

Karuk Tribe Perspectives

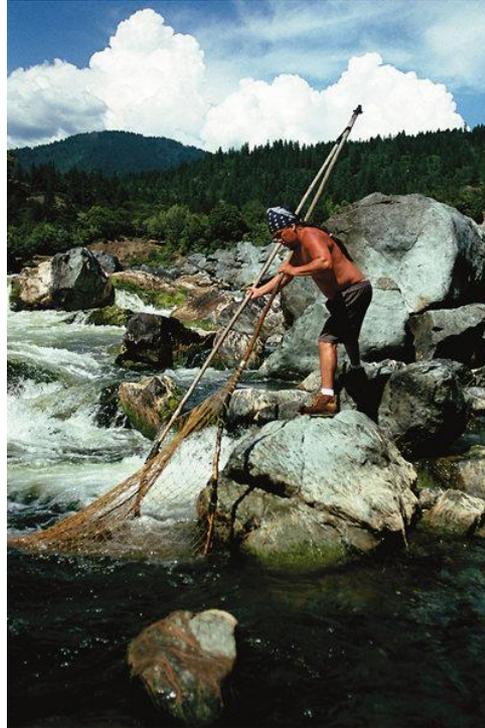
Comments on AB 1331

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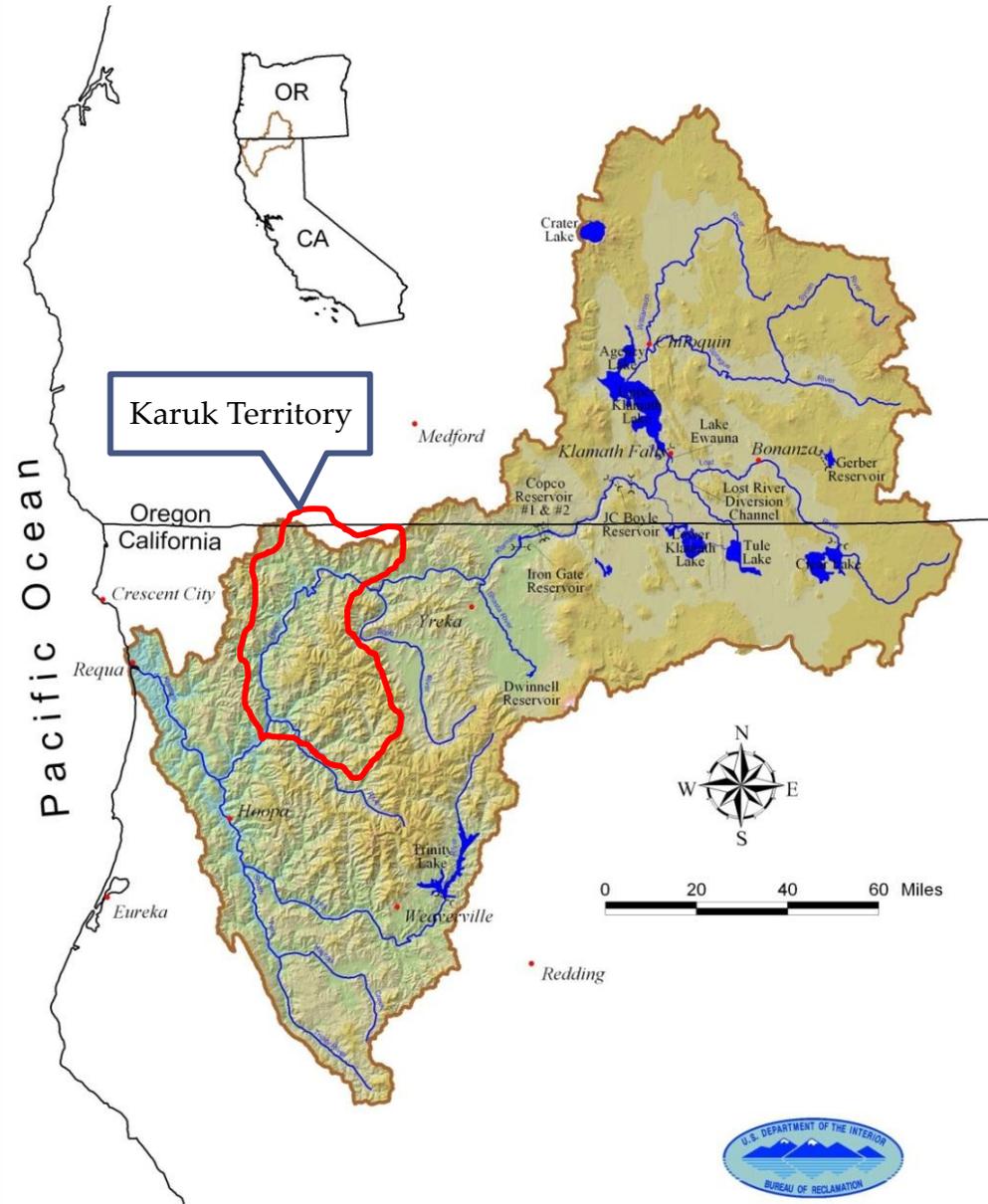


