

Your Impact in 2025

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.

Columbia Riverkeeper earned the highest ratings for top charity guides



Four stars = Exceptional. Exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its cause.



Platinum = Highest Seal of Transparency.

Columbia Riverkeeper’s successful formula combines strategic legal advocacy, community organizing, creative communications, and education. We work in solidarity with Tribes, partner with people who live and work along the Columbia, and celebrate the impact of people coming together to fight for what they love. Here are a few of the year’s highlights by the numbers.

Salmon Recovery

30,400 acre feet of water every year wasted by the Lower Snake River dams, enough to meet the residential needs of over 240,000 Washingtonians, according to a report commissioned by Columbia Riverkeeper and developed by the Stockholm Environment Institute

2,225 Columbia Riverkeeper members who told their senators and representatives to oppose laws that would undermine salmon recovery, energy modernization, commitments to Northwest Tribes, and progress towards undamming the Lower Snake River

15 nonprofit organizations that joined Columbia Riverkeeper’s comments opposing the “low-impact” certification of Wells Dam on the Columbia River, which harms migrating salmon and steelhead and drowns 25 miles of fall Chinook spawning habitat

Climate & Energy

6 lawsuits advanced to protect our climate and reduce air pollution, including legal challenges to NEXT Energy’s diesel refinery and the GTN Xpress pipeline expansion

2000+ Columbia Riverkeeper members and supporters who urged the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality to reject an air pollution permit for the Zenith Energy facility in Portland, OR

13 proposed bills defeated in the Oregon Legislature that would have paved the way for new nuclear energy

Cleanup Hanford

800+ Columbia Riverkeeper members who reminded the U.S. Dept. of Energy that leaked high level waste is still high level waste

70+ people who gathered on the Yakama Nation reservation to remember the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima and the connection to the Hanford Nuclear Site

40+ pages of detailed technical comments submitted by Columbia Riverkeeper on the U.S. Dept. of Energy’s proposed plans for remediation of the 324 Building, located less than 1,000 feet from the Columbia River

Science & Education

250 water quality samples collected at Columbia River beaches

800+ kids and young adults who experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) environmental education through Columbia Riverkeeper’s outreach program

60+ events Columbia Riverkeeper hosted or partnered in to inspire people in Columbia River communities to speak up for clean water, salmon, and our climate

1500+ pounds of garbage volunteers collected at community cleanup events along the Columbia

Clean Water

5 Clean Water Act legal actions brought or settled in 2025, all with the goal of reducing harmful pollution in the Columbia and its tributaries

\$425,000 awarded to Tribes and nonprofit organizations as a result of our Clean Water Act enforcement actions

70,000+ people who watched our videos in Spanish or English about the fish advisories at Bonneville Dam and how to advocate for cleanup

Columbia Riverkeeper, our nonprofit partners, and community members gathered to deliver thousands of petitions against Zenith Energy’s air pollution permit. Left to right: Samantha Hernandez, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility; Kate Murphy, Columbia Riverkeeper; and Dineen O’Rourke, 350PDX. Photo by Alex Milan Tracy.

