

## River Tribes file suit

A lawsuit filed a week ago by four Columbia River Indian tribes against the Northwest Power Planning Council will not stop efforts to bring greater scientific and fiscal accountability for the region's fish and wildlife recovery efforts, the Chairman of the Northwest Power Planning Council said.

"This isn't about who did what to whom, it's about the best way to bring back salmon," Council Chairman John Etchart said. "Our top concern is getting this job done right, and that requires independent scientific review. We have heard clearly from Northwest citizens and from Congress that there must be greater accountability for fish and wildlife recovery, and the Council is simply working to provide that accountability."

The lawsuit, filed by the four member tribes of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco, seeks judicial review of decisions the Council made in September. At that time, the Council recommended some \$94 million in fish and \$45 million in new proposals for further scientific review. Most of the deferred projects involve new fish production and habitat improvements. In deferring those projects, the Council followed the advice of a panel of 11 independent scientists who reviewed all projects proposed for funding in 1998 through the Council's Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program.

"New hatchery production and new habitat projects are two areas that the scientists said need careful scrutiny," Etchart said. "We share the same goal with the tribes-to recover fish and wildlife populations,

but we have an obligation to the citizens of the Northwest to ensure their money is not wasted on ineffective projects."

Etchart said the Council stands by its decisions.

"The tribes say we cut their hatchery and habitat projects. We didn't," Etchart said. "We deferred spending on new hatchery and habitat projects only until the appropriate scientific reviews are complete. Ongoing projects received continued support because they've already received adequate review."

While the lawsuit claims the Council unfairly picked tribal projects for further review, that's not true, the Council chairman said.

"Most of the hatchery and habitat projects we fund are sponsored or co-sponsored by the tribes," Etchart said. "And because the tribes are involved in most of the projects, it makes sense they would be heavily affected by the deferrals."

In 1996, Congress amended the Northwest Power Act, the law that directs the Council's activities, to institute independent scientific review of fish and wildlife projects proposed to the Council for funding. The Power Act amendment, sponsored by U.S. Senator Slade Gorton of Washington, also directed the Council to ensure that recovery projects employ cost-effective measures.

The Council is an agency of the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington and is charged by the Northwest Power Act of 1980 with developing a program to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife of the Columbia River Basin, while also assuring the Pacific Northwest an adequate efficient economical and reliable electric power supply. The Council's fish and wildlife program is funded by the federal Bonneville Power Administration.

