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Root Feast offers a time to give thanks to the creator for the bounty of roots provided for the people.

Celilo-Wyam Salmon, Root Feast April 13-15

Spring is here, the roots are ready, and the salmon will soon be coming up the rivers. The annual Celilo/Wyam salmon and root feast and powwow will be held April 13, 14 and 15 at the Celilo, Oregon.

On Friday, April 13, memorial ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. will start the three day event. A dinner will follow at 12:30. The grand entry at 7:30 p.m. will start the powwow activities.

Saturday, April 14, a flea market is scheduled to run

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and bingo will run concurrent with the flea market that day. The grand entry on Saturday will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, Washut services will be held at 10:30 p.m. The salmon and root feast will start at 12 noon. The crowning of the queen and junior court will be at 5:30 p.m.

Dancing events for the three-day powwow will include men's fancy and traditional; women's fancy and traditional; boys fancy and traditional; girls fancy and traditional; and the Golden Age for men and women. A total of \$1,200 is up in all contests with monies being added as the powwow progresses. Host drums will be chosen nightly and the drummers will be paid nightly.

Registration for the powwow will close on Saturday, April 14. Nathan Jim will be the master of ceremonies for the powwow.

The public is welcome to attend the weekend events. There will be absolutely no drugs or alcohol allowed on the grounds.

Symposium focuses on timber resource

Meeting to discuss one of the most valuable resources owned by Indians the Eighth Annual Indian Timber Symposium is scheduled for April 22-26, 1984 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Delegates from tribes around the country will be meeting joined with administrative agencies and legislative and judicial representatives.

The Timber Symposium will concentrate on four major areas having major effects on the management and development of Indian forest resources: Increasing the presence and proficiency of Indian people in forestry professions; Current, critical issues which confront Indian people in managing their resources; Possible approaches for increasing funding for investment in forestry resources; and, Roads as a vital part of the infrastructure of reservation economics.

The symposium will be chaired by Intertribal Timber Council president Michael Clements of Warm Springs. United States Representative from Oregon Les AuCoin will present the keynote address. A special luncheon held during the symposium will feature Assistant Secretary of the Interior Kenneth L. Smith as speaker.

Member tribes of the Intertribal Timber Council which is sponsoring the symposium include: Coeur D-Alene, Colville, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Fort Apache Timber Co., Hoopa, Makah, Metlakatla Indian Community, Navajo, Nez Perce, Northern Cheyenne, Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Quileute, Quinault Nation, Siletz, Spokane Indian Nation, Tanana Chiefs Conference Inc., Tlingit and Haida Central Council, Turtle Mountain, Yakima and Warm Springs.

Low count directs river closure

The Warm Springs Tribal Council voted March 28 to close the Deschutes River and all reservation streams to fishing for spring chinook by tribal members. The closure will be in effect from April 1 to June 18 unless the run proves to be larger than expected.

Acting on recommendations from the Natural Resources Department and Fish and Wildlife committee, Tribal Council passed resolution 6650 which prohibits fishing for spring chinook and the building of scaffolds, dry shacks or any other construction at the Sherars Falls area.

The resolution also directed tribal biologists and attorneys to seek a similar closure for non-Indians. That closure was enacted by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on Friday, March 30.

Tribal, state and federal biologists have reviewed information concerning the Deschutes River spring chinook run and are in agreement that this year's return will be extremely low.

Optimistic projections of adult returns put the numbers of wild fish at 1,300 plus 300 from Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery releases and 300 from Round Butte Hatchery.

The total of 1900 returning adults would be the second lowest return ever recorded. The lowest return came in 1980 when an estimated 1800 spring chinook entered the Deschutes River.

According to Warm Springs fisheries biologist, Cris Stainbrook, the majority of Deschutes River spring chinook return as four-year-olds and spawn in the Warm Springs River system. "The low number of returning adults in 1980 produced a record low number of redds (the sites of salmon spawning) in the Warm Springs system. The low number of smolts produced by those redds would have been bad enough but add to that

bacterial kidney disease and El Nino and the results may be disastrous," commented Stainbrook.

In 1980 the Warm Springs hatchery experienced a major outbreak of bacterial kidney disease resulting in the loss of many adults prior to spawning and large number of juveniles. The hatchery's production was virtually cut in half. The situation was similar in the river for wild fish but the loss was not thought to be quite as high.

The oceanic condition, El Nino, may have complicated the situation even more. Stainbrook explained that coded wire tag returns from

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April	HI	LOW
1	54	33
2	59	33
3	60	38
4	49	44
5	52	42
6	53	38
7	60	33
8	50	35
9	48	24
10	51	36
11	54	28

New Burning Permit Notice

Effective April 1, 1984 all burning permits will be issued at the BIA Fire Management Office on Holliday Lane in the Warm Springs Industrial Park. Burning permits will be required on a year around basis.

Permits must be obtained 24 hours prior to burning. This gives Fire Management a chance to look at the area and assist or give advice on methods to use to do the job safely.

Burning permits can be obtained during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For further information contact Dennis Thompson or Ed Johns, Fire Management Office, 553-1121, ext. 413 or 553-1146.