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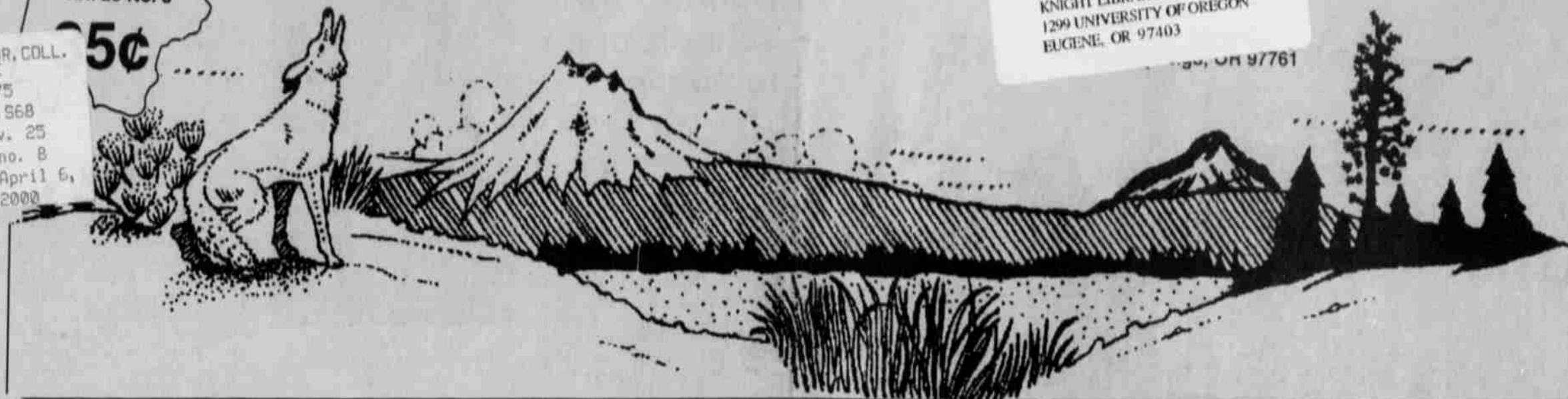
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## Natural Resources announce highlights to resolution #9858 Tribal members support the Hydro Purchase from PGE



Corwin Howtopat at Warm Springs repairing net as he prepares for the ceremonial fishing season that opened earlier this week. The root feasts are set April 9th in Simnasho and The Agency Longhouse.

The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Natural Resources Department is pleased to announce the highlights of Tribal Resolution #9858. Tribal Resolution #9858 describes the harvest regulations for the spring Chinook salmon ceremonial and subsistence fishery at Sherars Falls.

The following restrictive regulations were adopted by Tribal Council on March 28th, 2000.

1. In recognition of the traditional methods of fishing, fishing from scaffolds using hoopnets and setnets will be allowed seven days per week from April 1 through June 15, 2000. a. all wild steelhead must be released and returned to the river unharmed.

b. The provisions of Warm Springs

Tribal Code (WSTC) 340.310 (8), requiring that setnets and hoopnets are attended continuously, will be enforced.

2. A subsistence fishery will be allowed up to a harvest cap of 496 adult wild spring Chinook salmon. There will be unrestricted fishery for hatchery spring Chinook salmon.

3. The Department of Natural Resources will be responsible for monitoring the fishery. Once the harvest cap of 496 adult wild spring Chinook salmon is reached, fishing for adult wild spring Chinook salmon will be closed and all adult wild spring Chinook must be released and returned to the river unharmed. Fishing will remain open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon.

4. Hook and Line fishing, one

pole per person and single hook only (no treble hooks), will be permitted.

5. Snagging of fish will be prohibited, any fish that is snagged incidentally must be returned to the river unharmed.

6. The Natural Resources Department and Police Department shall closely monitor the Sherars Falls fishery and strictly enforce the regulations requiring the release of unmarked steelhead by hook and line fishers.

7. The Warm Springs River and all its tributaries will be closed to all fishing.

8. Pursuant to Warm Springs Tribal Ordinance 68, Section 490.500 and Section 490.510 (8), the sale of fish caught for subsistence purposes

is prohibited.

9. Monitoring of the tribal harvest, fish escapement over Bonneville and The Dalles Dam and fish returns to Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery and Round Butte Hatchery, will be used to determine if in season harvest modifications will be necessary.

The Natural Resources Department is expecting the return of approximately 10,000 hatchery spring Chinook salmon and approximately 2,000 wild spring Chinook salmon, to the Deschutes River. This year's return is expected to be the largest return since 1990.

If anyone has any questions, please call the Natural Resources Department at (541) 553-3548.

### Pitt show opens

The April 2000 feature at Art Adventure Gallery, Madras will be "A Gathering of Spirits," works in ceramics and mixed media by well known Northwest artist, Lillian Pitt.

An opening reception will be held during the 1st Thursday Art Walk, April 6, 2000 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Foster Kalama, Warm Springs on the Native American Flute.

