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## Survival story unfinished as man remains lost

Rita Chretien is recovering from her backcountry ordeal, with the search now on for her husband

BY RICHARD COCKLE

THE OREGONIAN

Twenty Nevada and Idaho searchers braved heavy rains, low clouds and muddy roads Saturday hoping to find a missing Canadian man whose wife was found alive Friday in the rugged Humboldt National Forest. Search and rescue volunteers with dogs, all-terrain vehicles and four-wheel-drive vehicles organized under the Elko County, Nev., and Owyhee County, Idaho, sheriff's offices bucked the stormy weather to search without success for Albert Chretien, 59.

Search and rescue volunteers followed seven weeks alone in the backcountry. Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, after her unexpected rescue B.C., was in fair condition at Magic Rita Chretien, 56, of Peniticon, of northern Nevada.



Albert and Rita Chretien

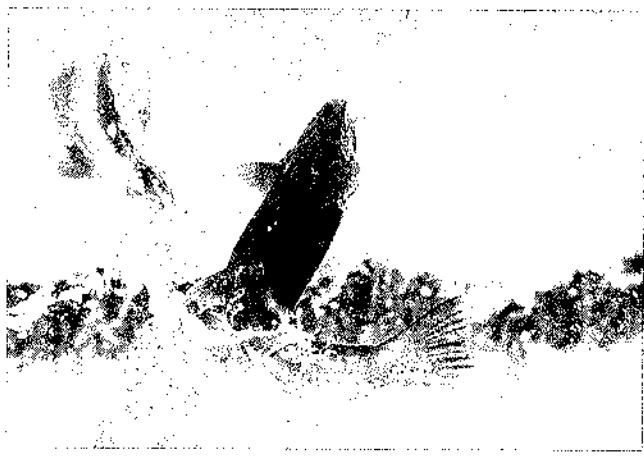
Vehicle got stuck in northern Nevada

"They attempted to get aircraft in the air and were unable to because of the weather conditions," said Capt. Dan Moskaluk of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Peniticon, B.C. Rita Chretien was rescued by two people on ATVs, who had to drive nine miles to find cellular service to call for an air ambulance. Family members said she subsisted on a small amount of trail mix, melted snow and water from a nearby creek. Despite losing 20 to 30 pounds, "she was up and around walking at the hospital" on Saturday. Moskaluk said. "She has a strong faith, and she said she felt like Jesus was with her. Please see **SURVIVAL**, Page A6

