# New FERC License for the Priest Rapids Project

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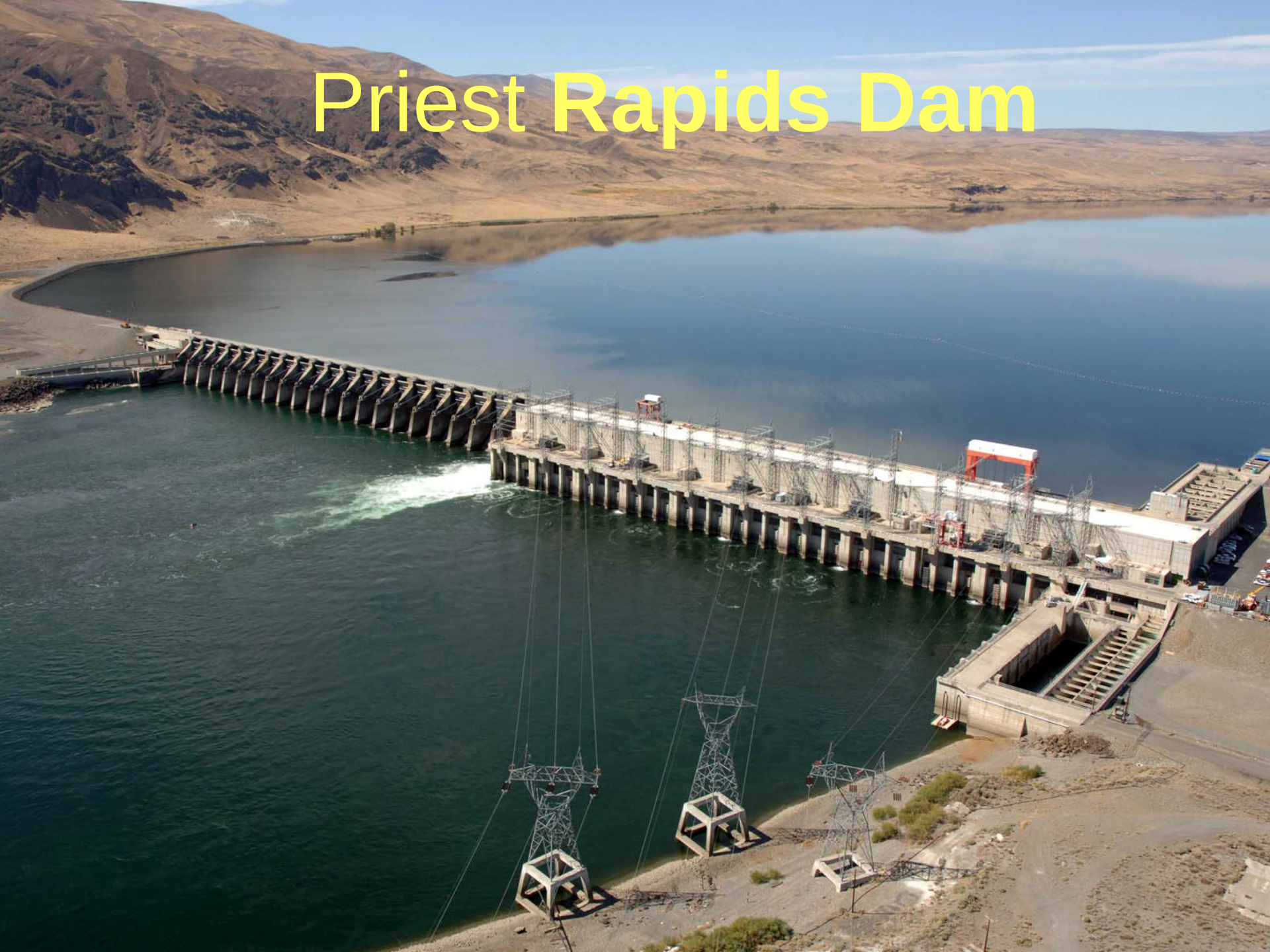
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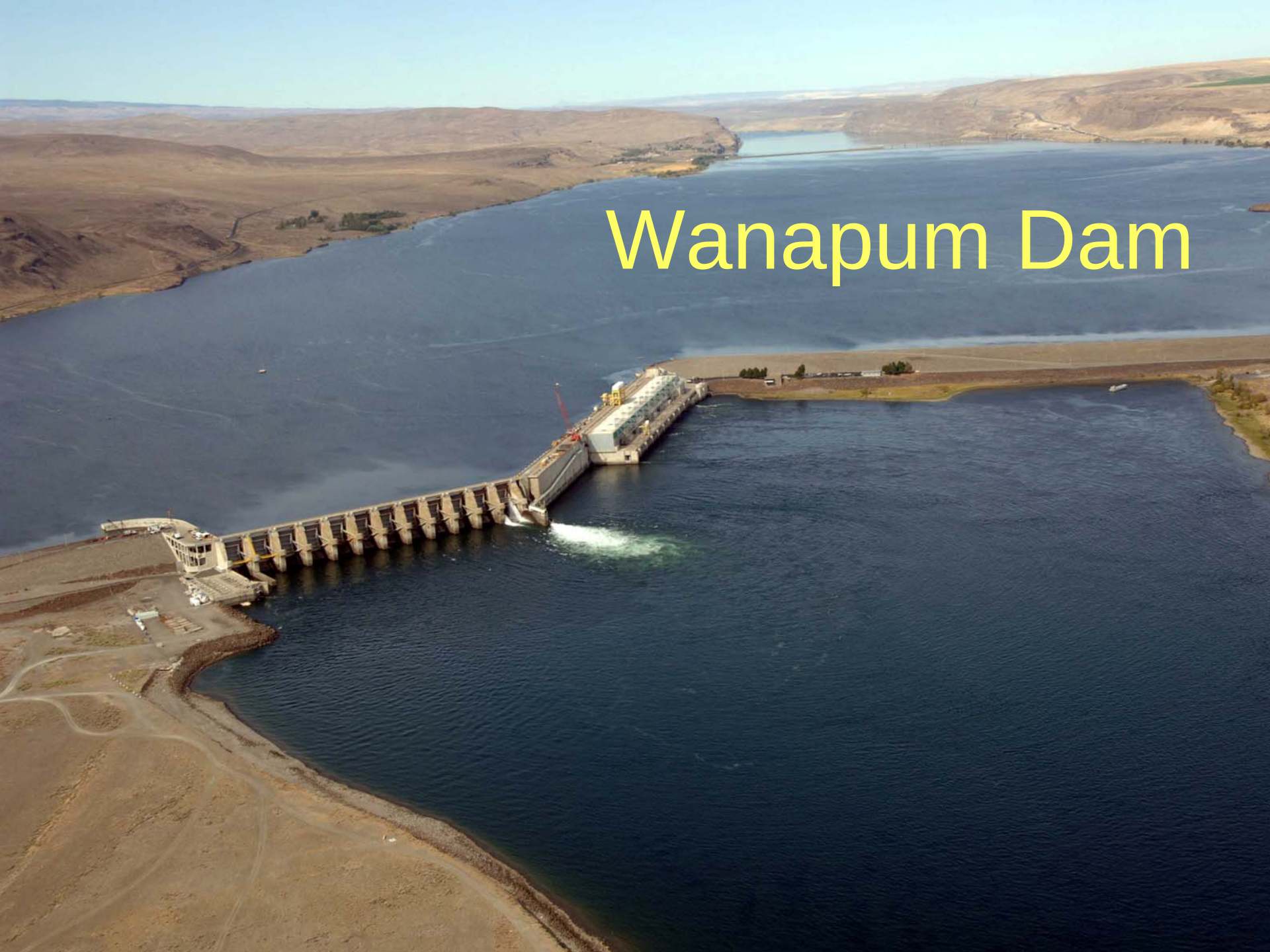
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# Relicensing Process

