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Six rivers in the Pacific Northwest have improved the Coho salmon populations by using Strategic Action Plans & getting rid of dams.

We have removed dams because they impede adult salmon from spawning; additionally, SAPs have created preferable habitat for smolts. Big wood & beaver dams have slowed & cooled water & allowed for transitional salinity so that baby salmon can adjust as they go from river dwellers to ocean travellers.

Let's use scientific principles to solve the problems for salmon on the Chehallis River, not a dam that costs billions & later needs to be torn down. Let's use our resources to maintain & improve habitat, not waste money on false solutions.

Maybe those funds can be used to safeguard rivers at threat from the predicted large earthquake. Industrial areas will potentially put rivers at risk.