## COLUMBIA RIVERKEEPER®

#### 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# OUR MISSION

To protect and restore the water quality of the Columbia River and all life connected to it, from the headwaters to the Pacific Ocean.

# OUR VISION

A Columbia River that unites people to fight for clean water, abundant fish and wildlife, and our climate.

# OUR COMMITMENT

Embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion at every level of our work. Communities are the backbone of what we do. As an organization that advocates for the health and safety of river communities, we must fight for social justice and take a stand against racism.

# YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Columbia Riverkeeper is powered by members who invest in clean water and a healthy climate because the fight is urgent and the time is now. You accomplished great things.

### STOPPING POLLUTION 🌀

Pounds of illegal toxic pollution discharge our Clean Water Act lawsuits prevented annually: **50,000** Amount polluters paid to nonprofit organizations as a result of lawsuits in the last five years: **\$2,850,000** Lawsuits filed in 2021 against public ports for violating the Clean Water Act: **2** 

Percent by which the level of cancer-causing PCBs found in some resident fish caught near Bradford Island exceeds the safe level: **3**,**200**,**000** 

People who signed petitions demanding EPA to list Bradford Island and surrounding waters of the Columbia: 1,500

#### FIGHTING FOSSIL FUELS 🥯

New fossil fuel terminals you defeated in last decade: 15

New fossil fuel terminals built on the Columbia in that time:

Legal victories over fossil fuel projects in the last six years: 18

Petitions asking Washington state to reject the Kalama methanol refinery: 25,000

Million metric tons of greenhouse gas pollution per year stopped by defeating methanol refinery: 4.8 (That's equivalent to 3.2 million cars off the road.)

New fracked gas power plants to be built in Oregon after we defeated Perennial Windchaser: 0

Oil trains traveling to Zenith Energy after Portland denies key permit: 0

## SAVING SALMON 😪

Maximum water temperature (Farenheit) in which salmon can survive in the Columbia River: 68 Days the Columbia exceeded 68 degrees this summer: 80+

Online views of underwater video we captured of salmon dying in hot water: **3,000,000** Number of media outlets that featured the video: **30** 

Lawsuit victories in 2021 to force federal dam operators to stop rising water temperatures: 1 Miles of salmon and steelhead habitat in the Lewis River blocked by dams without fish passage: 100 Endangered Species Act-listed fish species that will benefit from our campaign to secure the Biden administration's commitment to Lewis River fish passage: 4

#### ENGAGING COMMUNITIES 💿

E. coli samples collected annually atColumbia River beaches: **245** 

"Conoce Tu Columbia" bilingual radio shows and podcasts aired in 2021: 24

People who volunteered with Comunidades, a Latino/a/x-led environmental and social justice group fiscally sponsored by Riverkeeper: 700+

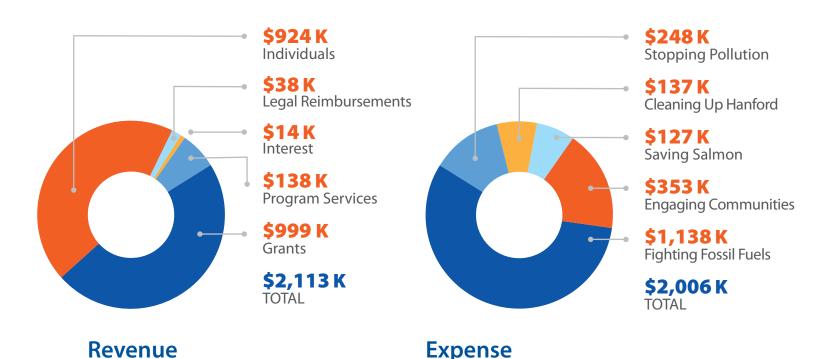
Middle-school curriculums released on how to tackle toxic and other water pollution: 4

#### CLEANING UP HANFORD 🥑

Tanks containing radioactive and toxic waste at the Hanford Nuclear Site: **177** Gallons of radioactive and toxic waste regulators estimate have leaked from Hanford's tanks: **1,000,000** People who signed petitions demanding the federal government abandon plans to delay removal, treatment, and disposal of radioactive hazardous waste: **770** 

#### **COLUMBIA RIVERKEEPER**<sup>®</sup>

## \$1.97 MILLION RAISED IN LAST YEAR





Columbia Riverkeeper earned the highest ratings from top charity guides. **Four stars = Exceptional.** Exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its cause



Platinum = Highest Seal of Transparency

#### WAYS TO GIVE

Columbia Riverkeeper is committed to maximizing every donation to fight for clean water. Giving to a local organization ensures your money is put to work here. Your donations are powering victories to protect the places you love.

In addition to donating online or mailing a check, you can set up monthly giving, donate stocks, cryptocurrency, or property. More and more people are making tax-smart donations from IRAs and retirement accounts, or leaving a legacy gift for clean water. If you have ideas or questions, please contact **acacia@columbiariverkeeper.org**, **541-399-9119**, or visit **Columbiariverkeeper.org/ways-give.**