

**Abstract: “Culvert Case: Implications for the Future”**

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More than thirty years after *U.S. v. Washington* was filed in federal court, the recent momentous decision found that Washington State must repair culverts which hamper Tribes' treaty right to fish. This decision presents many questions as the State and Tribes commence negotiating next steps. Will this case lead to future claims as the Tribes attempt to enforce their treaty rights? This panel examines historical and future implications of this important case.