

Council adopts big game hunting regulations, seasons

Resolution No. 9581A

Whereas, Resolution No. 9581 was approved on the 27th day of July 1998 which adopted the annual Hunting Regulations for this year; and,

Whereas, A public hearing was conducted on the 3rd day of August 1998 to receive further input from the membership; and,

Whereas, The membership raised concerns regarding livestock and other safety factors, including weather conditions; and,

Whereas, The membership asked for an August Big Game Closure primarily due to the hot weather; and,

Whereas, The membership requests the one deer/buck quota per family be added to the October quota making a total of two bucks for the months of September and two bucks for the month of October; now, therefore

Be it resolved, By the 21st Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon pursuant to Articles V, Section 1 (I) and (I) of the Tribal Constitution and Wildlife code 340.210, the "1998 Hunting and Regulations" are adopted as provided in the attached recommendations from Natural Resources Department and Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Certification
Dated August 10, 1998
Seven Tribal Council members present; 4 yes votes, 3 no, with the Chairman voting in favor as a result of a tie vote.

Approved by BIA August 13, 1998

DEER SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS

SEASON: The entire month of September

SEASON: The entire month of October

BAG LIMIT: Two (2) antlered deer per family in September

Two (2) antlered deer per family in October

JUSTIFICATION: Deer populations have increased significantly over the past ten years on the Reservation. Population estimates indicate there are currently over twice as many deer as there were ten years ago. The past two years have featured excellent forage production and mild winters, allowing for good recruitment.

It is felt that the recommended season and bag limit will provide increased harvest opportunities while allowing the deer herd to maintain or increase in number.

Deer production in 1998 is expected to be high due to favorable weather and good forage.

CHANGES FROM 1997 RECOMMENDATIONS:

Deer hunting would be restricted to the months of September and October. Four (4) antlered deer would be allowed per family; two in September and two in October.

The 22,000 acre south Mutton Mt. fire area closure would continue through 1998.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

1983 to 1997 Hunt Results:

YEAR	TAGS ISSUED	# HUNTED	SUCCESS RATE
1983	1,313	801	22%
1984	828	538	24%
1985	884	575	29%
1986	759	554	37%
1987	830	581	31%
1988	919	667	36%
1989	1,086	825	34%
1990	1,235	1,074	37%
1991	1,271	826	34%
1992	1,361	932	33%
1993	1,268	856	27%
1994	1,273	955	32%
1995	1,417	1,020	34%
1996	1,232	862	32%
1997	1,440	1,020	37%

SURVEY INFORMATION

1997 Fall herd composition count:
18 bucks per 100 does
33 fawns per 100 does

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:
1984 TO 1997 ELK HUNT RESULTS:

YEAR	TAGS ISSUED	# HUNTED	SUCCESS RATE
1984	308	139	42%
1985	278	203	27%
1986	286	248	14%
1987	322	242	28%
1988	321	275	23%
1989	349	320	30%
1990	406	371	35%
1991	462	337	20%
1992	459	321	26%
1993	460	384	21%
1994*	496	387	32%
1995	431	363	24%
1996	421	295	28%
1997	472	222	19%

* Included Antlerless hunting
1998 Spring Herd Composition:

18 Bulls per 100 cows
22 calves per 100 cows

is allowed on these tags.

JUSTIFICATION: Elk populations are growing in mostly areas on the Reservation. The elk herd has reached the lower goal number set in the Integrated Resources Management Plan. It is felt that a limited antlerless hunt in the later part of the season will allow for additional harvest and yet maintain the elk herd at goal levels.

CHANGES FROM 1997 RECOMMENDATIONS: A week-long controlled antlerless elk hunt at the end of November. One hundred (100) antlerless elk tags would be exchanged for unfilled bull elk tags.

The 22,000 acre south Mutton Mt. fire area is closed to elk hunting for the 1998 season.

ELK SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS

BULL SEASON: November 1 through November 30, 1998

BAG LIMIT: One (1) antlered elk per family

ANTLERLESS SEASON: November 23 through November 30, 1998

BAG LIMIT: One (1) antlerless elk per family. 100 TAGS AVAILABLE.

A hunter must exchange his/her unused bull tag to receive an Antlerless elk tag. The Antlerless elk tags will be issues on a first come, first serve basis, only to hunters that have not filled their bull elk tag and only Antlerless elk may be harvested on these tags. No designated hunting

BEAR SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS

SEASON: August 15 through August 31, 1998

The entire month of September.

The entire month of October.

The entire month of November.

BAG LIMIT: One (1) bear per month per family except cubs and sows with cubs are protected.

