



# Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation DNR Fisheries Program Project Semiannual Report Project: Grande Ronde Subbasin Fish Habitat Restoration

Period: January – June 2012



**Project Statement/Goal:** Protect, enhance and restore functional, healthy and sustainable floodplain, channel and watershed process for the purpose of protecting and restoring fisheries and aquatic species in the Grande Ronde Basin.

**Project Objectives:** Specific project objectives are developed to address habitat limiting factors determined during baseline surveys and assessment. Objectives for reporting period are directed towards planning/design of new projects in preparation for implementation.

Project Inputs:	Funding	12 Budget	Total Staff	New 2012 Staff
	BPA	\$613,004	3 Bios; 2-4 seasonal techs	1 permanent, part time tech (to be hired in July)
	BPA/GRMW	\$337,100		

### Outputs:

- Ongoing project development, coordination, survey, design, permitting, and monitoring on 2012-2014 projects including:
  - Completed Pisces SOW and awarded construction subcontract in cooperation with USWCD for Catherine Creek Project (RM 37). Construction initiated June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Continued planning/EC compliance on Willow Cr. Project - to construct August 2012.
  - Continued planning, coordination, and EC compliance on Rock Creek Project.
  - Continued land and conservation easement planning. Coordination meeting with BPA administrator scheduled for July 24th.
  - Continued concept planning on Catherine Cr.(RM44) - 4 miles and 6 landowners.
  - Developed cooperative passage project on Chicken Cr with USFS. Construction planned during summer 2012. \$50k cost share provided by CTUIR
  - Participated in BiOP Expert Panel to complete revisions of salmon and steelhead assessment units, limiting factor weighting and assessment unit ranking, numerical assessment of 2007-2011 projects and identification of 2012-2018 projects

### Outcomes (progress and trends resulting from outputs):

- Initiation of CC37 project construction.
- Progress on preparing Willow Creek project for construction.
- BiOp Expert Panel process completed for Upper Grande Ronde Subbasin.
- Progress on land/easement acquisition planning.

### Impacts (long-term accomplishments and vision):

- Contribute to achievement of healthy watersheds (DNR River Vision) and increased traditional first food abundance and use opportunities.
- Contribute to achievement of Subbasin Plan and ESA Recovery Plan goals.
- Assist in recovery of Endangered Species Act subject species (spring/summer chinook, summer steelhead, bull trout)
- Address water quality limiting factors as per Clean Water Act 303d list

### Willow Creek Project (April 2012 Aerial Photos and Project Overview Map)