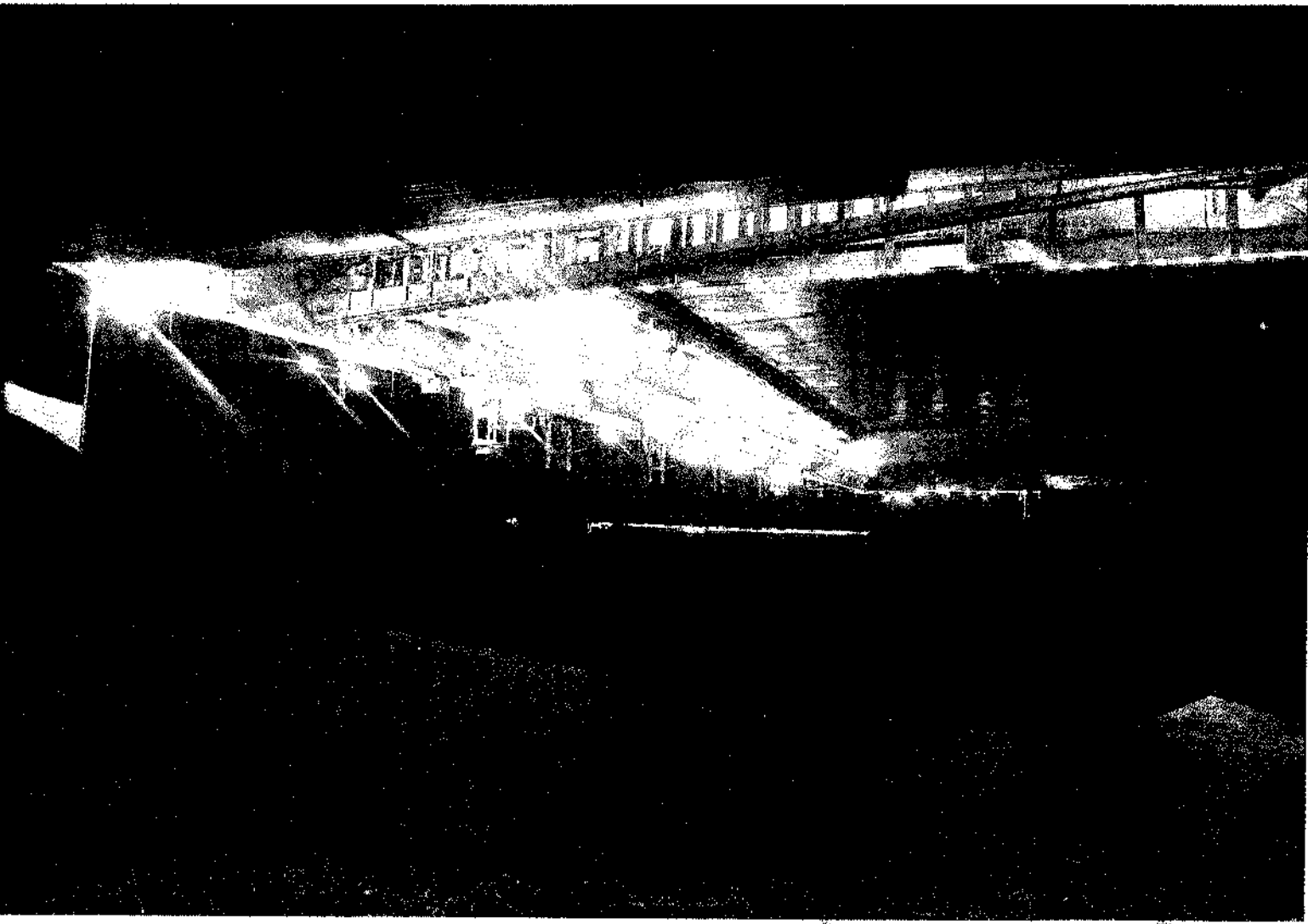
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Others survive misadventures in the wilderness | **A6**  
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## IS SALMON PLAN A

A judge will decide on the government's third attempt at a 10-year plan to operate dams in the Columbia River basin without depleting wild fish runs, but the numbers look iffy



## LEAP OF FAITH?



Photos by JAMILL RANCIS/THE OREGONIAN

BY SCOTT LEARN

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### Coming Monday

Does improved habitat mean better wild salmon and steelhead returns? To see more online, including a video of electronic devices to track juvenile fish being inserted at the John Day Dam, more photos and a timeline of the salmon case, [oregonlive.com/environment](http://oregonlive.com/environment)

station with consequences for electricity rate payers and farmers in four states. I helped by favorable ocean conditions and fishing restrictions, the numbers of salmon and steelhead returning to the Columbia have surged since 2001. Returns — mostly hatchery fish — hit post-dam-building highs for much of the past decade at Bonneville Dam, the first of an upstream journey that can take over eight dams and more than 900 miles. Redden's focus is narrower: the seven endangered or threatened wild runs that pass Bonneville, including 77 smaller popula-

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and lighting were just right. The videos were among the evidence seized by Navy SEALs after a pre-dawn raid Monday that killed bin Laden in his walled compound. The move, along with computer disks, thumb drives and handwritten notes, reveal that bin Laden was actively involved in planning the directing of al-Qaida's plots against the U.S., according to a senior U.S. intelligence official who briefed reporters Saturday and in a statement Saturday. "Since 9/11, this is what the bin Laden case see **VIDEOS**, Page A5

the world's most wanted man ran a global terrorist empire, shabby makeshift office, he ran a global terrorist empire. The world's most wanted man watched newscasts of himself from a tiny television perched atop a rickety old desk cluttered with wires. For years, the world saw Osama bin Laden only in the rare propaganda videos that trickled out the ones portraying him as a charismatic religious figure. CIA and CIA were unimpressed by the tactics of a re-examination | **A4** ● Raid opens Pakistani military to criticism | **A4** ● Dial Lama reflects on bin Laden fate | **A5**

