

Partnership Results in the Restoration of Fish Passage: Taneum Creek Salmon Restoration

Dave Gerth: I've been listening to this watercourse for a number of years. Right now it has turned from a very frustrated and unhappy stream to a very happy stream. It has a new voice and I feel good about that.

Ralph Sampson Jr.: Anytime that we can have any habitat restoration and improve the livelihood and the success of returning anadromous fish to areas within our ceded areas it is very important to the Yakima Nation.

Walt Larrick: We've been involved for over 10 years trying to pull this together. The individual entities all had to agree on how this project was going to turn out; so it's really a celebration of a bunch of diverse groups coming together and actually making this project work and be a success.

Alex Conley: A pile of young Chinook pileup below the dam, they're looking for a place to grow before they head to sea and they always stopped at the dam. Now we can see them spreading into some new country as well.

Walt Larrick: Now that this is in place we will have fish passage year-round for both adults and juveniles moving up and down this little tributary.

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Ralph Sampson: One of the long term benefits I can see here is that this construction was built to last. And I am very impressed with the construction quality and the design and I know that it is going to be here for many, many years to come.

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Walt Larrick: Until we could satisfy the Bruton water users and remove the dam, we couldn't move ahead with the roughened channel. So the Bureau of Reclamation, I think, played a key part in the early stages of working with the individual Bruton water users to find them another source of water and we did that.

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