

PFMC Approves Ocean Salmon Plan

(From the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission)

Final amendments to the 1979 Ocean Salmon Plan were adopted at the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) meeting held March 8-9 in Eureka, California. The plan has been forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review, approval and implementation.

The PFMC adopted a ocean fishery plan which is anticipated to reduce catches on suppressed Oregon and Washington coho and chinook stocks. Predictions of extremely depleted runs of these salmon species had prompted the council to take public testimony and consider regulation alternatives for the past two months.

Proposed regulations call for a reduction in the California troll fishery from 168 to 138 days. The Oregon coastal season south of Cape Falcon would be shortened from 184 to 124 days and the fishery north of Cape Falcon including the Washington coast would have its season reduced from 169 to 101 days. The 1979 plan calls for the same commercial size regulations as were in effect last year.

Sport fishermen will also have their seasons reduced ac-

ording to the PFMC plan. The ocean sport season in California will be reduced from 246 to 212 days. The season for Oregon and Washington will be cut from 184 to 127 days.

The sport limit for salmon was reduced from 3 to 2 fish for California and Oregon south of Cape Falcon. North of Cape Falcon, including Washington, the sport limit would allow two coho or chinook plus one more salmon other than these species according to the PFMC plan. This is to allow for the harvest of anticipated large runs of Puget Sound pink salmon.

CRITFC had endorsed a 47-day coast-wide troll season and a 92-day coast-wide sport season which was one of the options being considered by PFMC.

The seasons approved by the PFMC are anticipated to reduce the ocean catches of coho and chinook stocks and thereby increase escapement of these stocks.

Escapement from the California chinook fishery is expected to increase by 15 per cent. California coho escapement should remain at about the same as last year's level. Escapement for stocks fished on south of Cape Falcon in Oregon are expected to

increase by 7 per cent for chinook and 28 per cent for coho. North of Cape Falcon escapement is predicted to increase for chinook, but the degree of increase is not known, and coho escapement should increase 10 to 25 per cent.

Escapement of upper Columbia River chinook stocks should increase some from the PFMC plan, but the run will probably not reach the 300,000 fish needed to meet the five-year plan goals for in-river fisheries and escapement.

According to Bob Gonsolus, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Columbia River Regional Supervisor, even a total ban on ocean fishing would not have increased the Columbia chinook run to 300,000 fish. The run is expected to be fewer than 250,000 fish this year.

The CRITFC has written the Secretary of Commerce expressing our objection to the proposed regulations and requesting more limitations be placed on the ocean troll fishery.

The PFMC 1979 Ocean Salmon Plan regulations recommended to the Secretary of Commerce follow:

Intertribal Fish Commission Advises Secretary of Commerce That Troll Fishery Should Be Limited Further

COMMERCIAL SEASONS AND SIZE LIMIT

State	Species	Size Limit	Season
California	Chinook:	26"	All salmon
		22"	except coho: May 1-May 23 All salmon: May 24-June 15 July 1-Sept. 30
Oregon South of Cape Falcon	Chinook: Coho:	26"	All salmon
		16"	except coho: May 1-May 31 All salmon: Sept. 16-Oct. 31 July 1-Sept. 15
Wash. & Oregon North of Cape Falcon	Chinook: Coho:	28"	All salmon
		16"	except coho: May 1-May 31 All salmon: July 1-Sept. 8

RECREATIONAL SEASONS AND SIZE LIMITS

State	Bag Limit	Season
California	2	February 17 - October 14
Oregon South of Cape Falcon	2	May 12 - September 16
Washington & Oregon North of Cape Falcon	2 + 1*	May 12 - September 16

* 3 fish, 2 of which may be chinook or coho.

Ocean salmon regulations adopted March 18 by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission are similar to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) recommendations forwarded, the week before, to the Secretary of Commerce.

The only difference in the state regulations was a request

to the Secretary of Commerce for a special sport and commercial season off the southern Oregon coast between September 9 and October 31.

The Oregon Commission regulates coastal waters inside the 3 mile-limit. The PFMC regulates federal waters in the 3 to 200 mile zone.