Seized videos show the leader of al-Qaida trapped in a blanket in front of a tiny TV

Bin Laden cuts dingy figure in recordings

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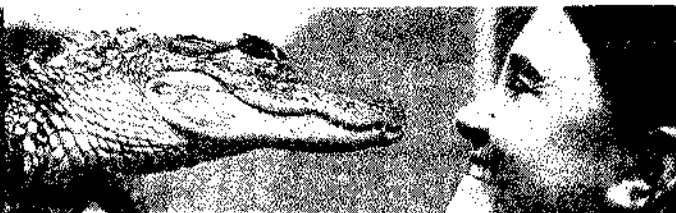
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## Book bins are run by for-profit company

Area library supporters  
fear they'll lose out on  
donated books to the big  
blue collection bins

By D.K. ROW  
THE OREGONIAN

Big blue bins popping up around Oregon, 100 so far, are labeled "Books for Charity." But most of the books do not land in the hands of nonprofits or literacy groups.

The bins are managed by a for-profit company, Thrift Recycling Management, which ships the books to its headquarters in Lakewood, Wash., for sorting. Thrift sells 25 percent at online websites such as Amazon, pulps about 50 percent and hands the remaining 25 percent to nonprofits.

Local groups such as Friends of the Tualatin Public Library say the bins are deceptive and will unfairly siphon books from nonprofit efforts.

"It doesn't quite ring true, does it?" said Nan Bogdan, treasurer of the Tualatin library group, which began noticing a decline in book donations several weeks ago, about the time Thrift Recycling began placing bins in Oregon. "I'm dismayed. That's taking advantage of donations that should go entirely to libraries or schools."

Ross Laybourn, the retired former head of the charities division at the Oregon Department of Justice, agrees the bins could be seen as deceptive because Thrift is acting as a fundraiser but doesn't make that clear.

"If you spend time looking at the bins, is it clear that it's being collected by a for-profit company?" Laybourn asked. "It's like when a telemarketer calls for a contribution by telephone. They are supposed to make a disclosure that they are the professional fundraising firm calling on behalf of a charity."

Laybourn says Thrift's close relationship to the nonprofit that manages its book distribution to charities, Reading Tree, might raise concerns.

"I always get a little nervous where you have this intertwining of a for-profit and a nonprofit beneficiary," he said. "Are these two organizations totally dependent on each other?"

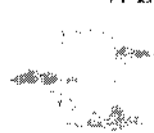
Elizabeth Grant, current head of the charities division, said she

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## Obama says advisers were divided on raid

President Barack Obama said he faced sharply divided advice and what he considered barely better-than-even odds of success when he ordered the commando raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden | **A4**

