

Fishery Pact Signed

After all-morning deliberations at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge October 13, a history-making pact between the Bonneville Power Administration and four major Northwest Indian Tribes was signed. Representatives of the Nez Perce Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Umatilla and Yakima agreed to join the BPA in a pact to restore the Columbia River anadromous fishery.

The pact was seen by Indian representatives as their first opportunity to participate in fisheries planning although the involvement of all concerned parties in a coordinated regional effort was stressed. The amount of \$500,000 was recommended for the establishment of a year-long pilot project to begin restoration of the fishery on the Columbia River and its tributaries. Twenty percent of this sum is to be provided by the Tribes.

Signators of the fishery pact were Zane Jackson (Warm Springs), Watson Totus (Yakima), Les Minthorn (Umatilla) Richard Halfmoon (Nez Perce) and Don Hodell, Administrator of the BPA. A pact-signing ceremony and press conference was held at 2:00 at Kah-Nee-Ta following unexpectedly lengthy discussion behind closed doors.

Requested by Oregon Governor Straub last month to expand its participation in regional fisheries management, the BPA has been the designated recipient of Federal Columbia River Power System revenues for fishery mitigation programs and facilities, and therefore has a sizable investment in this area. The Tribes

are recognized as having specific treaty rights with regard to the fishery, and as jurisdictions of the government their interests and input will be considered essential. Other parties such as the Pacific Northwest Regional Commission, federal, state and local government agencies, Indian user groups, and sports, commercial and environmental interests are recognized as sharing this "commonality of concern."

In a "Memorandum of Understanding" the objectives of the pact and responsibilities of the BPA and the Tribes are outlined. Details will be provided in the next edition of Spilyay Tymoo. According to Don Hodell of the BPA, an "identifiable project" should be underway by the first of November in time for 1978 budget consideration.

The last-minute delay in the signing of the pact was the result of concerns voiced by the state of Oregon about jurisdictions and responsibilities. Of particular concern were the pending negotiations between federal and state authorities on their various responsibilities in the management of fisheries. It



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was felt by some that the BPA pact might interfere with these negotiations. However, further delay in the signing of the pact was considered by signators to be detrimental to the success of the program. It is hoped by those involved that the pact will serve to bring all the parties together in a joint

effort.

The signing of the Columbia River Fisheries Pact is a landmark decision symbolizing a willingness on the part of differing interests to work toward coordinated regional management of the fishery. Nelson Wallulatum, Chairman of the Fish and Wildlife Com-

mittee in Warm Springs, commented, "We've been identifying problems for 100 years, now Indians have a chance to contribute to the conservation of this great resource." BPA's Hodell said, "This is a real constructive step — I'm looking forward to working with the Tribes."



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Free Shots Flu Vaccine Clinic Set

The Indian Health Service has arranged for the mass immunization of the general public as a precaution against the spread of the swine flu virus. Identified earlier in the year as a potential health risk, swine flu can be prevented from reaching epidemic proportions through such mass vaccination programs.

The flu season is fast approaching and the IHS encourages all individuals to participate in the clinic, to be held Wednesday, October 20 in the Community Center Social Hall. A doctor and a nurse from the Health Service will be on hand from 1:30 to 7:00 p.m. to administer shots. Community Health Reps will provide refreshments and people can expect an efficient and comfortable atmosphere.

Kids in the 3-18 age bracket need not receive immunization unless they are considered

"high risk." Individuals falling into the high risk group will be identified by IHS staff and notified of their need for immunization. Also in the high risk category are senior citizens (57 and over) and all those people suffering from chronic respiratory disease, heart problems including con-

gestive heart failure and other cardiac difficulties, kidney problems and diabetes.

All other individuals — adults aged 18-56 are urged to safeguard their health by receiving an inoculation at the afternoon program.

Anyone who lives or works in Warm Springs may receive an inoculation at no cost. For those who can't make it to the Community Center October 20, shots will be administered at the Indian Health Service building during regular clinic hours for several weeks thereafter. This service is available to all, regardless of their eligibility for Indian Health Services or their place of residence.

One shot will be administered to each individual except to high risk youngsters who will receive a split dosage on two different occasions, four weeks apart. Two types of serum are being offered in this program, one containing only the swine flu virus and the other containing both swine flu and "Victoria A" viruses. The latter is intended for high risk groups.

The shot is a normal injection in the arm which feels no different than any injection.

The majority of people have no reaction to the shot, but a small percentage may experience mild influenza symptoms. For the very few who do have a mild reaction, the symptoms usually occur within a few hours after the serum has been injected, and are characterized by a low grade fever (100-101 degrees) and a generally "achy and rotten" feeling. This is short-term and symptoms should disappear within a day.

In case of immediate allergic reaction to the serum, people will be detained for 10-15 minutes after receiving the shot. This is very rare and can usually be predicted from a person's medical history.

The nationwide immunization program is being administered by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, and carried out at the state and county levels. Strict governmental controls have been placed on the production of swine flu serum.

The decision to be immunized is up to the individual although medical personnel are encouraging the general public to participate in the program, and in some high risk cases strongly urging that inoculations be given. Of course one

can't be sure until the flu season is over as to the seriousness of this new and potentially dangerous strain of virus. But the medical profession has weighed the possible effects of a sweeping epidemic against the cost and risks involved in mass immunization and determined that such a program is advisable and in the best interests of community health.

Any questions you may have can be answered by Indian Health Service staff at 553-1196.

Power to be off

Residents of Warm Springs should not be alarmed when their electricity goes off Sunday morning. Jack Fiala, Facilities Manager, has notified us that all power to Warm Springs residences and businesses will be shut off at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday October 17 so that additional work can be done on the sub-station. Power will be restored by 9:00 a.m. if all goes well. So you might as well sleep in, because your toaster won't work anyway.

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