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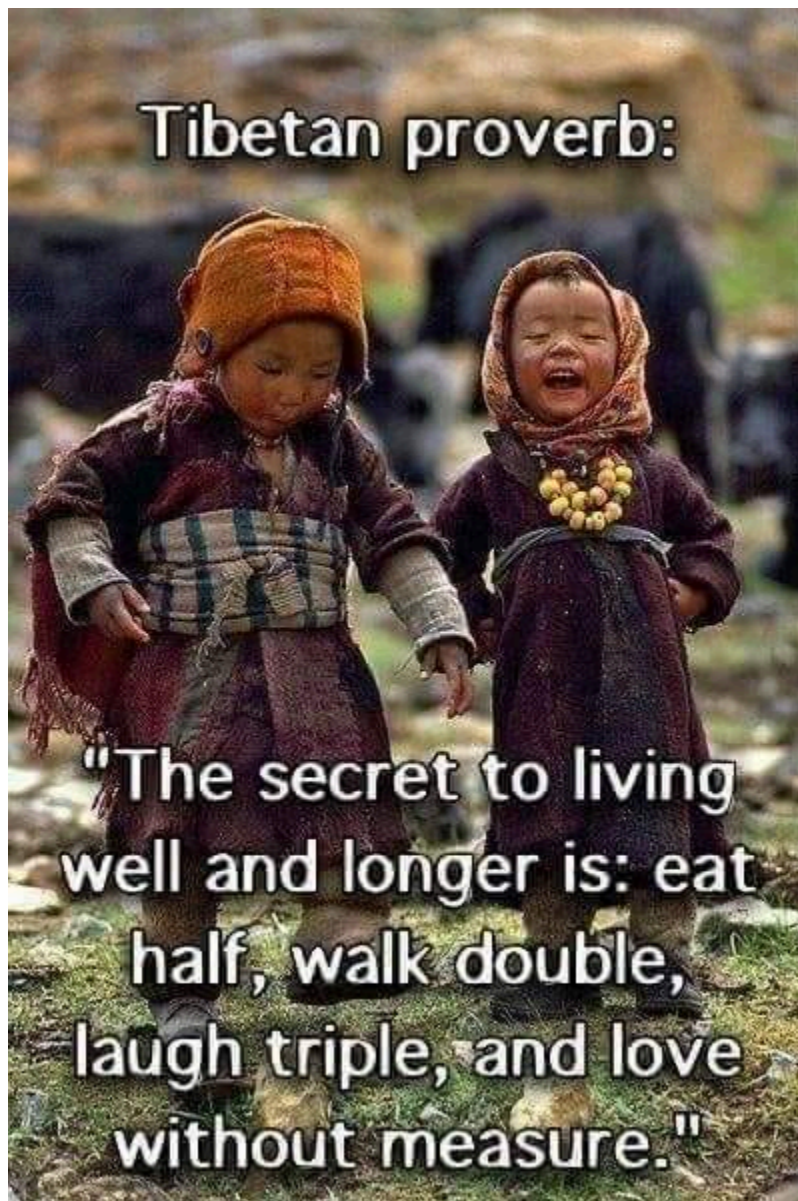
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## Just posted ... Trump taps Ted Cooke of Arizona to lead Reclamation

*From E&E News:*

President Donald Trump has quietly nominated a veteran Arizona water official to lead the Bureau of Reclamation.

Ted Cooke, who spent more than two decades at the Central Arizona Project (CAP) — the state's largest water delivery agency, which distributes Colorado River water to Maricopa, Pinal and Pima counties — would become Reclamation's next commissioner if confirmed by the Senate. Trump submitted Cooke's nomination to Congress on Monday.

The nomination comes as the seven Colorado River Basin states are locked in negotiations about a new long-term operating plan for the drought-stricken waterway. More than two decades of drought in the region have already led to repeated cuts in water allocations, with Arizona taking significant reductions.

Cooke stepped down as CAP's general manager in early 2023. He was succeeded by Brenda Burman, who served as Reclamation commissioner during Trump's first term in office.



