### **Bowers Rock State Park**



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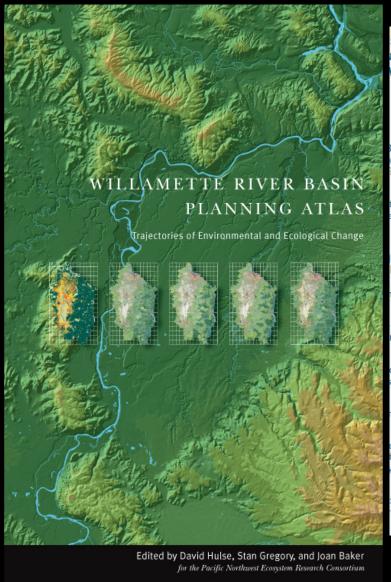


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Board of Directors believes must be taken to sin. Pressures against the environment are licant, assertive, and unwavering action now.

t are already underway. Building on the eved to date, the Strategy sets a strong,

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Strategy balances the values for a healthy trong economy.

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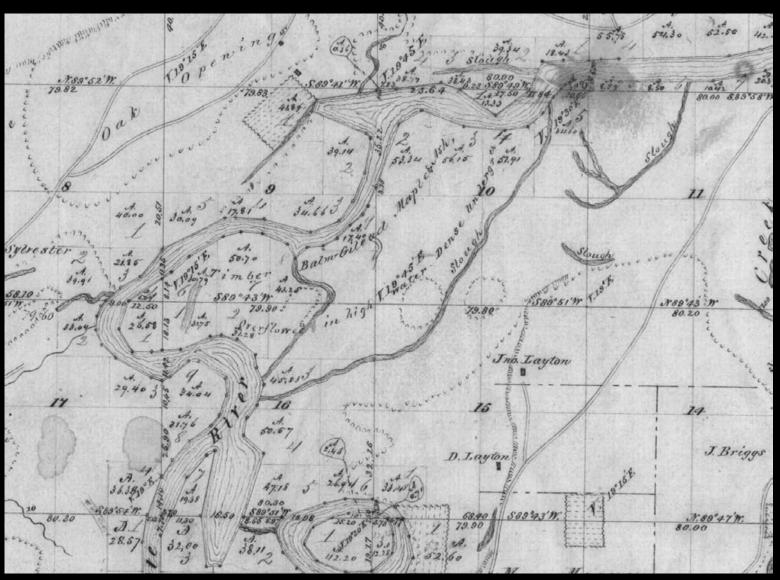
estoring the Willamette today. Many more future. The *Strategy* recommends ways to

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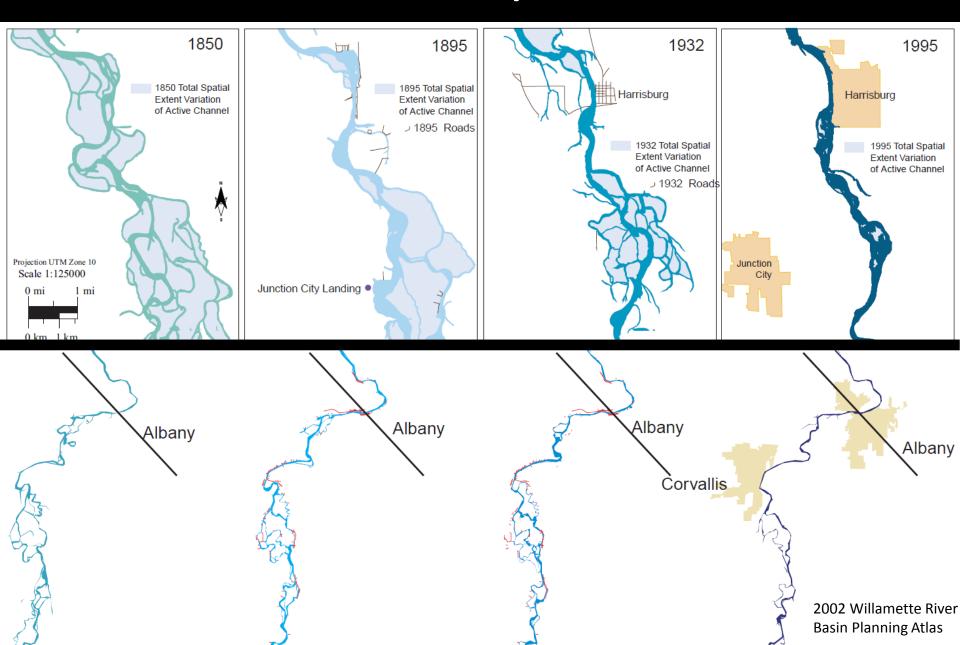
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### **Historical Channels**