## Spa Wanapine set to open in December at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort

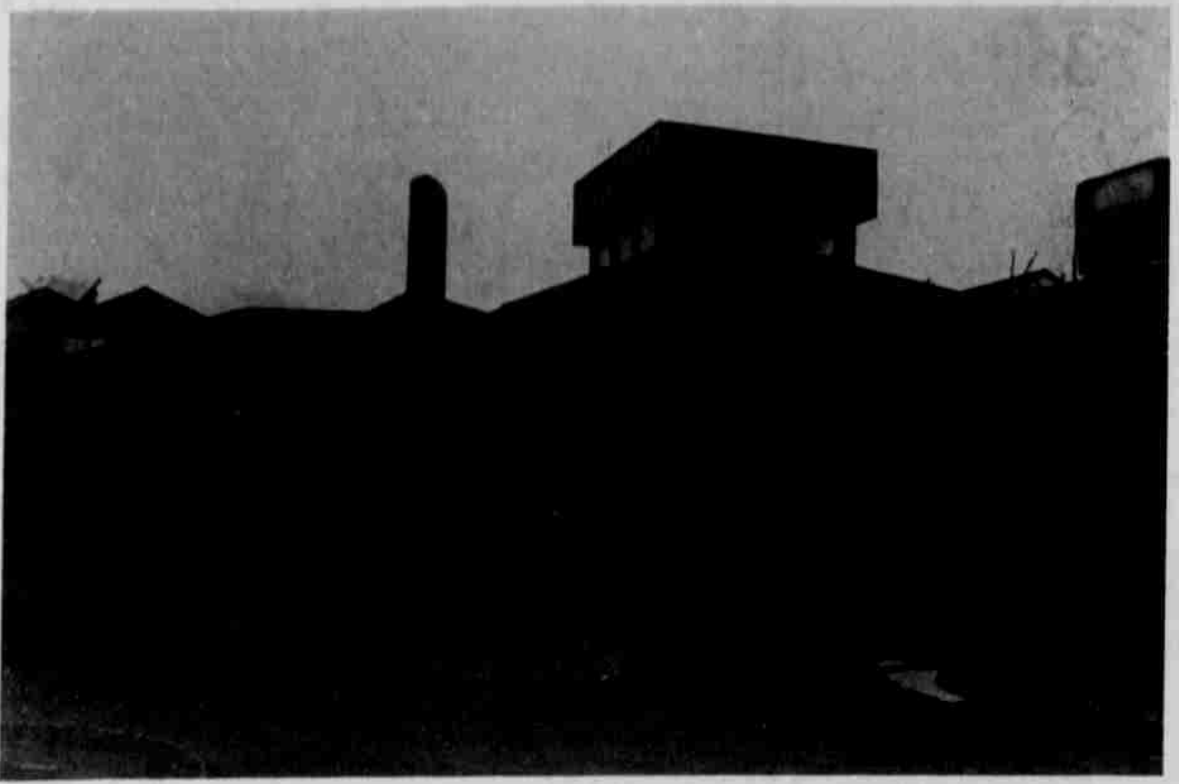
For people seeking relief from grueling days in the office or muscle-numbing runs down central Oregon's ski slopes, the new Spa Wanapine at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort will offer a ready remedy beginning in December 1997.

Located in the resort's newly rebuilt village area, Spa Wanapine (pronounced WAH-nah-pine) is a European-style health and fitness spa offering private mineral baths utilizing the hot mineral springs from the Warm Springs River, massage, hydrotherapy, facials, herbal wraps and a fitness center.

"Spa Wanapine offers a unique relaxation and spa experience not offered anywhere else in Oregon," said ZuAnne Jarrett, Kah-Nee-Ta's general manager. "We are pleased to be offering this unique facility and individual treatments to our guests. Spa Wanapine is one more venue that makes the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Oregon's complete relaxation destination."

Kathy Conrad is the director for Spa Wanapine. She is a certified reflexologist and licensed esthetician. In addition, she has 11 years of management experience in the hospitality industry.

As an introduction, Spa Wanapine is offering a special mid-week Winter Wellness Retreat on January 11, 12, 13, 1998. The package includes a room for three nights, eight specially prepared spa cuisine meals, unlimited use of spa and exercise facilities, two hydrotherapy hot spring soaks, two personal spa treatments, unlimited use of the hot springs swimming pool and a two-day wellness education workshop. Workshop topics include strengthening the immune system (preventive measures for winter colds and flu) and herbal tonics (how they can help increase health, strength and well being). Complete package prices are \$537 for single and \$519



Spa Wanapine is scheduled to open December 1997. This European style health spa is located near the bathhouse. This building will also hold the snack bar and gift shop.

per person for double occupancy. Spa Wanapine is part of an \$11 million reconstruction of Kah-Nee-Ta's village that was destroyed by floods in 1996.

In August 1997, the resort reopened 30 new guest rooms in the village area. The decor in each room uniquely combines rural America with Kah-Nee-Ta's Native American heritage. The furniture is made with the lumber from an old red barn. A sawtooth pattern, found in many of the traditional basket designs created by members of the Confederated Tribes, is incorporated into some of the furniture and flooring in each room.

The sofas feature a rawhide-like

texture on the surface. Occasional tables are custom designed in the shape of a drum. The cabinet pulls are in the shape of a pine cone, a staple in the Native American culture that marks the passage of time. Polished stones dangle from pull chains on the table and floor lamps, providing another connection to nature with each touch.