- Pre-Application 1994-2003
- $50M of Studies and Consultation
- 12,000 Page Application
- Filed with FERC in 2003

# Application Processing

- 2004-2008 NEPA, FPA, ESA
- CWA 401 Certification from WA DOE
- Bull Trout BiOp from USFWS
- Salmon and Steelhead BiOp from NOAA
- Section 18 Prescriptions
- Hanford Reach, Salmon Settlement and Yakama Agreements Filed w/FERC

# The New License!!!!

- Issued by FERC on April 17, 2008
- At 1,893 MW, 2nd Largest FERC Licensed Hydro Project (largest conventional)
- New License from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2052 (44 years)
- Many New Requirements

# 7 New Turbines at Wanapum Dam

# Article 401: 25 Plans

- 9 Plans on Salmon and Steelhead Measures
- 16 Other Aquatic Resource Plans

# Article 401: CWA Certification

Fish Bypass Systems, TDG Measures, Water Quality Plans, Adaptive Management

# Articles 402-408

- Gatewell Exclusion Screens
- Tailrace Pumps for Fishways
- Fishery Operations Plan
- Habitat Modifications in WAN tailrace
- WAN Gate Seal Investigations
- Crab Cr./Burkett Lake Enhancements
- Reserved Fishway Authority

# Articles 409-415

- Wildlife Habitat Management Plan
- Wildlife Habitat Monitoring
- Bird Collision w/T-Line Protection
- Northern Wormwood Conservation
- Rare, T&E Plant Monitoring
- Bald Eagle Perching and Roosting
- Northwest Power Act Alterations

# Articles 416-420

- Historic Properties Management Plan
- MOA with Wanapum Indians
- Recreation Resource Management Plan
- Shoreline Management Plan
- Use of Project Lands

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