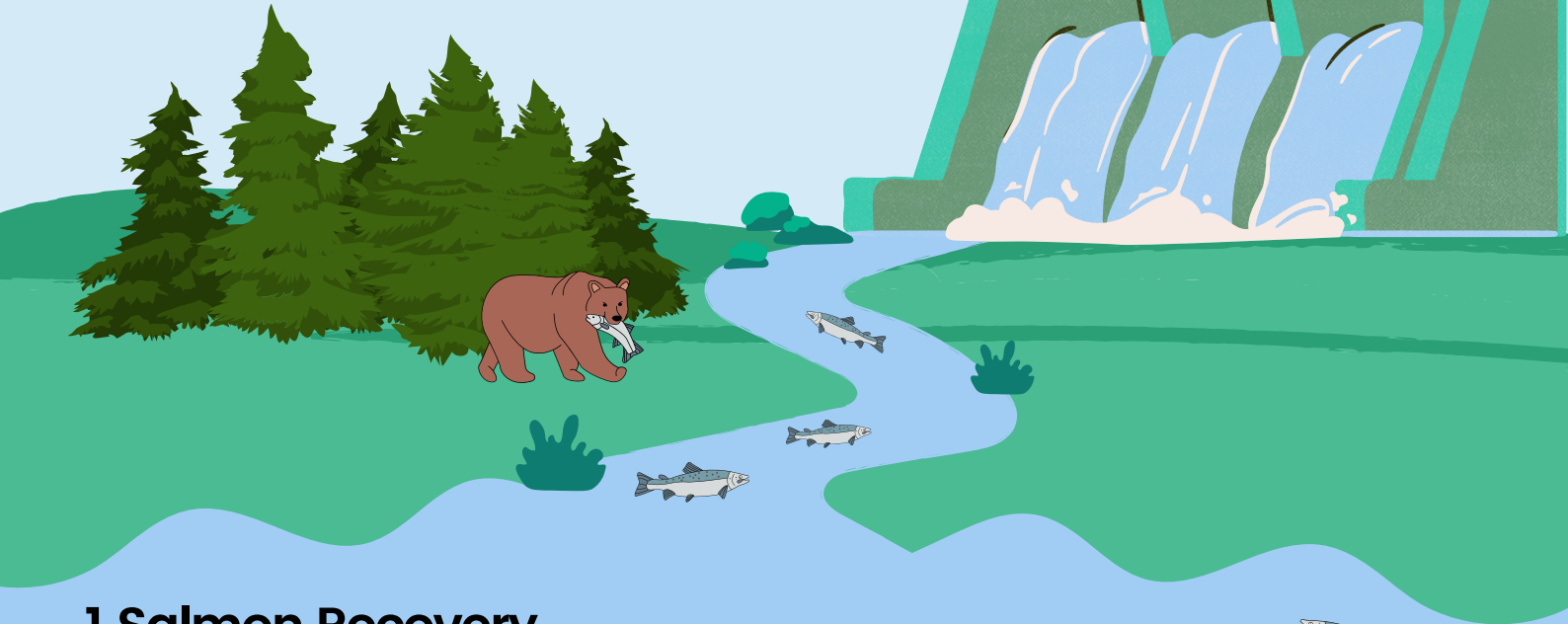
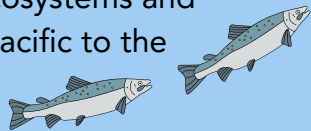


REASONS TO BREACH THE DAMS



1. Salmon Recovery

The Snake River was once among the Northwest's most productive salmon rivers, generating over half of the region's Chinook salmon, along with millions of other salmon species and steelhead trout. Restoring it would revive critical ecosystems and economies, from the Pacific to the Continental Divide.



2. Ecosystem Recovery

Declining salmon populations impact over 130 regional species, including Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW), who rely primarily on Chinook salmon. Breaching the Lower Snake River Dams (LSRDs) would help restore Idaho's forests and the diets, cultures, religions, and economies of Indigenous Tribes and the SRKWs.



3. Climate Impact

Breaching the LSRDs will combat climate change by eliminating methane emissions from stagnant reservoirs. It will also enhance carbon sequestration through reforested riverbanks and bolster carbon storage in upstream forests and grasslands.

5. Indigenous Rights

Salmon are a vital part of the culture, diet, and economy for many Indigenous tribes in the region. Breaching the LSRDs would help honor treaties and agreements that guarantee fishing rights and support the cultural revival of these communities.

4. Economic Benefits

Breaching the LSRDs will incur short-term costs but offer long-term savings on maintenance and boost the economy through restored fisheries and ecosystem services. The restoration is projected to create up to 25,000 jobs and generate \$1 billion annually.

