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THE LANDS AND WATERS OF SALMON NATION

Salmon Nation is a province of the mind as much as it is a geographic landscape. It is a nation that does not yet exist. It is a nation that has always been.

Salmon Nation is a cultural identity built around the soil and streams touched by Pacific Salmon. It stretches from Alaska down to California and inland to Idaho and even Montana. It crosses state and national borders. It reaches from the deep seas miles off shore to the high mountain streams that still run ice cold. Its map covers the hard pavement of cities, the watered lawns of suburbs, the steep forested hills of the coast range, as well as the rolling rich farmlands of the Palouse.



It is a landscape that goes by different names these days: the Pacific Northwest, Cascadia, the Rain Forest Coast. Yet salmon were here before, and the first people knew the districts of this nation, long before the mountains were named for English nobility. Those first people

were wealthy thanks to the salmon. Indeed the very lands of Salmon Nation have been enriched by the bodies of salmon over a millennia.

More than 137 species in Salmon Nation depend on the nutrients brought back from the ocean by heroic Chinook, sock-eye, steelhead, pink, coho and chum.

Beyond salmon, we are bound in this region by other issues, by water, by power, by trade and history. We face common problems, share common interests and look to each other with a common history. Salmon Nation is a place where the economy is not in conflict with the ecological health of the land. A place of diverse ideas, species and cultures. A place where riches flow from the vibrance of the streams, soil and seas. It is a place in which both salmon and people not only live... but thrive. **Welcome home.**

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-  Historic inland distribution of Pacific salmon and steelhead
-  Major rivers and inlets

