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Partners united for salmon, steelhead and lamprey extend Columbia Basin Fish Accords

Portland, Ore. – States, tribes and three federal agencies continue to work side by side for the good of endangered salmon and steelhead as they extend the historic Columbia Basin Fish Accords for up to four more years.

The original agreements, signed in 2008, provided states and tribes more than \$900 million to implement projects benefiting salmon, steelhead, and other fish and wildlife, and \$50 million for Pacific lamprey passage improvements at federal dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

The Accords partnerships over the past 10 years balanced the agencies' needs to perform their missions of navigation, flood risk management, hydropower production, fish and wildlife mitigation, recreation, water supply and irrigation in a manner consistent with tribal trust and treaty rights.

The new Accord extensions could run through September 2022 and will set aside more than \$400 million for fish and wildlife mitigation and protection.

Since 2008, Accord dollars have: protected more than 36,000 acres of riparian habitat and improved nearly 7,000 acres; protected nearly 100,000 acre-feet of water; restored nearly 600 miles of streams and tributaries; opened access to nearly 2,000 miles of blocked fish habitat; and improved Pacific lamprey passage at dams operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The agreements also committed funding for hatcheries.

"With this renewed commitment, we look forward to building on the momentum and progress of the past 10 years," said Brig. Gen. Pete Helmlinger, commander of the Corps' Northwestern Division.

"These agreements continue to represent a significant, regional partnership," says Lorri Gray, Pacific Northwest Regional Director for the Bureau of Reclamation. "The work we've accomplished with the Accords illustrates the progress we can make for fish when we work together. We've seen that spending dollars on improving habitat is good for the fish and good for the region."

"These extensions ensure we will continue to benefit from years of collaboration and direct coordination with our Accord partners," says Elliot Mainzer, administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration. "The alignment derived from these agreements ensures we will continue to get the highest value for the fish and wildlife investments we make in the region."



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Accord agreements were extended with the Shoshone Bannock Tribes, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the states of Idaho and Montana, BPA, the Corps and Reclamation.

To read the new agreements, go to www.bpa.gov/goto/FishAccordsExtensions.