

Tribes call for removal of Columbia River dams

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Rick Bowmer/AP Photo

Water flows through the Bonneville Dam.

THE DALLES — Two prominent Pacific Northwest tribes said Monday the U.S. government needs to remove three major hydroelectric dams on the Columbia River to save migrating salmon and starving orcas and restore traditional fishing sites that were guaranteed to the tribes in a treaty more than 150 years ago.

The Yakama Nation and the Lummi Nation made the demand on Indigenous People's Day, a designation that's part of a trend to move away from a day honoring Christopher Columbus.

Tribal leaders said at a news conference along the Columbia River that the Treaty of 1855, in which 14 tribes and bands ceded 11.5 million acres to the United States, was based on the inaccurate belief that the U.S. had a right to take the land because of a Christian mandate.

Under the treaty, the Yakama Tribe retained the right to fish at all their traditional sites. But the construction of the massive concrete dams along the lower Columbia River between the 1930s and 1960s to generate power for a booming nonnative population destroyed critical fishing spots and made it impossible for salmon to complete their migration.

"The Columbia River dams were built on this false legal foundation and decimated the Yakama Nation's fisheries, traditional foods and culture sites," Yakama Nation Chairman JoDe Goudy said near the site of now-vanished Celilo Falls near The Dalles.

Celilo Falls was a traditional salmon-fishing site for the Yakama for centuries, but it was swallowed by the river in 1957 after the construction of Dalles Dam.

There have been calls by environmentalists and oth-

ers over the years to remove Columbia River dams, an idea opposed by agricultural and business interests.

The three dams operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are a critical part of a complex hydroelectric network strung along the Columbia and Snake rivers in Oregon, Washington state and Idaho that powers the entire region.

Government officials were unavailable for further comment Monday due to the holiday.

The Lummi Nation is located in northwestern Washington state, far from the Columbia River, but it has also been touched by construction of the dams, said Jeremiah Julius, Lummi Nation chairman.

Chinook salmon are the preferred prey of endangered orcas, but just about 70 orcas remain in the Pacific Northwest — the lowest number in three decades — because of a lack of Chinook, as well as toxic contamination and vessel noise. The orcas were hunted for generations by the Lummi Nation in the Salish Sea for food, he said.

"We are in a constant battle ... to leave future generations a lifeway promised our ancestors 164 years ago," he said. "Our people understand that the salmon, like the orca, are the miner's canary for the health of the Salish Sea and for all its children."

The Bonneville Dam was constructed in the mid-1930s and generates enough electricity to power about 900,000 homes — roughly the size of Portland. Dalles Dam followed in the 1950s and John Day Dam was constructed in the 1960s.

Environmental groups applauded the tribes' demand and said efforts to save salmon without removing the dams aren't working because without the free flow of the Columbia, the entire river ecosystem is out of balance.

"The stagnant reservoirs behind the dams create dangerously hot water, and climate change is pushing the river over the edge. Year after year, the river gets hotter," said Brett VandenHeuvel, executive director for the nonprofit group Columbia Riverkeeper. "The system is broken, but we can fix it."

Fish ladders built into the dams allow for the passage of migrating salmon and migrating fish are hand-counted as they pass through. But the number of salmon making the arduous journey to the Pacific Ocean and back to their natal streams has declined steeply in recent decades.

The Columbia River basin once produced between 10 million and 16 million salmon a year. Now there are about 1 million a year.

OBITUARIES

Celeste Olsen Giesecke Fairfax, Virginia Feb. 2, 1926 — Aug. 3, 2019

Celeste Olsen Giesecke, 93, of Fairfax, Virginia, died peacefully on Aug. 3, 2019.

Celeste was preceded in death by her husband, Fritz H. Giesecke, her older daughter, Roxane Lucas, and her sister, Olise Olsen Tukey.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Corinne and Howard Wetzel, of Fairfax, Virginia; her sister, Judith Olsen Honl, of Astoria; and three grandchildren.

