

Northwest RiverPartners

For Salmon, Our Economy and Quality of Life

- Provides a unified voice for members and benefits of the Columbia and Snake rivers.
- Promotes sound science and cost efficient salmon restoration programs.
- Active in number of forums: litigation, technical, political, press/media and member communications.
- Green Dams/Blue Skies provides information in support of the Snake River dams.



Since the first dam was built in the 1930's, the Pacific Northwest has benefited from the clean and renewable energy that fuels its economy.



Barging on the Columbia and Snake system accounts for \$15 billion annually in international trade and more than 40,000 port jobs.





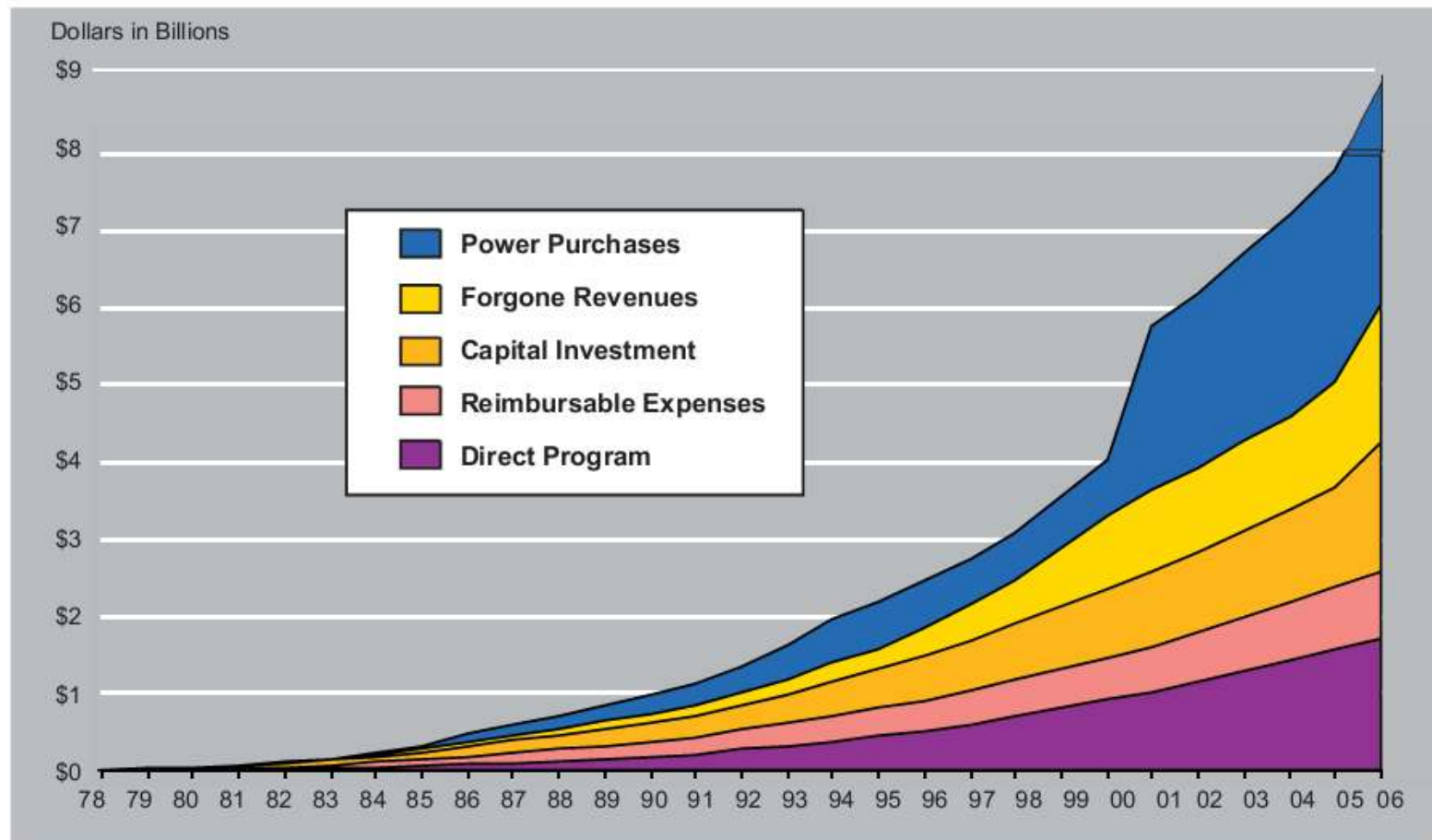
River navigation is the cleanest and least-costly transportation, reducing pollution by keeping 700,000 trucks off the highways annually.

Irrigation, thanks to the hydro system, generates \$60 billion in agriculture a year.



BPA's Fish & Wildlife Investment

Figure 1A: BPA Fish and Wildlife Cumulative Expenditures
1978-2006



Source: Bonneville Power Administration

State and Tribal Accords

- Settlements between Bonneville Power and certain states and tribes focused on habitat improvements.
- Accords added \$100 million a year
- Independent science review of projects through Council's fish and wildlife program – ISRP.
- Tough for RiverPartners members but we supported with science review to ensure benefits.
- And may signal new era: collaboration vs litigation.

