



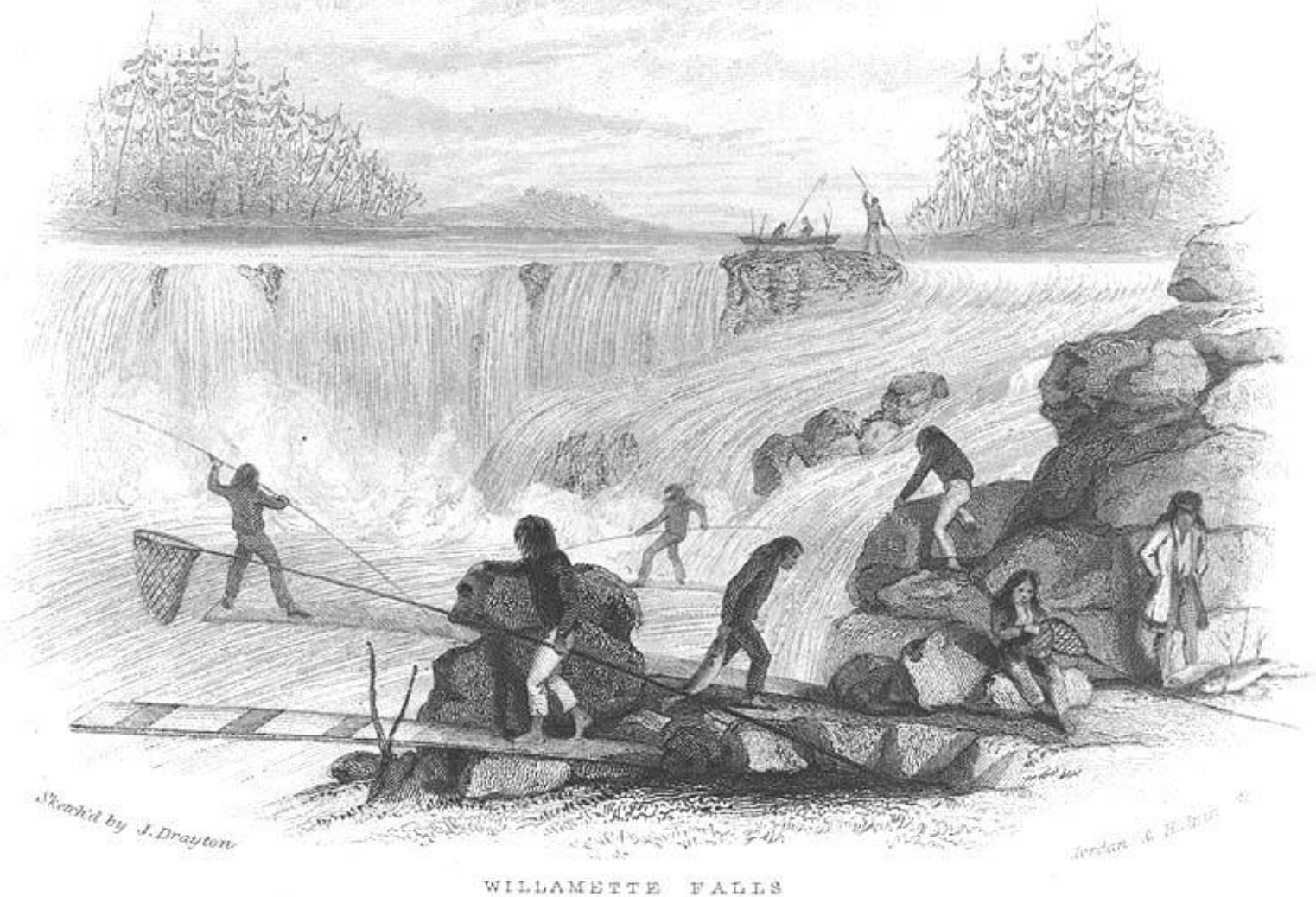
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Information Report

- Rivers and Portland's identity
- River connections through time
- Rivers Office
 - *Building Partnerships*
 - *Engaging Portlanders*
 - *Leveraging River Health Efforts*

