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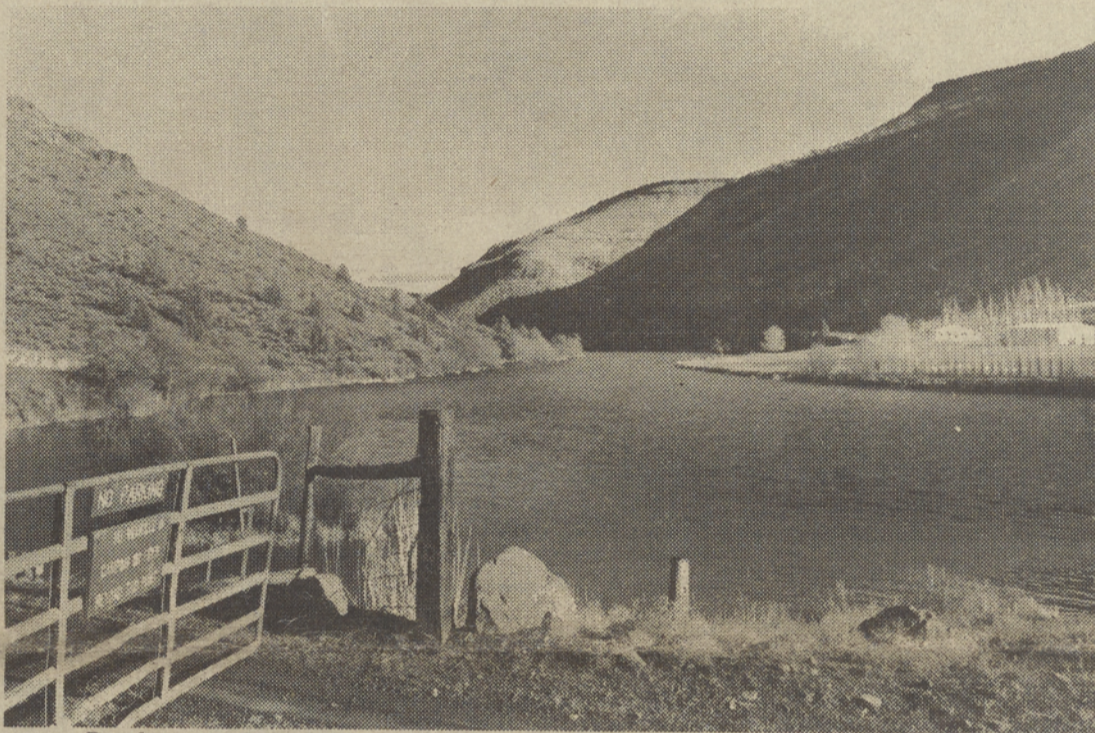
## Bill Addresses Planning for Deschutes

Five years of inter-agency negotiations have resulted in a proposed bill that would include the lower Deschutes in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Tribal Council has passed a resolution (No. 5123, 12-21-77) supporting the proposed bill, which gives the Confederated Tribes the opportunity to prepare a comprehensive management plan for that part of the river under its jurisdiction.

Confident of endorsement by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the State of Oregon, members of the Tribal council will be meeting with these agencies in the coming week to gain their official approval. They will also approach Senator Al Ullman next week in D.C. about sponsorship of the bill.

Overuse of the lower Deschutes River, from the Pelton Regulating Dam to its confluence with the Columbia River, has been a concern of the Tribes in recent years. The fish and water resources of the river are protected by treaty and the Tribes have been firm in their desire to preserve those resources as well as the scenic value of the river, while still



Development along the lower Deschutes River varies from private homes (right) to limited access roads (left) and includes sawmills, trailer courts, and campgrounds. But much of the river is still primitive and the landed interests - the BLM, Tribes and the State - are working to preserve its scenic qualities and resources.  
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allowing recreational access.

It has been the position of the Tribal Council that any planning for the Deschutes must have tribal input. The BLM and the Tribes own most of the land in the Deschutes Canyon and the Tribes have aboriginal rights to the waters bordering the reservation.