### Section 17 corporations

#### [NNI Indigenous Leadership Fellow: John Petoskey \(Part 2\)](#)

In the second of two interviews conducted in conjunction with his tenure as NNI Indigenous Leadership Fellow, John Petoskey, citizen and long-time General Counsel of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB), discusses the legal doctrine of tribal sovereign immunity and...

#### [Robert Miller: Creating Sustainable Reservation Economies](#)

In this informative and lively talk, law professor Robert Miller discusses the importance of Native nations building diversified, sustainable reservation economies through the cultivation and support of small businesses owned by their citizens, and offers some strategies for how Native nations can...

#### [Richard Luarkie: Leadership and Nation Building at Pueblo of Laguna](#)

In this informative interview with NNI's Ian Record, Governor Richard Luarkie of the Pueblo of Laguna discusses Laguna's approach to nation building, the roles their core values and time-tested process for cultivating effective leaders has played in that effort, and how and why Laguna has worked to...

### **Honoring Nations: Loren Bird Rattler, Ray Montoya and Jay St. Goddard: Siyeh Corporation**

Representatives from the Siyeh Corporation present an overview of the corporation's establishment and growth to the Honoring Nations Board of Governors in conjunction with the 2005 Honoring Nations Awards.

### **Joseph P. Kalt: The Practical Issues of Business Development - Some Things to Consider: Legal Structure**

Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development Co-Director Joseph P. Kalt discusses the types of corporations that Native nations can charter and what they should consider when deciding which type to choose.

### **Joan Timeche: The Practical Issues of Business Development - Some Things to Consider: Governing Body**

Native Nations Institute Executive Director Joan Timeche shares her experiences as a board member on two tribal economic development corporations, and identifies some key things that Native nations need to consider as they work to craft effective approaches to corporate governance.

### **Michael Taylor: The Practical Issues of Business Development - Some Things to Consider: When to Waive Sovereign Immunity (or Not)**

Tulalip Tribes' Attorney Michael Taylor explains when tribes should and should not waive sovereign immunity and why. He also discusses some effective approaches to doing limited waivers of sovereign immunity, and stresses the importance of Native nations building a track record of fair and...

### **Jerry Smith: Building and Sustaining Nation-Owned Enterprises (2008)**

Laguna Development Corporation President and CEO Jerry Smith discusses the evolution and growth of the Pueblo of Laguna's diversified economy, and the importance of building an infrastructure of laws and rules in ensuring the success of Laguna's nation-owned enterprises.

### **What is Section 17?**

It's been over a year since Tribal Council passed a resolution (No. 182 — 2014) authorizing a draft to be crafted for a Section 17 corporate charter for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The main goal, per Res. No. 182, "is seeking economic diversification" that will benefit the Tribe into the...

### **Tribal Economic Development: Nuts & Bolts**

Tribal economic development is a product of the need for Indian tribes to generate revenue in order to pay for the provision of governmental services. Unlike the federal government or states, Indian tribes "in general" have no viable tax base from which to generate revenues sufficient to...

### **Tribal sovereign immunity: An obstacle for non-Indians doing business in Indian Country?**

Native American tribes consider sovereign immunity to be crucial for the protection of tribal resources and the promotion of tribal economic and social interests. Because of the uncertainties

surrounding this doctrine, however, this very same tool of self-determination may be viewed as a...

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## **Meet Goshute's Federal Corporation**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**“Through perseverance, integrity and faith, the Goshute Federal Corporation’s mission is to empower it’s people through creating sustainable and profitable business developments.”**

