

The Columbia River is the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest



VOLUME

2nd largest river in the U.S. in water volume behind the Mississippi River.



HOME TO

14 hydropower dams that produce **44%** of the U.S.'s **total** hydropower generation.



FLOWS PAST

high-population centers such as the Tri-Cities, Wash. and Portland, Ore.



WATERSHED

covers an area of more than **260,000** square miles, reaching parts of **7** states and British Columbia, Canada.



GATEWAY FOR

agricultural shipping. In 2016, **44%** of U.S. wheat exports traveled down the Columbia River.



HOSTS MANY

fish species including **13** designated threatened or endangered species.

Protecting the river and public is the most important mission at the Hanford Vit Plant