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Healing Hitsuq̓λis

TRT: 5 MINUTES

The λaʔuukʷiʔatɥ (Tla-o-qui-aht) First Nation and Redd Fish Restoration Society come together to address sharp declines in salmon populations in Hitsuq̓λis (Tranquil Creek), and work to bring back the great abundance that once existed there.



6,000 Miles

TRT: 11 MINUTES

Join this dynamic pair in 6,000 Miles as they bring forth their connection to the Trinity River in northwest California, and all of California's Wild Rivers, to unveil CalWild's mission of safeguarding 6,000 miles of rivers by 2028. Their journey unfolds a narrative that transcends advocacy, revealing the intricate connection and profound significance of preserving our wild rivers.



Near the River

TRT: 11 MINUTES

In the tourism town of Livingstone, Zambia, a group of local men who make their living portering kayaks aspire to become safety kayakers on the Zambezi River. The proposed Batoka Gorge Hydroelectric Scheme threatens to flood the famous rapids of the Zambezi, and eliminate river related jobs.



Romeo November

TRT: 16 MINUTES

Through the eyes of LightHawk volunteer pilot, Chuck Schroll, and in partnership with American Rivers and Trout Unlimited, Romeo November highlights three climate resilience projects and how an aerial perspective can be an important conservation tool.



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Spear, Spatula, Submarine

TRT: 13 MINUTES

With an avaricious appetite, rapid reproduction rates, and no native predators, the lionfish invasion is one of the ocean's greatest eco-disasters. But a community of passionate Floridians use creative removal methods to save the waters they love.



Forests Above & Forests Below

TRT: 5 MINUTES

Take a deep dive into California's unique and irreplaceable underwater kelp forests that have experienced catastrophic loss in the past decade. This piece was written and supported by scientists at The Nature Conservancy and was filmed and produced by the ColdWater Collective.



Coral Comeback

TRT: 11 MINUTES

Kira Hughes has witnessed how a warming ocean killed up to 80% of the coral in reefs around Oahu over the past ten years. But she and her colleagues, along with help from the local community, are now breeding the thermally-resistant corals to survive future "bleaching" events—and are already installing them back in the wild.



Chasing the Bono

TRT: 11 MINUTES

The Kampar River in Sumatra, Indonesia boasts the world's longest wave: a cyclical tidal bore known as "Bono Seven Ghosts" that can run over 13 miles long and be surfed for an hour-and-a-half. This film explores the relationship between the Kampar River and its surrounding communities, focusing on how surfing has strengthened this connection.



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Paddle Tribal Waters

TRT: 10 MINUTES

With jaw-dropping aerial cinematography and moving storytelling, Paddle Tribal Waters is a fully immersive experience, showcasing the unbreakable bond between people and their ancestral lands. The film gives viewers a bird's eye view as an unforgettable group of young people training for the adventure of a lifetime.



PLACE

TRT: 8 MINUTES

Follow Cayuse Tribal Member, Gabe Sheoships, into an ancient cultural practice, and discover the connections between migratory fish, urban forests, and community stewardship... and the work one group is doing to re-build the strength of these connections for future generations.



On, In, & Under the Sava

TRT: 5 MINUTES

Armed with a raft, snorkels and flippers, four friends drift down Slovenia's Sava River with one mission: find the elusive finned-monsters that dwell in the deep in order to help protect the river from dams.



Study Aboard

TRT: 16 MINUTES

Every April, 60 college kids from around the country attend Living Lands and Waters' unique "Alternative Spring Break" program – trading happy hours and beach tans for spending a week on McKellar Lake with founder Chad Pregracke and his inspiring river rat crew as they clean up the Mississippi River's waterways and learn about river-related careers.