“Boldt’s ruling, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, did more than affirm Indian fishing rights. It upheld treaties as being supreme over state law, as stated in the U.S. Constitution. It established treaty tribes as co-managers of the salmon fishery. And, as Muckleshoot Tribe attorney Alan Stay said, ‘It spawned other actions designed to protect salmon—because if there is no salmon fishery, then the treaty is violated.’”


It is not common knowledge that the treaties the United States enters into with any nation are constitutionally the “supreme law of the land.”