

Enforcement of Hunting, Fishing Tag Rules Reflects Tribal Ordinance

By Mike Kennedy, Tribal Natural Resources Manager

The Natural Resources Committee has set the following rules for applying for, obtaining and using Tribal hunting and fishing licenses and tags. These rules implement the requirements of the Tribe's existing Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Ordinance.

Hunters and fishers should read these rules carefully as they are different from past practices in some instances. They more accurately reflect Tribal law as described in the Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Ordinance.

As in past years, all those who report filling of their tag will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates to be awarded after the end of the fishing and hunting seasons.

If you have any questions about these rules, please contact me at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

Applying for Tag Drawings

- ❖ Applicant must fill out drawing form with their own address, phone number, etc. and must personally sign drawing form. Addresses will be verified with Enrollment.
- ❖ Minors must list their hunter safety number on the application (numbers will be verified with ODFW).

- ❖ Tags will only be issued to the person who is drawn, even if that person intends to have someone else hunt for them.

Obtaining Tags

- ❖ Person wanting tag must come in and fill out a tag form with their own address, phone number, etc. and must personally sign the tag form.
- ❖ Minors must present their hunter safety card when obtaining a hunting tag.
- ❖ Natural Resources staff will be available after hours during the week prior to general deer season to accommodate those who cannot come in during regular office hours.
- ❖ Natural Resources staff will issue tags at the Salem and Eugene area offices prior to general deer season.
- ❖ If none of these times work for an individual, forms and tags will be mailed to those desiring them if they call the Natural Resources office (541-444-8232, 541-444-8227 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232 or 1227) and provide the following information: name, enrollment number, phone number, mailing address and hunter safety card number (if a minor). Tag will not be valid until they sign the form. The yellow part of the form must be returned to the Natural Resources Department once signed.

- ❖ Tags will not be issued to one person for another person (i.e.: spouses, children, relatives, etc.).
- ❖ The person to whom the tag is issued is responsible for reporting if the tag is filled or returning the tag if it is not filled. Penalties apply if this is not done (see below).

Using Tags

- ❖ Tags can be hunted/fished by the individual obtaining the tag or that individual can give their tag to another Siletz Tribal member hunter/fisher to hunt/fish for them. The other Tribal member must have a valid hunting/fishing license.
- ❖ Tags cannot be given to a non-Siletz Tribal member.
- ❖ The person to whom the tag is issued is responsible for reporting if the tag is filled or returning the tag if it is not filled.
- ❖ Tribal members can possess only one Tribal tag in their name at a time for the season they are hunting. If they fill that tag, they can obtain another tag if additional tags are available. Possessing a Tribal tag does not preclude also possessing a State-issued tag.
- ❖ All other Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife rules and regulations regarding hunting seasons, locations, gear, etc., must be followed.

- ❖ Once filled, the tag must be attached to the animal/fish and reported to the Natural Resources Department within 72 hours.
- ❖ Fishing tags can only be used to fish for salmon at the Tribe's three fishing sites – Euchre Creek Falls, Dewey Creek Falls and Little Rock Creek (hatchery) – using only the following gear: dip net, spear or gaff hook. Fishing can only occur during the Tribally set fishing season (dates will be posted at the Tribal offices and on the Tribe's website).

Reporting

- ❖ If the tag is filled, the person to whom the tag was issued must report the kill/catch to the Natural Resources Department within 72 hours.
- ❖ If the tag is not filled, the person to whom the tag was issued must return the tag to the Natural Resources Department within 14 days of the end of the season.
- ❖ Failure to report the tag filled or to return the tag unfilled within the prescribed time period will result in a Notice of Violation being issued to the person to whom the tag was issued with potential penalties, including suspension of hunting/fishing privileges, in accordance with the Tribe's Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Ordinance.

Notes from the World of Work Experience

Allan Hall Gains Valuable Training Through WEX Program

By Mark Pullam, Job Training and Employment Counselor

One of the components to the 477-Self-Sufficiency Program is our Work Experience Program. We lovingly call it WEX, it's been around many years and is a staple of our 477-SSP program.

Many Tribal members have used this program to help get the skills they need for today's job market. The WEX program has an application process and there are program guidelines.

Many Tribal members have used this program to have successful careers outside of the Tribe along with also working within the Tribe. Here's an example of one such client who had a dream and used the WEX program to help achieve it.

Allan Hall is a Siletz Tribal member who has had some challenges in his life. He has always wanted to work in Natural Resources, specifically in the area of fish and wildlife.

Allan is an avid outdoorsman and provided critical assistance when we took the 477-SSP clients out clamming as part of our family cultural activity. Allan loved helping many of the clients who had never clammed before to learn and enjoy the experience and take some clams home with them.

Normally, if someone like Allan applied for a position with fish and wildlife he would not be considered unless he had an advanced degree in marine biology.

