Why did you take our fish away?

To the Editor,

I have heard recommendations in the past and had to live with them. But to hear our own Tribal Council make the law that there will be no fishing at all in Sherars Bridge is the lowest of all.

What good is our usual and customary way of fishing? I believe if our ancestors were to hear this — they would roll over in their graves. Some of the old timers would only say— Let's go fishing.

I feel really bad when I'm sitting there making my nets, knowing that they wouldn't even get put on a hoop. All that teaching that was taught to me concerning fishing will not be exercised this Spring. It's too bad that some of our faithful leaders don't have any knowledge about fishing. They don't know the feeling of catching that first Spring salmon. To me, it takes me back to Celilo Days when I caught fish bigger than I was.

To close Sherars bridge until late June to all fishing is unbelieveable. The tribes have always compromised with the state on openings and closures. But they haven't shown any concern for us poor fishermen at Sherars Bridge. The Tribe and State could have allowed us some fishing time, for example, three-day openings per week, week-end fishing.

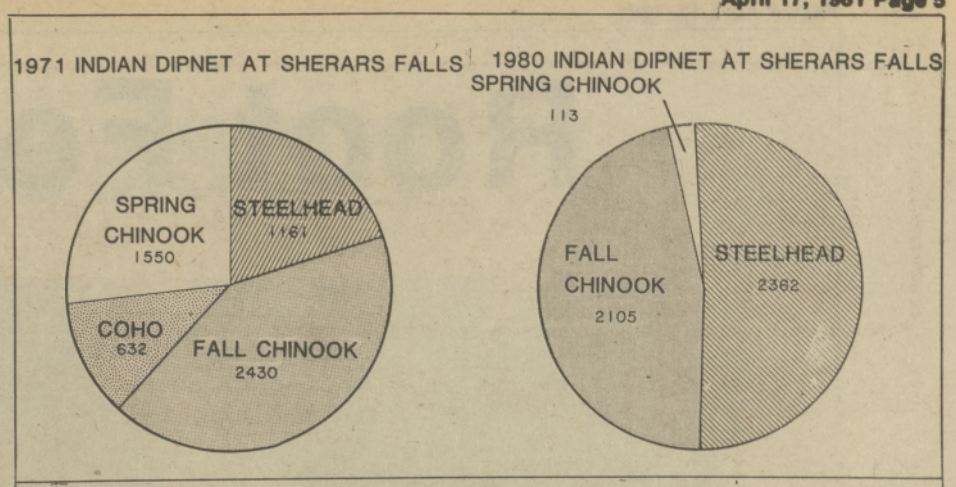
Again I must say, how are we supposed to teach our young people to carry on our Indian heritage? It wouldn't do any good because they wouldn't have any place to exercise what they have been taught.

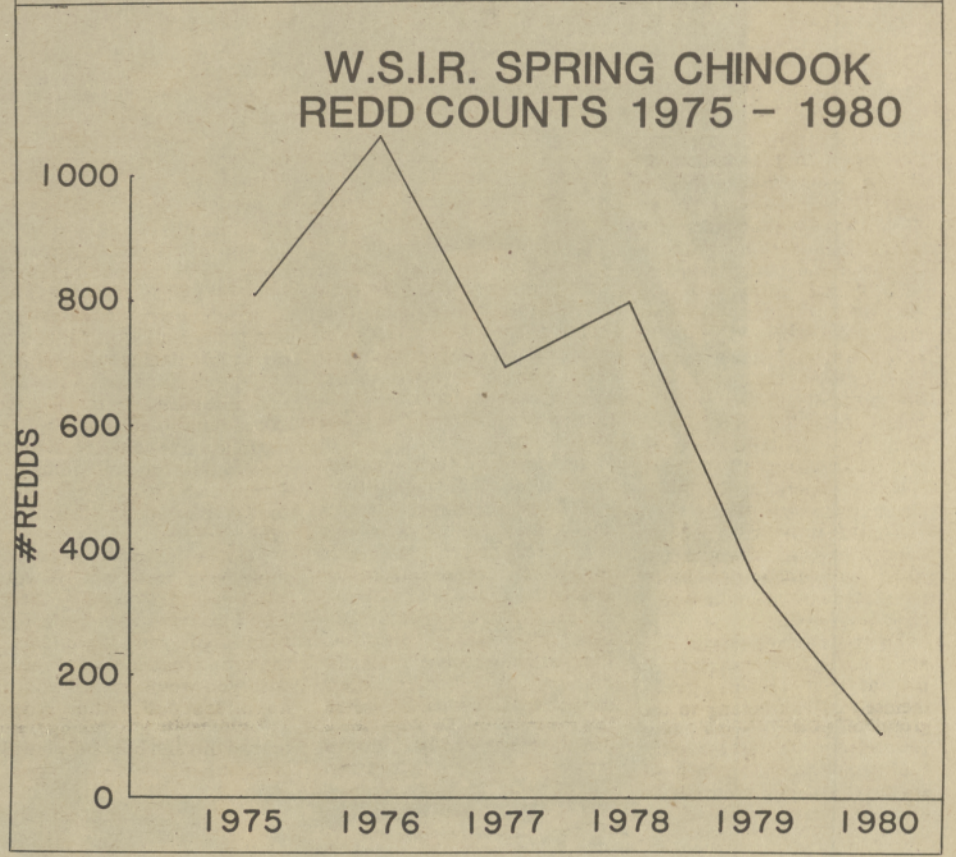
I write this editorial with a broken heart knowing I can't go fishing at Sherars bridge. This is my usual and customary fishing site. Must we give up everything?

