

2022 Annual Impact Report

Columbia Riverkeeper



From protecting vital salmon habitat to slashing toxic pollution to stopping fossil fuel infrastructure, you made an impact in 2022. *Pause. Celebrate.* Lasting, positive change happens when thousands of people pool their resources. In 2022, you:

Helped Restore Everyone's Right to Clean Water. We used the law and grassroots organizing to ensure the government cleans up toxic waste at the Hanford Nuclear Site and the Columbia's newest Superfund site near Bonneville Dam. We sued polluters, prosecuting over ten cases in 2022 alone. We also continued our popular water quality monitoring program.

Fought for Our Climate. In the face of sustained public pressure and multiple legal challenges led by Columbia Riverkeeper, Perennial-WindChaser LLC abandoned its plan to build a new fracked gas power plant in Umatilla County, OR. We continued to challenge fossil fuel infrastructure while advocating for state and local actions to tackle the climate crisis.

Advocated for Salmon Recovery. According to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, 106 runs of Columbia River Basin salmon and steelhead have gone extinct over time, some as recently as the early 1990s. Enough is enough. In 2022, we advocated for Lower Snake River dam removal; used creative legal tactics to fight the hot water crisis created in large part by dams; and spoke up for dam removal and fish passage on the Columbia's tributaries.

Inspired Kids to Care. Yes, community organizing and legal advocacy pulse through our collective veins at Columbia Riverkeeper. But let's not forget the kids! In an increasingly virtual world, it's our responsibility to inspire the next generation to love the Columbia. In 2022, our team engaged over 400 students in hands-on environmental education.

Worked in Solidarity with Tribal Nations. "Why should low-carbon projects be permitted to destroy legendary Native American sacred sites?" So began a *Seattle Times* Op Ed I co-authored with Yakama Nation Tribal Councilman Jeremy Takala. We worked in solidarity with Yakama Nation to oppose a pumped-storage hydroelectric development proposed at a sacred site to Tribes and Indigenous people. In 2022 we helped raise the issue's national profile and filed legal comments with regulators.

You power this vital work. Together, we will protect a place like no other, the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest, and a place I'm proud to call home.

Onward!



Lauren

Lauren Goldberg, *Executive Director*

Our Mission

To protect and restore the water quality of the Columbia River and all life connected to it, from the headwaters to the Pacific Ocean.

Our Vision

A Columbia River that unites people to fight for clean water, abundant fish and wildlife, and our climate.

Our Commitment

Embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion at every level of our work. Communities are the backbone of what we do. As an organization that advocates for the health and safety of river communities, we must fight for social justice and take a stand against racism.

Our Staff



Simone Anter, *Staff Attorney*



Acasia Berry, *Finance & Operations Director*



Kelly Campbell, *Policy Director*



Zowie DeLeon, *Digital Communications Coordinator*



Lorri Epstein, *Water Quality Director*



Lauren Goldberg, *Executive Director*



Ubaldo Hernández, *Senior Organizer*



Miles Johnson, *Legal Director*



Emily Kao, *Donor Relations Manager*



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Audrey Leonard, *Staff Attorney*



Juan Monje, *Comunidades Community Organizer*



Lisa Muñoz, *Grants Manager*



Kate Murphy, *Community Organizer*



Siobhán O'Halloran, *Operations Manager*



Esteban Ortiz, *Comunidades Program & Development Coordinator*



Dianne Riley, *Sustaining Gifts Director*



Dan Serres, *Conservation Director*



Alex Smith, *Membership Specialist*



Liz Terhaar, *Communications & Marketing Director*

Your Impact in the Last Year

Fighting Fossil Fuels



30 million tons of greenhouse gas pollution prevented by defeating the Perennial gas power plant

3 State Attorney Generals

(Washington, Oregon, and California) announced opposition to the GTN Gas Pipeline expansion project on the heels of advocacy by Columbia Riverkeeper and our partners

0 fracked gas-to-methanol refineries proposed in the Pacific Northwest after the defeat of Northwest Innovation Works' third, and final, proposal to site a refinery near Clatskanie, OR

4th largest city in Washington State, Vancouver, adopted a ban on new, large fossil fuel terminals after years of community organizing by Columbia Riverkeeper and our partners

Engaging Communities



238 water quality samples collected at Columbia River beaches

400 students who experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) environmental education through Columbia Riverkeeper's outreach program

24 "Conoce tu Columbia" bilingual (Spanish/English) podcasts and radio shows produced by Columbia Riverkeeper