An aerial photograph of a river during a salmon run. The water is dark blue, and the salmon are visible as bright red and pink streaks moving through the water. The surrounding area is lush green with trees and vegetation.

**Families and businesses
paid \$940 million in 2008!**

**Approximately 20% of
Northwest residents'
electricity bills fund salmon
recovery efforts.**

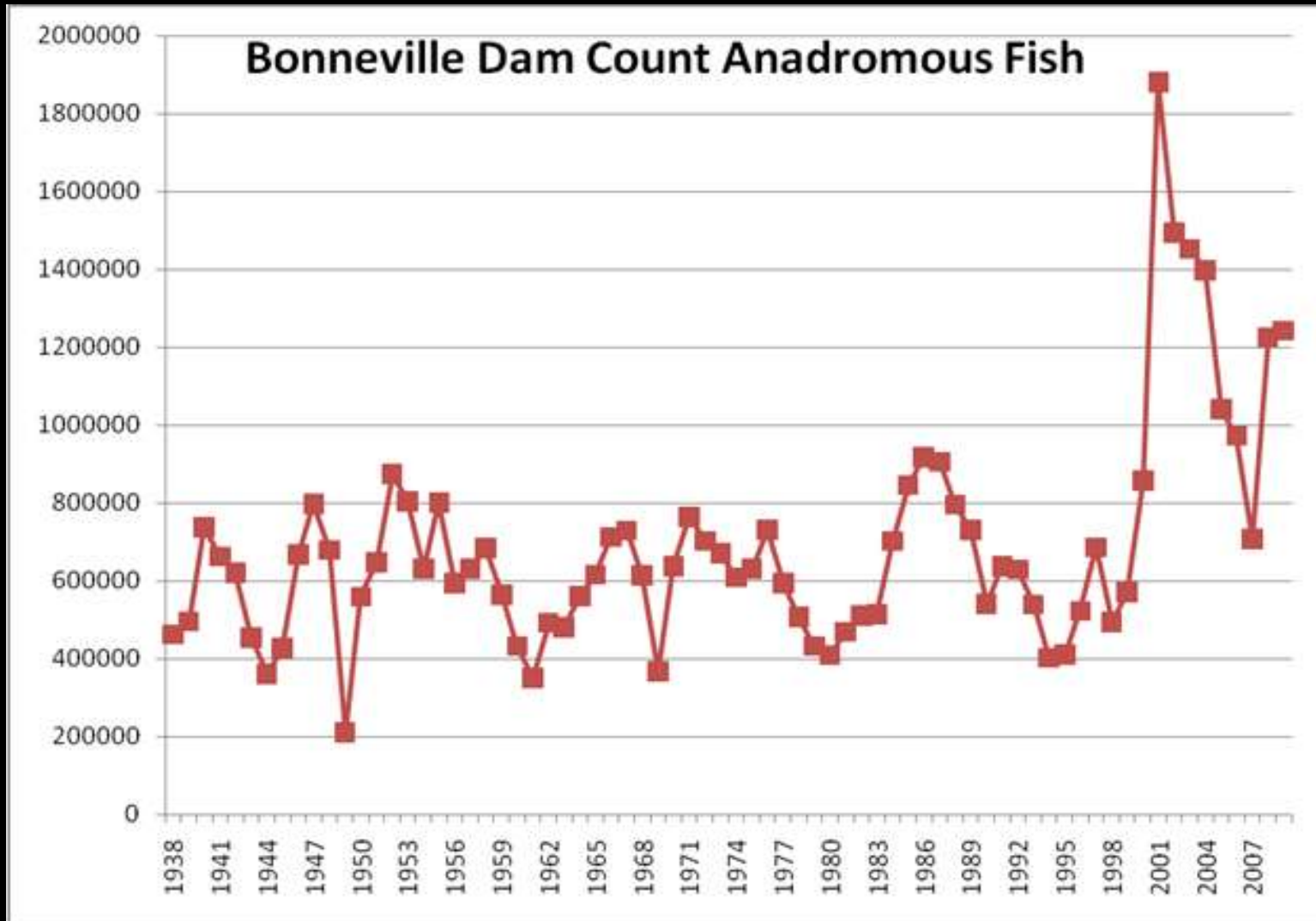


Dams have been improved for fish passage. Fish survival continues to climb - survival at some dams is 96%+.



Hydro alone can't solve: comprehensive approach is needed including harvest, habitat and hatcheries.

Adult Salmon and Steelhead Returns at Bonneville Dam 1938-2008



Other Factors Matter



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NWRP Strategy

- Seek accountability for F&W investments
- Work collaboratively in BiOp implementation
- Ensure actions are grounded in best science
- Advocate for cost-effective investments
- Work with BPA and others to establish reasonable budget trajectories
- There is a limit to what people will pay for fish!