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CTUIR Commends the Biden Administration

MISSION, OR – The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) is pleased to see President Joe Biden and his Administration have taken critical steps in an effort to recover threatened and endangered salmon throughout the Columbia River Basin. The statement below from CTUIR Board of Trustees Member, Fish & Wildlife Commission, and CRITFC Chair, Corinne Sams can be quoted in part or in full:

“The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation commend President Biden for his Presidential Memorandum committing to salmon recovery in the Columbia Basin and directing the full power and scope of the federal government on this issue. The President sends a clear message throughout the federal government that business as usual is no longer acceptable. Never has the federal government issued a Presidential Memorandum on salmon.

This memorandum also upholds the U.S. Government’s treaty and trust obligations to the Columbia River treaty tribes. Our water, First Foods, and ecosystem are the lifeblood of our people. If the fish could speak, they would thank President Biden.”

CTUIR looks forward to seeing these commitments put into action by the Administration, federal agencies, members of Congress, and the Columbia River Basin.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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