

**CHELAN RIVER  
HABITAT RESTORATION  
AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**



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# Presentation Overview

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- Brief overview of Lake Chelan Project
- Chelan River Project Goals and Stakeholders
- Restoration and Enhancement Project – Then and Now
- Lessons Learned

# Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project

## Vicinity Map



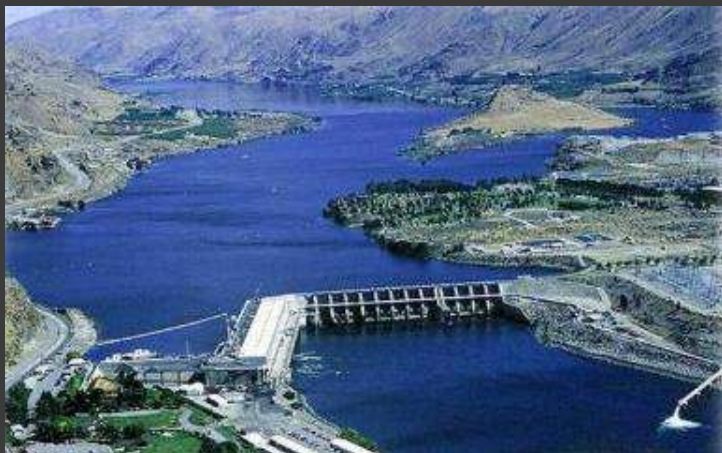
# Brief Overview of Chelan County PUD

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Lake Chelan Project

- Chelan PUD operates **three hydro projects** that deliver clean, renewable, low-cost energy to local residents and to other utilities that **serve 7 million residents of the Pacific Northwest.**



Rocky Reach Project



Rock Island Project



# Lake Chelan Hydro Project - New 50-year License

## Chelan River Project Goals

- Restore natural function of the Chelan River
- Year-round minimum flow
- Add 3 to 4 acres of rearing and spawning habitat



## Settlement Parties

- ◆ National Marine Fisheries Service
- ◆ US Fish and Wildlife Service
- ◆ USDA Forest Service
- ◆ National Park Service
- ◆ Washington Dept of Ecology

- ◆ Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- ◆ Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- ◆ American Whitewater
- ◆ City of Chelan
- ◆ Chelan County Public Utility District



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## Chelan River



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## Why did we construct this Project?

- Instream flow modeling indicated peak habitat at 650 cfs
- Agencies proposed 650 cfs minimum instream flow
- Minimum flow proposal reduced generation by 33 percent
- Focused on amount of habitat (3 to 4 acres) versus flow
- Developed project to provide additional 3-4 acres of spawning and rearing habitat



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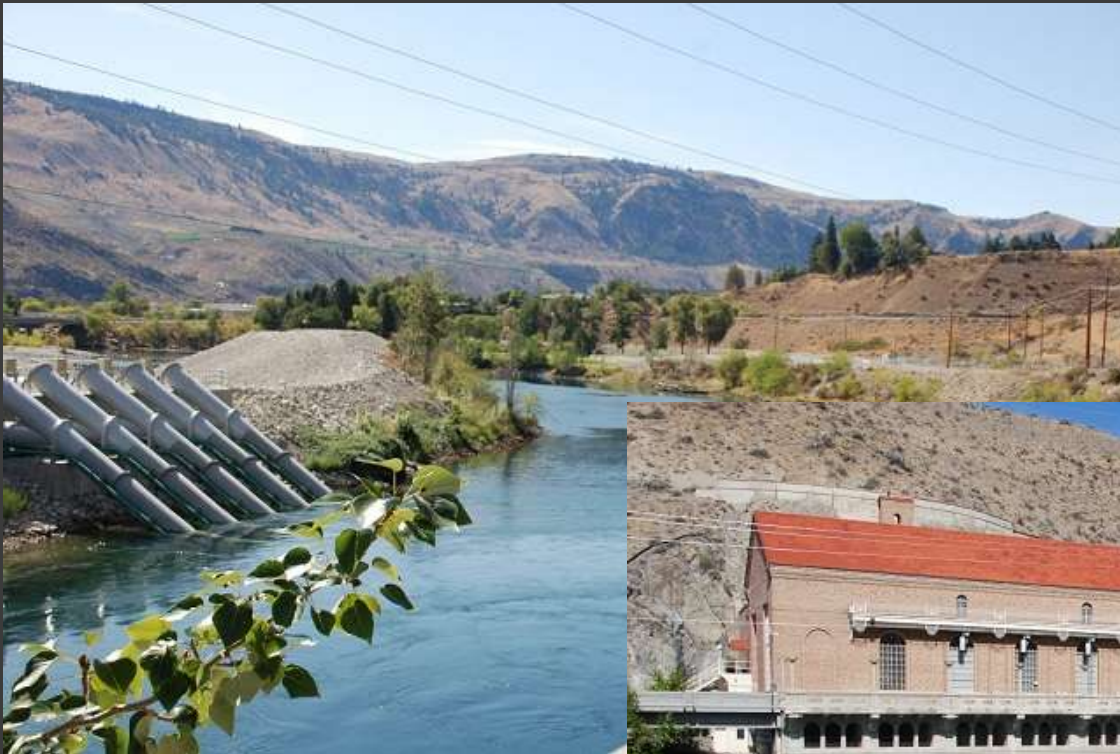
## Dam and Low Level Outlet





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## Pump Station





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Chelan River (Reach 4) – Prior to Stream Enhancement





# Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project

Chelan River (Reach 4) – After Stream Enhancement





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## Chelan River (Reach 4) Habitat





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## Chelan River (Reach 4) Habitat



# Lessons Learned

- Identify and engage stakeholders **early** in process;
- Identify issues **thoroughly** with stakeholders;
- Work collaboratively toward **innovative solutions**, earning **trust and confidence**;
- Develop a rigorous **monitoring and evaluation** program.



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Chelan River (Reach 4) – After Stream Enhancement





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