Inclusion of the Deschutes in the 1968 Wild and Scenic Waterways Act would bring the Secretary of the Interior, the State of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes together in cooperative management. The Tribal Council will be responsible for administering lands on the reservation.

Although a management plan has yet to be worked out, the bill indicates which parts of the river will be administered as scenic or as recreational. Future development will depend on provisions of the Act and the management plan but the Tribes are assured in the bill that all rights afforded by federal treaty, agreement or statute with respect to hunting, trapping or fishing will be honored.

Details on how the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act would affect the future of the Deschutes will be forthcoming.

## To Ease Fall Hardship

# Loans Available to Indian Fishermen

Indian fishermen who suffered economic hardship as a result of the poor 1977 harvest of fall chinook salmon can look forward to relief in the form of

low-interest loans.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission received word in late December that its request for a \$1.5 million

grant had been approved by the Economic Development Administration. The Title IX monies will be used to provide longterm, low-interest loans to eligible

Indian Commercial fishermen through the American Indian National Bank.

According to CRITFC administrator Roy Sampsel, 150

applications have already been submitted and the first loans should be made by the end of January.

Response to an emergency

CRITFC started the wheels rolling in October as soon as the effects of the shortfall became obvious. The fishing season for Indians had been cut short because the run size was smaller than expected. In its proposal to the EDA, the Fish Commission pointed to "collective mismanagement of the fall fish run by State and federal fishery agencies" as the cause of the emergency situation.

Quickly gathered statistics showed that approximately 850 Indian fishermen on the Columbia River had suffered a loss of \$1.5 million in fish alone. Incidental losses to small Indian businesses and the overall economic depression of the area brought the Fish Commission's original request up over the \$2 million mark.

As the representative body of the four Columbia River Treaty Tribes-Warm Springs, Yakima, Umatilla and Nez Perce - CRITFC was organized

## BPA Head to Continue Tribal Liaison

Tribal Council delegates invited to the swearing in ceremony of L. Sterling Munro, the new head of the Bonneville Power

Administration, reported to their fellow councilmen that the Tribes seemed to have an ally in the newly installed administrator.

Munro, a Democrat who replaces Republican Don Hodel, requested the presence of tribal representatives at the January 6 ceremony. At the reception following, councilman Nelson Wallulatum said Munro and his guests had an opportunity to "let our hair down."

### Discount on Parts

Automotive parts are now a little bit cheaper for tribal members shopping at the Tribal Garage.

Effective January 1, the Tribal Garage is offering a 10 per cent discount for tribal members on all parts. This does not include service.

Munro expressed a desire to pursue the cooperative fishery enhancement program begun by Hodel. Late in 1976 a memorandum of understanding was signed by the BPA, the four Columbia River Tribes (Warm Springs, Yakima, Umatilla, Nez Perce), and the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Parties to the memo pledged to cooperate on efforts to preserve and enhance the anadromous fishery of the Columbia River.

The new BPA administrator said that he would ensure that program monies would be forthcoming. Funds for 1978 have been promised to the amount of \$1.2 million. Over a five-year period, \$5 million have been budgeted.

Wallulatum also reported that Munro was dedicated to the concept of a management plan for the many users of the Columbia River waters.

Munro, 45, is a native of Bellingham, Washington and spent 22 years serving Senator Henry Jackson as his administrative assistant. He left D.C. last year to become a private consultant in Wenatchee. Munro has been quoted as saying it would be "fun" to take on a job that involved such "profound" energy decisions.

### Notice

A General Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 24 at the Agency Longhouse. The topic of discussion will be the Bonneville Power Administration's request to widen the North Corridor through the reservation for additional transmission lines, and vacate the South Corridor.

Supper will be at 6:00 and the meeting will begin at 7:00.

### WEATHER

Jan.	High	Low	Precp.
1	19	10	-
2	18	10	-
3	27	11	3" snow
4	35	11	.02
5	47	25	.10
6	49	32	.02
7	36	29	
8	40	31	
9	34	31	.34
10	38	30	1.3" snow
11	36	30	.05
12	34	30	.03

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