



2026 Upper Columbia Science Summit
Wednesday, January 21

7:00 – 8:00 Registration and Welcome Social: Coffee and Light Breakfast Items Available

8:00 – 8:10 **UCSRB Welcome:** Shon Smith, UCSRB Board & Amanda Ward, Executive Director

8:10 – 8:20 Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future - Ryan Niemeyer, UCSRB Science Summit Chair

8:20 – 9:00 **Keynote Speaker:** Davis “Yellowash” Washines, Yakama Nation, “The Collective Collaboration Continuum In Salmon Recovery Efforts Utilizing Modern Science and the Traditional Yakama Values of Wykanush-Mii-Wahkishwit (Spirit of the Salmon) to Achieve Success in the UCR Basin”

Session: Status of the Species

9:00 – 9:30 Plenary Talk: Katie Barnas, “Status of ESA listed Upper Columbia River spring Chinook salmon and steelhead”

9:30 – 9:45 Tracy Bowerman, “Recent trends in Upper Columbia Bull Trout populations “

9:45 – 10:00 John Crandall, “Status of Pacific Lamprey In the Upper Columbia”

10:00 – 10:15 Panel Q & A

10:15– 10:45 Break

Session: Species Survival and Life History

10:45– 11:15 Plenary Talk: Scott Hinch, “Exceptionally high mortality of migrating adult female salmon: a large-scale pattern and a conservation concern”

11:15– 11:45 Plenary Talk: Brian Burke, “Reading the Signals: Ocean Ecosystem Indicators, Recent Trends, and Why They Matter”

11:45– 12:00 Kevin See, “Correcting Bias in Spring Chinook Carcass Surveys - Impacts on Monitoring Metrics”

12:00– 12:15 Jeff Caisman, “Can’t beat em’? Make em’!: Genomic investigation reveals basis for trait selection of reintroduced Coho Salmon in the Wenatchee River Basin”

12:15– 12:30 Panel Q & A

12:30– 1:45 Lunch - On Your Own

Session: Predation

1:45– 2:15 Plenary Talk: Allen Evans, “Avian Predation on Upper Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead: A Review of Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Studies”

2:15 – 2:30 Ross Renick, “Sustaining No-Net Impact for Upper Columbia Salmon and Steelhead: Northern Pikeminnow Control at Chelan PUD Hydroelectric Projects”

2:30 – 2:45 Panel Q & A

2:45 – 3:15 Break

Session: Collaborative Decision Making for Recovery

3:15 – 3:45 Plenary Talk: Rene Henry, “Reorienting to Recovery: A Case Study in Values Informed, Landscape Scale, Collaborative Decision Making Towards an Equitable Outcome”

3:45 – 4:00 Nick Legg, “Barriers and Actions to Improve Regional Recovery Efforts – Findings from the Adaptive Management Process”

4:00 – 4:15 David Duvall, “Okanagan Sockeye Reintroduction: No Net Impact In Action”

4:15– 4:30 Panel Q & A

4:30 – 6:30 **Poster Session** and Social Hour





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7:00 – 8:00 Registration and Welcome Social: Coffee and Light Breakfast Items Available

8:00 – 8:40 **Keynote Speaker:** John Sirois, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, “Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future”

Session: Watersheds and Restoration

8:40 – 9:10 Plenary Talk: Chris Fisher, “Enloe Dam Removal: Case study in Connectivity”

9:10 – 9:25 Morgan Bond, “Building Habitat Assessment and Restoration Planning (HARP) Models for the Wenatchee, Entiat, and Methow River Basins: An update on progress to date and future developments “

9:25 – 9:40 Gabriel Temple, “Potential Effects of Climate Change on Small Central Washington Streams”

9:40 – 9:55 Greg Fraser, “Fishery Mitigation Efforts for Grand Coulee Dam, 1939-Present”

9:55 – 10:10 Panel Q&A

10:10– 10:40 Break

Session: Habitat and Restoration Part 1

10:40– 11:25 Plenary Talk: Richard Carmichael, “Review and Synthesis of Progress and Challenges in Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program Habitat Protection and Restoration Projects”

11:25– 11:55 Plenary Talk: Phil Roni, “Integrating Riverscapes: Guidance for Restoring and Reconnecting Floodplains in the Columbia River Basin”

11:55– 12:10 Stine Griep, “Using Multiple Approaches to Evaluate Floodplain Restoration Across Scales”

12:10– 12:25 Carlos Polivka, “The Aquatic Food Web and Foraging Ecology of Juvenile Chinook Salmon on Restored Floodplains”

12:25– 12:40 Panel Q&A

12:40– 2:00 Lunch - On Your Own

Session: Habitat and Restoration Part 2

2:00– 2:15 Reid Camp, “Reconstructing Lost Rivers: Revealing the Hidden Geomorphology Beneath Modern Landscapes”

2:15 – 2:30 Jarred Johnson, “Quantifying Reach Scale Geomorphic Change with Structure from Motion”

2:30 – 2:45 Jose Vazquez, “Expansion of Brook Trout Spawning Activity in Side Channels within Bull Trout Spawning and Rearing Habitat”

2:45 – 3:00 Panel Q&A

3:00 – 3:10 **Closing Remarks:** Shannon Adams, UCSRB Board of Directors Chair

