



**Join us for the Asum Release
(eel-like lamprey)
By Yakama Nation Fisheries**

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**May 24th (Sat) 1pm @
Central WA Agricultural Museum
4508 Main St, Union Gap, WA 98903**

**(or go directly to Ahtanum Mission Church
8500 Ahtanum Rd, Yakima, WA 98903 @ 1:30pm)**

YN Fish Biologists will release 50 mature (ripe) adult lamprey (called "asum" in the Yakama Nation tribes language) as part of our reintroduction efforts. Pacific lamprey, an ancient fish from 450 million years ago (older than dinosaurs!), has been an important food source, medicine, and cultural icon for the YN tribes and bands as well as a keystone species for the stream ecosystems. We will provide a brief background on lamprey biology, current restoration activities, and most importantly give the participants a chance to see, touch, and feel these "living fossils" before their release. Kids as well as elders are welcome to participate (will be fun for all ages). Project is supported by Columbia River Fish Accord.