Portland's identity is bound up with rivers

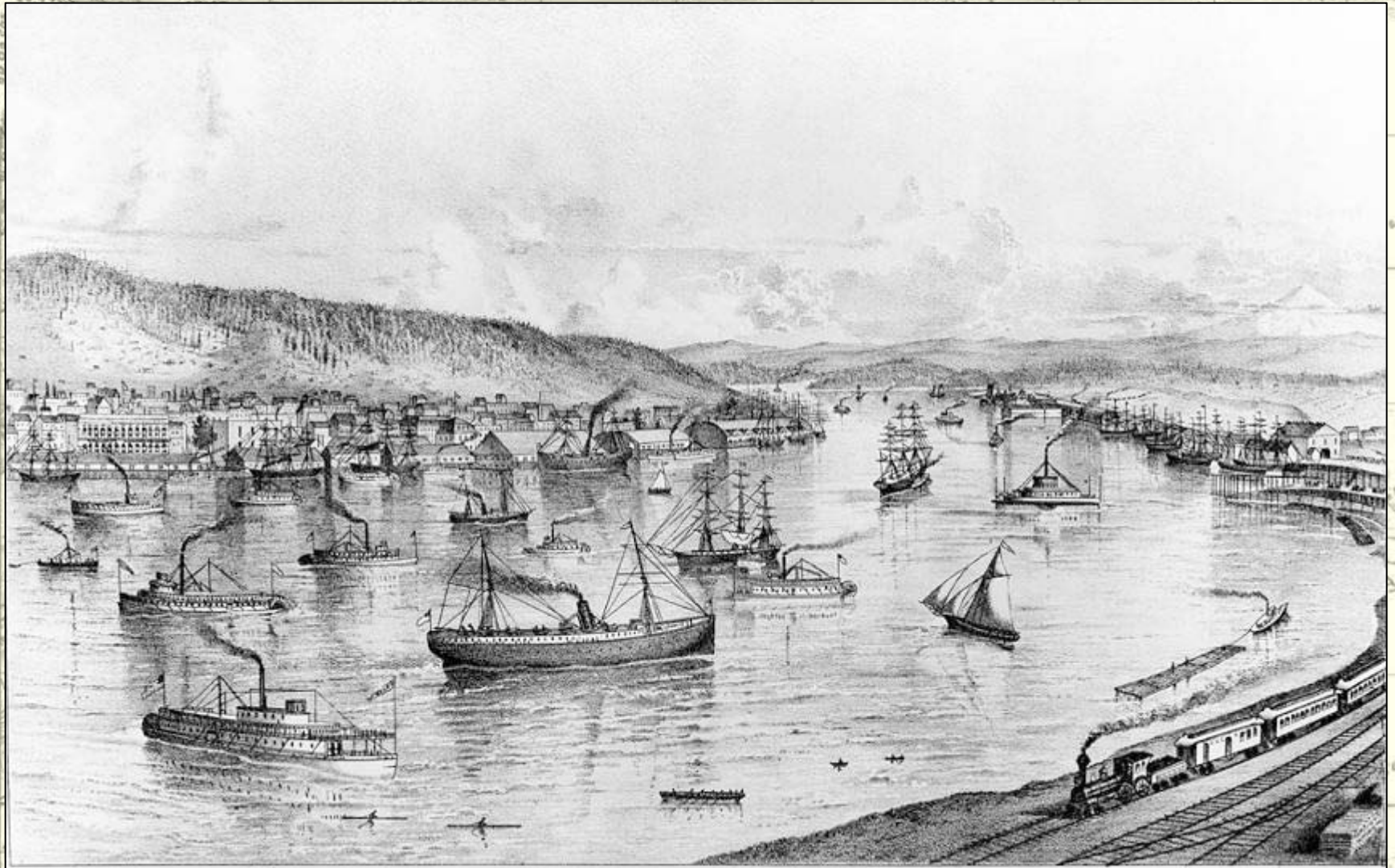


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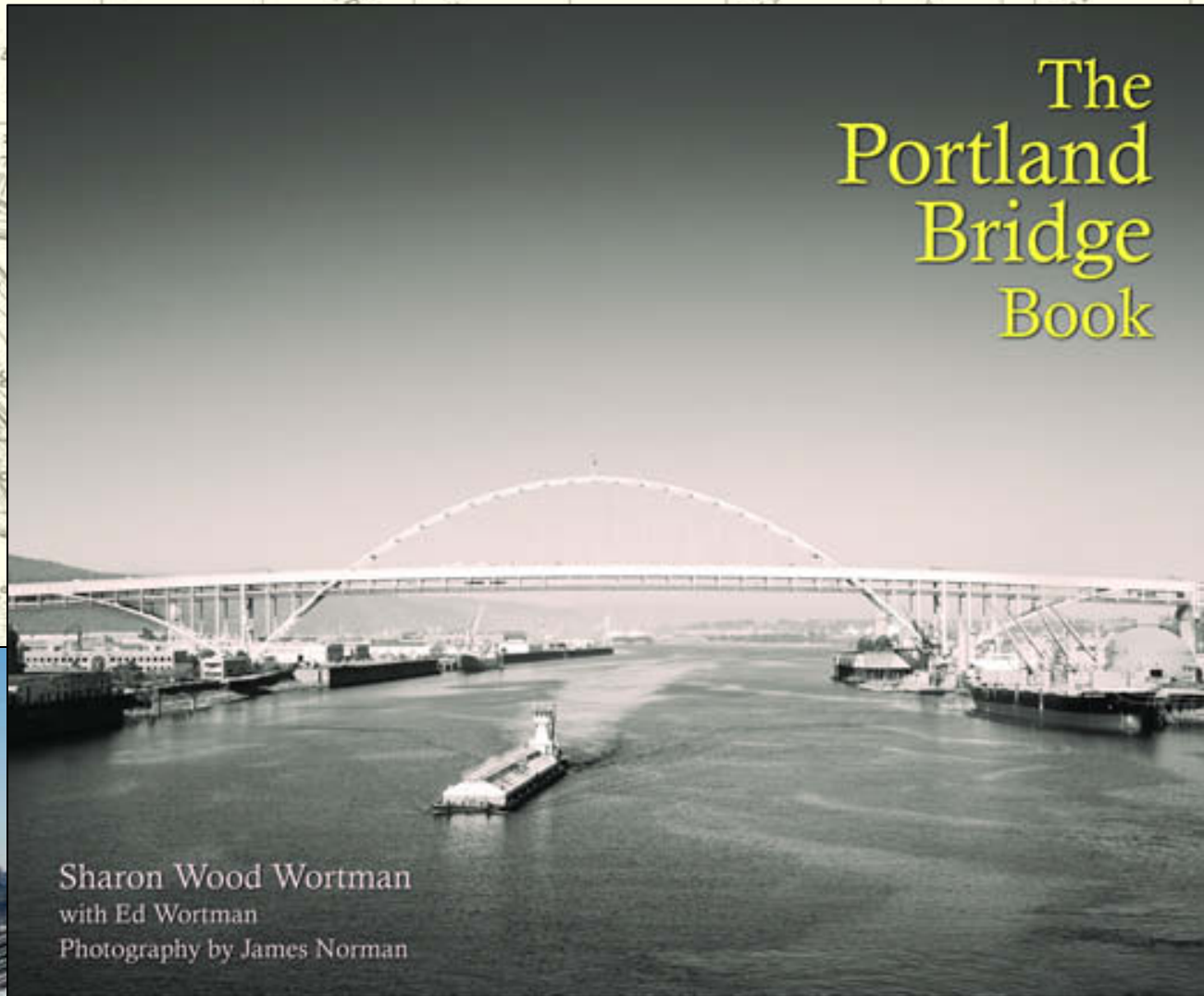


