

## Warm Springs has new representative



February 1, 1995, was a very special day for Agnes Josie Wolfe, age 22. She was crowned Miss Warm Springs 1995 during ceremonies at the Community Center. Agnes is the daughter of the late James Wolfe, Sr. and her mother is Flossie Wolfe of Warm Springs. Kim-Ply is her Indian name and was the name of her aunt Florene Wolfe, given to her by her father, James.

Her grandparents on her father's side are the late Ellery Wolfe and Julia Wolfe.

On her mother's side her grandparents are the late Lawrence, Sr. and Ardis Squiemphen.

Kim-Ply has nine brothers and six sisters.

Her hobbies include beadwork, working on car's, and has a strong interest in family fishing on the Columbia River.

Miss Warm Springs 1995, Agnes Wolfe



Wolfe demonstrated how to correctly fillet a salmon.

National Marine Fisheries Service issues opinion....

## Tribes react to hydrosystem biological opinion

**from Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission**  
Leaders representing the Columbia River Treaty tribes held a new conference to discuss their reactions to the draft 1995 biological opinion (BO) on the hydrosystem prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Tribal staffs and the staff of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission have analyzed the draft biological opinion and are preparing comment to be delivered to NMFS on February 10.

The tribal and state fish agencies agree that the BO, as currently drafted, is an inadequate prescription for saving salmon.

What follows is a partial list of concerns about shortcomings of that plan and summarizes key aspects of the draft BO.

The draft BO is a "jeopardy opinion". This means that NMFS determined in the draft that the actions proposed by the hydrosystem operating agencies would jeopardize the continued existence of the listed Snake River salmon. Under the ESA, NMFS may propose reasonable and prudent alternatives that, if implemented, would insure that the action carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the listed species. The operating agencies must either implement those reasonable and prudent alternatives or seek an exemption from the ESA from the Endangered Species Committee (AKA the "God Squad").

The reasonable and prudent alternatives proposed by NMFS are weaker than the measure contained

in the 1994-98 BO and the 1993 BO that was struck down by Judge Malcom Marsh. Under the measures in the draft BO:

More fish will be transported than ever before.  
Less spill will be provided at the dams to pass fish safely away from turbines. Among other things, spill levels will fall below those specified in the regional spill memorandum of agreement.

Less flow augmentation will be provided. The reservoir constraints specified in the opinion will not allow the flow targets to be achieved. The reservoir constraints are more restrictive to salmon flow needs than the actual operations that occurred in 1994.

More research will be conducted by NMFS than ever before. As enumerated by NMFS, half of the reasonable and prudent alternatives are research projects. Based on past experience, it is reasonable to expect that NMFS will implement most of these research projects (nine of 15 appear likely to be conducted by NMFS). These research projects will cost millions of dollars, kill thousands of fish and yield little useful information.

The draft BO does not describe how these reasonable and prudent measures insure the continued existence of the species. The draft BO states that such justification must await completion of modeling.

The reasonable and prudent alternatives in the draft BO are not sufficient to avoid a jeopardy determination. NMFS has determined that the

measures in the 1994-98 BO were not sufficient to avoid a jeopardy determination. The measures in the draft BO are weaker than those in the 1994-98 BO.

The draft BO is not exactly clear on what the jeopardy standard is and what analytical procedures it will follow to determine jeopardy. NMFS is ambiguous whether the jeopardy standard will be applied to other human impacts such as habitat and harvest, to the listed salmon NMFS has taken elements of the state/tribal technical proposal for a jeopardy standard out of context. The strength of the state/tribal technical proposal for jeopardy standard, life cycle modeling, is heavily criticized by NMFS whereas the weakest aspect of the state/tribal recommendation, threshold levels, is endorsed by NMFS.

The draft BO repeatedly cites to and relies on the Recovery Plan, which has not been published, even in draft. A final recovery plan will not be available until after most of the juvenile fish have migrated to the ocean in 1995.

The draft BO does not mention the United States' treaty obligations to the tribes or the conservation principles that have arisen through judicial decree. In fact, the BO strongly hints that restrictions in "discretionary" federal actions, presumably including tribal fisheries, "indicate at least a moderate likelihood of survival and recovery (sic)". Restricting tribal fisheries when other measures are available is inconsistent with the tribes' treaty rights.

## Vegetation management proposed

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs Agency proposes to carry out a program of vegetation management for both competing vegetation in commercial forest lands and noxious weed infested lands of the Warm Springs Reservation.

Based on the Final Project Assessment, Controlling Competing Vegetation and Noxious Weeds of August 1994 and public comments gathered during the period of July 20 to August 19, 1994, we have determined that the proposed action does not pose a significant impact upon the human environment. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement as cited under Section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969-42 USC 4223 (2) (c) is therefore not required.

Factors supporting a finding of no significance:

All issues raised in Tribal Committee review were addressed and mitigated for.

The water quality, biological diversity and cultural resources will be protected by following all

applicable standards and guidelines of the Integrated Resources Management Plan.

The Spill Response Plan will protect water and soil resources to the maximum extent possible, should a spill of herbicides occur.

