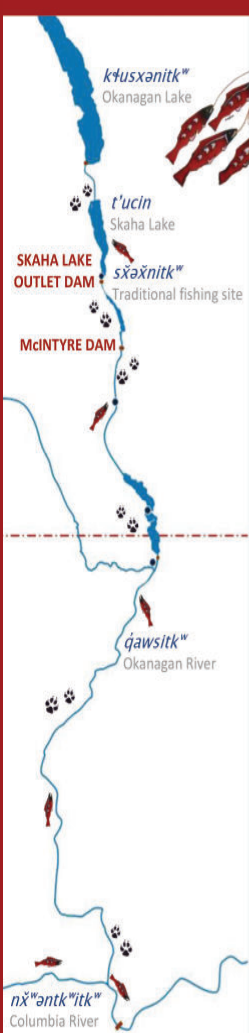


The project *Fish Passage at McIntyre Dam* provided salmon access to 11.5 km of upstream important historic habitat.



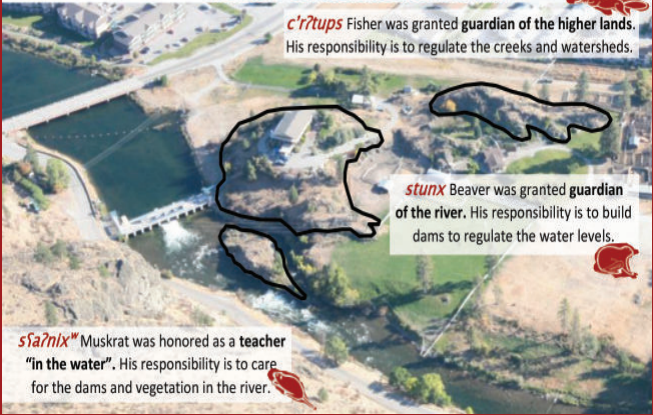
sinklip BRINGING SALMON TO t'ucin (SKAHA LAKE)

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sinklip (Coyote) brought salmon from the south at the *n'ə'ə'ntk'itk'* (Columbia River) and into the *q'awsitk'* (Okanagan River) in Washington and in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia. On his journey, *sinklip* stopped at the south end of *t'ucin* (Skaha Lake) near *s'ə'ə'nitk'* (traditional fishing camp in Okanagan Falls) and asked the *syilx* people for a wife and a home. He continued his journey to the north bringing the salmon into *t'ucin*. When he returned for his wife and a home in *s'ə'ə'nitk'*, he discovered his given wife was impregnated by another. Coyote was very disappointed, so he put the *m'ə'al'* (cradleboard) above the river to let everyone know that he did not receive this promise. However, to show his promise for the salmon, he placed his fishing spear above the river, across from *akspaqmix* (Vaseux Lake.)

With Coyote's promise for salmon he left three rock formations at *s'ə'ə'nitk'* (Okanagan Falls): *stunx* (Beaver), *s'ə'a'nix'* (Muskrat) and *c'r7tups* (Fisher). These are the Coyote's story markers and are visible above *q'awsitk'* between the *n'ə'aylntən* (McIntyre Dam area) and *s'ə'ə'nitk'*.

SALMON GUARDIANS at s'ə'ə'nitk'



c'r7tups Fisher was granted guardian of the higher lands. His responsibility is to regulate the creeks and watersheds.

stunx Beaver was granted guardian of the river. His responsibility is to build dams to regulate the water levels.

s'ə'a'nix' Muskrat was honored as a teacher "in the water". His responsibility is to care for the dams and vegetation in the river.