A very Concerned Fishermen

Phillip David

The charts at the right were presented to the Tribal Council in February by Natural Resources personnel. As the charts show, the spring chinook fisheries at Sherars Bridge are in very poor shape.





Dog complaints growing

Dear Spilyay,

There have been a growing number of dog complaints received by the Warm Springs Tribal Police Dept. These complaints are from livestock owners, that dogs are chasing their livestock and in some instances have killed small calves.

Dog owners that are notified that their dogs are involved in this type of activity and who fail to take any corrective action such as tying up or confining their dogs do so at their own risk.

The Tribal Police Dept. has taken a position that any dog running at large in the community or rural areas that chase and harass, or kill any livestock, will be destroyed.

Jeffery E. Sanders

Chief of Police

From the Jr. High Liaison

Marie Calica

Special thanks to the science teachers, Mr. Blackman, Mr. Delamarter and Mr. Linch for taking the extra time to assist the students with their projects and by donating the extra funds needed. These funds went toward the pizza feed and allowed more students to be involved.

Counselors, Mrs. and Mr. Whipple have been very busy completing sixth grade registration and orientation of the Jr. High. Orientation programs are presented in each community to parents and guardians of students who will be attending Jr. High next year.

The American Heritage trip is getting near and teachers John Schideman and Mary Halousek have been busy with the students who are participating. Several mini workshops for this trip were made possible by these teachers requesting Title IV funds. A get-better-acquainted potluck was held and Jr. High students participated even though it wasn't a school event.

Vice principle Cordill will be visiting the Tribal Council April 13 to better acquaint himself with the tribal members and tribal structure.

To start off the last nine weeks of school, the Indian Club will be having a mini-workshop April 7. A business meeting was held after school on Friday April 10 to discuss previous plans and implementation.

I have returned to work as the Jr. High Liaison after eleven weeks of educational leave to enhance my professionlism which will enable me to deliver finer ideas in working with both Madras and Warm Springs communities and school.

I'm back and ready to continue working as a team member of the Jr. High school staff. It takes every one of us working together to help each student obtain success.

It's great to return to all the warm welcomes from students and staff and I appreciate working with such a fine school.

The Indian Club had a meeting on April 7 to continue with our yearly-planned events and we appreciate Mrs. Darcy for assisting by carrying out some of the planned programs.

Parents and community members are encouraged to visit the school. We welcome any questions, concerns or comments you may have.

Unity and support needed for resort

To the editor:

Concerning the letter "Lodge should hire better people": This letter was almost a joke and if more than a handful of people believe this, I'll be surprised!

If there are facts on the things talked about in this letter, then why weren't these facts given to someone who can deal with the problems and then they should be solved! This shows that there is a need for **unity and support,** not separation!

I'd like to know where in the whole state of Oregon that you could find an Indian with 10-12 years of hotel-motel management experience. After all, didn't a non-Indian have the management job there before now? They had ten or so years to show some way of making a profit. What happened?

Now an Indian has the job a year or so and he is supposed to work miracles! How can the present management do things right when it's hard to have workers on the job?

Then the question was asked, how will the young people learn anything? Well the young people will learn like they have always learned things—from their parents!

So I don't think it's mamagement that's the problem. It's everyone's problem. So **unite and help** with all the support you can give. After all, everyone will share in the wealth!

Sincerly,

Carmen Parkins

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