

Sen. Murray submits bill to return ancient bones to tribes

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SPOKANE, Wash. — The ancient skeleton of Kennewick Man should be returned to a group of Columbia Basin tribes, according to a bill introduced Thursday by U.S. Sen. Patty Murray.

Experts believe the remains, discovered in 1996 near the Columbia River in Kennewick, Washington, are at least 8,400 years old.

That makes Kennewick Man one of the oldest and most complete skeletons found in North America, said Murray, D-Washington.

In June, new genetic evidence determined the remains were closer to modern Native Americans than any other population in the world.

Murray’s bill would transfer control of the remains from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, which would return them

to the tribes.

“After nearly two decades of legal wrangling and scientific studying, it’s well past time to return these prehistoric remains to their rightful place,” Murray said. “This is simply the right thing to do.”

Several area tribes have joined together in calling for Kennewick Man’s return to his descendants. They include the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Nez Perce

Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, and Wanapum Band of Priest Rapids.

“As indigenous people, our relationship to these lands goes back to time immemorial,” JoDe Goudy, chairman of the Yakama Nation, said in a news release. “What more can be revealed through additional studies that hasn’t already been identified through existing studies?”

While federal officials earlier concluded that Kennewick Man was Native American and had

cultural affiliations with Columbia Basin tribes, a federal judge ruled in 2004 in favor of a group of scientists who wanted to continue studying the skeleton.

The bones since 1998 have been stored at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture on the University of Washington campus in Seattle.

In June, a new analysis concluded that the bones of Kennewick Man were Native American and that he had a direct link to Columbia Basin tribes.

Biologists fear repeat of 2002 salmon kill

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GRANTS PASS — The drought in the West could be creating conditions in the Klamath River straddling Oregon and California for a repeat of a 2002 fish kill that claimed tens of thousands of adult salmon, biologists said.

Low water and warm temperatures have slowed the upriver migration of spring chinook, allowing infections by parasites as the salmon crowd together in cool water pools.

A similar fate is expected for fall chinook that will start arriving in coming weeks.

“The risk factors this year are piling up,” Mike Belchick, biologist for the Yurok Tribe, said Wednesday. The tribe depends on Klamath River salmon for food and ceremonies.

The deadly parasite has been detected at high levels in salmon earlier in the year than usual. The parasite thrives in warm water, infesting the gills of fish and suffocating them.

Warm water has left fish too lethargic to swim upstream, so they congregate in pools

fed by cool springs, where the crowding contributes to the spread of the disease.

The river is running slightly higher than it was in 2002 but this year’s projected return of 120,000 chinook is lower than average.

The Yurok and Hoopa Valley tribes have called on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to send extra water down the Klamath and Trinity rivers for the fish.

But there is little available in the drought and any releases are being saved for the most effective times.

“At this point, we are just really watching the situation,” said bureau spokeswoman Erin Curtis. “It is the fourth year of severe drought. Water supplies are very limited and the situation is not good.”

The water in the rivers is tightly split between fish and irrigation projects.

Conditions were similar last year, but the bureau was able to release extra water down both rivers. While some fish died of disease, the numbers were not great, said Wade Sinnen, senior environmental scientist for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



This 2002 file photo shows dead salmon lining the banks of the Klamath River near the mouth of the river in Klamath, Calif.

BRIEFLY

Wandering wolf has at least 2 new pups

GRANTS PASS (AP) — Trail camera photos confirm that Oregon’s famous wandering wolf, OR-7, has fathered at least two new pups.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist John Stephenson said Thursday that brings to seven the number of wolves in the Rogue pack, which lives on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in the Cascades of southwestern Oregon. That includes three pups from last year.

Biologists had confirmed the second set of pups last July, but didn’t know how many.

OR-7 became famous as his GPS collar tracked his travels across Oregon and into Northern California in search of a mate. That collar’s batteries have since died, and biologists have been unable to replace them.

Meanwhile, another collared wolf from OR-7s Imnaha pack has come to southwestern Oregon, and is living east of Klamath Marsh.

