



## Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board

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### **First Draft of the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan to be Released January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 for 30-day review**

The Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board, the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife invite you to comment on the draft Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan. Major portions of the plan are now ready for the first 30-day agency and stakeholder review and comment. A second, 45-day review is scheduled for April 2005, with the final plan being submitted to the Governor on June 30, 2005.

This draft release includes Table of Contents, Section 1.0 - Introduction, Section 2.0 - Species Status, Section 3.0 - Factors for Decline, Section 4.0 - Delisting Criteria, Section 8.4 - Public Education and Outreach, Section 9.0 - References and Appendix A.

The documents along with a comment form are available online at:

<http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/nr/nr9.htm>

<http://www.douglascountywa.net/departments/tls/salmon.html>

<http://okanogancounty.org/water/salmon%20recovery;%20draft%20review%20corner.htm>

Related information such as maps, brochures and related documents are also available at those sites.

We welcome and encourage your comments and they can be submitted via:

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**All Comments are due by 5:00pm:** January 31, 2005

The Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board is comprised of one County Commissioner from Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties and one representative from each of the tribes, the Yakama Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Development of the Upper Columbia Recovery Plan is being closely coordinated with NOAA fisheries and state and tribal agencies. This plan will provide important information for the federal ESA-listed fish recovery plan due in December 2005.

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