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**LITIGATION OR  
COLLABORATION  
COLUMBIA BASIN RECOVERY STRATEGIES**

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Michael Tehan spent the last 12 years of his 43-year federal career leading Pacific salmon and steelhead recovery efforts in the Columbia River basin, including negotiating the Resilient Columbia River Agreement and working to modernize the Columbia River Treaty.

Over the course of his career with NOAA and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Michael has worked on multiple large-scale conservation efforts for species listed under the Endangered Species Act, including the northern spotted owl and Columbia River salmon and steelhead. In this presentation, Michael will highlight some of these key efforts and examine different approaches for responding to Endangered Species Act lawsuits, focusing on the benefits of collaborative approaches.

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