I-84 protects town from wildfire

HUNTINGTON (AP) — The four lanes of Interstate 84 helped protect an Eastern Oregon city from a wildfire that has scorched 19 square miles.

The Lime Hill fire started Wednesday and strong winds pushed it to the west edge of the freeway, about two miles from Huntington.

Larry Moore, spokesman for the BLM’s Vale District, tells the *Baker City Herald* that crews used the wide concrete strip as a firebreak to protect the city.

Huntington Fire Chief Eric Bronson said Thursday the sky was clear and the city is fine.

The BLM said Thursday afternoon the priorities are to protect Huntington and limit damage to protected sage-grouse habitat.

The cause of the blaze is still being investigated.

Elsewhere, crews keep making progress on a large wildfire in southwestern Oregon’s Cascade foothills. The Stouts fire has burned more than 30 square miles east of Canyonville; it is now 20 percent contained.

Port of Vancouver pays \$45,000 to settle records lawsuit

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — The Port of Vancouver has agreed to pay \$45,000 and has released further details about plans for an oil-by-rail terminal to settle a public records lawsuit.

The Clark County Natural Resources Council

sued last May after the port released a copy of Vancouver Energy’s lease that the group considered to be improperly redacted. The port agreed to lift all but three of the redactions as part of a settlement announced Thursday.

Vancouver Energy is

a partnership between oil refiner Tesoro Corp. and Savage Cos., a transportation firm. The companies are planning to build a major terminal for receiving oil by rail and transferring it to ships that would bring it to refineries along the West Coast.

The newly disclosed details in the 429-page lease show Vancouver Energy could expand or build a second oil-by-rail facility if it handles more than 400,000 barrels of crude, on average, with the first terminal, The Columbian newspaper reported.

Corrections

An article in the *East Oregonian* quoted a source who said there had not been a Umatilla County spelling contest winner from Pendleton in around 20 years. Elizabeth Grimes and Lexie Poland, both of Pendleton, won at the county level in 2011.

The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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TODAY

Plenty of sunshine

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny and breezy

SUNDAY

Partly sunny and pleasant

MONDAY

Partly sunny

TUESDAY

Partly sunny

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
87°	61°	88°	61°	87°
61°		60°		61°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
90°	60°	90°	61°	88°
60°		59°		59°
87°				57°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 77°	55°
Normals 89°	59°
Records 108° (1905)	36° (1909)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.07"
Year to date 5.00"
Last year to date 7.71"
Normal year to date 8.02"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 79°	57°
Normals 90°	59°
Records 103° (2012)	46° (1969)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.04"
Year to date 3.25"
Last year to date 4.23"
Normal year to date 5.96"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:45 a.m.	Sunset tonight 8:16 p.m.	Moonrise today 12:00 a.m.	Moonset today 2:30 p.m.
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New	First	Full	Last
Aug 14	Aug 22	Aug 29	Sep 5

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today, except more clouds in the south; pleasant across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today. A thunderstorm in spots in the south; sunny across the north.

Western Washington: Plenty of sunshine today. Increasing clouds tonight. A couple of showers tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Sunny today. Mostly cloudy tonight; however, mainly clear in the north.

Cascades: Partly sunny today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Northern California: Clouds and sun today; a thunderstorm in the area, except dry at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES						
Today			Sat.			
Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Astoria	72	57 s	67	55 c		
Baker City	83	44 s	85	49 s		
Bend	82	48 pc	81	51 s		
Brookings	71	57 c	70	58 s		
Burns	86	48 pc	85	47 s		
Enterprise	82	50 s	83	54 s		
Eugene	85	57 pc	80	58 pc		
Heppner	85	55 s	86	56 s		
Hermiston	90	60 s	90	61 pc		
John Day	85	56 pc	87	56 s		
Klamath Falls	83	47 pc	82	48 s		
La Grande	85	47 s	86	52 s		
Meacham	79	41 s	80	42 s		
Medford	90	59 pc	88	60 s		
Newport	65	54 s	64	52 c		
North Bend	68	57 pc	69	57 c		
Ontario	90	55 pc	92	60 pc		
Pasco	90	56 s	92	60 pc		
Pendleton	87	61 s	88	61 s		
Portland	84	61 s	76	62 pc		
Redmond	85	47 pc	82	47 s		
Salem	85	59 s	79	60 pc		
Spokane	84	58 s	85	61 s		
Ukiah	82	49 s	83	50 s		
Vancouver	84	59 s	77	61 pc		
Walla Walla	89	64 s	90	65 s		
Yakima	90	55 s	89	56 pc		

