



# Yurok Tribe Cultural Riverscape: an Integrated Vision and Comprehensive Plan

Restoring Coho Salmon Will Take a Holistic Approach that  
Integrates Land and Water Management


An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. A river flows from the left towards the center, meeting a wide, sandy beach. The beach is scattered with driftwood. To the right, the ocean waves are breaking onto the shore. In the background, there are forested hills and a prominent rock formation in the water.

# Klamath Cultural Riverscape

- Definition
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# Cultural Riverscape Definition

- What is the definition?
- Why would it need to be defined?
- What relationship does it have to Coho Salmon restoration?



Definition: *A Cultural Riverscape* is the river and its environs “(including both cultural and natural resources and the wildlife or domestic animals) associated with a historic event, activity, or person or exhibiting other cultural or aesthetic values.” (King 2004)

This is a broad definition and we’ll be working to refine this as we move forward...



# Why would we even need to define a Cultural Riverscape?

- The Riverscape is under siege.



# Why would we even need to define a Cultural Riverscape? (continued)

- Because the Yurok Tribe has been trying to operate by these principles for some time, and it's time to set it down and let people (regulators, lawmakers, river residents) know.
  - FERC is required to consider Comprehensive Plans in its proceedings
- So we can refine and sharpen our own focus

# Elements of the Yurok Tribe's Cultural Riverscape Comprehensive Plan

- A holistic approach
  - Culture
  - People (fishing, hunting, gathering, drinking water, transportation etc)
  - TEK
  - Place-based knowledge
  - Landscape
  - Ecology
  - Whole-basin “top to bottom” approach
  - Importance of Tributaries (Shasta, Scott, Salmon, Trinity, Blue, and others)
- Defining “beneficial use”
  - Water management
  - Dam Removal
  - Standard-setting



# Significance of the Plan and Relationship to Dam Removal and Coho Restoration

- Plan will be completed in the next few months, but is expected to be a “living document”
- The Plan will be submitted to FERC who will be required to “consider” it in their next steps on Dam Removal
- The plan is expected to inform Coho restoration by helping managers and agencies link riverscape and landscape processes to Coho recovery