

Petition: Colville River Rules and inclusion of Meyers Falls Reservoir

Briefing and Public Hearing

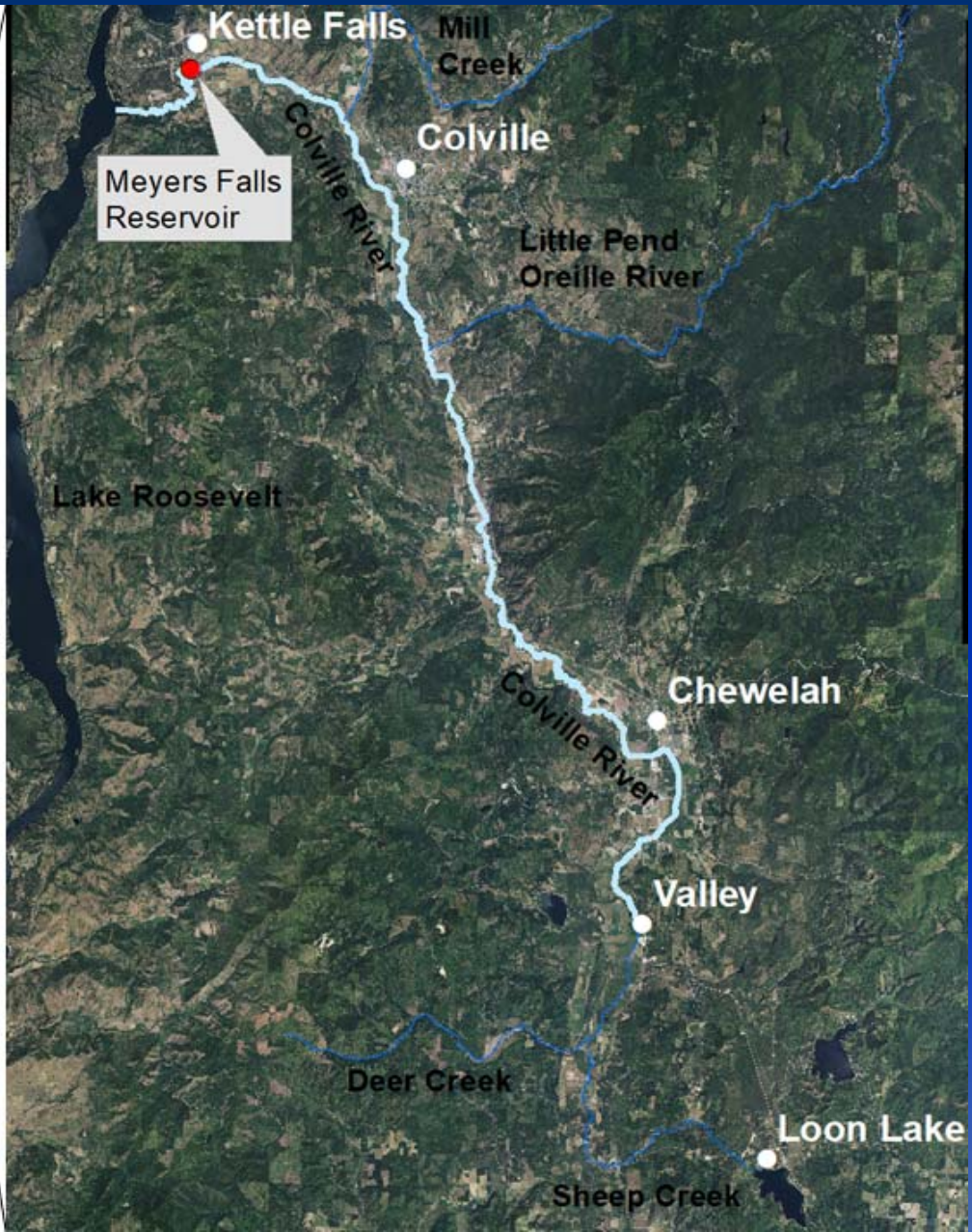
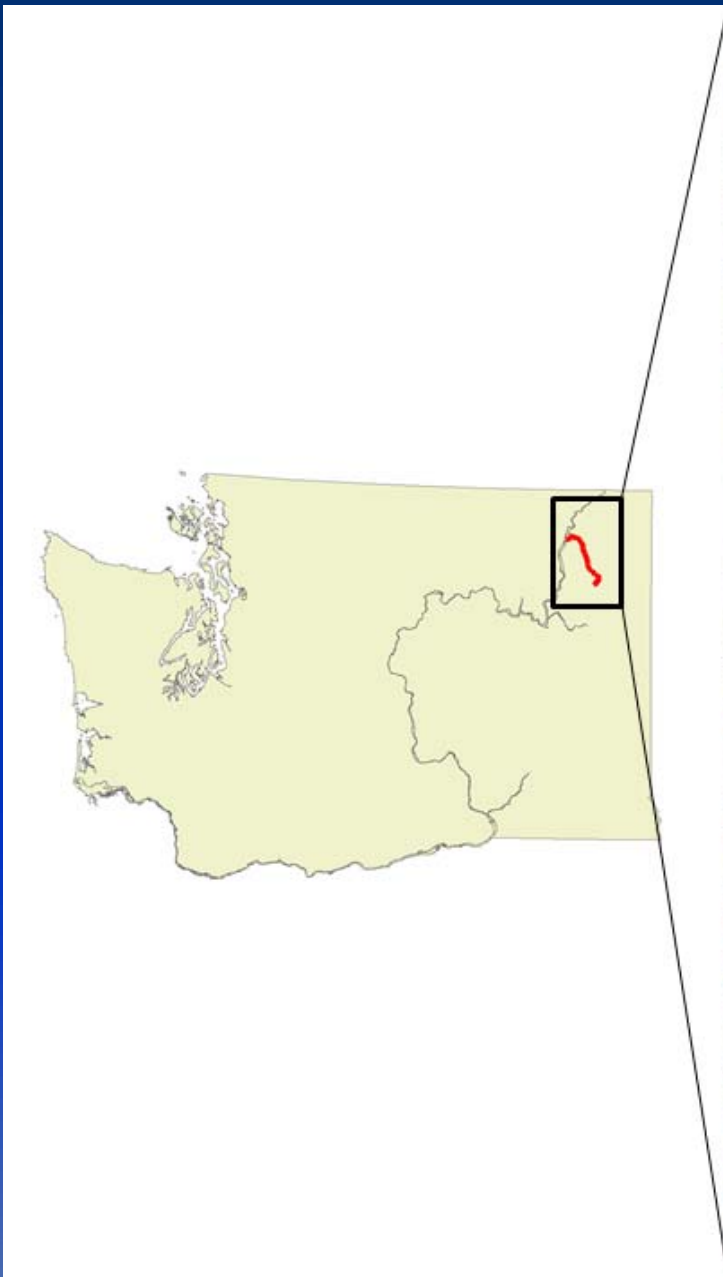
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Presentation Outline