Kah-Nee-Ta Employee Of The Month . . . Friendly and Accommodating

For the last two and one half years, bellman Solomon George has greeted Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge guests with his friendly smile and whimsical sense of humor. George is Kah-Nee-Ta's April Employee of the Month.

George, a member of the Cowhichan, B.C. Canada tribe, was introduced to the Warm Springs area by his sister Pat who is married to tribal member Gilbert Brunoe. "I miss home," he says, but he makes occasional visits there to curb that yearning

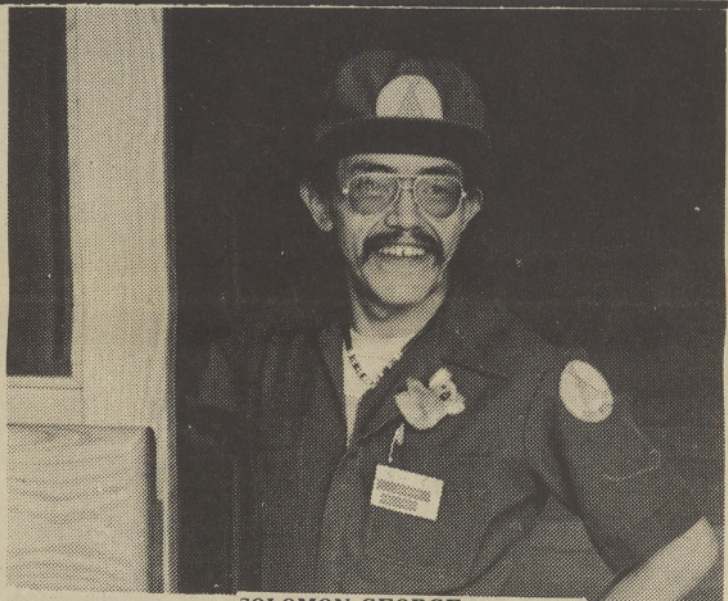
to return home permanently.

George's duties range from transporting luggage from cars to rooms, getting guests extra towels, to serving as "gofer" for fellow employees. "These folks have got me running all over the place," he said with a grin. Apparently, George has a real liking for people for "meeting the guests is the favorite part of my job. I consider them my real boss."

"Sol" as he is most often called, has had suitcases full of

clothes fly open while helping guests, which "could prove to very embarrassing." He also "put a small dent in the Kah-Nee-Ta green station wagon" awhile back. "Come to think of it, I didn't get a pay check that month," he stated laughingly, but sadly shaking his head.

For his efforts and accommodating way, Sol has been awarded the choice of a weekend lodging for two at another resort or dinner for two in the Juniper room at the lodge.



SOLOMON GEORGE

From the High School Counselor

by Ron Pinkham

I wish to thank all the speakers and participants of last Wednesday's assembly for a job well done. Much assistance and cooperation was given the Indian Club for the Indian Week activities. All of us at the high school appreciate it very much.

