

Traveling Exhibit Will Visit Columbia County Communities, Including Vernonia

A traveling exhibit, presented by The Columbia County Coalition for Human Dignity (CCCHD), explores how Oregonians participated in the decision to incarcerate Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants during World War II.

It is the story of how individuals, organizations, businesses, and elected officials advocated for the incarceration of Oregonians of Japanese ancestry or stood by while it happened.

Recognizing the importance of the history of immigrant incarceration, both during World War II and today, The CCCHD is presenting several opportunities for Columbia County citizens to view this timely and valuable exhibit.

- October 1 - 5: Clatskanie Cultural Center, exhibit only
- October 8 - 12: Exhibit St. Helens Library
- October 9, 7:00 pm: St. Helens Library, Presentation by survivors of Internment, with additional videos and



readings

- October 15 - 19: Exhibit Scappoose High School Library
- October 16, 6:30 pm: Scappoose High School Library, Presentation by survivors of Internment, with additional videos and readings
- October 22 - 26: Exhibit Vernonia School Library

There will also be a concurrent essay contest for area high school seniors on the topic "Why is it Important for Us to Remember the Internment of Japanese-Americans during WWII?" Awards will be issued at a later date, allowing students time to see the exhibit and attend a presentation.

In the exhibit at these locations, see personal letters and proclamations from Oregonians advocating for the exclusion and incarceration of Japanese American Oregonians. Also, view responses from Japanese Americans to



this injustice. Dozens of photographs included in the exhibit play a big part in telling this story.

Additionally, guests from the Nikkei Center will speak and share their experiences. Join the conversation at the St. Helens Library and Scappoose High School as we compare history to contemporary events. This exhibit is free and open to the public. Go to www.cchhd.info for more information.

Oregon Reps Help Secure Disaster Funding for Salmon Fisheries

Oregon Representatives Suzanne Bonamici, Peter DeFazio, Earl Blumenauer, and Kurt Schrader joined Governor Kate Brown in celebrating an announcement that the Department of Commerce will provide disaster relief to struggling West Coast fisheries.

Oregon's commercial salmon fisheries were devastated by poor seasons in 2016 and 2017, when they saw more than a 70 percent decline in salmon landings compared to the five-year average. Fishing communities in Oregon have been waiting for the Department of Commerce to act since May 2017, when Governor Brown requested that the Department make an expedited declaration of a fishery disaster under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act. Bonamici, DeFazio, Blumenauer, and Schrader helped secure the disaster aid by calling on Secretary Wilbur Ross to declare a fishery disaster.

"Declaring a disaster will allow hard-hit communities that depend on fisheries revenue and jobs to seek federal assistance and begin the recovery pro-

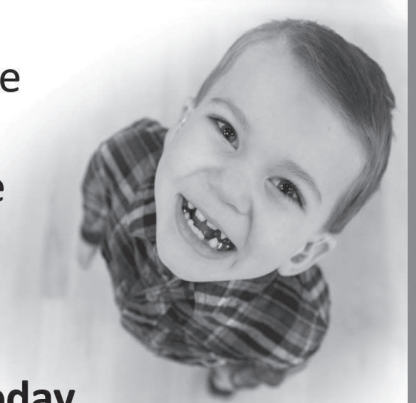
cess," Bonamici, DeFazio, Blumenauer, and Schrader wrote in the letter. "In the past, a federal disaster has been declared for comparable seasons. Despite considerable federal and state investment in salmon recovery, many factors outside of managers' control, including drought and changing ocean conditions, continue to impede salmon populations. These poor salmon seasons have damaged the already distressed communities that rely on the commercial fishing industry."

"When I visited the South Coast last year in the wake of two simultaneous disasters, the Chetco Bar Fire on land and the salmon season closure at sea, the people who live there made it clear to me that help was needed," said Governor Kate Brown. "Salmon are a vital component of Oregon's natural resources and provide significant commercial, recreational, economic, and aesthetic benefits to all of Oregon. The closure of the 2017 salmon season had severe effects on already distressed rural communities on the Oregon Coast, as well as the businesses across the state that

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