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## THE MEMORY OF FISH WORLD PREMIERES AT THE SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

*Most widely-attended film festival welcomes cinematic  
film of timeless ecological importance*

SEATTLE, May 26, 2016 – The feature-length documentary film, THE MEMORY OF FISH, makes its world premiere at the Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF) this weekend. The film debuts at the SIFF Cinema Uptown in Seattle on Sunday, May 29th at 4 p.m. and Monday, May 30th at 3 p.m. The latest production by reelblue, LLC, narrated by Lili Taylor, edited by Erin Barnett, composed by Gil Talmi, and sound designed by Gisela Fulla-Silvestre, the documentary spotlights the portrait of one man, the wild salmon he loves, and his fight to free a river.

Six years in the making, the film follows Dick Goin, mill worker-turned-conservationist, who dedicated his life to restoring Washington State’s Elwha River by battling for the biggest dam removal project in U.S. history. While his goal was simple— bring the salmon home— his passion stemmed from a relationship he forged with the salmon after living off the coastline with his family, running from the Dust Bowl. His detailed fishing journals of Pacific salmon, which he began in the 1950s, serve as baseline data for the river and show the impact of the dams.

Goin’s fight to restore the river to its natural state was no easy task, but he knew that by allowing the wild salmon to migrate again nature might restore itself, and clams, birds, otters, bears, and elk would all benefit.

In the film the sonic poetry of nature, music, and sound collide. “This is not a film where the two need to be in competition with each other, as in so many others films. For this film, all elements needed to share a symbiotic space, as in nature itself,” Talmi notes.

This film connects rivers, forests, and ocean communities—coast to coast. In 2011, dam removal began and the Elwha River ran free by 2014. Goin passed away in April 2015 and just over a year later, we celebrate his legacy and this ecological victory by debuting THE MEMORY OF FISH.

Filmmakers will be in attendance for a Q&A following both screenings to discuss this timeless, cinematic portrait that helps viewers understand why saving rivers is essential.

The theatrical trailer is available at [TheMemoryOfFish.com](http://TheMemoryOfFish.com). For a [press kit](#) and list of film credits, please visit the film's website. An interview about the unique creative collaboration between Galvin, Talmi, and Fulla-Silvestre is also available upon request.

#### ABOUT REELBLUE

reelblue, LLC, is an independent film production and media company run by Dr. Jennifer Galvin based in New York. A scientist and a filmmaker, Galvin is internationally recognized for her work at the intersection of environment, health, media, and story. Recent honors include being named to GOOD Magazine's GOOD 100, representing the vanguard of artists, activists, entrepreneurs, and innovators from over 35 countries making creative impact. For more information, visit [reelblue.net](http://reelblue.net) and [jengalvin.com](http://jengalvin.com).

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