The village guest rooms offer guests great flexibility. A common, secure door between single rooms and single rooms with kitchenettes can be opened to meet the needs of individuals, families and groups.

Located approximately 120 miles southeast of Portland, the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort celebrates its 25 year

anniversary this year with the grand reopening of the village area which presently includes Spa Wanapine, 30 guest rooms, RV park, 20 teepees for camping, council ring and Olympic sized swimming pool with 140-foot water slide.

The resort's lodge features 139 guest rooms, meeting and conference rooms, pool, Indian Head Casino, Juniper dining room and deli. Hiking trails, tennis courts, fishing, a championship 18-hole golf course and the world-class museum at Warm Springs round out the amenities.

Owned by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort attracts about 350,000 visitors annually. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-554-4786.

### Water Safety course offered

The Deschutes County Chapter of the American Red Cross is scheduling Water Safety Instructional courses for November. One course will be held in the new pool at the Athletic Club of Bend. The courses will be held the first two weekends in November, 1 and 2, and 8 and 9.

These are 44 hour courses, including the pre-course session. The purpose is to train instructor candidates to teach the Infant and Preschool Aquatics program, The Seven Levels of the Learn to Swim program, the Basic Water Safety Program, the Emergency Water Safety Instructor Aide courses and for eligible individuals the Safety Training for Swim Coaches program. The course is recommended for all swim instructors and swimming and diving coaches.

The cost is \$126. Pre-payment is required and must be paid no later than two days before the class. Payment by check is acceptable. Payment is to Deschutes Chapter, American Red Cross, please indicate the date of the course you want to attend. Payment may be by mail to Box 6839, Bend 97708 or delivered to the Red Cross office next to G.I. Joe in the Mountain View Mall.

For more information call Bob Alexander at the Red Cross office 382-2142.

## Starfest opens winter wonderland November 23rd to January 5th

This winter Oregonians and visitors to the state will have another chance to experience the childlike excitement of a winter wonderland. Eagle Crest Resort, one of Central Oregon's most prestigious vacation communities, relights the skies with the fifth annual Starfest winter light festival 5 miles west of Redmond, Oregon.

Described as a "Magical Light Tour", Starfest is a two-mile driving tour of spectacular winter lighting displays decorating the rolling hills and placid lakes of Eagle Crest. Visitors will enjoy everything from Santa playing softball and an elf to a 42-foot fire breathing dragon-all made entirely of holiday lights. In all, with the new features added this year, Starfest boasts more than 70 different lighted structures scattered throughout the entire resort, from the restaurant to the hillsides.

Starfest will be open to the public nightly, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. weekdays and 5:30 to 10 p.m. on weekends from November 23 to January 5, 1997. Admission is \$5 per car load, \$10 per van (if seven or more people), and \$30 for buses.

You may want to tour the light display the old-fashion way, as horse-drawn wagon rides are also available at regularly scheduled times during

the weekend and by request mid-week. Cost is \$7 per person.

Our popular gift shop has been remodeled into the Teddy Bear Gift Shop where you will find more than 100 different kinds of teddy bears as well as unique holiday items. The gift show is open nightly in the lobby of the hotel.

Every Friday and Saturday evening, at 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. during the run of the festival, the lobby of the hotel will be filled with excitement as children delight to story time by the fireplace or decorate their own gingerbread person in the Inn Cafe. New this year will be Santa in the hotel lobby to talk to all the boys and girls every Friday and Saturday evening. Jeff Colburn, Director of Marketing for Eagle Crest, notes "In brainstorming how to make Starfest better, we discovered Redmond does not have a resident Santa, so we contacted the North Pole and arranged to add this feature this year." Santa will be available for pictures and visits every Friday and Saturday evening in the hotel lobby. Santa will arrive by hot air balloon on Friday November 28, at 7:15 p.m. at the soccer field at Eagle Crest.

