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Protection Efforts are Paying Off ~ Columbia River Salmon Runs Reach New Highs

There is cause for celebration in this year's Columbia River salmon runs.

According to a recent report by Northwest RiverPartners, the spring and summer Chinook runs were well above average, and the fall run is also predicted to be very good. Summer Steelhead returns were also very high.

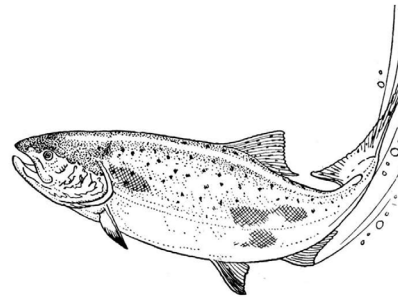
But the best news was in Sockeye returns. RiverPartners reported that, by the end of July, the run was the largest in 60 years.

In addition, a Snake River Sockeye run that was thought to be extinct in 1991 saw a return of more than 2,000 fish this summer.

NOAA Fisheries biologists credit several reasons for these increases, according to Bonneville Power Administration reports. Juvenile salmon encountered highly productive ocean conditions in 2007 and 2008, and there have been significant 'human'

contributions, as well. These include better habitat restoration and hatchery practices, better management of salmon harvests and fish-friendly improvements in the Columbia River system's dams that have created healthier, safer conditions for migrating fish.

The improvements that have been made at the dams play such an important part in these remarkable fish runs, we feel that removing dams would not lead to still greater returns. Dam removal would, however, cause significant rate increases for everyone.



Customers of LLP and other northwest public power companies currently pay 20-30 percent of their power bills for salmon protection.

You, our customers, should be proud of your investment in saving endangered species.

Power Outages Are Much Easier to Endure if You're Prepared ~ Getting Ready for Storm Season

It's time to start preparing for stormy weather. At LLP we're doing just that. We will soon begin our annual tree trimming tasks, and work continues on replacing aging underground wires throughout our system. All this effort is geared to prevent power outages caused by storms and other unpredictable factors.

There are many things our customers can do to be prepared for potential power disruptions:

- Protect your electronic equipment from power fluctuations. An effective surge protector, with a

light that indicates when it's operating, is important. Be sure your surge protectors carry a warranty that will pay for replacement of any electronic equipment damaged by a power surge.

- Make sure backup generators are properly installed and inspected. The safest way to run a generator is to plug

lights and appliances directly into the unit.

- Put together several emergency kits containing the following:
 - Canned or packaged food
 - Manual can opener
 - Bottled water
 - Blankets
 - Flashlight
 - Battery-powered radio with extra batteries

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Storm Preparations *continued...*

- Sanitation supplies
 - Basic first aid supplies.
- Keep a kit in each vehicle and one at home.

If the power does go out, it's wise to unplug any electronics that might be damaged by a power surge. Remember, you are responsible for your own surge protection. Lakeview Light and Power is not liable for any loss, injury or damage resulting from any power outage.

Please report any power outage as soon as possible. And stay away from downed power lines.

The National Weather Service is predicting that this winter will be colder, stormier and wetter than normal. That increases the possibility that the power could go out, in spite of all our best efforts. Outages are much easier to endure when we're prepared.

We thank you for your cooperation.

See Real-time Wind Reports on BPA website ~

BPA has an interesting new feature on its website: a real-time display of wind generation data at 14 weather stations along the Columbia River. This may interest LLP customers who want the latest information about wind conditions at our two wind farms at the Roosevelt station.

To view the real-time wind conditions, go to www.bpa.gov/go/windsocks. 76617-001

Fuel Mix

The Washington State Office of Trade and Economic Development requires that all Washington Electric Utilities annually publish their Fuel Mix. Lakeview Light is complying with that requirement:

<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Biomass	0.29
Coal	4.88
Hydro	83.90
Landfill Gasses	0.01
Natural Gas	1.93
Nuclear	8.86
Other	0.01
Petroleum	0.05
<u>Waste</u>	<u>0.07</u>
Total	100.00%

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**Cash For Appliances ~
Rebates Available on New,
Energy-Efficient Appliances**

One of the best ways to keep power bills as low as possible is to use less electricity. There are many easy, common-sense ways to do that – like turning off lights when they aren't in use, switching to CFL or LED light bulbs and using energy-saving appliances.

Washington residents, including LLP customers, can receive rebates for replacing their old, energy-hungry appliances with

energy efficient models.

Not all Energy Star appliances qualify for the Cash for Appliances rebate program, but those that do, offer substantial savings. For example, you can receive a \$75 rebate on qualifying refrigerators and dishwashers, \$150 on clothes washers and as much as \$750 on ductless heat pumps.

Visit our website for details on the Cash for Appliances program.

**~ Attention High School Seniors ~
Scholarship Applications are Due Jan. 28, 2011**

Stop by our office to pick up an application form.

Project Help

As we shift into storm season, we're all thinking about higher power bills. Many LLP customers are struggling to make ends meet even before the onset of shorter days and colder temperatures.

Project Help provides relief for many of our customers-in-need by helping them pay their power bills.

Please consider making a contribution. Just fill in the box on your enclosed statement. LLP doubles each donation, so every gift increases three-fold. As of August 30, we have received \$3,032.72 in donations. *We thank you!*



Find Your Account Number, Win \$20

In each issue of *The Lakeview Light*, we hide five randomly chosen account numbers (like 12345-678). If you find yours, call us at 584-6060 before the next edition is published and you'll receive a \$20 credit on your next bill.

Nancy Copeland was our Summer Winner.

Good luck!

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