### **Board of Directors**

#### **Madeline Greymountain ChairPerson 2019-Present**

What motivates me today to put energy, dedication and vision into something greater than myself is the belief that ‘It is Possible’. What has contributed to my knowledge base is education earning dual AAS degrees in business majors (Honorary Deans List); worked with poverty level clientele for a nonprofit American Indian organization for a decade; humbly served my Goshute people from 2009-2015 as the Vice-Chair and Chairwoman of our Goshute Tribe which opened my eyes to the necessary need for economic development to promote the wellbeing and future of our tribe. During this same time, I also took on the work of Tribal Administrator to keep our tribe moving forward and meeting tribal obligations. I have been with my full time position employed by the University of Utah in Supply Chain since 2004 and continue expanding my skill set in the medical clerical field. Stepping away from Tribal Council, I felt moved to put some effort into our Section 17 Corporation and exercise our right to do business through this economic development arm of our tribe. We now have a full board that is committed, competent and ready to serve. My roots are deep and invested with the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute. I was born at home along the foothills of Deep Creek and delivered into this world by my great grandmother. To be able to have memories of our old ones and their teachings and way of life has been an inspiration to me and keeps me humble. My people and our way of life continues to motivate me to do all I can to secure viable business ventures as it will bring healing, enhance growth and improve our people’s everyday life and livelihood. contact: 801-209-0609 Email: [Madelineg@goshutefedcorp.com](mailto:Madelineg@goshutefedcorp.com)

#### **DeShawn Undergust, Vice-chair 2019-Present**

The mission of the GFC is to improve the quality of life for the CTGR tribal members by providing opportunities and services, while promoting the social and economic welfare of all tribal members. Operating in the mainstream economy and maintaining our sovereignty is the priority for the GFC. It is my goal to preserve our cultural, religious, and historical beliefs while continuing to learn and grow as part of the community we live in. Through collective decision making, meaningful partnerships and responsible stewardship of natural and economic resources. I strive to plan and provide a sustainable economic foundation for future generations. With these values we will move the tribe forward. Email: [Deshawnu@goshutefedcorp.com](mailto:Deshawnu@goshutefedcorp.com)

#### **Lorena Horse SECRETARY 2019-present**

Lorena Horse is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation and is an alumnus of the University of Utah. She received her bachelor’s degree in psychology in

2000 and a master's degree in social work in 2002. She is currently the Executive Officer of Sacred Circle Healthcare.

During Lorena's professional career, she has had dual roles as a clinician and in management, leading her respective agencies to receive licenses and certifications in their field of care. Since entering college, her main goal was to move her tribe forward so that all can heal and prosper. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, reading, and being an active part of her community.

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### **Matt Judd, Treasurer**

I have worked with the CTGR membership for the past 7 ½ years and have learned so much about the culture and areas that can assist the tribe. I have grown to love the membership of the tribe and want to do my part in promoting and celebrating the well being of tribal members. Through GFC we have an opportunity to provide economic development and assistance within the tribe. I want to be a part of that growth and work to improve tribal members well-being with current and future opportunities.

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### **TJ Ramos, Board Member**

TJ Ramos, an advocate for upholding and preserving native American heritage and people; currently serves as a board member of the GFC and continues to make that an endless objective. "My fascination with cultural beliefs and intermixing inspired me to study rangeland Ecology and management at Utah state university, I wish to uphold our heritage by preserving the land, creating businesses, and giving opportunity to our people that need it.

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### **Anton Taglauchiaq, Board Member**

Anton Taglauchiaq Chamblee is an enrolled member of the Native Village of Kotzebue in Northwest Alaska. He currently serves as the Grant Outreach Lead for Sacred Circle Healthcare, the health division of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation (CTGR). As a shareholder of NANA Regional Corporation and Kikiktagrak Inupiat Corporation, Anton has long been fascinated by the federal contracting sector and is eager to leverage his knowledge and connections to support the growth and success of Goshute Federal Corporation. His additional interests include fish and wildlife conservation and capitalizing on adventure tourism opportunities, further strengthening economic development in Native communities. His dedication to and love for the CTGR tribal members, grown through his work at Sacred Circle Healthcare, has led him to work with Goshute Federal Corporation. He is honored to be part of the GFC, working to strengthen economic stability and development for the tribe for generations to come.

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### **Cameron Echohawk, Board member**

Mr. EchoHawk is an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation. He has been working in tribal economic development for several years and has delivered outstanding results for tribes and

tribal businesses. Mr. EchoHawk's educational background is in business strategy. He graduated with honors from Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Business with a degree in Strategic Management (business strategy).