The festival will be a benefit to the local schools again this year. Coupons will be distributed to the

schools. When turned in by a paying customer, Eagle Crest will donate \$1 back to the school. According to Colburn "In keeping with our corporate philosophy of community support this is a natural relationship. It offers the schools a chance to raise funds without having to order, stock or sell anything. Last year we donated over \$600 through this innovative program." Also, some of the light features have been made by students from Mt. View/Bend High and Redmond High School shop classes.

Starfest has quickly become a Central Oregon holiday tradition for many families. Whether you are viewing the lights from the warmth of your car or under the star-filled sky pulled by a team of horses, listening intently to the storyteller by the crackling fire, designing your own unique gingerbread person, or figuring out which teddy bear to adopt, Starfest is a great way to step back in time and celebrate the holiday season together.

Eagle Crest expects over 20,000 people to view Starfest this year.

**The Magical Tour**  
Just what will visitors see at Starfest? On entering the resort, they will see the inn, as well as nearby trees and fences aglow with lights.

The first displays encountered are a family of deer and a majestic eagle. Soon you'll be traveling through the western section that has coyotes, cactus and a horse-drawn carriage. You will see a 42-foot fire breathing dragon, sail boat and water fountain. Continuing on you observe animated golfers, swans, dinosaurs, and drive through candy cane arches as you enter the enchanted forest area near the Niblick & Greene's Restaurant. On the return trip you will see a cannon shoot over the road, cross country skiers, leaping reindeer and a 14-foot tall snowman that waves at you.

"We have added several light displays this year", notes Colburn. Redmond High School has designed and built a real show piece, a 32' x 20' drive-through castle. "We have some talented high school students who have done a fantastic job for us and it is a great program for them to be able to build structures that the whole area can look at and enjoy." Other displays new this year include another castle and a lighthouse as well as several other features.

**Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides**  
Again this year, Eagle Crest will offer horse-drawn wagon rides through the show. "It is a fantastic way to see the show tucked under a

blanket with the stars above and the jingle of the bells from the large draft horses drifting through the brisk night air," notes Colburn. The rides run regular schedules on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and by reservations on other nights. Cost is \$7 per person and reservations can be made by calling 923-2453. The wagon leaves the hotel lobby at 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

**A Bright Business Idea**  
Eagle Crest officials are excited that Starfest has become a part of Central Oregon winter tradition. "We have had a successful first four seasons and look to build on that this year. Besides all the local visitors, we are attracting tour buses to the area whom are coming just to view the show", add Colburn. "A successful festival will help boost business for our inn and restaurant through the holiday period."

**About Eagle Crest**  
Eagle Crest is located five miles west of Redmond, Oregon. Founded in 1985, this 1200-acre resort is known for its world class golf and hospitality. Two championship golf courses, a 100-room Inn, Equestrian Center, Sports Center, Niblick & Greene's Restaurant and interval, factional and whole-owned vacation town homes all continue to make Eagle Crest a truly first-class destination resort.

### Christmas Lights Parade.

November 29, at 5:30 p.m. Madras, Sahaltee Park. For more information call Kimberly Parker 546-5033.

Theme-"A country Christmas". Categories: Commercial, Mounted, Marching, Public Service, Best Theme and Best Lighted.

Details: Line up at 4:30 p.m. on 10th Street in front of the Elementary school, sign up at the head of the parade line. Parade route will be around Sahaltee Park, ending with caroling, hot chocolate and of course, Santa! Trophies awarded through 3rd place at the park.

### Red Cross training important to everyone

There have been several life saving incidents recently in Central Oregon, including the saving of a 12 year old in the Redmond area and a infant in the Lapine area. That are directly related to Red Cross First Aid training programs. There is only one way the Deschutes Chapter of the American Red Cross can promote these vital programs and that is with your cooperation in publicizing the PSA's regarding the training programs as they are scheduled. The Chapter appreciates the time and space you can give to advise the public of these important and possibly life-saving programs.

Thanks for the time and space, Ted Burgon, PSA Coordinator, 593-5887.

