Celebrating 65 years of service with a look at the history of west coast fisheries

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R/V Fish Hawk 1880-1926

1871

U.S. Commission on Fish and Fisheries created by Congress

The predecessor to today's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, published an annual bulletin from 1881-1903 (http://penbay.org/cofi/uscof.html)

Clearing rock slide at Hell's Gate, Fraser River

1913

Railroad construction-caused landslide blocks Fraser River

...and threatens salmon runs in the entire river system

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1929

California State Legislature...

...adopts resolution urging coastwide cooperation with Oregon, Washington and the federal government on salmon fisheries

1920

19th Amendment gives women the right to vote

Columbia River Basin

1918

Columbia River Compact adopted

a partnership between the fish and wildlife departments of Washington and Oregon that sets commercial fishing seasons on the lower Columbia River

1900 | 1910 | 1920 | 1930 | 1940 | 1950

1871 — 1947

Events leading up to the creation of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Director John T. Gharrrett 1949-1955

Commission's First Executive Director Arnie Suomela 1947-1948