Born in Chinook, Washington, in 1926, to Oscar "Bill" and Emily Olsen, Celeste spent her childhood among her Norwegian grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. The family later moved across the Columbia River to Astoria, where she attended Lewis and Clark Junior High School, and graduated from Astoria High School in 1944.

An honor student at AHS, she was editor of the Zephyrus yearbook, and cheered on the teams with the Pep Club. She was an active member of the community, including service with the USO during World War II. With her family, she attended the First Norwegian Lutheran Church, which had been co-founded by her grandparents soon after their arrival in the 1880s.

Celeste's lifelong interest in politics and government began at the University of Oregon, where she was a political science major. She joined Alpha Delta Pi sorority at the U of O, and met her future husband, Fritz, who had just returned from European service in World War II. The two were married at the Olsen family home on

Grand Avenue in 1946; she graduated in 1949.

Fritz's foreign service career took them to Vienna, Austria, in 1950, where Celeste learned to speak German, skied in the Alps, studied voice with an opera singer and became a mother (Roxane). Celeste involved herself with the Girl Scouts wherever she lived. More assignments, adventures and another child (Corinne) followed in Salzburg, Austria, Berlin, Germany, and Stockholm, Sweden.

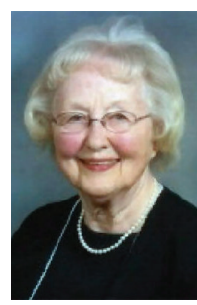
Between overseas tours, the family made their home in northern Virginia. In 1963, Fritz took a year's sabbatical from the federal government, bringing the family to Astoria and practicing law with Wyatt, McDonald and Dean. Celeste led a Girl Scout troop in Astoria during that time.

In 1965, Celeste began her teaching career as an elementary school teacher in Virginia, retiring in 1986.

Celeste was a devoted grandmother to her three grandchildren; a member of Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, where she taught English to Speakers of Other Languages classes; a dedicated gardener and crafter; an avid reader from a family of readers; and a lifelong learner.

Celeste was known for her loyalty to friends and family, as well as for her perpetual optimism. In a memoir for a writing class, she wrote, "I have had a good life. I have no regrets."

She is buried with her husband, Fritz, at Quantico National Cemetery in Virginia.



Celeste Giesecke

Recall move against Brown falls short

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE
Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — Supporters of a petition to recall Gov. Kate Brown came up short of the signatures needed for a ballot challenge.

Bill Currier, the chairman of the Oregon Republican Party, made the announcement midday on the Lars Larson Show, the conservative talk radio show. Supporters needed at least 280,050 valid signatures by 5 p.m. on Monday to put a recall on the ballot.

One effort, filed by Currier, fell short by about 8%, or about 22,400 signatures. A separate effort, known

as "Flush Down Kate Brown," received 100,000 signatures by people who were not on the GOP's signature list, Larson said on the show. Larson said that effort also was not successful.

But the lead petitioner of that effort, Michael Cross, denied in an interview Monday that it had not gotten enough signatures.

He told the Oregon Capital Bureau in the early afternoon that he was on his way to drop off the signatures at the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

If those signatures are submitted, it's unclear when that office would finish evaluating their

validity. Currier said that there was "absolutely" support for another recall effort.

"This fight is not over," he said.

Currier said that between the two efforts, enough valid signatures were collected.

"Another way to put this is, there were enough signatures collected ... they just can't be combined," he said.

Currier also said that the petition received quite a few invalid signatures that he said could be easily corrected if petitioners file again. Many invalid signatures were "simply illegible," he said.

Signs: 'There's been 500 movies shot in this state'

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Travel Oregon, the Oregon Coast Visitors Association and local agencies to place signs that identify iconic filming locations and production facts.

Astoria has signs for "The Goonies," "Short Circuit" and "Kindergarten Cop." The Hammond Marina has a sign for the escape scene in "Free Willy."