Mr. EchoHawk serves as the CEO of several tribal companies with total annual revenues over \$32 million and has increased profits by over 464 percent in four years. He has experience in several industries and is familiar with the competitive advantages available to tribal businesses and how to leverage those advantages to win in the marketplace. Mr. EchoHawk focuses on developing strong working relationships with tribal leaders and business partners. He is committed to excellence and delivering results Email: [cameron@echohawkconsultancy.com](mailto:cameron@echohawkconsultancy.com)

### **Mark EchoHawk, ATTORNEY**

Mark Echo Hawk is a founding partner of Echo Hawk & Olsen, PLLC. After graduating from Idaho State University, Mark studied law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. During law school Mark served as a law clerk for the Idaho Supreme Court. Upon graduating from law school, he clerked for the Honorable Chief United States District Judge B. Lynn Winmill. He then worked as a litigation associate for Cooper & Larsen in Pocatello before establishing Echo Hawk Law Offices.

Mark Echo Hawk leads a robust Indian law practice group at Echo Hawk & Olsen. For over two decades he has specialized in Indian law matters and championed Tribal interests. Mark represents Tribal governments on all governance matters, including Treaty rights, jurisdiction, leasing, rights of way, taxation, utilities, 638 contracting, State and Federal government relations, tobacco regulation, health care, human resources, land and natural resource matters, contracts, code drafting and revision, grants, TERO, schools and education, Tribal courts, gaming, and lobbying.

Mark presently focuses his practice on Tribal economic development, including Section 17 corporate charters and Tribal business organizations, SBA 8(a) contracting, Tribal hotels and travel plaza development, mortgage and housing finance business, including Tribal down payment assistance programs, Tribal health insurance, Tribal merchant services, and Tribal diabetes solutions in Indian Country, and Tribal private equity investment options. He also maintains an active practice representing businesses that work with Tribes or on Reservation lands. In addition to advocating for Tribal governments, Mark has also served as Tribal prosecutor and Tribal judge, and currently serves as a Justice of the Pawnee Nation Supreme Court. Mark speaks Spanish fluently and enjoys pickleball, hiking, archery, and sports. Email: [mark@echohawk.com](mailto:mark@echohawk.com)

### **Tyrell Begay, Web admin**

**2019-present**

Tyrell Begay Is the current web designer and admin for the Goshute Federal Corporation since 2019 into the present. Tyrell's role is to keep maintenance over the Goshute Federal Corporations website up to date, and to have creative input to how we can market ourselves in a modern way to keep up with business trends. Tyrell's Goal for Goshute Federal Corporation is to help the Goshute Tribe grow economically, and to spread awareness of native issues, rights, and healing. But Tyrell's Biggest goal is the spread creativity to natives and show that we can all come



together and we can do anything we put our minds to, to whatever we want to accomplish.  
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### **Rachel Greymountain, Board Member**

I am an enrolled member of CTGR, who graduated from Salt Lake Community College with an Associate's Degree. I have worked a decent variety of jobs, from office work to labor jobs. Most recent employment dealt with time-loss worker's compensation claims. I am not new to legal terminology, nor dealing in governmental policies. I also studied political science at the University of Utah with some background on international politics. I am also willing to continue learning and developing my abilities.

I am also currently one of the Operations Managers at Sacred Circle Healthcare, which I am learning that role to ensure our clinic operations continue to run and help that business in growing. I am also the new Business Manager of GFC, and am learning what is required of me in this role as we continue to grow. I am looking forward to helping the Board Members of GFC in building our economic businesses and maintaining those relationships, to help us further the opportunities available to our tribal members.

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### **Trump Administration Abandons Deal With Northwest Tribes to Restore Salmon**

**The Trump administration canceled a deal, signed under President Joe Biden, that would have enabled the removal of four hydroelectric dams along the Columbia River that are considered harmful to salmon.**  
by Tony Schick, [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) Co-published with [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) June 13, 2025, 1:30 p.m. EDT

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### **Series: Broken Promises: Salmon Disappear From the Pacific Northwest**

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Less than two years ago, the administration of President Joe Biden announced what tribal leaders [hailed as an unprecedented commitment](#) to the Native tribes whose ways of life had been devastated by federal dam-building along the Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest.