## **Channel Simplification**



### Overcoming the Willamette Basin dams Federal officials are beginning Columbia River

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Salem

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a multimillion-dollar effort to get salmon past U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control dams that block fish from their best spawning habitat. The work in coming decades will require the invention of new passage systems to get fish upstream and downstream past dams. It also will involve restoring natural water temperatures and habitat below the dams. Some of the major projects include:

#### Foster Dam

Construct improved trap below dam by 2014 to collect and truck adult fish above dam.

#### **Dexter Dam**

 Construct improved facility below dam by 2015 to collect and truck adult fish above Lookout Point Dam.

#### **Big Cliff Dam**

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Peter

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Creek

**Blue River** 

McKenzie R.

Fall Creek

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Construction under way for facility to collect fish and truck above Detroit Dam.

#### Willamette Basin

#### **Detroit Dam**

- Operations under way to improve downstream temperatures; long-term solution by 2018.
- Install downstream fish passage by 2023.

#### Cougar Dam

- Water temperature control tower and facility to collect fish and truck upstream already installed.
- Improve downstream fish passage. Deadline under discussion; likely between 2015 and 2017.

#### Fall Creek Dam

- Operations changes to improve downstream fish passage under way.
- Improve facility below dam by 2016 to collect and truck adult fish above dam.

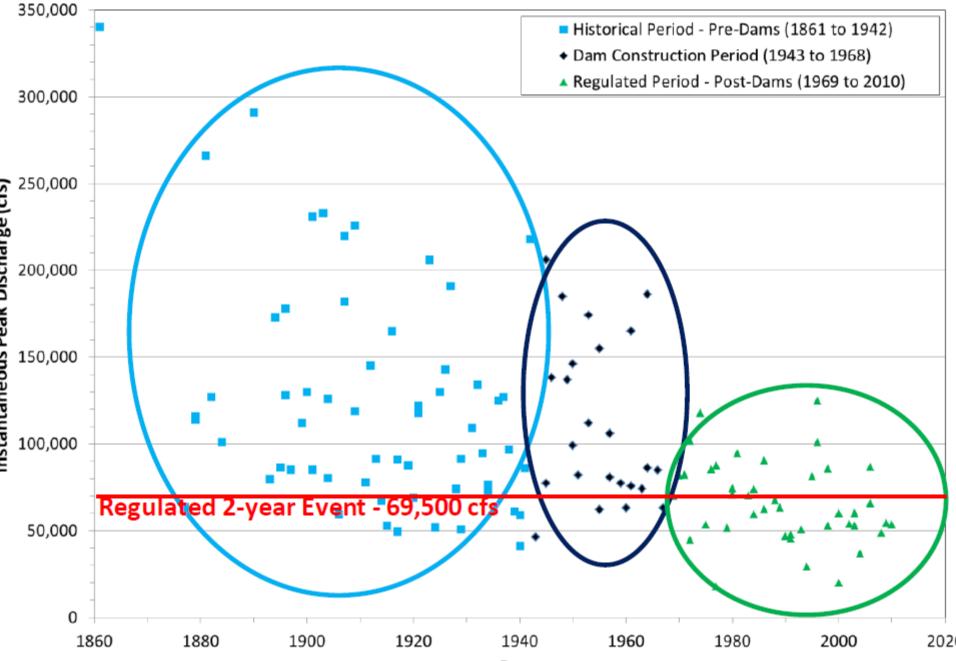
#### Lookout Point Dam

 Install downstream fish passage by 2021.

