“I regard Boldt as something more than a fishing-rights case. It is an Indian survival case. It is a case that gave the tribes the standing—the power—to sit down at the table with other governments as equals.”

Al Ziontz, attorney, roundtable discussion on the Boldt Decision at Northwest Indian College, July 2005

Critical to the Boldt Decision was the ruling that treaty tribes were comanagers of salmon, along with state and federal governments.