Culture Camp

July 11th, 12th and 13th

Registration forms are available on the CTSI website at www.ctsi.nsn.us/culture-language or at your area office.

If you have any questions, contact Buddy Lane at:
1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-8230 BuddyL@ctsi.nsn.us

Applications can be submitted via online or mailed to:
PO Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380 or faxed to 541-444-8392

Partners, including Tribe, work to improve fish and eel passage on the Long Tom River

For the last few years the Tribal Natural Resources staff has partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Monroe, Ore., with the support of the Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC), to explore options to re-establish fish passage at the low-head dam in the Long Tom River at Monroe.

This dam was built in the 1940s, on the foundation of a former 1900-era mill dam, as part of the Fern Ridge project to control water velocity from dam releases once the original course of the river was straightened. It currently acts as the first barrier, however, for juvenile Chinook, coastal cutthroat trout and Pacific Lamprey (eels) swimming up from the Willamette River to access a wide range of spawning and rearing habitat in the Long Tom watershed.

After several years, the partners have succeeded in identifying a recommended plan that effectively restores fish passage in the most cost-effective manner. The recommended plan includes removal of the dam and improvements to culverts that will provide access to additional aquatic habitat in an historic oxbow.

Once the dam is removed, it will open up 15 more miles of main stem and tributary habitat for native migratory fish. Potential options exist to improve fish passage around other barriers above the dam that would result in close to 100 more miles of habitat, some of it high quality due to restoration efforts by LTWC.

The staff is very excited that we are close to realizing the vision of eels and Chinook freely passing through and taking advantage of such a large area of riverine habitat once denied them.

The draft of the final report for the feasibility study was undergoing a public comment period in June and if all goes well, it will hopefully be implemented once funding from the corps is approved. If the project gets final approval, LTWC has already secured funding for the cost-share portion of the design and implementation portion of the project from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For more information, check out the project website at https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/Willamette-Valley/Fern-Ridge/.

2023-2024 Hunting and Fishing Tags Distribution Schedule

Type of Tag		Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
Deer	Early Archery***	50	9/2-10/1	8/7 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources Office	First Come, First Served*
	General Rifle	375	10/7-11/10**	8/21	First Come, First Served*
	Antlerless – Adult	16	10/7-11/10	Lottery applications available 8/1; due 8/25; drawing 9/5; tags issued 9/6	Lottery – Open to Elders Only
	Antlerless –Youth	8	10/7-11/12	Lottery applications available 8/1; due 8/25; drawing 9/5; tags issued 9/6	Lottery – Open to Youth Age 12-17 Only
	Late Archery	50 (minus # of early season tags filled)	11/25-12/17	First Distribution: 10/16 at 8 a.m. at NR Office Second Distribution: 10/30 at 8 a.m. at NR Office (see Note 2 below)	First Come, First Served*
Elk	Antlerless – Youth	3	8/15-12/31	Lottery applications available 6/1; due 7/7; drawing 7/10; tags issued 7/11	Lottery – Open to Youth Age 12-17 Only
	Early Archery	25	9/2-10/1	8/7 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources Office	First Come, First Served*
	1st Season Rifle	25	11/18-11/21	Lottery applications available 8/28; due **9/22**; drawing 10/2; tags issued 10/3	Lottery
	2nd Season Rifle	25	11/25-12/1		
	Antlerless	15	1/1/24-3/31/24	Lottery applications available 8/28; due 9/22; drawing 10/2; tags issued 12/1	Lottery
	Late Archery Antlerless	56	12/2-12/17	First Distribution: 10/16 at 8 a.m. at NR Office Second Distribution: 10/30 at 8 a.m. at NR Office (see Note 2 below)	First Come, First Served*
Salmon	Salmon	200	11/1-12/30 (estimate)	8/21	First Come, First Served

* No early calls to "save" a tag for someone. Must call to have a tag mailed no earlier than the first day of distribution.

** Season for youth age 12-17 is 10/7-11/12 (two additional days at end of general season)

*** Unfilled Deer Early Bow tags must be returned to Natural Resources by 10/6.

NOTE 1: A Tribal member may obtain only one elk tag in their name during the 2023-2024 hunting season (bow, bull and cow tags all count toward the one tag), except as noted below.

NOTE 2: First Distribution: For hunters who have not been issued an early season deer archery tag (for deer tags) or any elk tag (for elk tags).
Second Distribution: For any eligible hunter, regardless of what other tags they have received.

Youth Antlerless Elk Hunt

Applications Due
July 7, 2023
3 Tags

Hunt runs from Aug. 15 to Dec. 31

Applications available at the kiosk at the back door of the Tribal admin office in Siletz, on the Tribal website under Natural Resources and in the Natural Resources office beginning June 1

Open to Tribal youth age 12-17 who have a valid Hunter Safety Card

Call Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 if you have questions