The deal, which took two years to negotiate, [halted decades of lawsuits](#) over the harm federal dams had caused to the salmon that had sustained those tribes culturally and economically for thousands of years. To enable the removal of four hydroelectric dams considered especially harmful to salmon, the government promised to invest billions of dollars in alternative energy sources to be created by the tribes.

It was a remarkable step following [repeated failures by the government](#) to uphold the tribal fishing rights it swore in treaties to preserve.

The agreement is now just another of those broken promises.

President Donald Trump signed a [memorandum on Thursday](#) pulling the federal government out of the deal. Trump's decision halted a government-wide initiative to restore abundant salmon runs in the Columbia and Snake rivers and signaled an end to the government's willingness to consider removing dams that blocked their free flow.

Thursday's move drew immediate condemnation from tribes and from environmental groups that have fought to protect salmon.

"The Administration's decision to terminate these commitments echoes the federal government's historic pattern of broken promises to tribes," Yakama Nation Tribal Council Chair Gerald Lewis said in a statement. "This termination will severely disrupt vital fisheries restoration efforts, eliminate certainty for hydro operations, and likely result in increased energy costs and regional instability."

The government's commitment to tribes, however, had been unraveling since almost when the deal was inked.

Key provisions were already languishing under Biden. After Trump won the presidency, his administration spiked most of the studies called for in the agreement, held up millions of dollars in funding and cut most of the staff working to implement salmon recovery. Biden's promise to seriously consider the removal of dams gained little traction before it was replaced by what Trump's energy secretary, Chris Wright, called "passionate support" for keeping them in place.

The chair of the White House task force to implement the agreement quit in April because of what he saw as Trump's efforts to eliminate nearly everything he was working on.

"Federal agencies who were on the hook to do the work were being destroyed through untargeted, inefficient and costly purges of federal employees," Nik Blosser, the former Columbia River Task Force chair, told ProPublica and OPB. "When I left, most things were on hold or paused — even signed contracts were on hold, which is a disgrace."

Trump's White House announcement called the Biden administration's commitments "onerous" and said the president "continues to deliver on his promise to end the previous administration's misplaced priorities and protect the livelihoods of the American people."

"President Trump is committed to unleashing American energy dominance, reversing all executive actions that impose undue burdens on energy production and use," the announcement read.

But the decision could also have some unintended consequences, experts say.

Trump [signed an executive order](#) in April to "restore American seafood competitiveness" but in revoking the Columbia River agreement has canceled millions of dollars to support the programs



that seed the ocean with fish to catch. He [signed a separate executive order](#) on his first day in office to “unleash American energy dominance” but has now reversed a commitment, made under the Biden salmon deal, to build new sources of domestic energy. This week’s action has sent federal agencies back to court, where judges have repeatedly shackled power production at hydroelectric dams because of its impact on the endangered fish.

“It’s tempting to comment at length on the absurdity of the President’s order, including the fact that what he says he wants — stability for power generation — is in fact put more at risk by this action,” Blosser wrote in a post on LinkedIn. “Instead, I’ll look for inspiration to the mighty salmon, who don’t stop swimming upstream when they get to a waterfall.”

### **Back to Court**

Before they began negotiating the Columbia River Basin agreement in 2021, federal agencies had been losing in court over the hydropower system for more than 20 years. Judge after judge ordered the federal government to use less water for making electricity and instead let more of the river spill through the dams’ floodgates so that fish could more safely ride the current past them.

The accord with states and tribes guaranteed up to a decade without those lawsuits. Trump canceled that.

The Bonneville Power Administration, which sells the hydroelectricity from federal dams, had more at stake than the rest of the agencies in the deal. When the government signed it, Bonneville Administrator John Hairston said it provided “operational certainty and reliability while avoiding costly, unpredictable litigation in support of our mission to provide a reliable, affordable power supply to the Pacific Northwest.”