JUSTIFICATION: The reservation has a healthy population of black bear and there is very little hunting pressure by tribal members. One hundred seventy four (174) tags were issued in 1997, with only two bear reported taken.

CHANGES FROM 1997 RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

The 22,000 acre south Mutton Mt. fire area is closed to bear hunting for the 1998 season.

1998 BIRD SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS

SEASON: September 1 through December 31, 1998

BAG LIMIT:

Grouse—3 per day

Quail—10 per day

Chukar—10 per day

Turkey—1 per month

MIGRATORY BIRDS: Ducks, Geese, Mourning Dove

Bag limits and seasons are established under the migratory Bird Treaty Act. seasons and bag limits are the same as Federal and State regulations.

JUSTIFICATION: Bird populations are most affected by annual climatic conditions and habitat. Hunter pressure is very light on the reservation.

RESTRICTIONS: Hunting of birds is limited to shotguns, archery and pistol fired shot shells. The established Mutton Mtn. Fire area would be closed to bird hunting.

The 22,000 acre south Mutton Mt. fire area is closed to all bird hunting throughout the 1998 hunting season.

Tags will be issued beginning August 31 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

After August 31, tags will be issued 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Resolution # 9567 reappropriates funds for ambulance services

Resolution No. 9567

Whereas, The Tribal Council is concerned with the health and well being of the Warm Springs Reservation; and,

Whereas, The Confederated Tribes operates a rural ambulance service to provide emergency medical assistance and transport for the Warm Springs Reservation and adjacent areas; and,

Whereas, The program currently obtains reimbursement from the Tribal Managed Care Program for services provided to "Managed Care Program Eligible" patients; and,

Whereas, The Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services Program is a contractible program under the Provisions of the Indian Self-Determination Act; and,

Whereas, The Tribal Council wishes to provide stability of revenue, and to avoid the unnecessary administrative burden associated with billings between the Tribal Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services Program and the Tribal Managed Care Program; and,

Whereas, The Tribal Council has authority under the self-determination Agreement with the Indian Health Service to set priorities and to allocate available resources between the programs authorized under the

agreement; now, therefore

Be it resolved, By the 21st Tribal Council, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (a), (d) and (f) of the Constitution and By-Laws, as amended that the self-determination Agreement with the Indian Health Service be amended to incorporate the operation of the Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services Program for the Warm Springs community; and,

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary/Treasurer is directed to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Indian Health Service Self-Determination Agreement for inclusion of the Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services Program; and,

Be it further resolved, That the General Manager of Public Safety and the Managed Care Program Director shall recommend to the Secretary/Treasurer who shall report to the Tribal Council an annual amount to be allocated to the Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services Program from available Managed Care Program funds as a part of the annual Tribal Budget. Such allocation shall be based on the portion of ambulance costs associated with Managed Care Program Eligible patients transported to any location by the Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services on an annual basis. Funds allocated from

the Managed Care Program to the Public Safety Branch of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will not exceed \$100,000 in any year, and not to exceed \$75,000 for each 1998 and 1999 year.

Certification
Dated July 13, 1998

Nine Tribal Council members present; 7 yes votes; 1 abstained. Chairman did not vote
Approved by BIA July 15, 1998

Oregon Indians receive resident tuition

No matter where they now reside, members of Oregon's federally recognized tribes will soon pay only resident tuition in the Oregon University System.

A new policy, adopted in July by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, gives resident tuition status to any member of an Oregon tribe who enrolls at one of the state's seven public universities. It will save money for Native American students who previously paid higher non-resi-

dent rates because they lived outside Oregon.

The new policy becomes effective with the beginning of fall term 1998.

Leaders of the Oregon Indian community had sought the change, noting that the system's historic way of charging tuition failed to recognize the historic ties tribal members have to Oregon's land, whether or not they reside in the state. Students seeking resident tuition

status under the new policy will be required to document tribal enrollment. Those procedures are now being developed at Eastern Oregon University, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Oregon State University, Portland State University, the University of Oregon, and the Oregon Institute of Technology.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is included in the list of federally recognized Oregon tribes under the policy.

Columbia River tribes selling catch on river

Beginning August 25, fishers from Yakama, Umatilla, Nez Perce and Warm Springs tribes were selling fresh fish directly from the Columbia River to the public during their commercial fishery.

Tribal fishers report that they will be selling fresh fall chinook ("brights"), steelhead, coho and walleye starting at \$2 a pound. The sales are scheduled Tuesdays through Saturdays for the last week in August and the first week in September. However, fishers may sell their catches on other days as well. Sales are also anticipated during the second and third weeks of September.

"The purpose of the direct public sales is to allow fishers to increase their incomes and help them and their families through the months when there is no fishing," said Jon Matthews, salmon sales project leader. Tribal fishers receive substantially less selling fish to wholesalers.

