
A DOCUMENTARY MOVEMENT

Rivers of Life

Impact & Partnerships

*How the films serve the rivers · not only the
audience*

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Feature chapters · Returning series format · Rights of Nature

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For commissioners · impact funders · co-producers · nations

Impact is not a postscript

Rivers of Life exists because law is catching up to kinship — and because story can move guardianship faster than statute alone. Each chapter is designed to leave the river better defended in public imagination than it was when the caravan arrived.

Partnership types

- ◆ Indigenous nations, councils, and river guardians — story co-stewards, not subjects.
- ◆ Environmental and justice organizations already on the water.
- ◆ Legal clinics and rights-of-nature networks for accuracy and amplification.
- ◆ Foundations underwriting access, translation, community screenings, youth programs.
- ◆ Broadcasters and streamers with education/impact windows.
- ◆ Artists, musicians, poets, narrators who lend voice without centering ego.

What partners receive

- ◆ Authentic alignment with a completed, beautiful chapter — not a cold concept.
- ◆ Screening tools, discussion guides, and chapter microsites.
- ◆ Credit and narrative space that respects protocol.
- ◆ A multi-year map of rivers, not a one-night benefit.

What we never do

- ◆ Extract ceremony for aesthetics.
- ◆ Promise policy outcomes the film cannot control.
- ◆ Speak over the people who drink from and defend the river.
- ◆ Use personhood as a trendy sticker on tourism imagery.

Companion book

In development: a literary companion that holds the limnology language, the voyage essays, and the map of rivers called persons. The book extends the C-story for readers and classrooms; the films remain the living pilgrimage.

Chapter II impact focus (Wabigoon)

Center Grassy Narrows voices on mercury, water, and unfinished justice. Align screenings with existing advocacy calendars. Measure success by whether community partners want the film in their rooms — not only by festival laurels.

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