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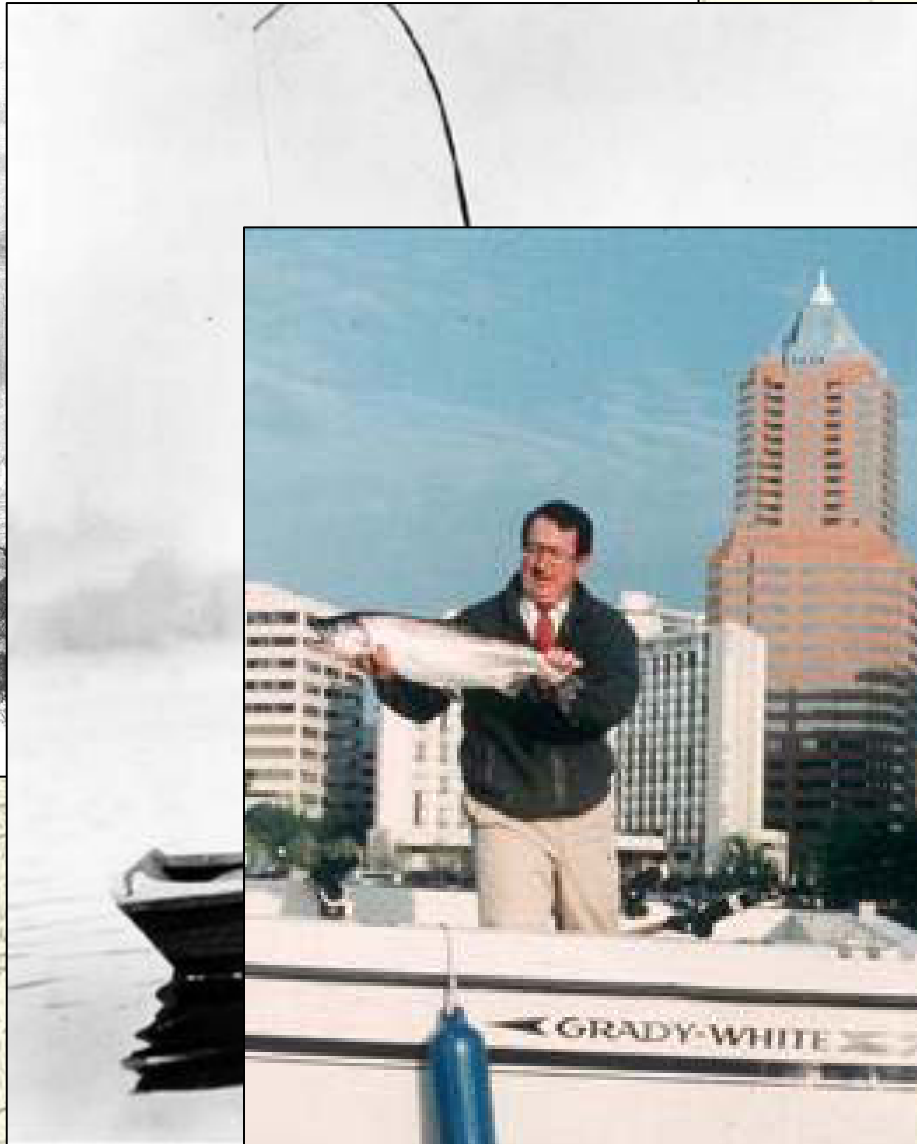
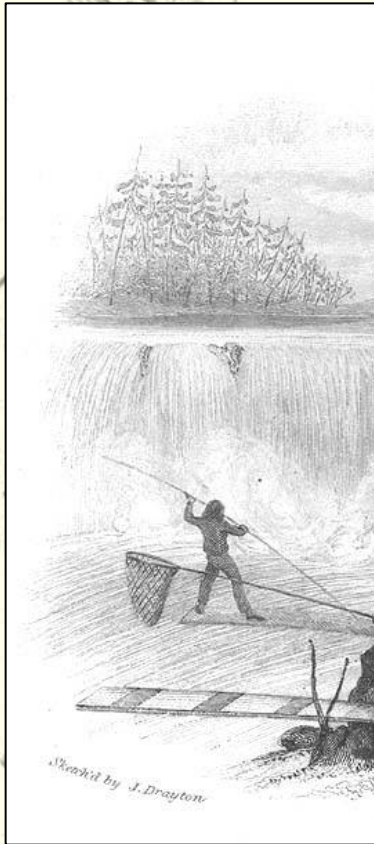


1050 - Fireboat "Geo. H. Williams,"
Portland Harbor, Oregon.

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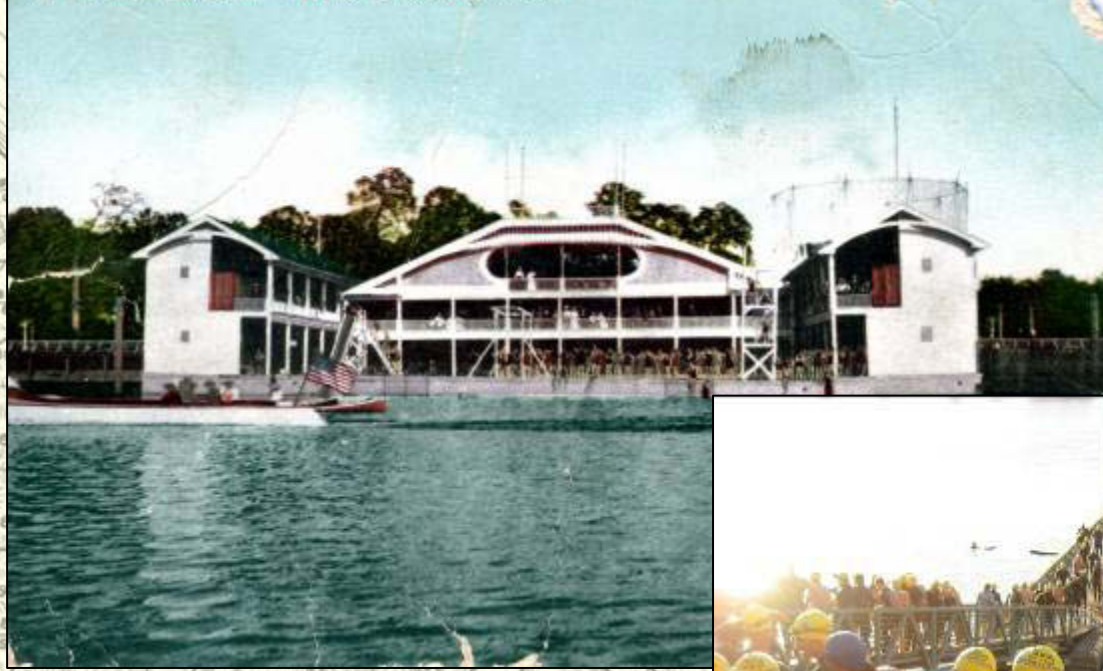


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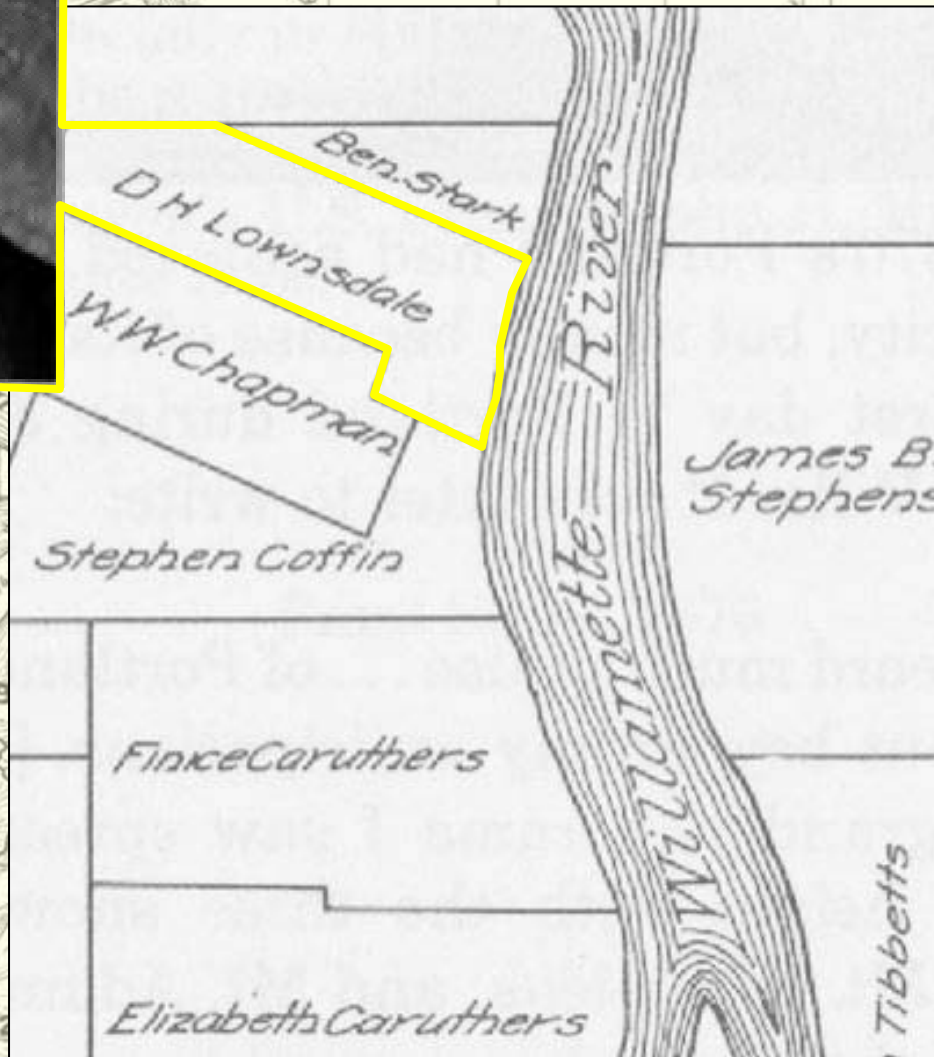
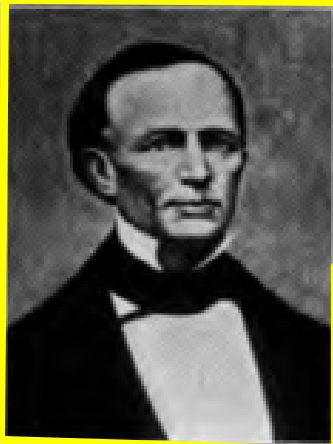


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731 - THE BATH HOUSE AT "THE OAKS", PORTLAND, OREGON.



Portland's River Connections



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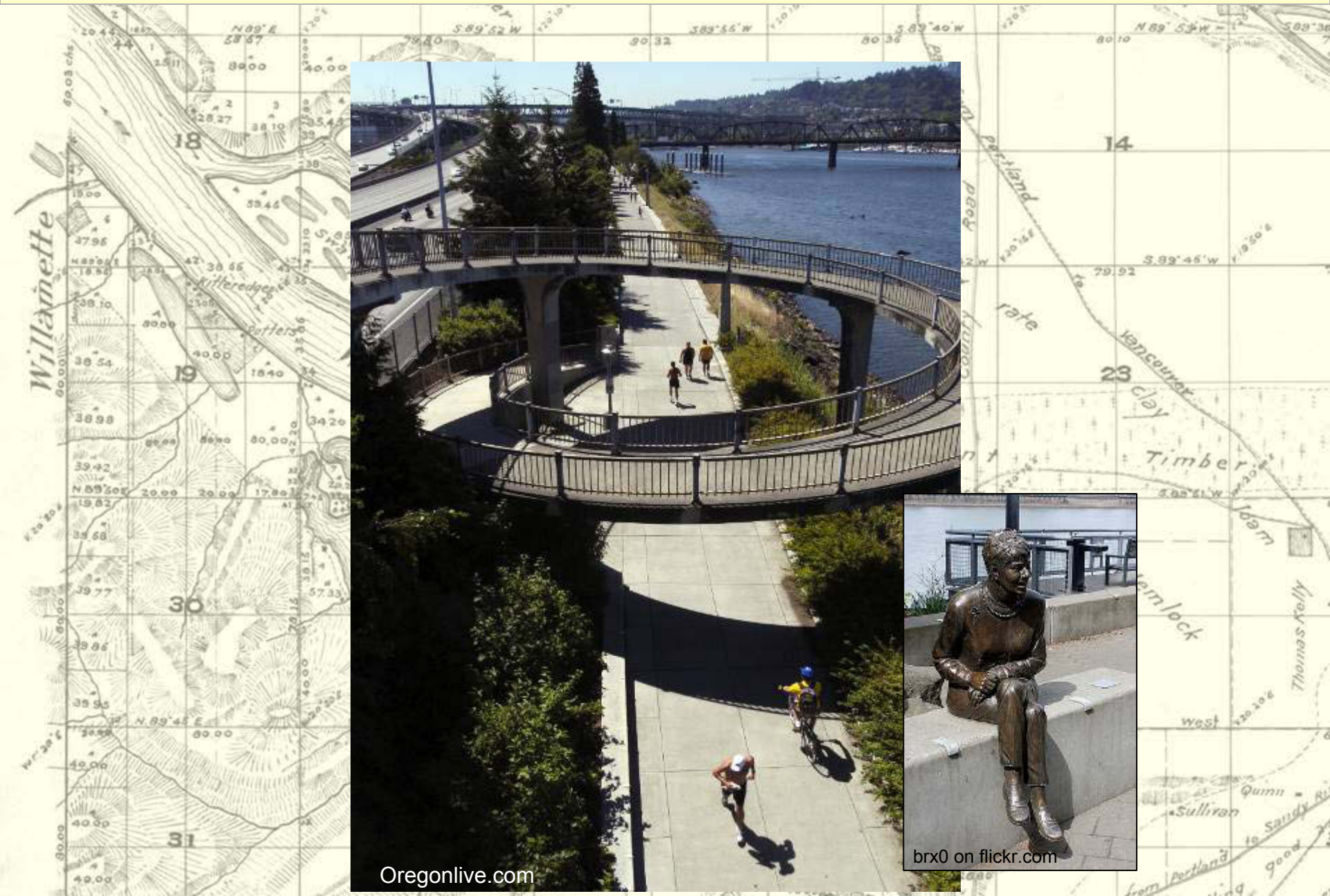
Mayor Joseph Carson, 1938

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<http://www.careunknown.com/2007/05/portland-or-robert-moses-robert-moses.html>

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River Renaissance: 2001-2009

Council endorsed river vision (2001)

Assure a

**CLEAN AND HEALTHY RIVER
FOR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PEOPLE**

Maintain and enhance our

**PROSPEROUS
WORKING HARBOR**

Embrace the river as

**PORTLAND'S
FRONT YARD**

Create vibrant

**WATERFRONT DISTRICTS
& NEIGHBORHOODS**

Promote

**PARTNERSHIPS, LEADERSHIP,
& EDUCATION**



Council adopted River Renaissance Strategy (2004)

River Renaissance Assessment

- Newly-elected Mayor Adams requested Commissioner Saltzman to assess river program (2008)

• Findings:

- Significant successes, but...
- ...Coordination could be greatly improved
- Place program directly under Council member
- Focal areas:
 - *promote watershed health*
 - *facilitate integrated response to regulations*
 - *identify & prioritize habitat sites*
 - *improve boating facilities & trails*
 - *help implement River Plan*
 - *advise Council on Superfund opportunities*



Office of Healthy Working Rivers



- Established by Council in January 2009
- Assigned to Commissioner Fritz
- Responsibilities:
 - *Protect & restore the ecological, transportation, and recreational roles of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers*
 - *Rehabilitate contaminated, inactive properties in working harbor and support river-dependent jobs*
 - *Ensure City meets its Superfund obligations & responsibilities*



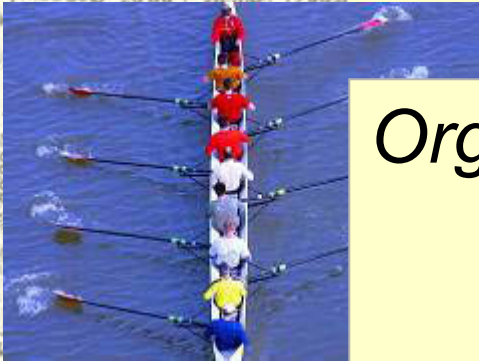
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Roles

- **collaborates** with local partners,
- **links** work of many Bureaus, and
- **brings together** people & resources

...all to achieve the City's river goals:



Organization

- Funded through BES
 - *ratepayer \$ targeted to watershed actions*
- 6 positions (*1 on-loan to BES*)
- Advised by 20 member citizen committee

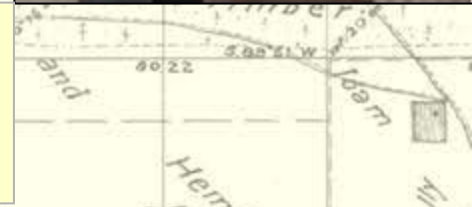
Forming Partnerships

Examples: Working with:

- Meyer Memorial Trust on building a Willamette Community



- Parks to develop a Willamette River Recreation Strategy



Leveraging River Health

- Developing a Mitigation Bank Framework
- Speeding River Restoration
 - *funding design in the North Reach*
- Assisting City's Superfund Efforts



Engaging Portlanders

- RiverFest (2009, 2010)
- River Information-Central
 - *Point of community contact*
 - *monthly calendar*
 - *River News digests*
 - *River in Focus brown-bags*
 - *website*





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Lots of ways

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About the Office of Healthy Working Rivers



Portland the dive

Ships Map

Go to Area...

PORTLAND OR

Go To Vessel

Ann Beier, Director

The Office of Healthy Rivers, in collaboration with [City programs](#), government partners, Neighborhood Associations, and others will be a catalyst for ground actions that City's river goals.

In January 2009, City established the "River" bring a new focus to the City's river goals

- a clean and healthy river
- a prosperous work
- increased awareness of the river
- a vibrant waterfront
- successful partner
- implement river pro

Overseen by [Commissioner Amanda Fritz](#), the Office will provide leadership to promote the economic, transportation, ecological, and recreational roles of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers.

[Contact the Office of Healthy Working Rivers](#)

How Portland's Working on the River

[Click here](#) to find out more...

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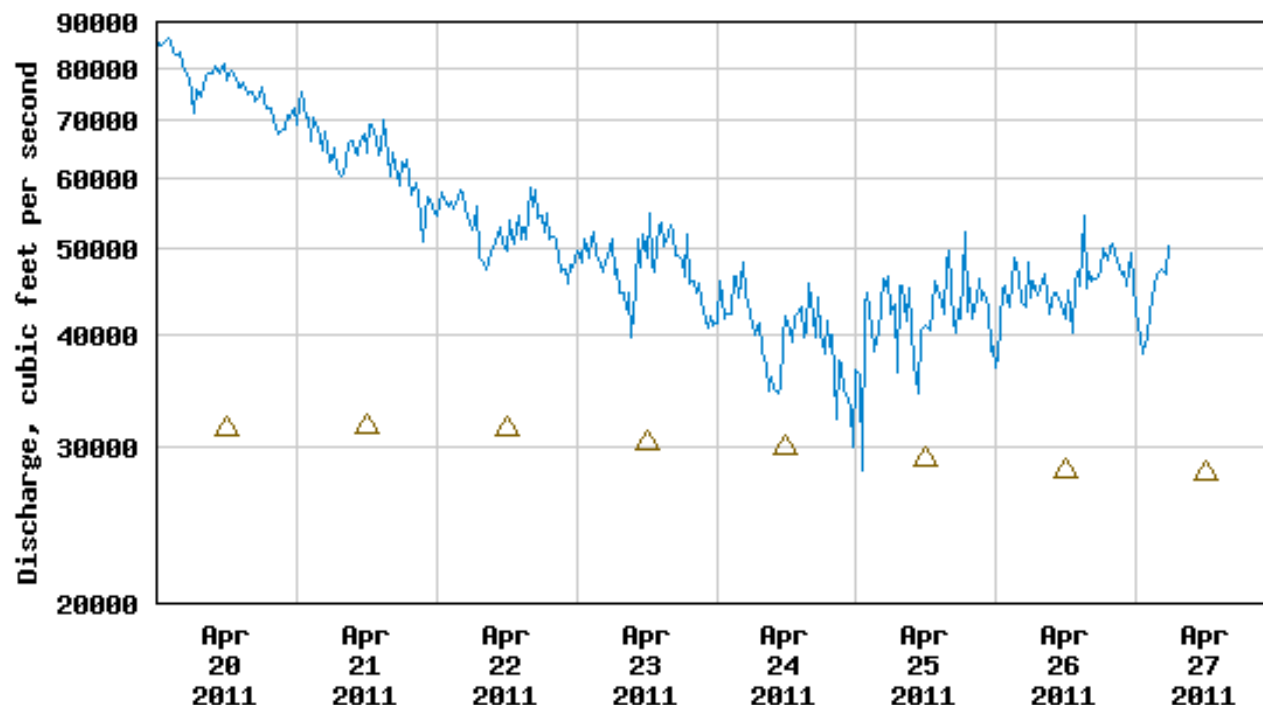
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USGS 14211720 WILLAMETTE RIVER AT PORTLAND, OR



---- Provisional Data Subject to Revision ----

△ Median daily statistic (38 years) — Discharge

[Rowing Resources](#)

[Portland Area Sailing/Yachting Resources](#)

[Museums and Attractions](#)

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Rivers Office: Work-to-Date

- Partnering with BPS on River Planning
- Initiated the Willamette River Recreation Strategy
- Collaborated with BES on mitigation & restoration
- Responded to Advisory Committee with maintenance-dredging assessment

Rivers Office: Coming Up

- Support BES efforts to design, fund & construct a North Reach restoration project.
- Submit mitigation bank prospectus & instrument to regulatory agencies for approval.
- Complete and report to Council on the Willamette River Recreation Strategy.
- Support events that bring people to our rivers: *e.g., PDX Bridge Festival, RiverFest, and The Big Float.*
- Collaborate with TriMet & OMSI on new Willamette River ecology exhibit (open this summer).
- Renew periodic publication of “State of the River” reports.
- Perform assigned tasks in West Hayden Island evaluation, as directed by Council.

What We're Learning...

- The river's edge is complex—a mixing zone of many interests and needs



What We're Learning...

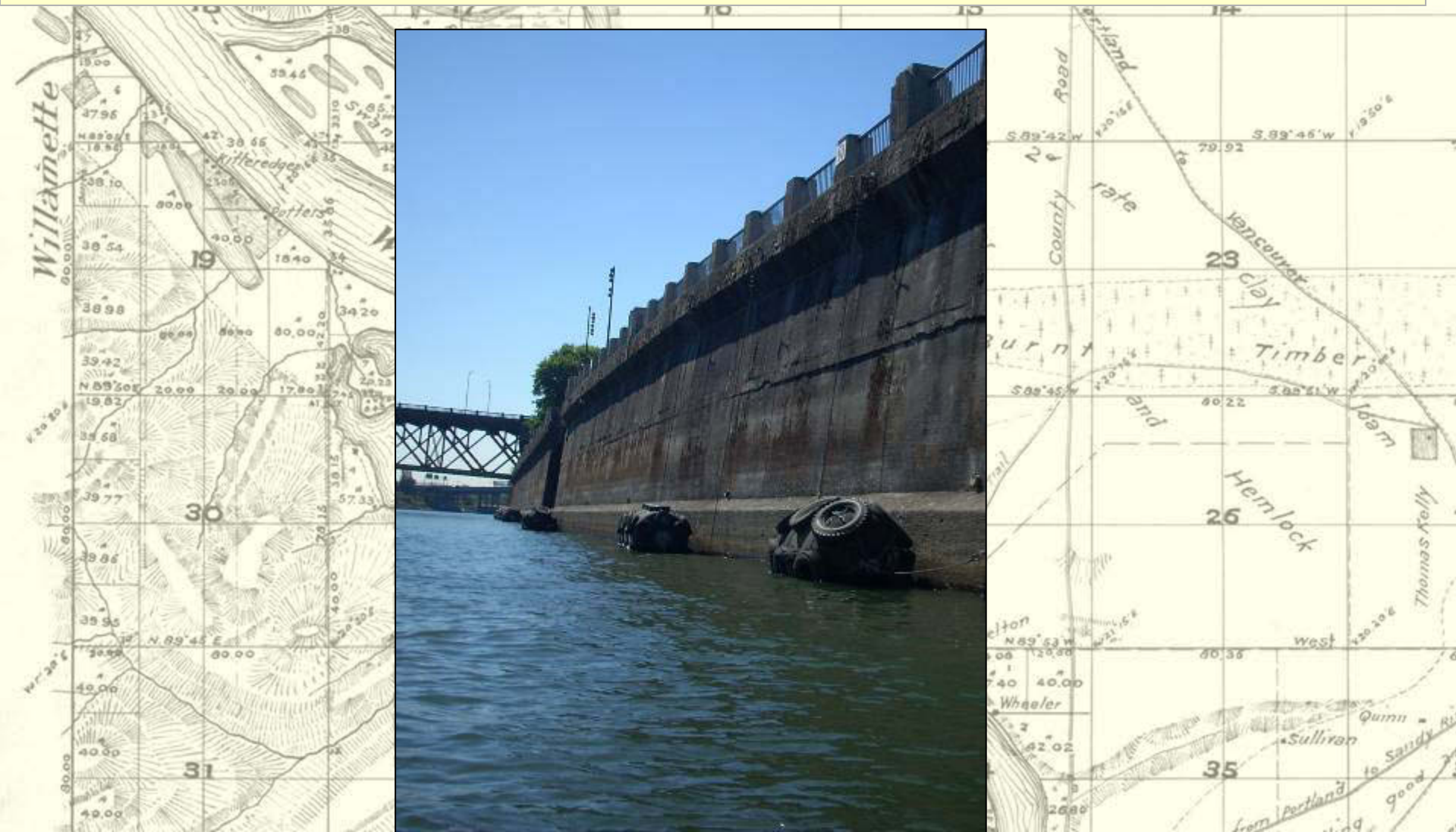
- The rivers are big
 - 17 miles of Willamette
 - 12 miles of Columbia



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What We're Learning...

- Yesterday's solutions can become today's problems



What We're Learning...

- There will be more
 - People



–Issues

- *New ESA listings? PPCPs? Climate change?*

–Work

- *Superfund clean-up, stormwater, waterfront redevelopment...*



What We're Learning...

- It will take the work of many over the long term to continue progress



Many thanks to Bureaus and their years of work— and for present and future partnerships.



Rivers Office Partners with City Bureaus

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

- North Reach Plan Implementation
- Central City 2035 and Central Reach
- Portland Plan
- West Hayden Island – Phase 2 responding to Council Ordinance

Bureau of Parks and Recreation

- Willamette River Recreation Strategy
- South Waterfront greenway and river access

Bureau of Environmental Services

- Superfund program
- Restoration on the mainstem Willamette / Willamette Watershed Team
- Mitigation bank development

Fire Bureau

- River Safety Committee
- Willamette River Clean-Ups
- Station 21 dock / Fire memorial promotion

Portland Development Commission

- South Waterfront coordination (North Macadam Inter-bureau Working Group)
- Harbor ReDI collaboration


Portland Bureau of Transportation

- Sellwood Bridge TAC
- Going Green project
- Moody Street improvement

Intergovernmental Relations

- Review of/comment on state and federal legislation

River In Focus Brownbags

- BES Johnson Creek Restoration Program
 - BPS The River Plan
 - PPR Cathedral Park Master Plan
 - BES Tabor to the River
 - PPR South Portland Riverbank Project
 - BES Columbia Confluence Project
 - PPR-BES Elk Rock Island
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