

Time to Get Your Tribal License for Cultural Salmon Fishing Season

It's time once again for the Tribe's cultural salmon fishing season, which opened Oct. 20 and closes Dec. 18. Tribal members must have a Tribal fishing license and salmon tag in their possession in order to legally exercise their traditional fishing rights.

Licenses and tags can be obtained at the Tribal Natural Resources office in the administration building in Siletz from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Below are some important points about what the Tribal license and tag do and do not allow Tribal members to do:

- ❖ Tags are good at the three Tribal cultural fishing sites only (Euchre Creek Falls, Dewey Creek Falls, Little Rock Creek at the Tribe's hatchery property). They are not a substitute for a state license for fishing anywhere else. Maps and directions to the three Tribal cultural fishing sites are available at the Tribal Natural Resources office and on the Tribe's website in the Natural Resources section (Tribal Services/Other Departments/Natural Resources).
- ❖ Tags allow Tribal members to fish for salmon only. They are not valid for steelhead or any other fish.
- ❖ Tags are valid only during the two-month Tribal salmon fishing season, which is set by the Natural Resources Department once the fall rains begin and fish start moving into the streams where the fishing sites are located.
- ❖ Tags allow Tribal members to fish using any of three methods (dip net, spear or gaff hook). The Tribe's Hunting/Fishing/Gathering Consent Decree describes each of these as follows: "Dip net" shall mean a net with a mesh size no larger than 5 inches (measured from the inside of one vertical knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot), attached to a hoop no larger than 4 feet in diameter and attached directly to a handle; dip nets shall be attended at all times. "Spear" shall mean a hand-propelled barbed single- or multiple-point device attached directly to long shaft; no multiple-pointed spear shall have an overall width greater than 8 inches. "Gaff hook" shall mean a large, strong, single-point hook attached directly to a handle. These are the only methods that can be used (i.e., fishing poles are not allowed).
- ❖ Tags are for Siletz Tribal member use only. They cannot be issued or given to a non-Tribal member. Tribal members can, however, give their tag to another licensed Tribal member to fish for them.
- ❖ Tribal youth age 12 and younger must be supervised by an adult while fishing.
- ❖ Fishing sites can exhibit slippery conditions, high or fast-moving water and other hazards. As with any outdoor activity, there is a risk of physical injury or death while fishing using traditional methods. Only those physically capable should attempt to

fish using these methods. Children should not be left unattended at any of the fishing sites.

- ❖ Tribal members wanting a tag must come in and fill out the tag form with their own address, phone number, etc. and must personally sign the tag form.
- ❖ For those who cannot personally make it into the Tribal Natural Resources Department office to pick up their tags, the forms and tags will be mailed to them if they call the Natural Resources office (see phone numbers below) and provide the following information: name, enrollment number, phone number and mailing address. The tag will not be valid until they sign the form and return the yellow part of it to the Natural Resources Department.
- ❖ Tags will not be issued to one person for another person (i.e., spouses, children, relatives, etc.).
- ❖ Once filled, the tag must be attached to the fish and the catch reported to

the Natural Resources Department within 72 hours.

- ❖ The person to whom the tag is issued is responsible for reporting if the tag is filled. Everyone who reports they filled their tag will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card.
- ❖ Tribal members can possess only one Tribal tag in their name at a time. 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.

If you have questions about any of the above or wish to request that a salmon tag be mailed to you, please call Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or Natural Resources Administrative Assistant Kelley Ellis at 541-444-8227 (or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232 or ext. 1227).

Elders' Council Meeting

Nov. 13 • 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, please contact April Bender at 800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or april@ctsi.nsn.us

Late-Season Archery Tags Available

The Natural Resources Department will begin to issue late-season bow tags beginning Nov. 5 at 8 a.m. All tags will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Anyone wanting a tag must either come into the Natural Resources office in Siletz to personally pick up their tag or request that a tag be mailed to them (will start taking requests Nov. 5 at 8 a.m.).

Both deer and elk bow tags will be available.

Elk bow tags will be available through Nov. 19 for Tribal members who have not received or been drawn for an elk tag this season. If all of the elk bow tags have not been issued by Nov. 22, we will open those tags up to all Tribal members (even if they have already received an elk tag this season) on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8 a.m. on that day.

Deer bow tags will be available for all eligible Tribal members until all are issued.

If you have any questions, please call Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or Natural Resources Administrative Assistant Kelley Ellis at 541-444-8232; or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232 or 1227.

Scott Creek North Firewood Unit Now Open for Cutting with a Tribal Permit

The Scott Creek North firewood unit, located approximately nine miles from Siletz, is once again open for Tribal member firewood cutting.

Additional firewood has been hauled from nearby units to this unit, so plenty of firewood is available. Permits are required and can be obtained at the Tribal Natural Resources office in the administration building in Siletz from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Maps and directions also are available at the same location.

Permits will be issued to Tribal members only, who will need to show their Tribal ID card and provide the license number of the vehicle they will use to haul the wood. Woodcutters who are out of the Siletz area can call the numbers below to have a permit mailed to them.

Permits are for Tribal member woodcutting for **personal use only**. This firewood **cannot** be sold. The person named on the permit must be present when cutting and hauling the firewood.

Tribal members wishing to cut wood for Tribal Elders must present a signed note from the Elder stating that the individual is authorized to cut firewood on their behalf. The note must include the Elder's Tribal ID number.

Permits are good for two weeks and up to two cords of wood can be cut on each permit. Each Tribal member is allowed up to five cords total per year from Tribal firewood units.

For more information, stop by the Natural Resources office or call Tribal Forester Mike Kennedy at 800-922-1399, ext. 1232, or 541-444-8232.



Nee-Dash 'Vm-nvlh-ts'it Feather Dance Class

Tribal Members,

**Our Winter Solstice Nee-Dash will be here soon.
Come and learn our people's ancient dances!**

Nov. 13 and Dec. 4 • Noon to 2 p.m.

At the Siletz Tribal Community Center on Government Hill

All Ages Welcome

Contact Bud Lane for more information

541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or budl@ctsi.nsn.us