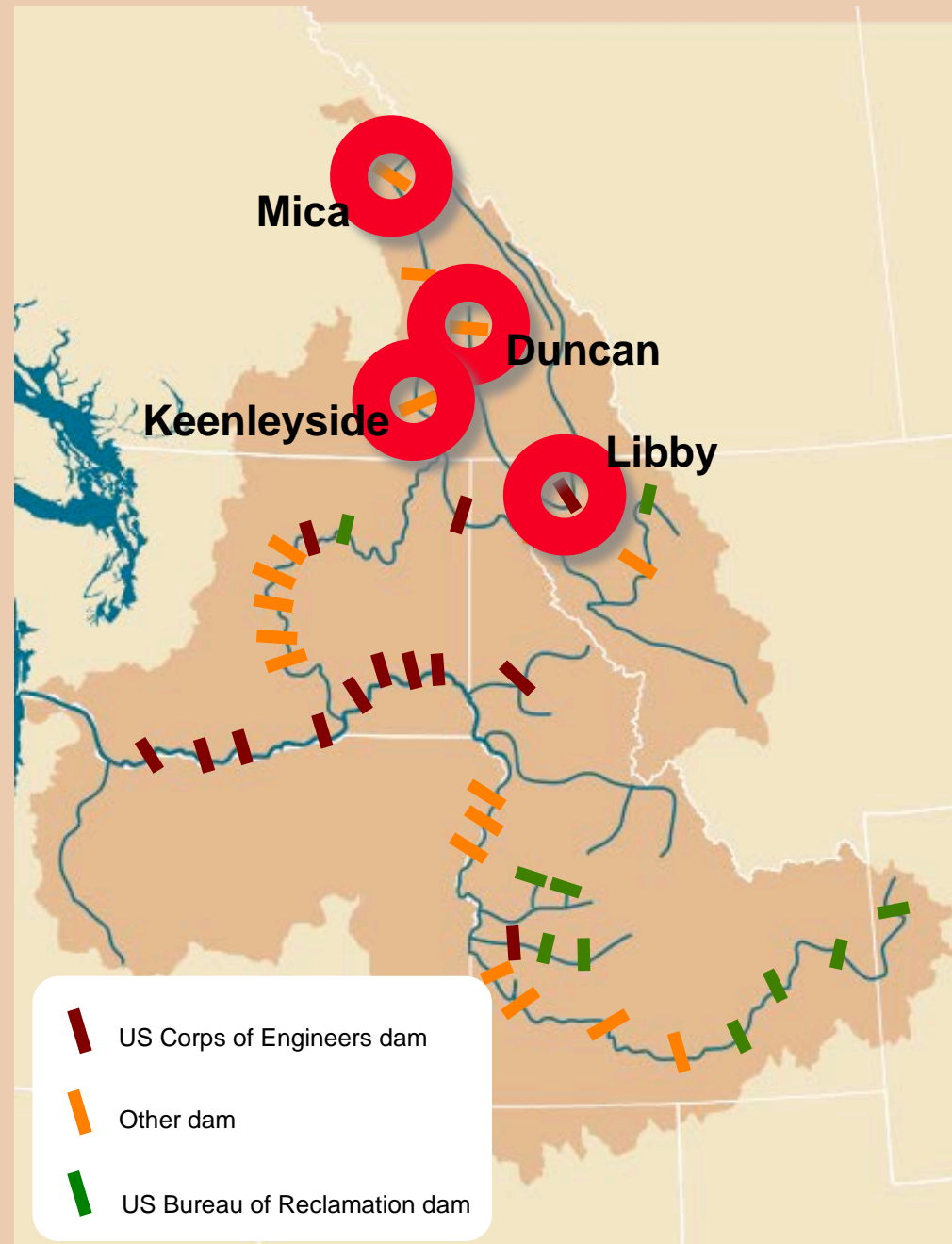
Combined ceded area:

- 66,591 square miles
- More than 25% of the entire Columbia Basin
- 55% of the rivers and streams that are still accessible to salmon
- Includes almost all of the salmon habitat above Bonneville Dam

