



A young girl checks out the anatomy of her trout.

A volunteer livens up the fish cleaning station.

Photos by Natasha Kavanaugh

Khloe Hall (above) tries her hand at reelin' them in.

Stuart Whitehead (right) helps his granddaughter, Nova, cast her pole into the pond.



**Family Fishing Day**

Aug. 6, 2011

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lhuuke Illahee Fish Hatchery

Bring your own equipment and bait  
**FREE**

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**Kids get hooked on trout at free family fishing day sponsored by Tribe, ODFW**

**Some kids catch larger fish and excitedly proclaim 'I got one!'**

By Natasha Kavanaugh

On July 9, a Family Fishing Day was held at the Siletz Tribe's Lhuuke Illahee Fish Hatchery. The event was made possible through a partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife office in Newport, Ore., under Robert Buckman and Christine Clapp.

Clapp, ODFW Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program coordinator, worked closely with Stan van de Wetering, Tribal aquatics program leader, to get the fish, equipment and all the volunteers on site.

Approximately 1,000 catchable rainbow trout and 50 larger 3- to 4-pound trout, which attracted lots of excitement, came out of the Alsea Hatchery. Several of the larger fish were caught by 8- to 10-year-olds.

Kids got a chance to see the fish get dissected and some hands-on time with

the dissected heart, lungs, spleen and eggs.

All day you could hear children excitedly saying, "Look look, I got it!" "I got one!" "I did it!" and "I want to do it again."

With about 45 kids at the event, The Longview Hill Fishing Club of Newport, Ore., Wayne Hill and Bill Furgason made sure things ran smoothly that day. Also, ODFW members Mirick and Kelsey Adkisson were on hand volunteering as well. More importantly, the fishing club has offered to help the Tribe more in the future.

Culture Camp followed the public event during the next week.

"They arranged for all the fish, equipment and volunteers for the first day then we took care of staffing for the next three days. They graciously loaned us their equipment for the Culture Camp days," said van de Wetering.

Culture Camp had two trips per day for three days. The nearly 120 Tribal kids at the hatchery were able to take part in catching about 500 trout during that week.



Courtesy photos by Tribal Elder Maria Westervelt (above) and Felicia Carmona (right)

Maxine Rilatos (above) enjoys a day out with her daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Larry Hibdon.

The group (right) concentrates on a game of Bingo.



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