This decision will be implemented after the expiration of seven calendar days from the signing of this document.

Notice of Availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact on Final Project Assessment, Controlling

Competing Vegetation and Noxious Weeds, Warm Springs Reservation.

This notice advises the public that the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Final Project Assessment, Controlling Competing Vegetation and Noxious Weeds, is available for public review.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this FONSI should contact: Gerald Henrikson, Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 1239, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761, (503) 553-2421.

## Epidemic questions answered

As you may well know we have a head lice epidemic at Warm Springs. Many questions have come up on how to get rid of lice and this article includes the most common questions.

**Q. How do I get rid of head lice?**

**A. Wash hair with a regular shampoo, rinse and towel dry hair. Saturate hair and scalp with NIX cream rinse, leave on for 10 minutes (but no longer) and rinse hair completely. If live lice are seen seven days or more after the first treatment, NIX may be repeated. A single application is effective 99% of patients if all instructions are followed.**

**Q. How do I remove the eggs (nits)?**

**A. The medicine does not kill all of the eggs. They must be removed with a fine-toothed comb. This is a time consuming step. The nits are most easily removed after using Nix while the hair is still damp. Comb hair from the skin outward completely. It is no longer recommended to use vinegar water to aid in the removal of nits. It has been found that any cream rinse available at a store works better.**

**Q. How do I clean my house, clothes and hair products?**

**A. Machine wash all clothing, coats, bedding and towels that have**

been worn or used three days before and during the treatment in hot soapy water and dry in a hot dryer for at least 20 minutes. Items that cannot be washed should be dry cleaned, hung outside for 2 days, or sealed in a plastic bag for 10 days. Soak combs, brushes, barrettes and curlers in an antiseptic, rubbing alcohol or bleach for 1-2 hours. (They may also be boiled for 5-10 minutes.) Vacuum all rugs, mattresses and furniture carefully.

**Q. Do I need to treat the whole family?**

**A. YES, everyone in the household must be treated at the same time.**

**Q. How do I get NIX from the pharmacy?**

**A. One person per household with head lice must come to the clinic and bring his/her chart to the pharmacy. A pharmacist will then check for lice or nits. Only if nits or lice are found will NIX be given. A note from the school stating a member of the household has head lice will be recognized by the pharmacy. The pharmacist will supply you with enough NIX to treat all members of the household. This would be a good time to ask any additional questions you have about how to treat head lice.**

**Tribal Probate**  
has moved to the former EAP site in the back of the green house at the corner of Warm Springs and Paiute

## Gaming update: Commissioners to be interviewed, artwork needed

With the opening of the temporary gaming facility getting closer with each passing day, work continues on the details that must be completed before that day gets here in early May.

**Commissioners**  
The Gaming Work Group received over 80 applications of prospective

commissioners. The Work Group decided to consider only those applications submitted by tribal members. The final seven applicants will be interviewed by the Work Group February 21. Tribal Council is expected to make a final selection shortly after the interviews are completed. One commissioner position

will be full-time while the other two positions will be part-time.

**Art**  
A "grass roots" group of tribal members interested in developing and providing artwork for the gaming facility met earlier this week to discuss facility logo ideas, facility name and other issues tied to the enterprise. Wanda Van Pelt, Bernyce Courtney, Jolene Atencio, Oliver Kirk, Roxanne Casey met with facility general manager Aurolyn Stwyer to discuss artwork possibilities. Stwyer explained that the group, and any other interested community members, will meet again Tuesday, February 21 at The Museum at Warm Springs at noon, to continue discussions. Designers of the top four logo ideas will each receive \$350. Those designs not chosen for the logo may be used on T-shirts and other souvenir items.

Stwyer said that up to 12 display cases will be available for tribal members to commission their artwork. Consignments will be handled through the gaming facility gift shop.

Artwork will also be needed for murals. Exact proportions of the mural space will be available at the Job Fair February 28 and March 2. For further information concerning the artwork for the facility, contact Wanda Van Pelt at the Information Center at 553-6448.

Debbie Smith, who has a degree in marketing, is assisting Stwyer with uniform selection.

## Job Fair

**February 28—Tribal Members**  
**March 2—General Public**  
**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Wasco and Paiute Rooms Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge**

<p><b>Gaming</b></p> <p><i>Numerous positions will be available in the following departments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Slots-Keno-Poker-</li> <li>-Accounting-</li> <li>-Human Resources-</li> <li>-Security and Surveillance-</li> <li>-Commission Office-</li> <li>-Administration-</li> <li>-Maintenance-</li> </ul>	<p><b>Kah-Nee-Ta Resort</b></p> <p><i>Employment opportunities at Kah-Nee-Ta include positions in the following departments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Rooms Division-</li> <li>-Food and Beverage-</li> <li>-Recreation-</li> <li>-Grounds Upkeep-</li> </ul>	<p><b>Frontier Construction</b></p> <p><i>is general contractor for the gaming facility project.</i></p> <p>Information concerning employment with Frontier will be available at the Job Fair.</p>
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*Tribal artists are encouraged to attend as artwork, and interior and exterior design ideas are needed.*

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