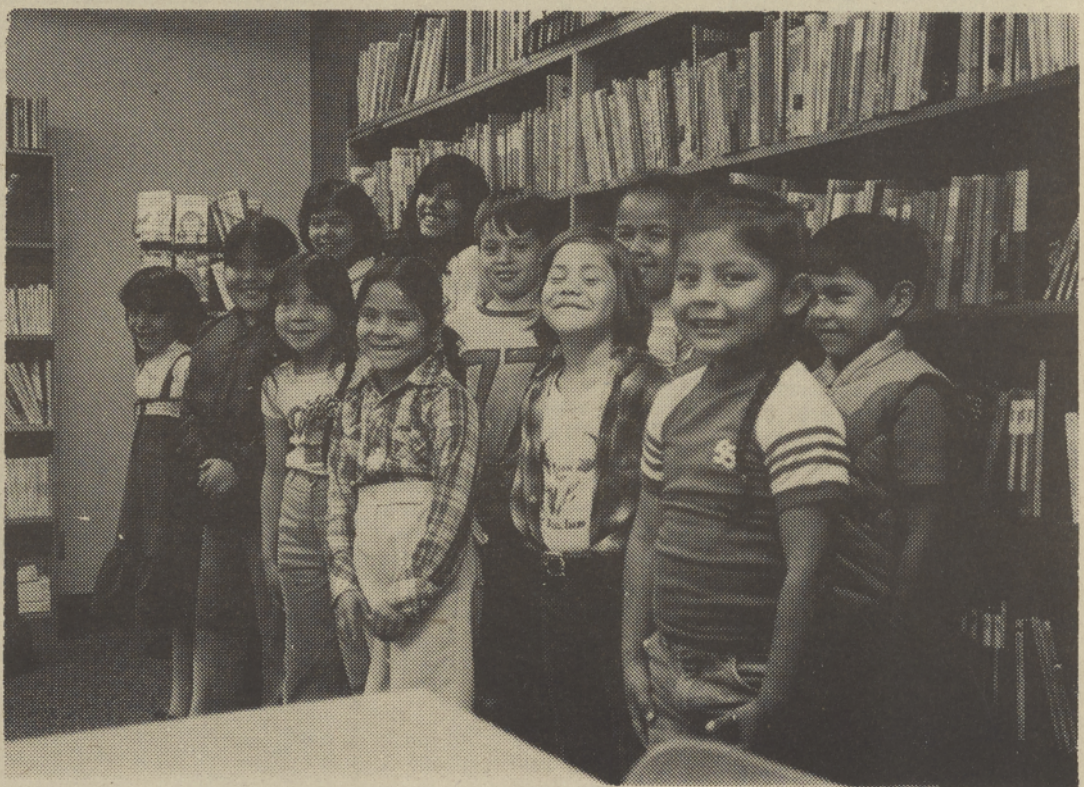
The Indian club is currently on a fund raising drive for the Northwest Indian Youth Conference at Tacoma, Washington May 2, 3, 4, 5, 1979. Sixteen students will attend the conference plus four chaperones. The Madras High School Indian Club was to sponsor this conference but Tacoma Indian Club wished to sponsor it instead. Therefore, the Indian Club was invited as special guests for their conference. The Indian Club has been asked to entertain during the banquet.

Fund raising activities are the bottle drive, bake food sale, car wash, Buck-A-Roo breakfast, disco dance, and cleaning yards or lots. If anyone who desires to assist the efforts of the club please do so. We need all the assistance and money for the conference in Tacoma, Washington. Please call at the High School for more information 475-6566 OR 475-3888.

The first period class had several speakers and I wish to thank Rudy Clements for teaching the students to sing tribal songs, and Jody Calica as a speaker. Anyone willing to speak to the first period class on any Tuesday morning is welcomed to do so.

The Oregon Indian Education Conference in Klamath Falls will be held April 20, 21, 22, 1979. Students were selected by the High School faculty based on grades, attendance, scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and improved progress, and any other reason that would qualify a student to attend the conference. The faculty selections were very helpful since the teachers have the knowledge of how the student is progressing in class. It is helpful to the committees that the most qualified students in academics and character will attend the OIE conference.

Again I want to remind the SENIOR students about their responsibility of applying for college and financial aid. Apply through the college, plus apply for tribal and BIA scholarships for your financial assistance. If you need any assistance in applying for college or financial aid please do not hesitate to visit me in my office.



THESE WARM SPRINGS Grade School students are proud winners of the Book Fair Poster Contest that was held earlier this month. The theme of each poster was to help promote the upcoming Book Fair which will be held April 26 and 27 at the grade school library. Front row: Room 5 — Diane Frank (1st) and Esther Lucio (2nd); Room 6 — Marcie Stacona (1st) and Monica Sampson (2nd); Room 1 — Jerry Clement (1st) and Matthew Clements (2nd); Back row: Room 19 — Pixie Sanders (1st) and Juanita Blodgett (2nd); Room 11 — Tom Strong (1st) and Elbrosia David (2nd-absent); Room 3 — Trissie Fuentes (1st) and Raymond Wells (2nd). Each first place winner received a \$1.50 certificate good toward the purchase of a book at the fair. Second place winners received \$1.00 certificates.

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