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Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes State of Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission & United States Water Rights Negotiation Session

9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Tribal Council Chambers
US Highway 93 East
Pablo, MT 59855
1-406-675-2700

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Opening Statements
- 4. Status of FJBC CSKT Stipulation Talks on the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project
- 5. Status of CSKT Response to the State's Off-Reservation Proposal
- 6. Technical/Legal Working Group Update
- 7. Public Comment & Questions on Unitary Administrative Ordinance
- 8. Other
- 8. Question & Answer Period
- 9. Public Comment
- 10. Set Next Negotiation Date



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CSKT Off-Reservation Water Rights

- Summary of State of Montana Proposal: submitted in two parts – July 20, 2011 and January 30, 2012
- Summary of CSKT response to State of Montana Proposal

Next steps in process

Elements of State Proposal

- 1. <u>Instream Flow Water Right (Enforceable Hydrograph) on the Swan River and the</u> Kootenai River
 - Water right based on a natural, dry year hydrograph with a fisheries purpose
 - Water right held by the CSKT with a time immemorial priority date
- Co Ownership of Water Rights currently held by the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
 - Public Recreation or Murphy [Instream] rights on the mainstem of the Bitterroot River, the Blackfoot River, the Flathead River and mainstem forks, Rock Creek in the Clark Fork, and filed use rights on the Tobacco River and Young Creek in the Kootenai Drainage
 - Public Recreation Water Rights on lakes in the Clearwater and Blackfoot Drainages and upper Little Bitterroot Basin

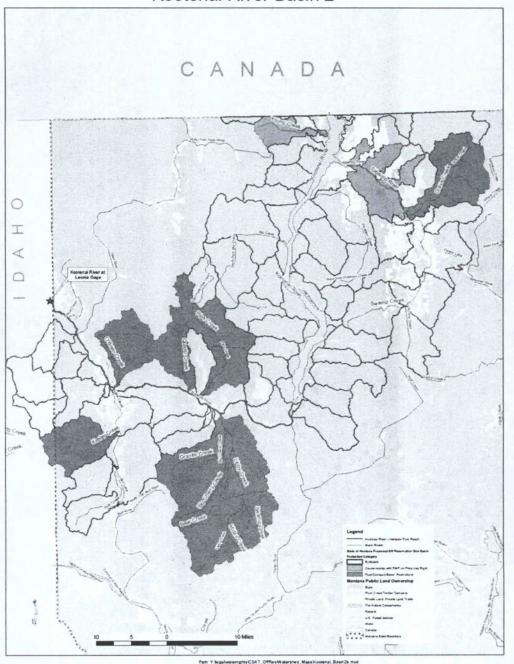
Elements of State Proposal continued

- 3. Co-Ownership with MFWP of current Contract Water held in storage in Painted Rocks Reservoir and Lake Como in the Bitterroot Valley
 - Three separate contracts 2 for Painted Rocks totaling 15,000 acre-feet of water, and 1 for Como totaling 3,000 acre-feet of water
 - Water is retained in reservoirs and released for fisheries support in the summer / early fall months
- 4. <u>Co Ownership with MFWP of the non-consumptive water right at the Milltown</u>
 <u>Dam site</u>
 - Water right would have fishery purpose and 1904 priority date
 - Water right would be held jointly by MFWP and CSKT

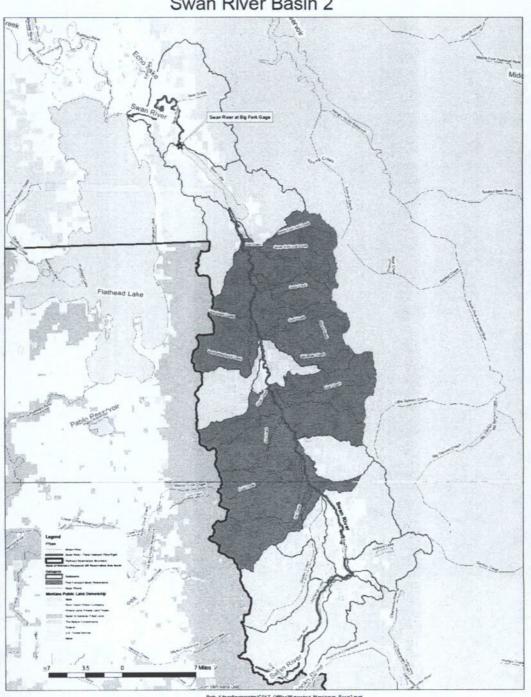
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- 5. Basin Restrictions in selected tributaries in the Kootenai and Swan Valleys
 - Basin Restrictions are located in tributaries that are defined as critical bull trout habitat – not all tributaries in the Kootenai or Swan valleys included
 - The State, through DNRC administration, would place a cap on future development of water in named tributaries. No water right would be assigned to the Tribes
 - In two basins in the Kootenai Drainage Graves Creek and O'Brien Creek, the State would close the basins to future appropriations

