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"Jonesy" is back

Veteran bus driver Floyd Jones patrolled the Warm Springs-Madras bus on the first run of the new school year. The well-liked driver did not have a full load, however, as nearly 25 per cent of the Indian high school students were absent on the first day, a figure that is increasing daily.

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Columbia Disputes Flare

by Cynthia Stowell

It's a hot time on the river this fall.

An early morning assault on four Yakima fishermen camped at Koberg Beach remains unsolved. A rock-throwing incident at Cooks Landing stirred memories of the violence of the early seventies. And the peace of the river is broken by hurled insults as Indian fishermen, sports fishermen and law enforcement officials find themselves in a tense three-way struggle.

An enforcement meeting held Wednesday left officials no closer to a solution since the cooperative approach sought between state, county and tribal officials has still not been worked out.

State police have also had their hands full enforcing the 8" mesh restriction, particularly critical this year because of the poor return of steelhead to the upper river. Since September 1, approximately 25 nets have been pulled from the river, said trooper Roger Nelson of Hood River County. Some were smaller than 8", some longer than the 300' maximum, and a good number were left in on closed days or placed in closed areas.

But the "mind boggler,"

according to Nelson, is the increase in disputes between Indians over registered fishing sites. Inevitably as more fishermen use the river, disputes will be more frequent, he said, but the "headache" is that the state police have their hands tied when it comes to enforcement.

Only tribal officials can resolve such disputes since they involve tribal ordinances and registration practices. Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife Committeeman Harold Culpus said the four treaty tribes plan to use B.I.A. funds to work on a uniform code of enforcement. The long range goal is for the tribes to collaborate with the law enforcement division of the Columbia River Fisheries Council.

But a question disturbing Warm Springs is who might be available and authorized to enforce river regulations. It would take a constitution amendment, said Culpus, to authorize enforcement officials. Right now the fish committee has the assigned task but not the authority, he said.

The peak of the salmon run is due this weekend, according to fisheries biologist Michelle Anderson of the Columbia River

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Northwest Tribes May Sue Federal Agency

by Cynthia Stowell

Indian grantees in the Region X federal funding area may file suit against HEW's Community Services Administration to ensure that their "unique and special needs" are met, said Uren Leonard, President of the Region X Indian Grantees Administrators Association.

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians sanctioned the proposed suit August 25 at the organization's Spokane meeting. Next month petitions will be sent to all 41 tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to solicit their support said, Leonard, and a resolution will be brought before the National Congress of American Indians at their Sep-

tember 18-22 meeting in Rapid City.

Region X grantees cite poor communication between CSA's central office and eligible Indian tribes and organizations as the general problem, and point specifically to the CSA's failure to provide regulations for the use of Indian Set-Aside funds.

Those funds were appropriated earlier this year to the tune of \$3.5 million but have not been touched because of the lack of an Indian Federal Register, explained Leonard.

It is the intent of the Region X grantees association to call for the halt of funding to all CSA grantees until the problems of the Indian grantees are resolved.

The Community Services Administration makes available a variety of relief, self-help and training programs to eligible communities and organizations nationwide. Warm Springs currently utilizes CSA funds for its emergency food program and weatherization project.

While the Community Food and Nutrition Program is of particular interest to northwest tribes, they seek easier access to

all programs such as training and technical assistance and housing.

The Indian Set-Aside Funds were placed in the Migrant and Other Seasonally Employed Laborers program where Leonard feels they are not particularly useful.

Regulations for the spending of Set-Aside funds, which are reserved for Indian tribes and organizations, were promised by the central office but less than a month ago Indians received regulations no different from those created for non-Indian grantees.

"We have unique needs that would assign different priorities to the components of CSA," said Leonard, adding that crisis relief and training were two areas of need shared by Indians. Regulations should reflect these priorities, say the Region grantees.

Grantees have thirty days to comment on the regulations and Leonard said that if Indian grantees were given that opportunity, then "preferably we'd like to comment. But in the meantime the Region X grantees have retained the Food Research and Action Center in Washing-

ton, D.C. as counsel in the proposed suit.

Leonard offered four aims of the suit against CSA:

- 1) To obtain an Indian Federal Register for the use of Indian Set-Aside Funds.
- 2) To ensure more Indian input in all CSA programs.
- 3) To have funds set aside for Indians in all CSA programs.
- 4) To establish an Indian Advisory Board at the central level, to be composed of a members from each region.

The Region X Indian Grantees Administrators Association which formed in March of this year to improve communications

between CSA and Indian grantees, has been working on guidelines to be presented to CSA as an aid in designing Indian regulations. Region X's group is the only one of its kind in the nation and Leonard would like to see every region establish similar organizations. A two-day workshop has been planned for the NCAI-Rapid City convention to work toward this end.

The Region X CSA Office has an "excellent rapport" with Indian granters in Region X, noted Leonard. He added that the lack of communication and coordination is from the central office in Washington, D.C.

Weather

AUGUST	HI	LO	PRECIP.
23	73	41	
24	69	52	.11
25	72	46	.18
26	78	41	
27	84	49	
28	91	55	
29	92	56	
30	77	64	.23
31	73	58	
SEPTEMBER			
1	87	46	
2	91	53	
3	87	56	
4	64	54	.04
5	65	53	.05
6	70	56	.07

Queen Candidates Sought

The Wide Spot Singers are looking for Queen candidates to sell tickets for the Thanksgiving PowWow. If you are under 17 and are interested in your culture, know the traditional dances and enjoy meeting people, please

contact Wilford or Geraldine Jim.

The girl selling the most tickets will be crowned queen and will represent the Singers at the annual PowWow and other functions.

VOTE

509-J School Budget Election

September 19, 1978

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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