### WEATHER



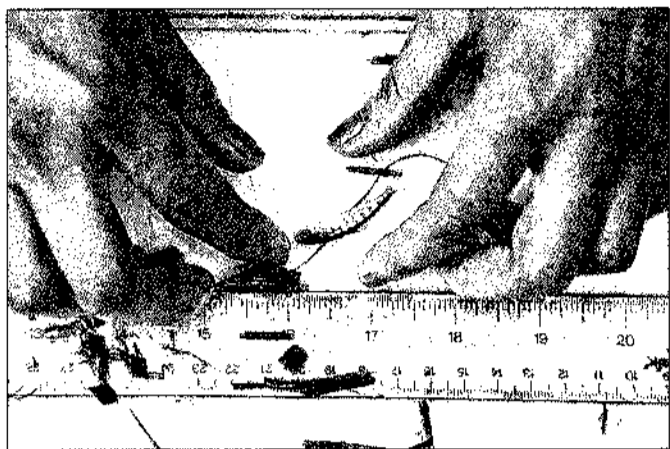
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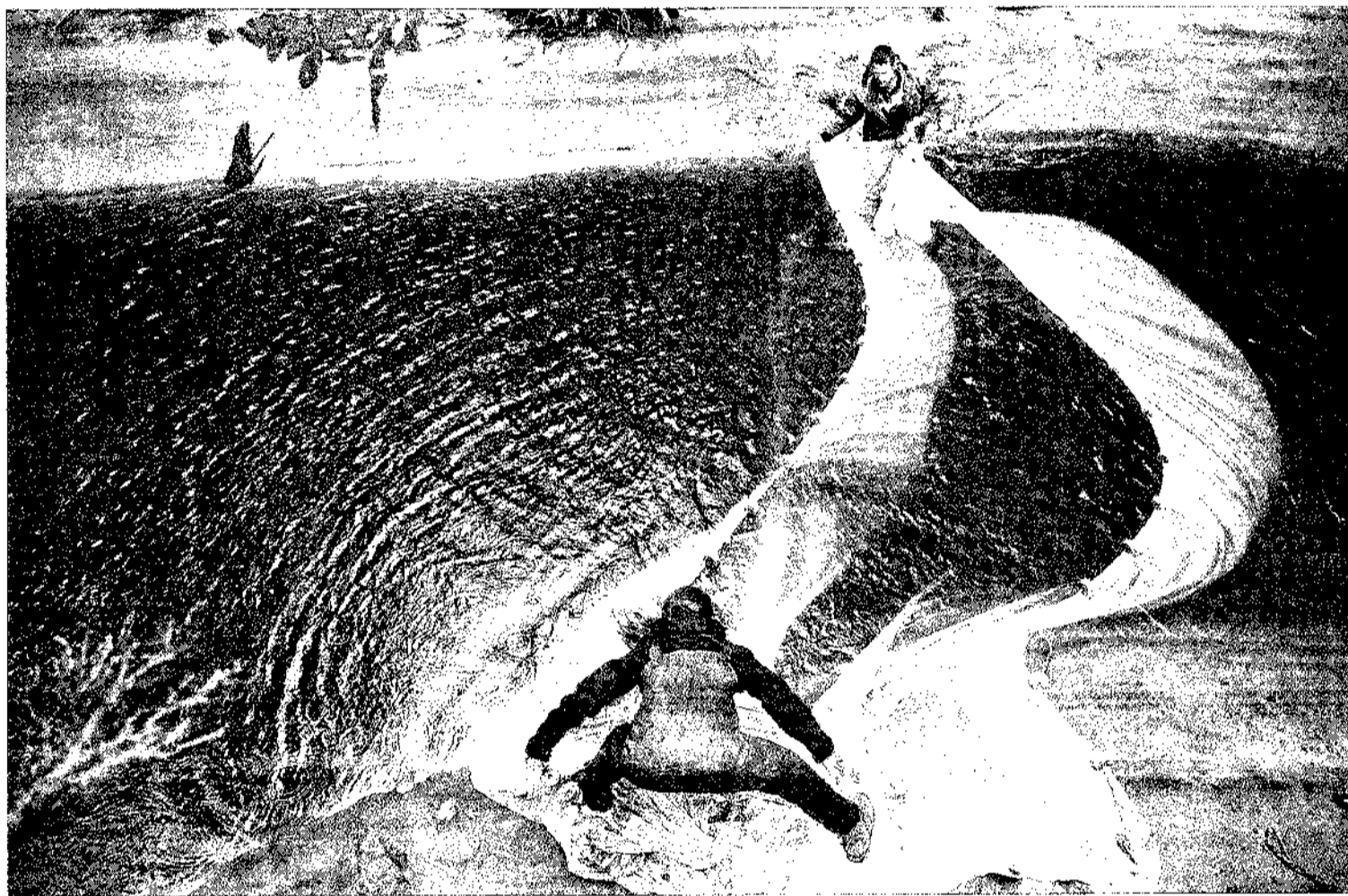
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The absence of hard survival data poses a major obstacle to the government's 10-year dam operation plan for the Columbia basin

## DOES HABITAT RESTORATION SPELL

# MORE SALMON?



Photos by JAMIL HANCI/THE OREGONIAN

By SCOTT LEARN  
THE OREGONIAN

CHINOOK, Wash. —

This past winter, restoration workers punched a 12-foot concrete culvert through the rock riprap that lines the Columbia River near the ocean and waited for fish to hit wetlands walled off for a century.

