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INDIAN FISHERMEN MAY GET 27-DAY SEASON

By Cynthia Stowell

Indian fishermen will have 27 days on the river this fall if the Columbia River Compact approves staff recommendations being presented by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Washington Department of Fisheries today in Portland.

Commercial gillnetters will be limited to four days on the lower Columbia, according to the proposed schedule which must be okayed by the Compact, a federally-created alliance of the two states.

The disparity in seasons is an attempt to compensate treaty fishermen for the loss they experienced last fall when their season was cut short, the result of an unexpectedly small salmon run.

Such compensation is provided for in the five-year management plan which was negotiated out of court by the Warm Springs, Yakima, Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes, the states of Oregon and Washington, and the federal government and accepted by U.S. District Court Judge Belloni in early 1977.

According to the plan, 60 per cent of the fall chinook salmon destined for the upper Columbia are allocated to treaty fishermen and 40 per cent to non-Indian gillnetters, with at least 100,000 fish escaping to spawning grounds above Bonneville Dam.

In 1977 Indians had netted only 40 per cent of the catch when the commercial season was closed. The balance, which

amounts to about 20,000 fish, will be added to this year's allowable catch if the fall run is large enough.

Preliminary estimates indicate an upriver run of around 250,000, an improvement over last year's 207,000. This would mean 110,000 fish for Indian fishermen.

As the good faith of the Indians was tested last year, so this year the lower river non-Indian fishermen must bit the bullet. Their four-day season beginning at 6:00 p.m. August 15 would allow them 40 per cent of the run minus 20,000 fish, or about 40,000 fish — significantly less than last year's 75,000.

Although compliance is expected, additional law enforcement efforts may become neces-

sary, indicated an Oregon Fish and Wildlife official. Last year 50 gillnetters caught 5,000 fish after the season was closed.

The upriver season for Indians would begin at 12:00 noon August 25 and end at noon October 3, with weekly three-day closures. These closures should enhance the escapement level of summer steelhead and wild fall chinook. Last fall Indians caught about three times the yearly average of steelhead.

The Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), which represents the four treaty tribes, gave their support to the staff recommendations on Monday, July 24. The Harvest Advisory Committee, on which Gene Green sits, unani-

mously approved the proposal Wednesday.

Indian fishermen were "kept afloat" after a \$1 million loan program set up by CRITFC early this year. Now that all the funds have been loaned out, CRITFC staff is hoping for a good 1978 fall season so fishermen can begin payments on their loans. The five-year repayment schedule requires that only the 1 per cent interest be paid this year by November 1, with payments on interest and principal due next year.

Repaid funds will go into a revolving credit account, making funds available for the future needs of treaty fishermen.

To The Editor

The Personnel Department would like to extend a big "Thank You" to all those serving on the Employee Picnic Committee and to those who worked hard to make the Third Annual Employee Picnic, which we feel was a huge success! The Employee Picnic Committee members all worked very hard and contributed much in the planning, setting-up and serving of the Picnic.

We want to extend special thanks to Lavina Tanewasha for baking the salmon and to Caroline Tohet for making the punch and coffee for us. Thanks to Satch, Eva and Lyle for setting up the games and helping wherever they could at the Picnic. Thanks to Andy Lucas for being Master of Ceremonies and Andy and Aurolyn did the "Lord's Prayer" beautifully for the opening ceremony.

The employees of Public Health Services contributed much towards the Picnic by donating the shawl for the raffle

drawing and was much appreciated. Phyllis Maxwell (Don's wife) and Reba Massey (Mark's wife) were very generous in baking those delicious Baked Beans for the Picnic.

The dancers — Josie Wolfe, Nathan Jim, Jr., Annette Jim, Curt Jim, Willie Jim, William Suppah, Ronnie Suppah, Jr., Melissa Johnson, Morris Johnson, Florene Johnson, Rosie Johnson, Tyrone Ike, Ike Johnson, Carl Tewee and Daniel Andrews and the drummers — Prunie, Eight-Ball, Fred Muniz, Verbena Greene and Fred Hill all did a wonderful job of presenting several native dances. Last but not least, special thanks to the Tribal Council for donating the salmon and, also, for their support of the Employee Picnic.

Many thanks go to the employees and their families who joined in the Picnic and the fun for without their participation, the Picnic would not have been so successful.

WARM SPRINGS FLOAT

Okay, Community Members, now is the time to get your imaginations working.

Let's design a winning float for next year's Rose Festival Parade. Keep in mind the following points:

Theme of the Parade: World Records on Parade

It is to be designed to be built around a mobile unit which is nothing but a car stripped down to its motor, wheels and steering gear. The frame and supports for the float are built around this unit.

Any colors you have in mind have to be flowers or seeds of some kind (flax, rice, wheat, etc.); we do have permission to use our own juniper, moss ferns, etc., but flowers have to be included also.

