

Wild Kokanee Salmon in Lake Roosevelt

Conservation for the Future



Acoustic receiver and acoustic tag for adult tracking



Wild adult Kokanee Salmon captured in the Sanpoil River



PIT tagged for detection at stream mouths and downriver fish passage centers

The protection and enhancement of wild kokanee within the blocked area (Columbia River and its tributaries above Chief Joseph Dam) benefits Native American Tribal members, recreational anglers, and local economies. The enhancement of a salmon species, specifically kokanee salmon, also benefits the local watersheds by restoring pathways by which salmon tissue can be incorporated into terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems. To ensure their long-term persistence, the Colville Confederated Tribes have implemented a wild kokanee acoustic study to assist with locating spawning grounds and identify factors that may be limiting their survival. We have placed acoustic tags in adult fish and anchored receivers (top picture) throughout the reservoir to track seasonal movements.

If you capture a fish with either tag, please contact an area fish biologist or your local creel clerk. Thank you for your support!



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