They didn't have to wait long.

On March 15, the first check, biologists counted 20 juvenile salmon. On April 29, the count totaled 723, mostly chinook and chum.

That's the kind of success story operators of the Columbia basin's federal hydropower dams need a whole lot more of. Their 10-year dam operations plan, under the skeptical eye of U.S. District Judge James A. Redden, banks heavily on habitat improvements to bolster seven threatened runs of wild salmon and steelhead that begin life above Bonneville Dam.

It's probably the biggest restoration effort in the nation, from the Columbia's mouth to tributaries deep into eastern Oregon, Idaho and Washington. If it works, it could help lift the fish off the endangered

### Sunday

In a long-running lawsuit, U.S. District Judge James A. Redden has already shot down two government plans for dam operations in the Columbia River basin. Today in Portland he holds what could be the final hearing on a third plan to operate the dams yet comply with Endangered Species Act protection of seven salmon and steelhead runs above Bonneville Dam.



To read coverage from today's court case and to read past stories:  
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species list, dim the spotlight on dams and reduce demands for Snake River dam removal.

But translating the effort into hard fish survival numbers that will satisfy the court is another story.

The government's plan predicts specific increases in fish survival, even though it's notoriously tough to measure benefits of habitat changes. Projects take a long time to put together and, in many cases, a long time to bear results. And the work is off to a slower

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**ABOVE | To document results, April Cameron and Jason Smith, biologists with the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, catch, count and release juvenile salmon at a tidal restoration project near Chinook, Wash. The project, which included opening a channel of water under U.S. 101, restored 96 acres of wetlands in the Chinook River watershed.**

**TOP | Biologist April Cameron measures a juvenile chinook salmon netted at the Fort Columbia project. Thousands of acres of wetlands, important salmon and steelhead feeding grounds, have been cut off from the lower Columbia River by levees and floodgates.**



Ndamukong Suh cruises through his hometown in a new Chrysler 300 in an ad produced by Wieden+Kennedy. That's Suh hugging his real mom in front of his real childhood home in Portland. The spot ends with "Show where you are going without forgetting where you are from."



WIEDEN+KENNEDY

## A car ad from tough, gritty ... Portland

NFL's Ndamukong Suh returns to his local roots in a W+K piece for Chrysler

By ALLAN BRETTMAN  
THE OREGONIAN

When Wieden+Kennedy went looking for a Detroit professional athlete to personify the Chrysler brand, it didn't need to look much further than its own backyard.

Ndamukong Suh's rise from humble beginnings in Northeast Portland to



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big-time success with the Detroit Lions personified the message the advertising agency wanted to convey: Hard work, character, gratitude. All in 60 seconds.

In "Imported from Detroit — Homecoming," the Grant High School grad navigates a Chrysler 300 sedan through Portland as images of his childhood and hometown flash across the screen to the Geto Boys' instrumental "G-Code."

The commercial, one of a series Port-

land-based W+K produced for the U.S. automaker, debuted April 28 during the NFL draft broadcast. It makes Portland look every bit as tough as Eminem's Detroit. The rapper's "Born of Fire" was used in the first ad, which debuted during the Super Bowl, and it has since chalked up more than 10 million views on YouTube.

