

YBSA Monthly Report June 2023

Storage: Total storage in the 5 reservoirs is a 78% capacity. Keechelus will reduce the release of water and Kachess and Cle Elum will increase their release of water to provide a minimum flow in the lower Yakima River. Precipitation for the water year from October to June has been at 74% of average.

Irrigation Water: 2023 water supply is dangerously low. Senior water rights are at 100%, but junior water rights are at 73%. The economy in the Yakima Basin depends on the availability of water annually. See detailed Yakima Herald article by [clicking here](#).

Yakima Basin Integrated Plan: After 15 years the organization has failed to identify additional water for agriculture and instream flow for fish. Yakima Herald article, *Guest Commentary: BPA is sabotaging administration efforts on salmon and renewable energy*. By Mitch Cutter, Idaho Conservation League, June 25, 2023. [Click here](#) for full story.

Yakima Basin Storage Alliance: YBSA will meet later in the month of July.

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