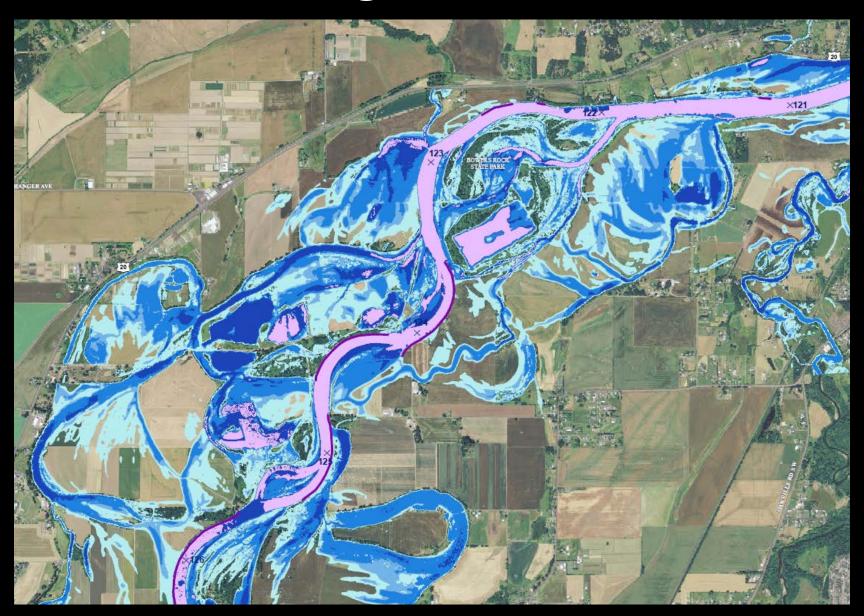
Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: NOAA fisheries

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Willamette River at USGS Albany Gage (#14174000) -Comparison of Instantaneous Annual Peak Discharge



# 2-Yr Regulated Flood



### **ESA Listed Fish**

Spring Chinook





NMFS listed Upper Willamette River spring Chinook and Upper Willamette River winter steelhead as threatened species in 1999 Winter Steelhead





Photo: Matt Stoecker

# Life History Spring Chinook

Life History Stage	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Upstream migration												
Spawning in tributaries												
Intragravel development												
Juvenile rearing												
Juvenile out- migration												

Note: Light vertical-line shading represents low-level abundance; darker horizontal-line shading represents high abundance, and white represents rare or absent. After USACE 2000.

## **Limiting Factors**

(partial list)

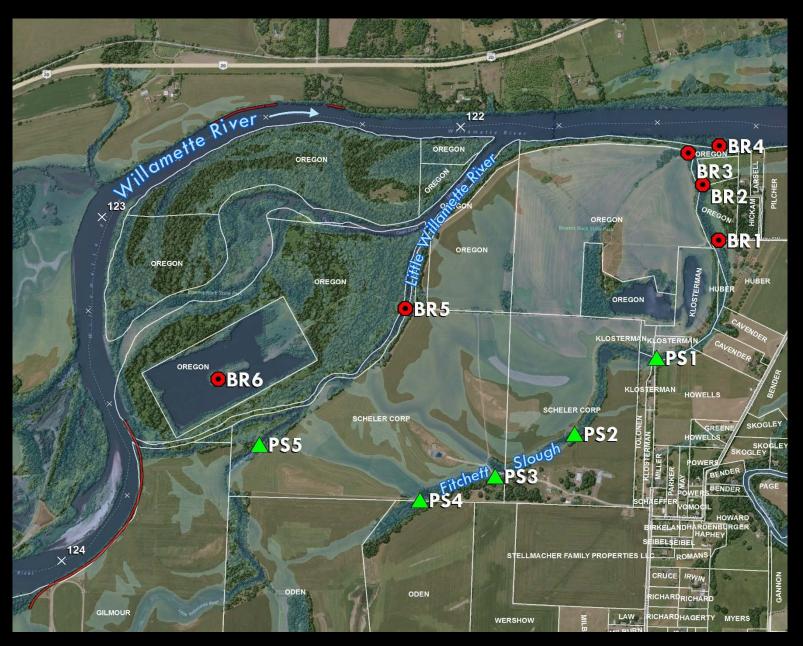
Reduced access to spawning/rearing habitat in tributaries

Altered water quality and temperature

- Lost and/or degraded <u>floodplain</u> <u>connectivity</u> and lowland stream habitat
- Physical habitat quality (complexity and diversity)



# Concept Level Planning Projects



# Fish Passage Connectivity



# Fish Passage Connectivity



# Berm Removal



### **Bowers Rock**