WORLD CITIES						
Today			Sat.			
Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Beijing	88	71 pc	90	71 pc		
Hong Kong	96	85 pc	98	82 pc		
Jerusalem	92	69 s	95	71 s		
London	75	57 pc	77	56 s		
Mexico City	76	55 t	77	55 t		
Moscow	80	65 pc	79	58 s		
Paris	85	63 t	81	62 pc		
Rome	92	72 s	91	71 pc		
Seoul	94	78 t	92	76 t		
Sydney	64	47 s	61	47 s		
Tokyo	96	78 pc	90	78 pc		

WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 2-4	WSW 10-20
Pendleton	NW 4-8	W 10-20

UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Showers and thunderstorms will develop along a boundary in the mid-Atlantic today. Storms can bring heavy rain and gusty winds along the Southeast coastline during the afternoon and evening.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 112° in Needles, Calif. **Low** 34° in Truckee, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES											
Today			Sat.			Today			Sat.		
Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	93	66 pc	87	64 pc		Louisville	84	65 pc	87	72 pc	
Atlanta	86	69 pc	90	73 pc		Memphis	90	76 t	94	77 s	
Atlantic City	80	71 r	80	69 pc		Miami	92	77 pc	92	76 t	
Baltimore	82	64 r	85	65 s		Millwaukee	77	66 t	79	66 pc	
Billings	82	57 s	68	51 t		Minneapolis	79	66 t	83	67 pc	
Birmingham	90	70 pc	93	72 s		Nashville	85	66 pc	90	69 pc	
Boise	85	62 pc	89	67 c		New Orleans	96	79 pc	97	79 s	
Boston	75	62 s	75	63 pc		New York City	84	69 pc	85	70 pc	
Charleston, SC	88	73 t	89	73 t		Oklahoma City	100	75 s	99	75 t	
Charleston, WV	79	65 pc	84	67 pc		Omaha	90	69 s	84	69 t	
Chicago	81	66 t	81	66 pc		Philadelphia	83	69 r	86	69 s	
Cleveland	80	60 pc	82	63 pc		Phoenix	107	85 t	105	85 s	
Dallas	103	81 s	102	80 s		Portland, ME	75	55 pc	77	59 pc	
Denver	92	59 t	87	58 t		Providence	81	62 s	79	61 pc	
Detroit	82	63 pc	82	64 pc		Raleigh	82	68 t	85	67 pc	
El Paso	101	76 s	98	73 pc		Rapid City	83	59 pc	79	55 t	
Fairbanks	73	56 pc	69	54 c		Reno	78	57 t	88	58 s	
Fargo	84	64 pc	84	61 pc		Sacramento	90	61 c	90	61 s	
Honolulu	90	78 sh	91	78 s		St. Louis	87	73 pc	89	75 pc	
Houston	100	78 pc	100	77 t		Salt Lake City	77	61 t	80	61 t	
Indianapolis	81	63 pc	85	66 pc		San Diego	77	68 pc	78	66 pc	
Jacksonville	89	74 t	95	74 t		San Francisco	74	60 pc	73	60 pc	
Kansas City	89	72 s	93	75 pc		Seattle	80	60 s	77	60 sh	
Las Vegas	100	72 t	100	73 s		Tucson	97	77 pc	96	76 pc	
Little Rock	96	77 t	98	78 s		Washington, DC	83	71 r	87	72 s	
Los Angeles	81	64 pc	79	65 pc		Wichita	95	77 s	101	78 s	

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