It is to be designed so that Miss Warm Springs will be the center of attention; you may design the float for as many other participants as your idea for the theme needs.

Design the float so that the

sponsor's name (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) is prominently displayed for TV purposes (also to catch the judges' eye).

Your sketch, in color, should be on 8½" by 11" white paper accompanied by a narrative explaining your idea, the kind of flowers you have chosen, etc. This need only be one paragraph.

All sketches will be put on display and votes from the community will be cast; the one with the most votes will be the one chosen.

Just as a closing thought, keep everything as simple as possible because, as stated before, the last three days when the flowers have to be put on the float will be the most hectic and so far we have had only one volunteer for this!!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY TO STENO POOL, TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 1978.

SIMNASHO SCHOOL NOT AXED IN 509-J BUDGET CUT

By Sandy Rangila

In the wake of two levy defeats, the 509-J School Board held a public meeting July 17 and on July 24 reluctantly performed a nearly \$100,000 trimming operation on what they felt was an already lean budget.

But because Jefferson County patrons and the school board directors believe in and support the community school concept, the Simnasho Elementary School survived the operation and will remain open for this coming school year.

Also surviving the cut was the Outdoor School Program (\$8,713), costs for insulation (\$10,000), and the building construction cluster with \$15,000 budgeted for a teacher position there.

Deleted from the proposed budget, which will be put to the voters on September 19, were the following:

— \$45,000 appropriated for three elementary school counselors.

— A \$15,000 teaching position for the forestry cluster.

— The elimination of elementary school athletics involving only sixth graders (\$13,000).

— \$11,000 for a new position of principal-teacher at Metolius Elementary.

— \$7,800 for a metal shop lockup area.

— \$6,000 from the outdoor repairs allotment, bringing that down to \$10,588.

— A \$4,000 reduction in the field trip budget.

— A 10 percent cut in the approximately \$125,000 athletic budget for grade 7 through 12.

Most controversial and most

emotional was the last of the items — the athletic budget. Initially the directors had proposed the cut be in the area of limiting athletic travel to varsity teams only.

But when director Evadna Bartlett moved to amend the motion to a 5 percent cut in the athletic budget for grades seven through 12, several individuals at the meeting indicated that it should be a larger cut.

One woman noted that at the public meeting on July 17, the board had indicated that the spirit would be to maintain as good a quality of education as possible while addressing the budget cuts.

"Yet," continued the woman, "you've cut three elementary counselors and just a mere pittance from the athletic budget." She noted that the board could cut 10 percent (or about \$12,000) from the athletic budget by just cutting out meals for the athletes while on the road. I think 15 percent could be cut from the budget, she said.

Another participant at the meeting remarked that cheerleaders are budgeted for nearly \$6,000 and that \$3,368.40 of that is just for lodging, meals, and mileage.

"Those girls are chosen for that, and I think along with the honor should come some responsibility," the participant said. She remarked that members of other clubs and organizations have to earn their own money for trips.

After some discussion, Bartlett then moved to strike the suggested 5 percent cut amendment and raise it to a 10 percent

cut. The board passed the motion 3-1 with Lloyd Smith, Sr. voting against the proposal. "I'm against any cut," remarked Smith.

What was a bit surprising to Fabian Sutterlee and other tribal members who attended the July 17 public meeting was the support from non-Indian Madras residents who felt the Simnasho School should remain open.

Many of those people voiced concern for "the awfully long trip for such young children," the "need for a community-based school, we're not a metropolitan area," and, we should "definitely not drop that school, it's a community school."

Another Madras woman pointed out that since the per pupil cost in the district is \$2,000 a year, that \$32,000 to keep the school open for an estimated 14 students was not out of line. (It has since been estimated that 17 to 20 children will be attending Simnasho Elementary this fall.)

Following two levy defeats, the Jefferson County School Board 509-J directors knew they had a mandate to cut. And although they went on record as stating that they felt that reductions would hurt the programs involved, they had to perform the operation.

The directors should be commended for the effort and thought they put into that unpleasant task, and for the integrity and spirit they displayed throughout the ordeal.

One must hope the citizenry will applaud their efforts by getting out to vote when the revised levy comes up again for approval on September 19.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tribal Council appropriated by resolution Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of \$99,558.00 in late June. A summary of the adopted budget is available for inspection in the Tribal Administration Building.

COMING

Coming to Warm Springs on August 15 will be the "gypsies" of The Repertory Dance Company at Reed College. They will perform at the Community Center beginning at 8 p.m., and there will also be a special afternoon performance for kids at 1 p.m. that same Tuesday. Admission will be \$1 for adults, 75 cents for students, and fifty cents for children.

TO ANYONE INTERESTED

We are in need of a person who would take the responsibility of light housekeeping and the care of an elderly couple two days per week. If you're interested please call Norma Jackson at 475-2022.

Thank you.