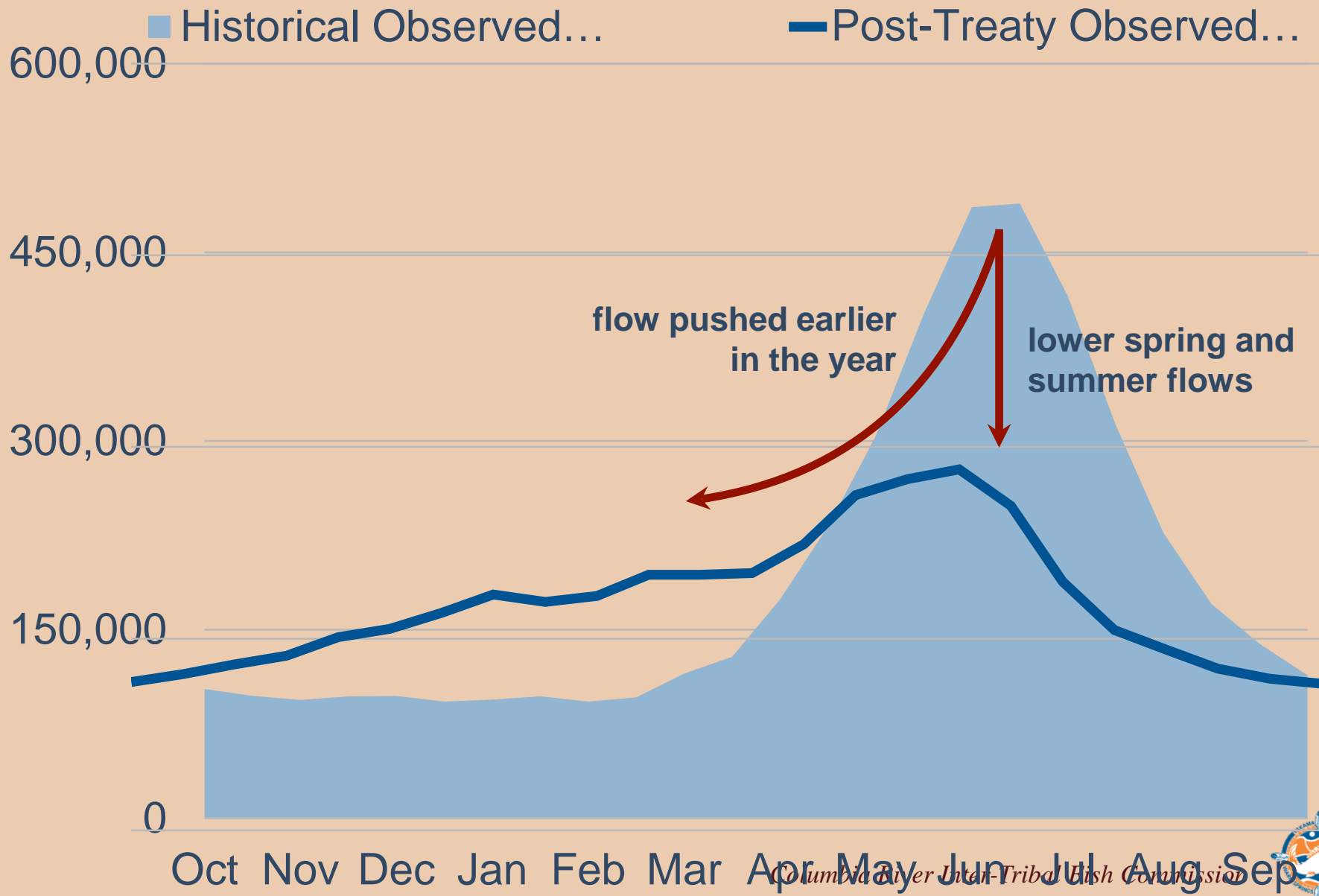


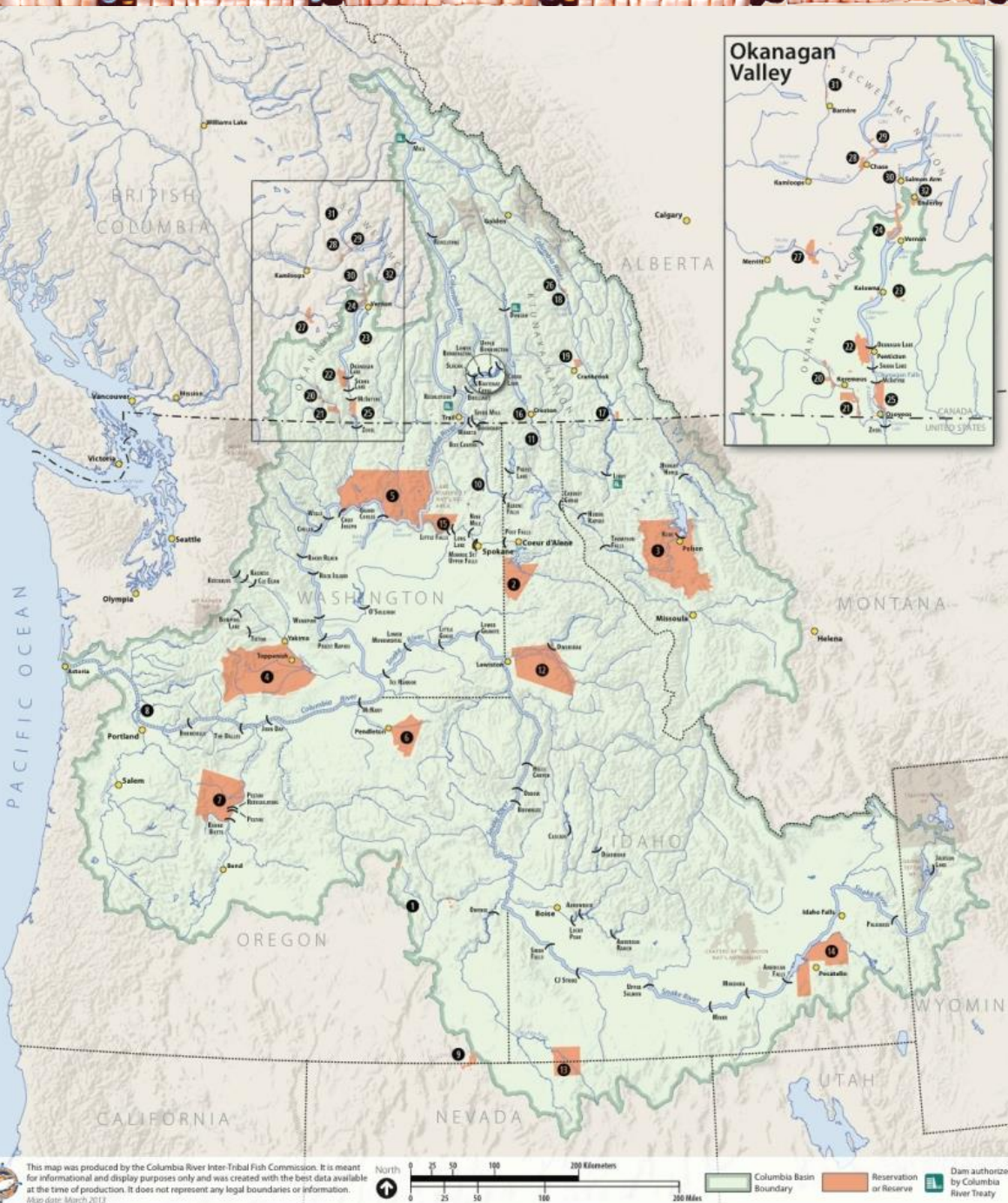
# Columbia River Treaty

- Treaty came into force in 1964, no end date
- Canada builds three dams, US builds Libby – no passage
- Twin goals:
  - optimize hydropower
  - coordinate flood control
- Treaty may be terminated with 10 years notice
- Tribes not consulted, no fish & wildlife coordination



# River Level at The Dalles Dam





# Columbia Basin Tribes

15 tribes with management authorities and responsibilities affected by the Columbia River Treaty

- 2009 - Formed
- 2010 - Common Views
- 2011 - First Nations G2G



# Permanent Floods Created Upriver to Protect Portland from Flooding



Relocating a Church from Waldo  
Now under Koochanusa Reservoir



Mica Dam built in 1973



Kinbasket Reservoir  
Drawdown Effects



Vanport Flood, near Portland



# Broad Regional Consensus Achieved: Modify the Treaty

(U.S. Entity Dec 13, 2013)

## Recommendation Elements:

- Add ecosystem-based functions
  - Restore fish passage to historic locations
- Recalculate Canadian Entitlement (~\$300m)
- Address flood control management post-2024
- Recognize Water Supply Interests
- Adapt for Climate Change impacts





# U.S. Department of State

- U.S. President expected to initiate formal negotiations with Canada this year (OMB Circular 175)
- Tribes seeking formal role in the negotiation process
- Tribal goal is to keep the ecosystem as a primary “driver” in the negotiations and successful outcome

