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SEATTLE, WA May 11, 2018 – Whooshh Innovations is pleased to be a recipient of the National Hydropower Association’s “*Outstanding Stewards of America’s Waters*” award.

The award, presented in Washington, D.C., recognizes Whooshh Innovations’ success in safely and autonomously moving salmon over the Cle Elum dam for the first time in 100 years. As part of the Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resources Management Plan, Whooshh demonstrated the ability to not only safely move sockeye salmon over the dam, but also to be able to autonomously sort fish in real time.

A pilot of Whooshh Innovations’ fish passage system was installed in less than three months at Cle Elum Dam, a 165-foot, earth-filled dam on Washington’s Cle Elum River. The 1700-foot long, 180-foot high modular fish passage system was able to accommodate the reservoir’s 70-vertical-foot water fluctuation with a floating exit, and transported salmon back into their native waters in under 60 seconds.

“The Whooshh System does not require large volumes of water to be used to get the fish up, over or around the dam,” says Whooshh Innovations’ Director Michael Messina. “This is good for the fish and good for the dam operator. In conventional fish passage systems, up to 10 percent of the river’s water flow is diverted for a fish ladder. If an existing hydro operator switched to our system, they will not only successfully get fish over the dam faster and with less stress, they can also pay for it with better water management.”

“The Whooshh Fish Passage System is an innovative solution, and we are thrilled to honor them as an Outstanding Steward of America’s Waters,” said Linda Church Ciocci, NHA Executive Director. “It doesn’t just allow for successful, affordable and safe fish passage, but it also allows for better documentation and control of invasive species.”

Vincent Bryan, Whooshh CEO, stated, “We are grateful for the support of the US Bureau of Reclamation, the Yakama Nation and Sen. Cantwell. Their cooperation and contributions have helped demonstrate that our innovations in fish passage will now allow fish and hydro to exist in harmony around the world.”

Whooshh Innovations moves live fish safely and efficiently. Using patented technology, Whooshh can safely pass fish over dams large and small, sort for invasive species, or simply move fish efficiently around facilities such as hatcheries and aquaculture operations. In addition to the environmental benefits associated with fisheries restoration, Whooshh solutions typically cost 80% less than fish ladders, and allow for up to 10% more clean energy production. Whooshh Innovations is located in Seattle, WA and on the web at www.whooshh.com.

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