



The Yakama Nation specifically reserved the right to take fish at usual and accustomed stations in common with the citizens of the [Oregon] Territory through the Treaty of 1855.

Additionally, we reserved the right to hunt and gather foods and medicines on open and unclaimed lands. We exercise these reserved rights irrespective of modern day political boundaries.

The Yakama Nation is a co-manager of the Columbia Basin fisheries resources and take this responsibility seriously. Our teachings tell us that we have an obligation to look after the fisheries resource for both the fish itself but also for our future generations of Yakama members.

We are alarmed that the Arlington Landfill has illegally become the repository of a massive amount of radioactive material. We are also alarmed at the *laisse faire* approach that the State Department of Energy has taken as reported in the media.

In our review of 4014 A8 we would like to see a formal requirement that the Oregon Department of Energy be required to consult with the Yakama Nation. Our rights and interests are directly impacted by the review of what has transpired at the Arlington Landfill and the path forward for managing this radioactive waste. We require a seat at the table as this hazardous site is remediated.

Our efforts are not idle efforts. In the past 20 years the Yakama Nation has moved to address the innumerable hazardous waste sites that line the Columbia River. We were heavily involved in the Astoria Marine site, are in active litigation in the Portland Harbor Superfund site, successfully sued the US Army Corp of Engineers for response costs related to Bradford Island and are continually present at the Hanford site. We take these harms to our resources seriously and believe that we must be actively engaged in order to look after the future abundance and safety of our treaty reserved resources.