Wieden+Kennedy represents some of the most recognizable brands in the world, including Nike, Coca-Cola and Levi's. Its "Smell Like a Man, Man" campaign for Old Spice was a major hit,

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### More on "Homecoming"

Here's some trivia on the Chrysler 300 television commercial starring Detroit Lions star Ndamukong Suh, a Grant High School graduate:

#### Background

**music:** The Geto Boys' "G-Code" (instrumental)

**The tavern:** Billy Ray's Neighborhood Dive, 2216 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

**The mural:** On Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

**Reggie's Barber Shop:** 2216 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

**License plates:** The Michigan plates, 1KD S1B, are props.

**Suh's car:** Chrysler will give him access to a 300 if he wants one.



A demonstrator holds a sign reading "Stop! No more Blood" during a march against drug-gang violence Sunday in Mexico City. The 50-mile march began Thursday in Cuernavaca.

Mexico City

## 20,000 march against violence

An anti-violence march that began in a central state with a few hundred people and gathered thousands over a four-day trek reached Mexico's capital Sunday, led by a poet whose son was killed by suspected drug traffickers.

An estimated 20,000 people poured into the main Zocalo square in Mexico City, wearing white T-shirts saying "enough bloodshed" and carrying photos of poet Javier Sicilia's slain son.

A few hundred people set off from Cuernavaca in the central state of Morelos on Thursday, marching silently along the 50-mile route. City officials said the march swelled to at least 20,000 after the bulk of protesters joined in Mexico City, although some media reported tens of thousands more.

Gruesome violence has surged in the region southwest of Mexico City since drug kingpin Arturo Beltran Leyva died in a December 2009 shootout with marines in Cuernavaca, leading to the splintering of his cartel. Rivals have routinely hung mutilated bodies from bridges along highways connecting Mexico City, Cuernavaca and the Pacific resort city of Acapulco.

Similar turf fighting has claimed more than 34,600 lives nationwide since President Felipe Calderon deployed thousands of troops and federal police in late 2006 to intensify the battle against brutal cartels. An unprecedented number of drug bosses have been captured or killed, leading to a splintering of their cartels and fierce infighting over territory.

Ramallah, West Bank

## Abbas asks for help in retaining U.S. aid

President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority beseeched a group

of visiting American Jews on Sunday to urge Congress not to cut off hundreds of millions of dollars in aid as a result of his recent unity agreement with Hamas, the Islamist group that controls Gaza.

"We need your help with Congress," Abbas told the visitors from J Street, a group that calls itself pro-Israel and pro-peace. "I hear rumors that Hamas will be in the West Bank, or that it will share authority here. This will not happen. The new government will comply with my policies, and I am against terror and violence."

Jeremy Ben-Ami, president of J Street, said he would "bring back to Washington the message that this may be the last opportunity with a Palestinian leader willing to say yes to peace with Israel."

Ben-Ami said he would urge the White House to offer a plan to create a Palestinian state based on the 1967 lines with agreed-upon land swaps and request that Israel pause West Bank settlement building for two to three months.

San Juan, Puerto Rico

## Spending plan aimed at mountain towns

Puerto Rico's governor said Sunday that remote towns across the Caribbean island's central mountain range would receive \$637 million worth of upgrades to water systems, schools, hospitals, farms and athletic fields.

Gov. Luis Fortuno said the money will boost social and economic development in communities across the Cordillera Central, a long spine of mountains that traverses Puerto Rico from east to west. He said the mountain towns are the heart of the U.S. territory but have historically been underfunded.

Fortuno will travel to 11 municipalities in the mountainous interior this week. His office said the first stop today will be the western town of Las Marias.

— From wire reports

## Fish

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than expected start.

If it doesn't pay off, the region risks losing ground on its thin runs of wild fish.

### Prioritizing projects

The culvert near Chinook, just east of the Astoria-Megler Bridge, shows the pitfalls and promise of habitat work.

Wetlands provide a stop for young fish migrating to the ocean, a feeding spot that's sorely lacking on the lower river.

It also took six years to execute the \$950,000 project. Along the way, townspeople in Chinook vetoed a larger project because of concerns about flooding. And the full 96 acres of wetlands won't be available until tidewaters carve new channels.