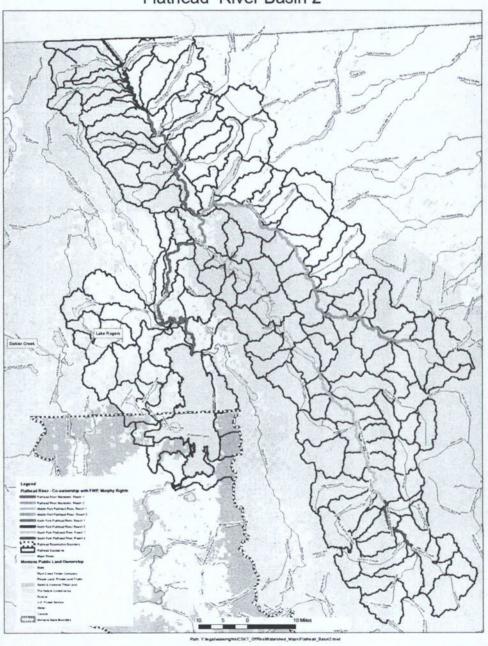
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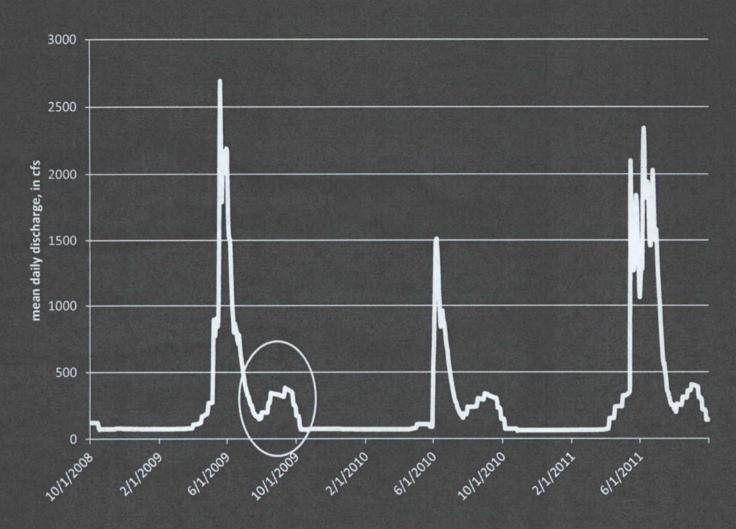




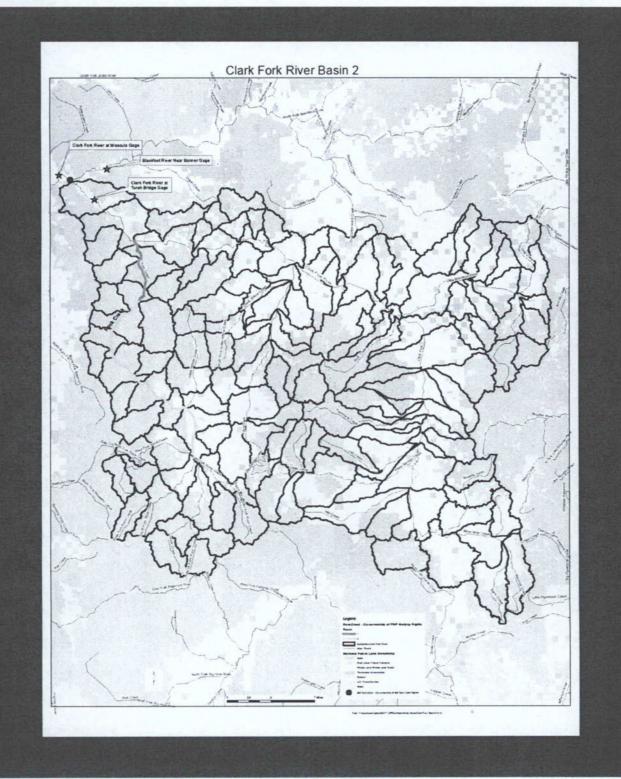


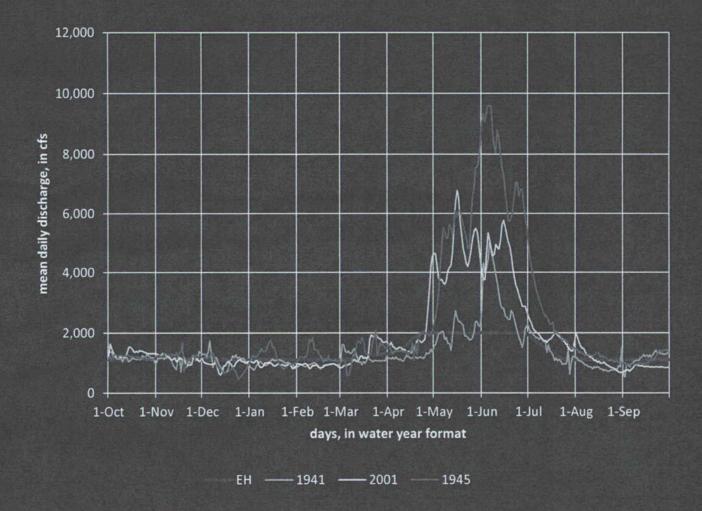






West Fork Bitterroot River near Conner; gage located below Painted Rocks Reservoir. Hydrograph shows the summer release pattern, which includes contract water releases for irrigation and instream flow uses.





Clark Fork River above Missoula gage.

EH is State proposed enforceable hydrograph; 1941 is driest year in period; 2001 is 10th percentile year in period; 1945 is 20th percentile year in period. Period 1930 – 2011.