But because of the WEX program, Allan is doing a WEX placement with our

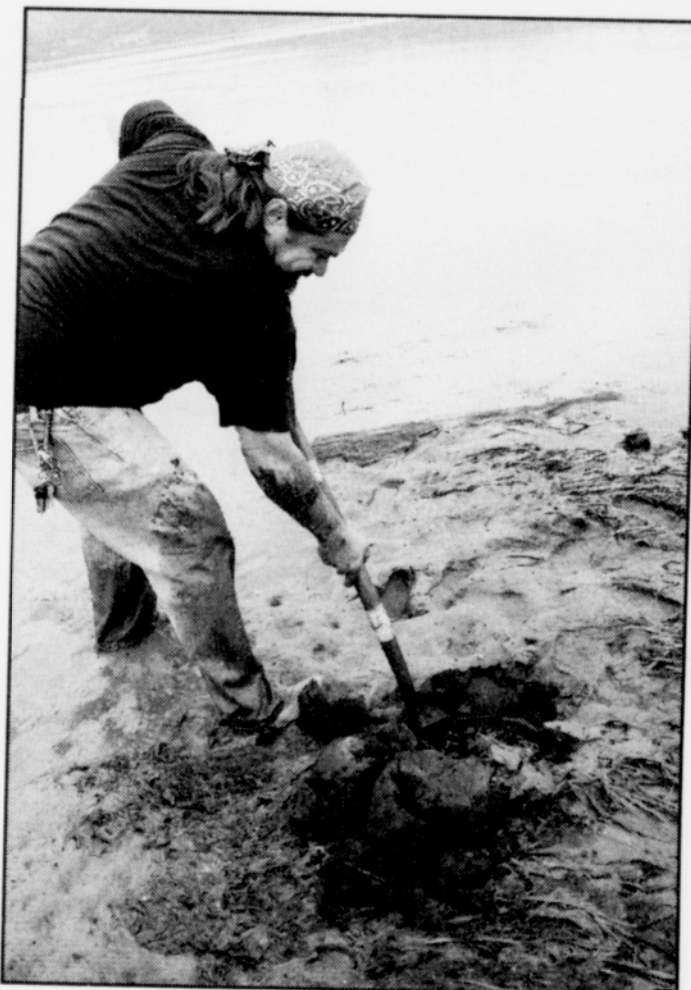
Tribal Fish and Wildlife Program in the Tribe's Natural Resources Department. This could not be possible except for the support of the Natural Resources Department and specifically Mike Kennedy, Natural Resources manager, and Stan van de Wetering, the aquatic program leader. They made the opportunity available to Allan and have worked with our program most diligently.

Allan has proved himself to be a very exceptional worker and loves his experience with the aquatics program. I spoke with him recently and his smile and the

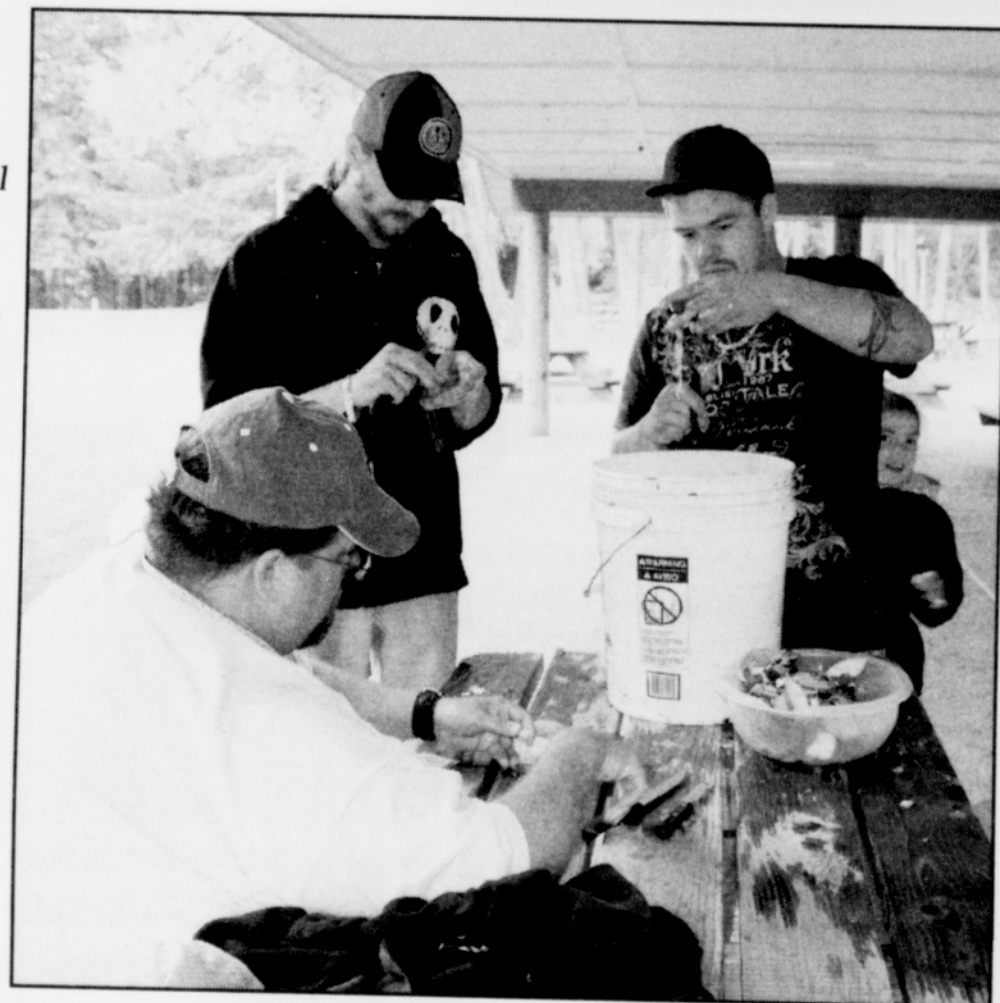
way he carries himself shows that he takes pride in his training position.

This has given him some most-needed employment skills he can use in the future. Allan summed it up best by telling me this is the best position he has had and he loves what he does.

Allan is a prime example of why the WEX program is such a success. It provides a Tribal member the opportunity to train in a field normally not available to them and gets them where they want to go in their career goals.



Left:
Allan Hall



Top right:
Alina
Mason

Right:
Mark
Pullam,
Gregory
Phillips,
Mosher
Hall and
Lavonna
Butler

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