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## Fish vs. people at issue

by Marsha Shewczyk

With Mill Creek at a low flow level during this dry year and the migration of Spring chinook just beginning, Sidwalter residents are faced with the possibility of having their non-domestic water shut off.

The elimination of blockages at Potter's Pond and Strawberry Falls have allowed migrating anadromous fish to proceed an additional seven miles upstream where there is "excellent rearing habitat," according to Warm Springs watermaster Deepak

Sehgal. The problem is that fish need water to get to those rearing beds which now are the furthest upstream spawning beds in the Deschutes River system.

Fisheries biologists and Natural Resources department personnel are pleased with the upstream migration of Spring chinook but Sidwalter residents have mixed feelings. Resident Mike Clements, at a meeting held in his home August 15, said, "I can't afford to have my water shut off. . . Fish need

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## Fishing dates set

Fishing dates for Zone 6 on the Columbia River were set August 9 by the Columbia River Compact.

All three pools between Bonnevill and McNary Dams are open from noon to noon August 23-28 (five days) and August 29 to September 3. All sanctuaries are closed except for Spring Creek Hatchery.

No restrictions on mesh size have been set and monofilament may be used. Nets up to 400 feet long may be used for the first two fisheries. The Compact will reconsider allowing the use of

600 foot nets in the upper two pools during subsequent fisheries. Fishermen should consider navigation and safety factors.

The following additional fishing periods were also adopted, but are subject to change. The Compact will meet on September 5 and September 13 to consider an eight (8) inch mesh restriction and enlargement of the Springs Creek sanctuary.

The dates are September 6 to September 11 (five days), September 14 to September 18, (four days) and September 20 to September 24 (four days).

## Study ordered for Deschutes River carrying capacity

by Marsha Shewczyk

The Oregon State Legislature has voted to continue the boater pass system on the Deschutes River but has also ordered a study to define the carrying capacity of this Oregon Scenic Waterway.

Speaking before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in Salem, Oregon on February 21, 1985 Warm Springs Confederated Tribes attorney James Noteboom encouraged further study of the river. He stated:

"The Tribes originally supported the fee permit system when the legislation was first enacted with the understanding that the system would be re-evaluated after sufficient data and experience had been accumulated on which to make an informed judgement. We believe that a complete evaluation of the system is now appropriate and that it is far from clear whether or not the existing system should be continued without modification."

He went on to say, "The Confederated Tribes are not prepared at this time to recommend precisely what control system should be used for rafting on the Deschutes River. We do believe that there are serious issues regarding such things as

stream bank erosion, degradation of fish habitat and riparian vegetation, levels and uses of boater pass fees, safety of rafter takeout points, protection of Indian treaty rights, conflicts between rafters and fishermen, quality and nature of the outdoor experience, level of capital improvement, and alternative management techniques that need to be discussed and evaluated. The Tribes believe that these questions need to be addressed and not foreclosed or put on the back burner by any reauthorization legislation."

"Representatives from the Tribes have met with representatives from the state Parks Department on a continuing basis and it appears that there may be wide philosophical differences between us regarding the goals and objectives to be achieved by the rafter management system, primarily relating to the levels of usage of the river and protection of the natural qualities of the river."

Noteboom continued, "We also would like to suggest that the Committee would be aided by seeking information available from the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Oregon State Police, the Wasco County Sheriff's Department, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, all of which have been involved in the management of the Deschutes River on a continuing basis. Data and experience have been gained by these agencies over the past several years and we believe the evaluation of this information may well lead you to the conclusion that the present system of rafter control is inadequate to manage and preserve the Deschutes River."

The nine-member Oregon State Scenic Waterway Advisory Committee expressed dismay at the legislative decision. In a letter to Governor Victor Atiyeh the Committee expressed the feeling that the advisory committee "is of the unanimous opinion the existing Deschutes management program is work-

ing well, has a high degree of public acceptance and should be allowed to continue and improve for at least another four years."

The Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation has contracted an independent group to make the Deschutes River study to be presented to the

legislature in 1987. The direction of the study will be focused on the effect of users on the River's natural resources and population densities.

According to Parks and Recreation director John Lilly the study period will allow public response during scheduled meetings. The Tribe, in particular, "will be looked to to provide input," he added.

## Clinic receives Commission accreditation

by Donna Behrend

Following an intensive survey of services offered by the Warm Springs Indian Health Center by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation (JCHA) in late April, the local health facility has been granted unconditional accreditation for a three-year period by the Commission. The accreditation was termed a "mark of excellence" for the clinic and staff by Service Unit Director Lee Loomis. Loomis added that there are only three outpatient facilities in Oregon that have received accreditation, all of them being Indian Health centers. Accreditation by the JCHA is recognized in the health care industry as the highest possible level of approval.

The accreditation was based on the clinic's ability to comply with 14 different standards, each with 20 to 25 different elements. Included were standards ranging from quality assurance, quality of care and medical records to administration, facilities and environment and pharmaceutical, laboratory and radiology services as well as several other standards.

Loomis stated that the Warm Springs facility went through the same JCHA survey two years ago but the clinic fell short of gaining approval. "We failed to measure up to standards," said Loomis, particularly in quality assurance. According to Loomis, quality assurance is the "singular, most important aspect of accreditation."

Loomis elaborated, saying that the quality assurance program is a "self-examination process," or "making sure you're doing a

good job at what you're doing." To ensure that the clinic functions in the best way possible, monthly quality assurance meetings are now held to discuss and examine a wide variety of services offered ranging from medical records to administration to janitorial services. The quality assurance program, says Loomis, is "now very functional."

The detailed and extensive quality assurance program guidelines were not written by Warm Springs clinic staff alone. "We talked with other service units," said Loomis. The program "was built on someone else's founda-

tion." In addition, the program would not be the success it is without the support of the Portland Area Office.

Of great importance is the teamwork recognized by the surveyors. Stated JCHA coordinator Russ Alger, clinic pharmacist, "the survey team was particularly impressed with the teamwork and high quality of care provided by the 27-member staff" at the clinic. The survey team consisted of a Seattle physician and a San Francisco hospital administrator. Loomis added that "no one person could have done the job alone. . . the actual work was done by the staff."



The Warm Springs Indian Health clinic recently received accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH). The Commission is a non-profit, totally independent entity that surveys medical facilities throughout the United States.

### WEATHER

AUG.	HI	LOW
1	73	46
2	82	50
3	90	51
4	83	55
5	88	49
6	90	48
7	72	53
8	72	54
9	84	44
10	72	51
11	86	44
12	87	51
13	85	57
14	90	57