Karuk Have Lived in the Klamath Basin since Time Immemorial



And continue traditional practices today

Klamath River Basin



Diversity is the Spice of Life



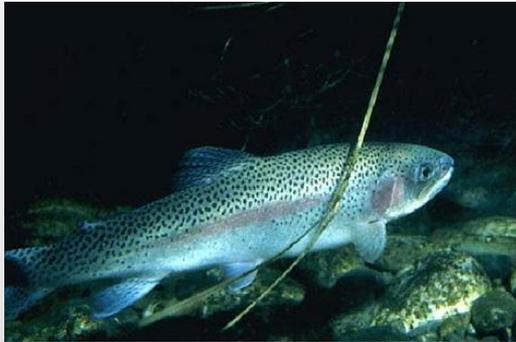
Akraah – Pacific lamprey



Ishyaat – Spring Chinook



Achvuun – coho salmon



Sa'ap - steelhead trout



Áama- Fall Chinook



Ishrixihara – Green sturgeon

The Problems



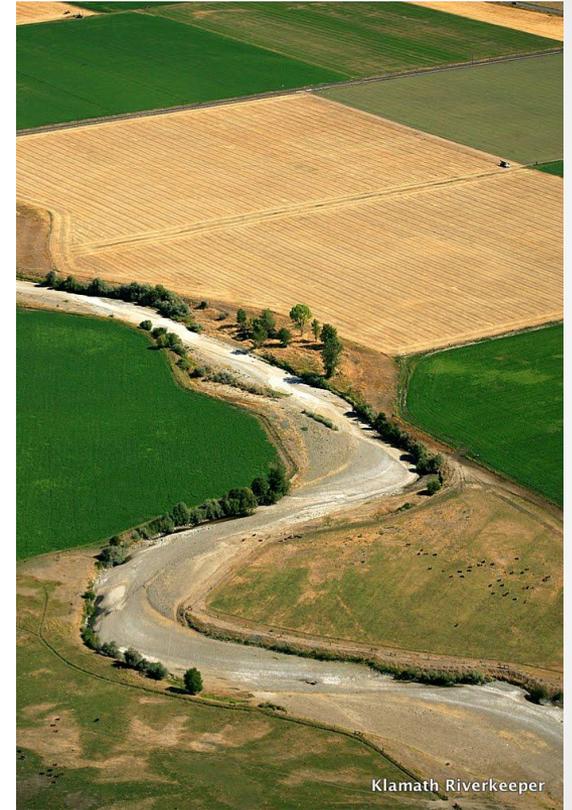
Mismanaged Landscapes



Gold Mining



Dams



Irrigated Agriculture

The Klamath River has been asked to do too much...



In 2002, over 68,000 salmon died in the biggest adult fish kill in US history



Toxic algae blooms threaten human health

Cultural Impacts

- Ceremonies are at-risk
- Inability to pass down traditions such as fishing
- Sacred sites destroyed or polluted
- Denied access to traditional foods and medicines



“Its time to say ‘hasta la vista’ to the Klamath dams!”







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