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## **McMillen Receives International FIDIC Award for Leadership on Klamath River Renewal Program**

*International recognition highlights McMillen's role and the collaborative effort in delivering one of the largest river restoration efforts in history*

Boise, ID— The Klamath River Renewal Program received the 2026 FIDIC Large Project Award, honoring one of the most ambitious river restoration efforts ever completed. Idaho-based engineering, environmental, and construction firm McMillen, Inc. served as Owner's Representative and Construction Manager, helping guide the project from planning through completion.

Presented by the Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs-Conseils (FIDIC), the award celebrates infrastructure achievements that demonstrate excellence in sustainability, innovation, collaboration, and long-term benefits for communities and the environment.

Selected from projects around the world, the Klamath River Renewal Program was recognized for its unprecedented scale, complexity, and environmental impact. Bringing together Tribal Nations, government agencies, local communities, technical specialists, and industry partners, the project established a new benchmark for collaborative environmental infrastructure delivery.

Completed in 2024, the program removed four hydroelectric dams, restored access to more than 400 miles of historic habitat, and reconnected a river system that had been fragmented for more than a century. Within months of completion, Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and Pacific lamprey were documented returning upstream, signaling rapid ecological recovery and the long-term benefits of restoration.

Throughout the project, McMillen provided technical leadership, risk management, permitting support, construction oversight and stakeholder coordination. The firm helped align diverse interests around a shared objective while maintaining predictable delivery across a complex regulatory, environmental, and construction landscape.

Recognition by FIDIC highlights the project's lasting impact beyond the Klamath Basin. As communities around the world grapple with aging infrastructure, ecosystem restoration, and competing stakeholder interests, the Klamath River Renewal Program demonstrates what can be achieved through collaborative leadership, technical excellence, and a shared commitment to long-term environmental stewardship.

McMillen is a full-service engineering, environmental, and construction firm shaping the future of water resources. The firm serves the dam, energy, fisheries, natural resources, and infrastructure markets across North America, Europe, and beyond. Its work spans every project phase, from feasibility and permitting through design, construction, and commissioning, with a focus on technical precision and real-world performance.

Learn more about the award-winning Klamath River Renewal Project and McMillen's role at [www.mcmillen.com/projects/klamath-river-renewal-program](http://www.mcmillen.com/projects/klamath-river-renewal-program).