



The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and the Tribal Leadership Forum are pleased to present:

**UNITED STATES v. OREGON:  
THE COLUMBIA RIVER  
SALMON FISHING CASE  
Forty Years and Counting  
Lessons Learned**

**May 28-29, 2008  
Lloyd Center Double Tree Hotel  
Portland, Oregon**

Register Online:

[www.regonline.com/USvO](http://www.regonline.com/USvO)

Conference Fees:

General Tuition: \$450

Non-Profit and Government Rate: \$250

Scholarships Available:

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The Columbia River Salmon Fishing Case. Originally filed as *Sohappy v. Smith, United States v. Oregon* has been under the continuing jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon since 1968 – longer than any other case in the history of the District. Over the years the parties have negotiated numerous management agreements under judicial oversight. Conference speakers include individuals with years of history in this case, including three federal judges. This conference is approved by the Oregon State Bar for 10 General and 3.5 Access to Justice (Diversity) MCLE credits.

**Wednesday, May 28:**

- 9 am **Synopsis: 40 years of Columbia River treaty fishing rights litigation:**  
Laurie Jordan, Policy Analyst, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- 10 am **Break**
- 10:15 am **Views from the Bench: Federal District Court:**  
Hon. Owen Panner, U.S. District Court of Oregon  
Hon. Malcolm Marsh, U.S. District Court of Oregon  
Hon. James Redden, U.S. District Court of Oregon
- 11:30 am **Views from the side of the Bench: Judicial Clerks:**  
Shelley McIntyre, former Clerk for Judges Belloni and Craig  
Kelly Zusman, former Clerk for Judge Marsh
- Noon **Lunch**

- 1 pm **Views from the Plaintiff Tribes, Tribal Attorneys**  
Tim Weaver, representing the Yakama Nation  
Howard Arnett, representing the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation  
Dave Cummings, representing the Nez Perce Tribe  
Brent Hall, representing the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- 2:45 pm **Break**
- 3:00 pm **Views from the plaintiff United States, Federal Attorneys:**  
Vernon Peterson, former U.S. Department of Interior Solicitors Office  
Fred Disheroon, U.S. Department of Justice,  
A Recorded Interview with George Dysart, Special U.S. Attorney for *U.S. v. Oregon* (Laura Berg)
- 4:00 pm **Views from the defendant States, State Attorneys General:**  
Frona Woods, Washington State Attorney General  
Steven Sanders, Oregon State Attorney General  
William Whelan, formerly Idaho State Attorney General Office

**Thursday May 29:**

- 9:00 am **Views from the Ivory Tower, Legal Scholars**  
Mary Wood, Professor of Law, University of Oregon Law School  
Charles Wilkinson, Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School (invited)  
Robert Anderson, The University of Washington School of Law
- 10:30 am **Break**

Ralph Sampson, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

10:45 am **Views from Northwest Washington, *United States v. Washington*:**  
Al Ziontz, Retired Partner, Ziontz, Chestnut, Berley, and Slonim Law Firm, Seattle  
Ed Mackie, Former Chief Deputy Attorney General, State of Washington  
Billy Frank, Chairman, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

4:30

End

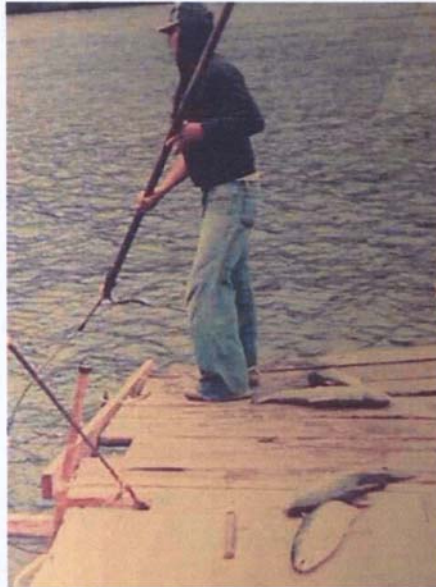
Noon **Lunch**

1 pm **Views from past fisheries managers, implementing the case law:**  
Jean Edwards, former biologist, Columbia River treaty Indian tribes  
Jim Martin, State of Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (retired)  
Bill Wilkerson, former Director, State of Washington Dept. of Fisheries

1:45 pm **Views of current fisheries managers, continuing implementation issues:**  
Joe Oatman, Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries  
Guy Norman, State of Washington Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife  
Curt Melcher, State of Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

2:30 pm **Break**

2:45 pm **Views from the River, Tribal Fishers:**  
Randy Settler, Yakama  
Bruce Jim, Warm Springs  
Herb Jackson, Nez Perce  
Kathryn Brigham, Umatilla



3:45 **Concluding Remarks, Perspectives of Current Tribal Chairmen:**  
Sam Penney, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee  
Ron Suppah, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon  
Antone Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation