

In this fast-paced world, history has ever-increasing value as a source of wisdom and reflection. It prompts us to think about where we have been, so that we can move forward in a thoughtful way.

In the 1950s and 60s, when governments designed and executed the Columbia River Treaty, the focus was on the future. The cultural and ecological changes happened fast, without much reflection about, or consideration of, the local perspective.

Only with hindsight did the far-reaching magnitude of the decisions become clear.

With gratitude for the water,

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