Fisheries Restoration in a First Foods Context: A Reciprocity Approach to Natural Resource Management



## **Presentation Goals**

Promote Understanding of First Foods Approach

1) Describe serving order, illustrate ecological and spatial relationships;

- 2) Demonstrate First Foods links to Tribal identity, cultural continuity;
- 3) Bring attention to species and processes that may be unrecognized outside the Tribal community; and
- 4) Review application Examples River Vision, Floodplain Restoration, Womens Foods Assessments.



#### CTUIR Treaty of 1855

Confederation of:: Umatilla; Walla Walla; and Cayuse.

1,500 members (BIA Census)

6.4 million acres

UIR Land Base 1859 Survey - 254,699 acres Dawes Allotment Act: 158,000

Restoration: 172,000

Currently about 2,800 members

## **DNR Mission Statement**

To protect, restore, and enhance the First Foods - water, salmon, deer, cous, and huckleberry - for the perpetual cultural, economic, and sovereign benefit of the CTUIR.

We will accomplish this utilizing traditional ecological and cultural knowledge and science to inform:

population and habitat management goals and actions; and
natural resource policies and regulatory mechanisms.

## **Community Based**

"We need cold, clear, pure water and salmon."

-Awtway Louie Dick, CTUIR Member, 1981-82

"You're always talking about the men's foods. Who is going to take care of the women's foods?"

- Marie "Butch" Dick, CTUIR Member and wife of Louie, 1988-89

"What is culture? Culture is the law (Tamanwit)."

- Steve Sohappy, CTUIR Member

## 2006 - Extending the Table

Serving Order



Featured Management

Research/Development

#### **Future Investigations**







## **Food Associated Culture**



## **Treaty Right Relationships**



# Organization



Outreach & Education

### Using the First Foods to Guide Restoration



Featured Management

Research/Development

## **River Vision**





"The Umatilla basin includes a healthy river capable of providing First Foods that sustain the continuity of the Tribe's culture. This vision requires a river that is dynamic, and shaped not only by physical and biological processes, but the interactions and interconnections between those processes."

# The Need for a First Foods River Vision

#### Sound river (water) management and restoration includes:

- the need to develop a systemic and holistic vision of a functional river
- addresses ecological functions or causes of degradation to water and fish

#### The CTUIR River Vision provides:

- a framework for planning management or restoration efforts
- a benchmark for assessing management progress and outcomes
- a context necessary for understanding the role of management actions

### Using a First Foods-Based River Vision to Guide Fisheries Restoration



# Hydrology



Volume <u>and timing</u> of water

# Hydrology



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# Hydrology



### Volume <u>and timing</u> of water



# Connectivity



Longitudinal, Lateral, and Vertical

# Geomorphology



Valley Forms and Channel Forms .... landscapes





# **Riparian Vegetation**



### Native Vegetation – Large Wood Inputs, Other

## Aquatic Biota







Healthy Native Species

### Vision Application: Fisheries Habitat







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### April 5, 2011



#### April 2012



### **Touchstone Correlation Examples**

#### Restoration actions are intended to directly address touchstones.

Hydrology - Increased quantity and quality through floodplain storage

Geomorphology - Channel meander development, LWD additions

Connectivity - Levee removal and floodplain activation

Riparian vegetation - Land acquisition and use changes, vegetation management

Aquatic Biota - Remove physical migration barriers, increased productivity of habitat