In its most recent annual report, Bonneville credited the agreement for giving it the flexibility to increase hydropower production during times of high electricity demand, which helped stem the losses in an otherwise difficult financial year.

A major component of the agreement was the acknowledgment of the region’s dependence on hydropower and the need to build new sources of energy before removing the dams. It offered no guarantee of dam removal.

The Biden White House had pledged to help tribes develop enough renewable energy sources to replace the output of four dams on the Snake River, which salmon advocates have long wanted to remove. The administration also planned an analysis of how to meet the region’s energy needs without sacrificing salmon.

The Biden administration never followed through. Even tribally backed energy projects that were already in progress [ran into bureaucratic quagmires](#). When Trump took office and slashed thousands of jobs from the Department of Energy, the commitment for new energy sources died too.

Proponents of Columbia River dams, including the publicly owned utilities that buy federal hydroelectricity, criticized the Biden administration for leaving them out of the negotiations that led to the agreement.

“I want to thank the President (Trump) for his decisive action to protect our dams,” Rep. Dan Newhouse, a Republican from Central Washington, said in a statement on Thursday. He said the Biden administration and “extreme environmental activists” would have threatened the reliability of the power grid and raised energy prices with dam removal.

Even critics of the Biden deal, however, acknowledge they do not want the issue to return to court, where judges’ orders have driven up electricity rates. When Bonneville can’t generate as much hydropower to sell, but still has to pay for hatcheries and habitat fixes for salmon, it has to charge utilities more for its electricity.

“I’m hoping that we avoid dam operations by injunction, because that doesn’t help anybody in the region,” said Scott Simms, executive director of the Public Power Council, a nonprofit representing utilities that purchase federal hydropower.

Earthjustice attorney Amanda Goodin, who represents the environmental advocates who signed the agreement, said the Trump administration’s actions would force a return to courts.

“The agreement formed the basis for the stay of litigation,” Goodin said, “so without the agreement there is no longer any basis for a stay.”

### **More Fish Will Die**

The White House said that Trump’s revoking of the Columbia River deal shows that he “continues to prioritize our Nation’s energy infrastructure and use of natural resources to lower the cost of living for all Americans over speculative climate change concerns.”

Shannon Wheeler, chair of the Nez Perce Tribe, said the damage on the Columbia River is anything but speculative.

“This action tries to hide from the truth,” Wheeler said in a statement. “The Nez Perce Tribe holds a duty to speak the truth for the salmon, and the truth is that extinction of salmon populations is happening now.”

Wild salmon populations on the Columbia and its largest tributary, the Snake River, have been so sparse for decades that commercial, recreational and tribal subsistence fishing are only possible because of fish hatcheries, which raise millions of baby salmon in pens and release them into the wild when they’re old enough to swim to the ocean.

In some years, an estimated half of all the Chinook salmon commercial fishermen catch in Southeast Alaska are from Columbia River hatcheries, making them critical for “restoring American seafood competitiveness” as Trump aimed to do.

But some Columbia River hatcheries are nearly a century old. Others have been so badly underfunded that equipment failures have killed thousands of baby fish.

[As ProPublica and OPB previously reported](#), the number of hatchery salmon surviving to adulthood is now so low that hatcheries have struggled to collect enough fish for breeding, putting future fishing seasons in jeopardy.

The Biden administration promised roughly \$500 million to improve hatcheries across the Northwest. His administration never delivered it, and Trump halted all the funds before eventually canceling them with this week's order.

### **Hydroelectric Dams on Oregon's Willamette River Kill Salmon. Congress Says It's Time to Consider Shutting Them Down.**

Mary Lou Soscia, former Columbia River coordinator at the Environmental Protection Agency, said the administration's dismantling of salmon recovery programs amounts to "cutting off your nose to spite your face."

"We're losing decades of accomplishments," said Soscia, who spent more than 30 years at the agency.

"When the fish managers aren't there to make real time river decisions, more fish will die," she said. "Or the watershed restoration work will take a lot longer to happen because you won't have funding and more fish will die."

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