Saving Salmon



2 dams on the Lewis River, an important Columbia tributary, where PacifiCorp must build fish passage for salmon, steelhead, and bull trout because of pressure from Tribes and allies

837 acres of prime farmland and salmon habitat protected when Columbia Riverkeeper won a legal challenge opposing the Port of Columbia County's rezone proposal

71 business joined Columbia Riverkeeper's letter to Oregon elected officials asking them to support removing the four Lower Snake River dams

Cleaning Up Hanford



200+ people participated in the 2022 Hanford Journey, a day-long event along the Columbia's shores co-sponsored by Yakama Nation and Columbia Riverkeeper

1000+ Columbia Riverkeeper members and supporters advocated for improvements to the U.S. Dept. of Energy's proposed Hanford Nuclear Site cleanup plans

Stopping Pollution



75,000 pounds of illegal toxic pollution prevented by Columbia Riverkeeper's Clean Water Act lawsuits

\$2.5+ million polluters paid in penalties to nonprofit organizations as a result of our lawsuit settlements

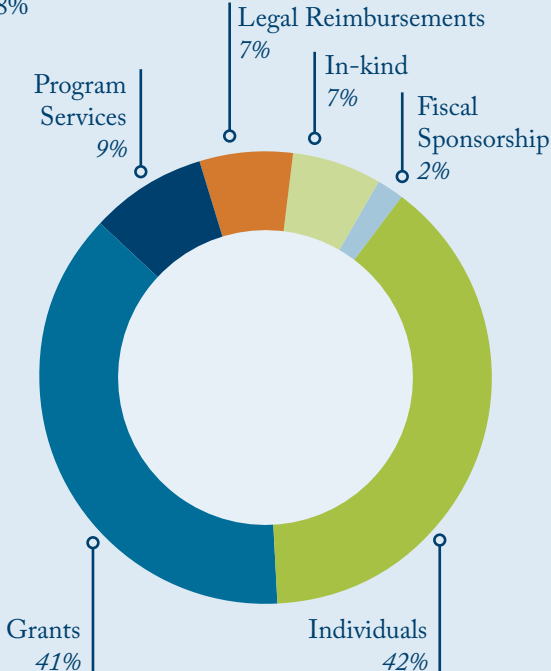
Revenue & Expenses

Jan. - Dec. 2022

Revenue

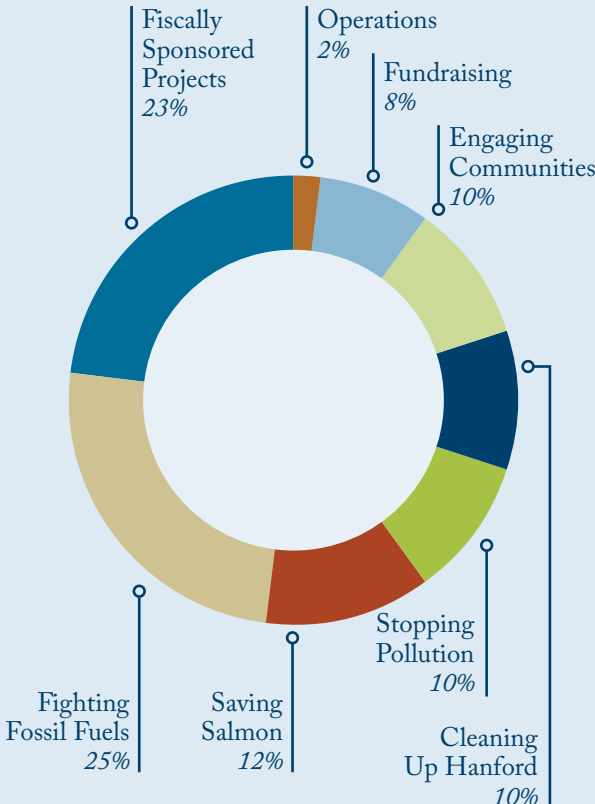
Total:\$2,552,000*

* Loss on Investments
-8%



Expenses

Total:\$2,676,000





Left to right: Denise Reed, Puyallup and Quileute cultural coordinator of Pullayup Canoe Family; Ellia-Lee Jim, Miss Yakama Nation '22-'23; and Columbia Riverkeeper Staff Attorney Simone Anter at the 2022 "Hanford Journey" event along the Columbia's shores. Photos by Sky Bear Media.



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