

# Umatilla Tribe Wins Court Suit

Judge Robert Belloni of the federal district court in Oregon on March 30 issued a court injunction halting any further construction on three dams situated on the Columbia River dividing Oregon and neighboring Washington.

The Dalles Dam, Bonneville Dam and John Day Dam are all affected by the injunction.

The ruling emerged from a suit filed by the Umatilla Tribe of Oregon and an intertribal alliance called Treaty Indians of the Columbia (TIC) on grounds of irreversible damage to fish and spawning runs.

Said TIC's Leo Alexander: "This is one of the very few victories of this kind for Indians."