## State, federal officials relate importance of agreement

### Governor Kitzhaber's statement

"I first of all want to thank the leaders of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Without your persistence and flexibility and commitment we would not be here today to sign this agreement. Thank Secretary Babbitt for being here. His presence here signifies not only the commitment of the federal government to help resolve disputes of this nature but also recognizes the importance and historic nature of the agreement we'll be signing today."

"I think it is historic for a number of reasons. I think people will see this as a model for other states and tribes across the country. It's historic first because we got here by negotiation and didn't go to court. That, in itself is remarkable. An issue as complicated and as emotional as water rights is often easier to litigate than to negotiate. But we stuck with it and made it through the negotiation process and after several years, we've come up with a remarkable agreement. One that, I might add, is beneficial to all parties."

"If we can do this for water rights, I think we can also do this for other kinds of natural resources. That gives me a great deal of optimism about the future health of this place, this land, that we share."

"The second reason this is a historic agreement is that it was able to accommodate the interests of a wide range of jurisdictions to allow the

Warm Springs to continue with your tribal enterprises; it will also ensure that an allocation process is in place to ensure that everyone will have enough water even during times of shortages."

"The agreement also will maintain in-stream water flows which are critical to the survival of steelhead and salmon and other species, something that is certainly important to the Warm Springs tribal members, the state and all people."

"Finally, the agreement signifies a new era in cooperation with and respect for the members of the Warm Springs nation as equal sovereigns. Many of you know that somewhat over a year ago I signed into effect executive order 96-30 that directed the state to establish a formal government-to-government relationship with the tribes of the state of Oregon. It is easy to say that you have a government-to-government relationship but it is harder to make it a living, breathing thing."

"I think that by signing this agreement today we are putting a first and very important breath into making this document a reality. So, it is with a certain degree of humbleness that I come today to sign this treaty and offer my thanks to the many people in this room whose hard word and diligence over many, many years brought this to maturity."

### Secretary Babbitt's statement

"I believe we are here today, in large measure, because of the leadership of Governor Kitzhaber, Attorney General Hardy Meyers and other officials of the state. This state, more than any other in the American West, has learned to come together with their Indian neighbors...in the words of Governor Kitzhaber, to 'respect you as sovereigns'. This is a wonderful achievement and it is a powerful lesson, which I think is increasingly going to be available to every state in the West. It is a lesson about giving together on the way. You don't have to go to court. You can find solutions, which [helps] all of us in the management of God's creation."

"I believe this is an occasion that will be remembered for generations to come. I believe your efforts, working together, have produced a historic moment that will be talked about by your children and their children and generations to come. And, for generations to come, members of these tribes will be saying, 'Thank the Creator for the wisdom of that generation, the leaders and tribal members alike, that were able to come together to create this moment of history.'"

"This is an extraordinary moment....When Governor Stevens came out to this land in 1855 to work out a treaty recognizing your presence since time immemorial, that was a beginning. It was about land, thought of those days as the issue. And of course, it was just peripherally about fishing. But, not a word about the water which enables people to live on the land. And not a word

about the water which is the prerequisite for the fishery so deeply implicated in your culture and your ceremonies as well."

"Then, Judge Boldt came along in the 1970s and re-emphasized and interpreted the meaning of fish. But again, without answering the underlying question of water as the life of the land enabling you to live on this land. The water will provide for you. Without the water, there would be nothing."

"So, here we are, 150 years later. Your presence on the land since time immemorial. The fishermen are now united by the waters that flow through this land, that flow through time, that flow through generations of remembrance. [Solidifying] our relationships to the Creator, tying all of us, all of you to your homeland."

"For that reason I believe our descendants, for generations to come, will say, 'They, in that age, in this time, rose to the very best of our tradition, thereby guaranteeing our heritage.' Congratulations."

### Pagel statement

"I have been a member of negotiating team for past five years. We have built an agreement that really does work for the people of the Tribe, and the non-tribal members of the state. Wound up with an agreement that is widely supported and does represent a consensus of how water needs to be managed. The agreement recognizes the true sovereign responsibility, authority and the respect for those sovereign authorities."

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