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# The StreamNet Library

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**D**id you know that the StreamNet Library holds the most extensive collection of materials on Columbia River Salmon? Our small library with a big heart is located in the Lloyd Center District of northeast Portland. The Library is a branch of the StreamNet Project. StreamNet is a consortium of agencies involved in fisheries management in the Columbia River Basin (please see addendum below for more information).

The administrative arm of the library is the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, whose mission is to return salmon back to the rivers. The Library's mission is to provide all materials necessary for improving conditions for anadromous salmon in the Northwest. By working together we have a better chance at fulfilling both missions.

We have extensive materials in fisheries and aquatic sciences, with additional sections on Native American culture, hydro-power, and habitat restoration. The Library currently contains approximately 20,000 items and places particular emphasis on less commonly available grey literature, such as consultants' reports, state government documents, and non-profit organizations' reports. Our collection includes videos, journals, and newsletters from all over North America.

Because of our extensive collection of books, articles, technical reports, data series, commission reports, and newsletters on

fish life history, the library's main patrons are fish biologists. However, we have many things to offer the more casual researcher. We are open to the general public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. There is a public use computer terminal, which provides access to a database of abstracts from fisheries-related journal publications from 1971 to the present.

The Library offers research assistance, interlibrary lending and borrowing, document delivery, and other library services. We have extended all library privileges to the tribal members and staff of the four Columbia River Tribes who make up the Commission. The Commission tribes are the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), the Nez Perce Tribe, The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indians of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation. Our outreach to them has included the start of a satellite library at the CTUIR Fisheries Department from our large collection of duplicate materials. Most of that material had a catalogue record in our system, which could be easily transferred to a database on the Reservation. We have also sent duplicates to the Warm Springs Reservation and hope that donation will spark the start of another fisheries library there.

Another important function of the library is as a training ground for Native Americans interested in librarianship. After



picking up a summer intern funded by the CTUIR, our library employed three tribal members from Commission tribes. Our Assistant Librarian is David Liberty, who has a B.A. from Oregon State University. Our library technician is Gabriel Sheoships (B.S. Portland State University). Our summer intern was Robert Van Pelt, who is a student at Mt. Hood Community College. All are members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. David started as a tech in 1998 and was promoted in the spring of 2004. Gabe was soon hired to fill the tech vacancy and has been here for over two years. Robert has interned here for the last three summers and has received valuable work experience that will benefit his future path regardless of his professional interests. For two previous summers, we trained a high school student and Warm Springs tribal member in the more rudimentary aspects of library operations. He attacked his rather simple tasks with enthusiasm and gained valuable work experience.

For more information about the StreamNet Library, please visit our Web site at <http://www.fishlib.org/> or e-mail us at [fishlib@critfc.org](mailto:fishlib@critfc.org) or call us at (503) 736-3581.

### **About the StreamNet Project**

StreamNet is a cooperative, multi-agency effort among the Columbia River Basin's state, tribal, and federal fisheries agencies, the Northwest Power Planning Council

(NWPPC), the Bonneville Power Administration, and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission whose charge is to compile fish-related data. We compile and make available on our Web site information intended to be useful to fisheries managers and researchers, land managers, planners, and others. We acquire, regionally standardize, and georeference data from multiple sources on a number of topics, including fish distribution, fish abundance trends, hatchery releases and returns, harvest levels, migration barriers, hatcheries, and dams. We provide a catalog of photographs relevant to fish species and facilities in the region. We have begun developing information on habitat restoration projects and some limited information on water temperatures and macroinvertebrates. We maintain the official list of stream reaches the NWPPC has recommended be protected from dam construction, and we are the official keepers of the Pacific Northwest's 1:100,000 scale GIS streams layer. We provide pre-made maps and let you make maps interactively from data in the StreamNet database to meet your needs. We continually work to update these resources, so new information becomes available several times each year. We also provide customized data-related services for participants in the NWPPC's Fish and Wildlife. (From the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.) 

