# RCO & Tribal Partnerships IACC 2019 Barney Ferguson, Planner Colville Confederated Tribes

### Recreation Conservation Office

- State agency that manages grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities
- Founded in 1964
- Has awarded more than \$1.7B in grants

# The Process

- 1. Develop a Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan
  - Community Driven
    - District meetings
    - City council meetings
  - RCO Requirements
  - Estimated Costs and Timelines for Projects
  - Must be adopted by the applicants agency

# The Process

- 2. Determine Grant Eligibility
  - Not every applicant is eligible for every grant
    - For example CCT wanted to develop an Archery Range, but later found out that tribes were ineligible for those particular grants



## **Partnerships**

- RCO allows entities to partner together
- Benefits of Partnerships
  - Alleviates match responsibility
  - Brings communities together
- Eliminates Competition

# Leveraging funds

- TTIP
  - CCT utilized TTIP funds as a way to meet matching requirements
- Partnerships
  - Can help reduce costs with multiple entities
  - Towns, Counties, Organizations, etc.

### Colville Tribe Successes

- Sanpoil Boat Launch
  - Awarded Planning Grant in 2016
  - Awarded Construction Grant in 2018
- Nicholson Beach Boat Launch
  - Awarded Planning Grant in 2018
  - Anticipate Construction Award in 2020
- Future Grants?
  - Parks development
  - Application are progressively getting better each year