



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
The NW Energy Coalition advances clean, equitable, and affordable energy policies by leveraging our analytic expertise and convening a broad alliance of people and organizations.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q3	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from NW Energy Coalition.

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NW Energy Coalition - Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund

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Introduction

In 2023-24, the NW Energy Coalition (NWECC) leveraged a grant from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund to advance our mission of fostering an equitable transition to clean energy and supporting salmon recovery in the Columbia Basin. This report summarizes our achievements, the populations impacted, and the use of grant funds.

Project Outcomes

1. Advancing Salmon Recovery and Clean Energy

- NWECC played a pivotal role in the regional efforts to remove the four lower Snake River dams and replace their energy output with clean, non-hydro renewable resources. Our analyses, policy recommendations, and advocacy were integral to shaping the Columbia Basin salmon recovery agreement supported by the Biden Administration in February 2024.
- Highlights:
 - Collaborated with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and Nez Perce Tribe policymakers, and allies to secure a commitment for 1,000–3,000 MW of new clean energy projects.
 - Worked with Washington State policymakers to secure funding for State agency energy replacement assessments to reduce state power demand on the Federal hydropower system and to look at full regional power placement should the lower Snake River dams be removed.
 - Mobilized advocacy campaigns that influenced decisions by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to delay actions potentially harmful to salmon recovery.

2. Educational Impact and Public Outreach

- NWECC provided educational materials and held sessions with policymakers to explain the feasibility of dam removal without compromising energy reliability and affordability.
- Millions of residents across the Pacific Northwest could benefit indirectly from our work through improved policy frameworks for clean energy and salmon restoration.

3. Collaboration with Tribal and Community Groups

- Partnered with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to integrate tribal energy interests into utility clean energy programs and investments.
- Provided educational webinars on Bonneville Power Administration processes including Western power markets and transmission for representatives of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and Nez Perce Tribe.
- Working in close coordination with the lower Columbia Basin Tribes and the States of Washington and Oregon on implementation of the Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative's energy working group and regional energy planning effort.

4. Work with community-based organizations and state and regional advocacy organizations in the **Columbia Snake River Campaign**.

- NW Energy Coalition co-leads this energy workgroup with the Idaho Conservation League. Other participants include:
 - Save Our Wild Salmon
 - Sierra Club
 - Earthjustice
 - American Rivers
 - Trout Unlimited
 - Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)

These organizations bring expertise in advocacy, technical analysis, tribal energy planning, and public outreach to support salmon recovery and clean energy goals.

Grant Funds Usage

The [REDACTED] grant from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund was used to:

- Support NWECC staff on policy and advocacy related to salmon recovery and clean energy
- Develop materials to counter misinformation about renewable energy's reliability. This effort includes letters to the editor, Op-Eds, fact sheets, and blog posts.
- Participate in community outreach events and collaborate with tribal energy advocates.

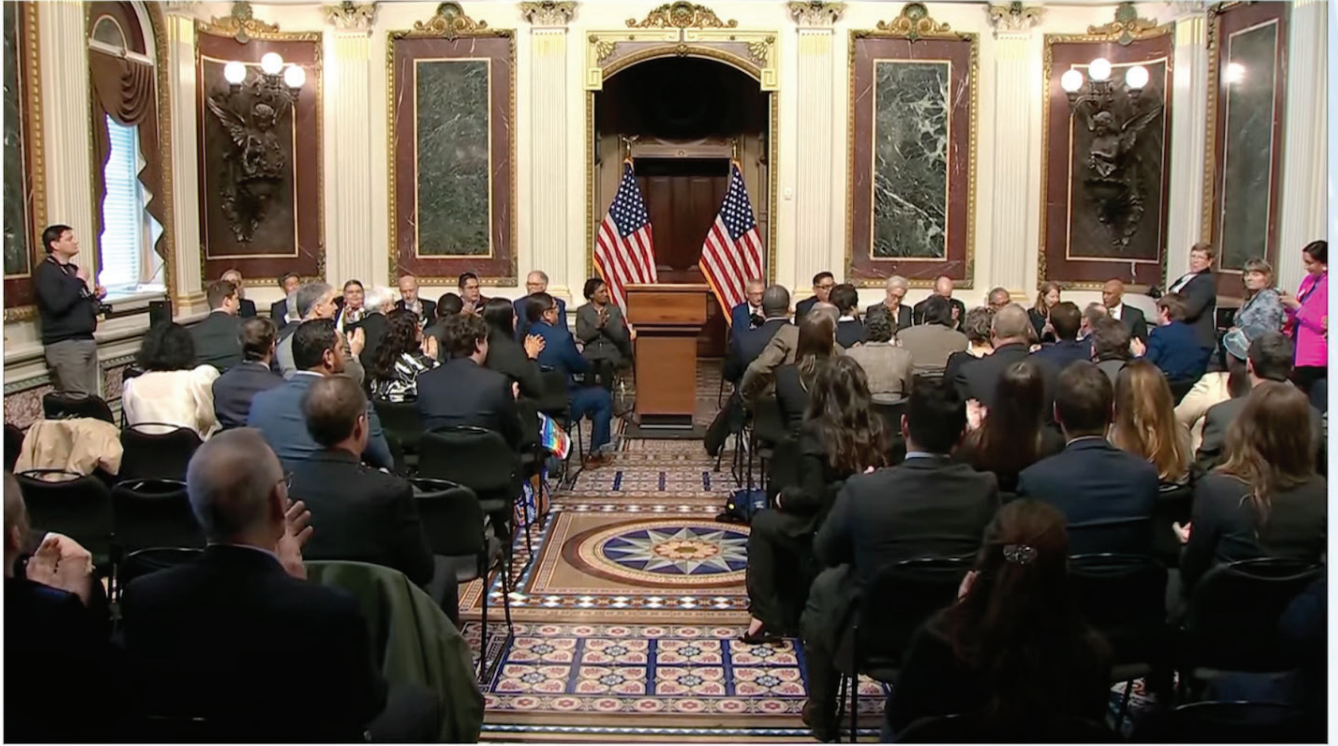
Impact Metrics

- **Populations Impacted:** Approximately 14 million residents in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Western Montana.
- **Clean Energy Advocacy:** Contributions utility investments to develop new renewable energy projects and community based clean energy and resilience projects.
- **Salmon Recovery Advocacy:** Ensured federal and state infrastructure planning included provisions for removing the lower Snake River dams and supports broader restoration efforts to reach healthy and abundant wild salmon populations.

Supporting Materials

1. **Photos of Key Milestones:**
 - Attached are images from the signing of the Columbia River Basin salmon recovery agreement on February 23, 2024, featuring tribal leaders, NWECC staff, and federal officials.
2. **NWECC Website:** Visit www.nwenergy.org for more information.
3. **NWECC Blog post:** <https://nwenergy.org/resources-publications/agreement-sets-a-path-to-recover-salmon-and-develop-new-tribally-led-clean-energy/>

NWECC would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to the Tulalip Tribes for their support in addressing the intertwined challenges of salmon recovery and clean energy transition. If further information is required, please feel free to contact Beth Brooks at beth@nwenergy.org.



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Ceremonial Signing for Historic Columbia River Basin Agreement