Tim Williams, the executive director of Oregon Film, said the state agency tries to get filmmakers to work in Oregon, but also honors the 110-year history of films shot in the state, starting with the 1909 film "The

Fisherman's Bride" shot in Astoria.

"There's been 500 movies shot in this state," Williams said. "We're trying to recognize them in some way."

Teri Wing, the North Coast district manager for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, remembers working at a seasonal job at Fort Stevens and sneaking on set at Ecola during the two-week filming of "Point Break." She reminisced about spotting Patrick Swayze sitting in a hot tub and Keanu Reeves walking across a parking lot looking haggard.

The two new signs at Ecola State Park make 12

on the Film Trail. The state hopes to raise up to 25 within the year and connect them with a digital app that will guide people to the filming locations.

"Each one of those stops along the way will have some kind of stories about it ... have places to go along the way, local vendors, and hooking back into the (Oregon Film Museum) as we do all of this, so everything driving itself to film tourism overall," Williams said. "We can use Astoria as a hub to send people out across the state and get a sense of what is a 500-movie, 110-year history of filmmaking here in Oregon."

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
59 50	58 48	58 45	56 44	56 44	57 46	58 45
A little p.m. rain	Breezy with rain	Breezy with rain	Rain	Rain	A chance for showers	Rain

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low 58/47
Normal high/low 62/45
Record high 79 in 1982
Record low 33 in 1966

Precipitation

Sunday 0.00"
Month to date 0.95"
Normal month to date 1.82"
Year to date 32.74"
Normal year to date 42.06"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Great Square of Pegasus is nearly overhead before midnight.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:30 p.m.
Moonrise today 7:47 p.m.
Moonset today 9:12 a.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:53 a.m.	7.0	8:47 a.m.	1.4	
2:36 p.m.	8.0	9:25 p.m.	-0.2	
Cape Disappointment				
2:25 a.m.	6.8	8:00 a.m.	-1.3	
2:18 p.m.	7.6	8:31 p.m.	-0.5	
Hammond				
2:40 a.m.	7.3	8:19 a.m.	1.4	
2:28 p.m.	8.2	8:53 p.m.	-0.3	
Warrenton				
2:48 a.m.	7.4	8:31 a.m.	1.5	
2:31 p.m.	8.4	9:09 p.m.	-0.1	
Knappa				
3:30 a.m.	7.3	9:48 a.m.	1.2	
3:13 p.m.	8.2	10:26 p.m.	-0.1	
Depoe Bay				
1:40 a.m.	7.5	7:26 a.m.	1.9	
1:28 p.m.	8.4	8:01 p.m.	0.1	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	70/61/r	74/47/c
Boston	62/48/s	63/51/r
Chicago	62/40/sh	51/37/pc
Dallas	86/54/c	71/49/s
Denver	62/36/s	77/43/pc
Honolulu	88/76/pc	86/75/pc
Houston	88/70/pc	72/56/t
Los Angeles	83/62/pc	85/61/pc
Miami	87/75/pc	90/76/pc
New York City	63/54/s	66/49/r
Phoenix	93/66/pc	96/72/s
San Francisco	69/50/s	67/55/s
Wash., DC	72/57/s	68/51/r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Seattle	60/51		Wenatchee	58/40	
Tacoma	61/48		Moses Lake	61/40	
Aberdeen	57/51		Yakima	61/40	
Olympia	58/48		Kennewick	63/40	
Longview	59/50		Walla Walla	64/48	
Astoria	59/50		Lewiston	68/47	
Portland	64/50		Enterprise	65/44	
The Dalles	63/43		Pendleton	64/44	
Salem	63/48		La Grande	66/44	
Corvallis	63/44		John Day	71/46	
Eugene	65/46		Burns	70/31	
Bend	69/44		Ontario	68/39	
Medford	72/45		Caldwell	70/41	
Klamath Falls	69/35				