- Timeline and public involvement
- Current rule background
- Petition process
- Proposal and public comments
- Public testimony

Timeline and Public Involvement

- June 28 Petition accepted by Commission Action
- Sept. 3 CR 102 (Proposal Rulemaking) filed
- Sept. – Oct. Proposal posted to website for public comment
- Oct. 2 Regional public meeting
- **Oct. 18-19** **Briefing and Public Hearing**
- Nov. 1 Commission decision
- Rules will take effect 31 days after filing



Current Colville River Rule

- The section of the Colville River, extending from the mouth upstream to the bridge at the town of Valley, was moved to a standard stream season (Sat. before Memorial Day-Oct. 31) during rule simplification in 2018.
- This section had previously been regulated under a year-round open fishing season since 1950.

Meyers Falls Reservoir



Petition Process

Commission Petition Presentation June 2019

- Return fishing season on the Colville River to a year-round fishing season.
- Staff recommended the petition be accepted and to initiate rule making.
- Commission did so and informed petitioner on June 28th.

Rule Change Proposal

- Change fishing season from standard statewide stream season (Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31) to year-round. Maintain statewide stream rules for minimum size and daily limit (e.g., Trout min size 8"; daily limit 2).
- Add “including Meyers Falls Reservoir” to description to clarify fishing rules that apply to the reservoir.

Public Comments through October 4th

- Public meeting comments: None
 - Number of attendees: None
- Online: 6 Responses – All in favor of proposed season change.

Commission Questions?



Public Testimony