



## **“The Grand Salmon: A Source to Sea Journey”**

**4 women, 3 rivers, 3 endangered species of salmon, 1000+ river miles, 4 dams, 1 Stibnite mine, 1 film**

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TRI-CITIES, Wash – On June 22, “The Grand Salmon Source to Sea” four-woman paddling team will stop in Tri-Cities for an event to celebrate reaching the Snake / Columbia confluence. These intrepid women are engaged in an over 1,000 mile epic journey from central Idaho out to the Pacific Ocean which has a dual focus: (1) put a moratorium on the Stibnite Gold Project and (2) bring attention to restoration of a free-flowing lower Snake River in order to stop salmon extinction, the Pacific Northwest’s keystone species.

The mission is to connect, educate, and engage communities through conversations and storytelling in a call to action around Idaho’s endangered Chinook, sockeye, and steelhead populations. The team is more than halfway done with their expedition and has stopped in multiple locations and river communities along the way to engage supporters and encourage grassroots activism towards the cause and campaign.

Brooke Hess recently explained what paddling the Snake River was like on the team’s social media page, giving an update about how exhausted the team is after portaging the four lower Snake River dams. “We really did sandbag ourselves this past week by thinking we could casually paddle the entire lower 140 miles of the Snake, which included four massive reservoirs and four dam portages, in four days. We woke up at 4a.m., paddled 12 hours a day into headwinds, portaged lots of miles around the four lower Snake River dams, and we made it to the Tri-Cities! We are all feeling pretty destroyed at the moment and in need of some good rest,

but we are proud of ourselves for rallying through the flatwater and headwinds to get this far.”



The “Great Old Broads for Wilderness” (Broads) is the supporting non-profit partner for this specific event, and has joined the team at various other stops along the over 1,000 mile trip.

Debra Ellers, one of the Broads organizing the

Tri-Cities event, stated: “As a nation-wide grassroots group that encourages women to take leadership on conservation issues, the Broads are honored to support and celebrate the boldness and persistence of these four women and their support crew in this extraordinary journey to mimic the over 1,000 mile salmon migration path of the Northwest’s keystone species.”

The Broads are encouraging supporters to come out and celebrate with the four-women paddling crew on the shores of the Snake River as they reach the confluence of the Columbia. Enjoy live music by Tom Rawson, Doggie Style Gourmet hot dogs, tales of the journey, walk a salmon labyrinth, and more. Additional partners include numerous sponsors in the paddling industry and non-profit organizations.

To register for this event, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/Tri-Cities>. If you are interested in getting involved, please visit [www.salmonsourcetosea.com](http://www.salmonsourcetosea.com) for ways to spread the word, volunteer, donate, and take action.

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