



Columbia River Treaty and Canada-U.S. Negotiations

Low Levels in Arrow Lakes Reservoir Information Session

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Columbia River Treaty - how it began

- Main objective: power and flood control in both countries
- Treaty was signed in 1961 and ratified in 1964
- Ratification delayed due to negotiating the 1963 Canada BC
 Agreement to transfer benefits and obligations to BC

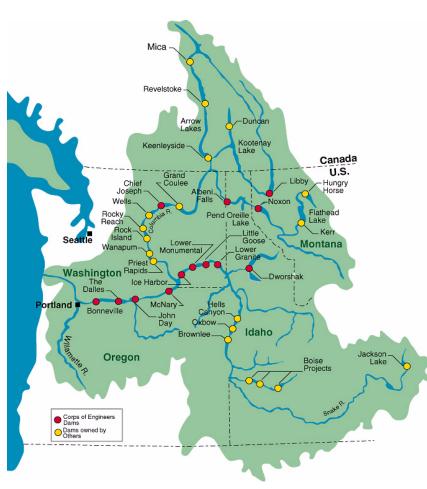


Diefenbaker and Eisenhower signing the Treaty in 1961

Treaty and Protocol ratified and proclaimed by Pearson and Johnson in 1964







Columbia River Treaty Key Facts

Canada to construct 3 dams to provide 15.5M acre-feet (Maf) of water storage

- Duncan 1967
- Hugh Keenleyside 1968
- Mica 1973

U.S. had the option to construct Libby dam in Montana – Canada made land available (42 mi - 67 km) for the reservoir

The Treaty continues indefinitely but can be terminated with 10 year notice at the earliest in September 2024





Current Treaty Provisions

Power Generation

- Canada operates 15.5 Maf for optimum power generation downstream in U.S.
- U.S. delivers to Canada one-half the estimated potential US power benefits (Canadian Entitlement - CE)

Flood Control Pre-2024

- The US bought 8.45 Maf of "primary" flood control up to 2024 for \$64.4 million
- Regardless of Treaty continuation or termination, assured flood control ends in 2024 and flood control changes to "Called Upon"





Public Engagement Since 2012

- Over 40 community meetings
 - Revelstoke, Nakusp, Fauquier, Genelle, Castlegar, Trail, Valemount, Golden, Invermere, Cranbrook, Jaffray, Creston, Nelson, and Meadow Creek
- 7 virtual information sessions since 2020
- Social media, newsletters, emails, letters and one-on-one phone calls
- Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee
- Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee
- Scientific community and non-government organizations





What We're Aiming for in a Modernized Treaty

- Increased flexibility for how we operate B.C.'s Treaty dams
- Adaptive management
- Ecosystem enhancement
- Salmon reintroduction to the upper Columbia River
- Updated flood-risk management provisions
- Continued hydropower co-ordination





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