"These projects are hard to pull off," agrees Matt Van Ess, habitat restoration coordinator with the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, which spearheaded the job.

But new expert panels are helping single out projects that get the most bang for the buck, Van Ess says.

And extra money from the Bonneville Power Administration, which sells power from the dams, has dramatically increased the work: The BPA plans to spend at least \$45 million a year on habitat projects through 2017.

Accords with five Northwest tribes and the state of Washington added hundreds of millions more dollars for habitat improvements for a decade.

The reliability of that cash allows the region to string together larger, more effective projects, not just "postage stamp" efforts that happen to be convenient, says Bob Rose of Yakama Nation Fisheries.

"We can really prioritize," he says. "That is so fundamentally different now."

### Behind schedule

The job is a big one: Biologists estimate 90 percent of the basin's salmon and steelhead habitat has been lost or degraded.

And the BPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are behind original projections for habitat work from 2007 to 2009.

In the lower Columbia and its estuary, where salt and fresh water mingle, they delivered only a quarter of the survival benefits expected for those years. Through 2018, the plan before Redden pledges up to 9 percent estuary survival increases.

In tributaries, initial reports show benefits lagging for just under half the populations measured. The plan before Redden promises double-digit habitat survival increases for 11 of the 77 tributary populations tracked by 2018.

Plaintiffs in the salmon

lawsuit, including Oregon and the Nez Perce, say habitat work should come on top of more surefire dam improvements, from increased spill and flow to drawing down reservoirs.

"If they're not delivering now, how can anyone expect they're going to deliver on the even bigger promises they're hanging their hat on?" says Steve Mashuda, an Earthjustice attorney representing conservation groups.

BPA and corps officials plan to catch up on the promised habitat work by 2013. They've contracted for hundreds of projects, their lawyers say, from stream restoration to buying water rights. If projections pan out, by 2013 they'll hit tributary habitat improvement targets for 2018 for one-third of the populations.

In part, delays came from tapping specialists to scrutinize project proposals, the BPA says. The plan before Redden locks in performance targets for habitat, says Steve Wright, the BPA's administrator, and expert panels will hold the agency accountable.

"There's a lot of incentive to get this right," he says.

Dam improvements are already extensive, he says, and the BPA can't justify the costs to ratepayers of ambitious habitat work if it doesn't get legal credit.

### Guessing game

Restoration workers haven't been sitting on their hands. Since 2005, they've opened more than a thousand acres of estuary flood plain, for example, and revamped more than 5,000 acres of often denuded stream side.

For wild spring chinook in Idaho's upper Pahsimeroi River, restoration has increased spawning and may have already created the 41 percent habitat improvement projected in the 10-year plan, an initial review found.

"A federal judge has every right to be skeptical," says Mike Edmondson with the Idaho governor's Office of Species Conservation. "But when you look at what's happening on the ground, you sleep better at night."

The potential legal problem: The survival increases

from habitat changes are just estimates; there's no guarantee they'll actually boost wild fish populations. Problems from dam operations to warm streams to poor ocean conditions can defeat river habitat improvements, for the far-ranging fish.

And biologists inside and outside government agree that scientific proof of survival benefits from habitat improvements is scant.

Habitat improvement is important, says Robert Hughes, a senior researcher with the Amnis Opes Institute in Corvallis.


"But frankly no one has been able to prove it's successful," he says. "Quite often fish just move from some-

place else to the place you've improved."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service has boosted long-term research to connect productivity increases to habitat changes. Meantime, project selection will be steered by research that shows salmon thrive in certain habitat, such as sediment-free spawning gravel.

Redden is tuned in. In a hearing today, he wants attorneys to address whether survival projections are based on "independent, reliable and scientifically verifiable information."

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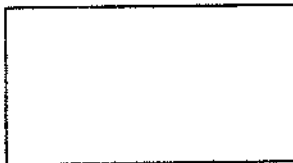
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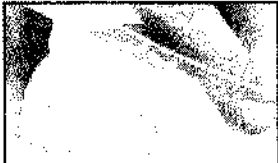
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