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October 6, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Council Members**

FROM: **Windy Schoby, Fish and Wildlife Policy Analyst - Idaho**

SUBJECT: **Welcome by the Nez Perce Tribe**

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Samuel Penney, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee

Summary:

Samuel Penney, longstanding Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC), will provide welcoming remarks. The Nez Perce Tribe is a federally recognized tribe headquartered in Lapwai, Idaho, with more than 3,500 enrolled citizens and a reservation encompassing approximately 770,000 acres. The Tribe is governed by a nine-member elected executive committee responsible for protecting Tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, cultural traditions, and the health and welfare of the Nez Perce people. The Nimiipúu maintain deep cultural and historical connections to the lands and waters of the Columbia River Basin, where fishing, hunting, gathering, and traditional practices remain central to their identity and way of life.

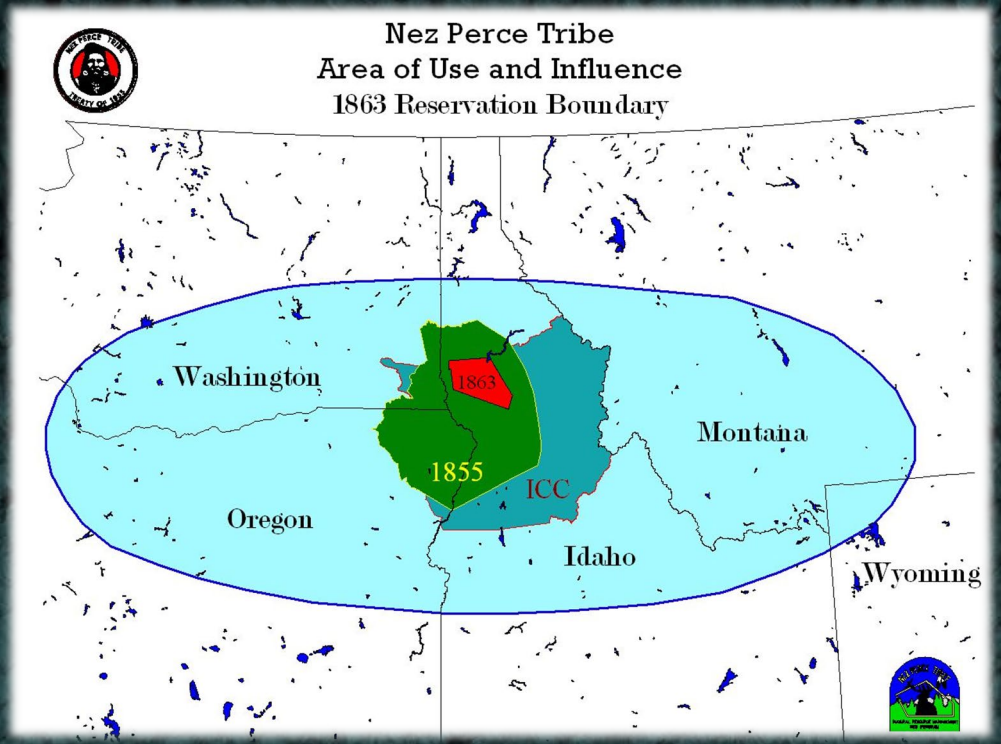
Welcome to Nez Perce Country



Nimiipuu Homelands

Niimíipuu (Nez Perce People)

Salmon a cultural cornerstone in Nimiipuu way-of-life





"...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

Culture, Ecology, and Economy

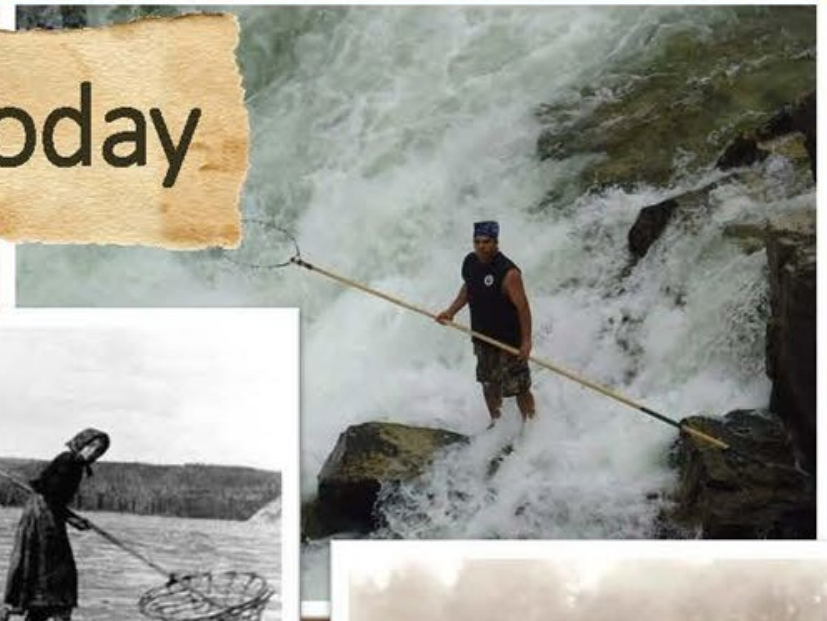
Urgent and Effective Action Needed

- Fish and Wildlife Program's obligation for mitigating hydro-system impacts essential part of achieving health and harvestable fish stocks.
- Increase BPA Fish and Wildlife Program funding.
- Expand the U.S. government's whole-of-government approach beyond BPA.
- Modify BPA 4(h)(10)(C) credits.
- Expand of BPA's generation portfolio to be compatible with restoration of the Lower Snake River.

Time Immemorial & Today

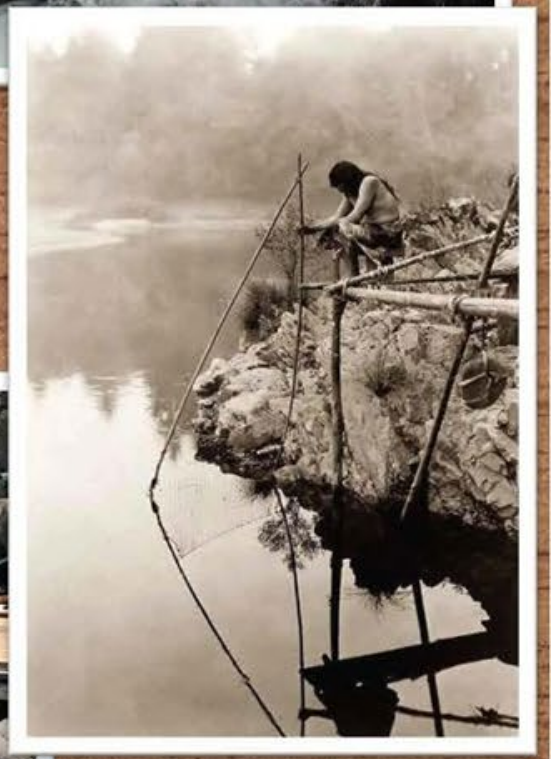
















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