"We expect 1998 sales to be as successful as 1997's," Matthews said. "Last year people from both sides of the river appreciated the opportunity to buy really fresh fish at bargain prices. And we value their support."

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission estimates that for every ten dollars generated from fish sales, another seven dollars is contributed to local businesses when buyers and fishers buy gasoline, food and other supplies during the tribal fishing season.

Special Saturday events featuring storytelling or dancing and a demonstration on salmon preparation are scheduled for Cascade Locks on August 29 and September 5 and 12 and for The Dalles on September 12.

Renowned poet and actor Ed Edmo will appear at the September 5 event. Some tribal fishers will be participating in the city of Cascade Locks' first annual Salmon Shuffle which is set for September 12 and 13.

Sales locations include Marine Park in Cascade Locks, Lone Pine in The Dalles, Roosevelt, Washington boat launch as well as other sites along the Columbia River. Sale hours are about 10 a.m. until dusk. Buyers should bring ice and coolers to keep fish fresh. Sales are cash only. Customers may call 1-888-BUY-1855 for more information about locations, special event times and to confirm sales dates.

The direct-to-the-public fish sales is a project of CRITFC, a not-for-profit, tax exempt organization.

We carry on a tradition
(You carry home dinner)



The Yakama, Nez Perce, Umatilla, and Warm Springs tribes invite you to come to the river—where, for a limited time, you can buy freshly caught salmon directly from tribal fishers. Participate in the region's traditional economy—salmon, the shared heritage of the Pacific Northwest. Call 1-888-BUY-1855.

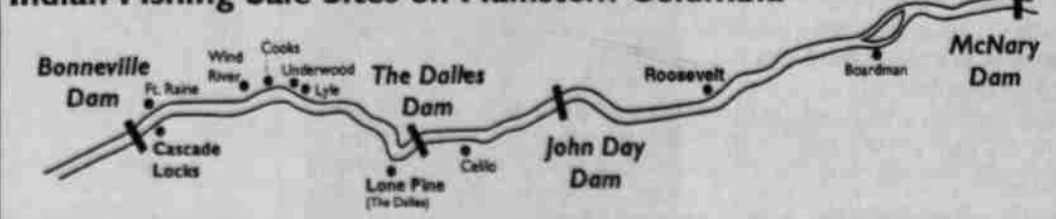
Fish sales are scheduled for Wednesdays through Saturdays from August 26 until September 19. Sales times are 10 am to dusk. The main sales locations are Cascade Locks and The Dalles, Oregon and Roosevelt, Washington. You might find sales at other times, locations, and dates. Call 1-888-BUY-1855 for information.

Specials events: August 29 and September 5 in Cascade Locks, 1-3 pm. September 12 in the Dalles and Cascade Locks (times to be announced). Call 1-888-BUY-1855.

Buyers should bring sufficient ice and coolers (preferred) or plastic bags to keep fish fresh.

SALES ARE CASH ONLY

Indian Fishing Sale Sites on Mainstem Columbia



Salmon Direct-to-the-Public Sales is a project of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), a not-for-profit organization. CRITFC is the coordination and fisheries technical agency of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce tribes.

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Thanks for your support

To the Warm Springs Tribal Council, Management, and the Community:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your friendship, help and support of the environmental health programs since I started in 1991. As some of you are aware, I have been transferred to the Yakima Service Unit. Regretfully, my last day with Warm Springs will be on August 21. Together we have accomplished many good programs for the Warm Springs Community. While I am concerned that the programs that have been started will not be completed if the Tribes does not act to hire another sanitarian in a timely manner, I know that the community has appreciated and supported the programs in the past and will continue to show their support.

We have started and been able to accomplish a great deal since 1991 including the Warm Springs Agency Wastewater plan, solid waste management plan, recycling, bike rodeo, animal control, and most recently tribal safety just to name a few. Some of these programs have now been taken over by the Tribal organization

such as the recycling and solid waste programs. Others have yet to be incorporated into the Tribal organization and it is these programs which I am concerned.

There are also many programs that have yet to be done such as the water quality and quantity program which I have planned on starting to help us better plan where subdivision and housing areas should be built. These are important programs and I feel very needed programs. I will leave it in your hands to ensure that the needed programs continue. If there is anything that I can do to help with the programs, please do not hesitate to give me a call, my resources are at your disposal. It has been my privilege and honor to have been able to work with the Tribes on these programs and it is my sincere hope that the environmental health programs continue to benefit the Warm Springs community.

I look forward to the day when I can return to this area and possibly assist the Tribes again with its environmental health efforts. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Warm Springs community.

Nancy Collins