### Red Cross announce challenge

Mount Bachelor and your local American Red Cross announce a Vertical Foot Challenge! Skiers and boarders will collect pledges for a fixed dollar amount or per foot sponsorship. Then on April 15, they will ski and ride "Cliffhanger" run to raise funds for local Red Cross Disaster response as well as Health and Safety services.

This will be a fun event with lots of drawings for great participant prizes. Those registered by April 7 will be eligible for free bus rides, lift ticket and equipment rental. Entry forms and pledge sheets are available at the Red Cross Office in Bend Armory and many ski shops.

If you live in Deschutes, Grant, Jefferson, Crook or Wheeler Counties or are a part of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, accept the challenge. Please participate or sponsor someone. The money raised could help you!

For more information call (541) 382-2142.

### Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not have datelogs for this year.

## Corps Extend Snake River Comment Period Time until April 30, 2000

The public comment period on the draft of the Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement has been extended to April 30, and official from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said.

The Corps extended the comment period — originally scheduled to end March 31 — after receiving several requests from regional agencies and groups. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife sent in a formal request that was approved today by Lt. Col. William E. Bulen, Jr., Walla Walla District commander.

The Corps' draft FR/EIS was released in December 1999. It focuses on ways to modify the four lower Snake River dams to improve migration conditions for endangered or threatened

The voting went over very well here as tribal members approved the proposed acquisition of a portion of the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric project partially located on tribal lands.

After all votes were tabulated and checked after the election on Tuesday, the tribal members voted 753 for and 127 against, to authorize the Tribal Council to acquire majority ownership in the project from Portland General Electric over the next 37 years. The Tribal Council ratified the vote Wednesday.

"The Pelton Round Butte project has the potential to generate substantial revenues in the near-term with the expectation that revenues will only increase in the long-term as the Tribes gain a greater share of ownership," said Olney Patt, Jr., Tribal Council Chairman.

With Tribal approval in place, PGE and the Tribes will pursue a joint license for the project from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Last

year, they filed competing applications. The agreement is also subject to the approval of the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Under the agreement, the Tribes will purchase a one-third interest in the 408 megawatt project on December 31, 2001 with the option 20 years later to increase the share to 49.9 percent. The Tribes could also elect to increase ownership to 50.01 percent by 2037.

The referendum authorized the Tribal Council to spend up to \$90 million to purchase the majority share and restore and protect natural resources.

The Tribes would purchase shares of the project at net book value (initial investment minus depreciation). In turn, the proposal provides that PGE's current rent payments of \$10 million to the Tribes for use of Tribal Lands would cease on December 31, 2001. In lieu of those payments, the Tribes would earn revenue by marketing their share of the power output from the project.

### May 23 set for gaming vote

Tribal Council has set a date of May 23 to vote on expanding gaming on tribal trust lands located in the industrial area near Madras. The proposal for a Madras gaming site has been approved by the Tribal Council and now goes to the people. Purpose of the proposal is to produce a new source of income for the Tribe to offset anticipated revenue shortfalls beginning in 2003.

Economic studies completed last year show that among current gaming expansion sites under consideration, the site near Madras can produce double the revenue of a new development on the reservation.

In 1995, the membership voted to enter into gaming with the primary goal of producing revenue for the

Tribe. A secondary goal was to create employment opportunities for Tribal members.

Last year, a second gaming referendum asking voting members if they wanted to continue gaming a possibly expand it. The vote was an overwhelming yes.

For this referendum, information will be available through articles released in the Spilyay Tymoo, in KWSO interviews, in mailers sent to head of household and in a series of district and general council meetings. "We are at the crossroads of gaming expansion for the Tribe," states Gaming Board Chairman, Rudy Clements. He adds "It's critical that members be well informed on this issue before they cast their vote. It's now up to the people."

### Tribes to buy Government Island

The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation decided to purchase Government Island, in Cascade Locks, for \$1.9 million.

There are no specific plans for the Property at the present time, however, they do believe that it has all kinds of opportunities for economic development. The 30 acre Government Island is on the east edge of Cascade Locks and was part of the 10 million acres of land the tribes ceded to the U.S. Government in the treaty of 1855.

The Island is where the tribes proposed to set up a casino which received a big welcome from residents as they saw good job opportunities that they lack there. The Gov. John Kitzhaber denied permission to build the gaming facility there last November.

Whatever the tribes decide to do with Government Island, they will work with the people in Cascade Locks. A joint planning board is most likely by the tribes and Cascade Locks residents.

### Title IX committee to meet

The Title IX Parent Advisory Committee will meet at Warm Springs Elementary Library on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 7 p.m. A public hearing will be held regarding the 2000-01 budget.

Title IX meetings are open to all members of the public. The Committee meets at 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services Office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting. Please call Georgia Sosa at 475-6192.

### Council passes "Rules of Court"

Pursuant to the Warm Springs Tribal Courts "Rules of Court" passed by Tribal Council, all persons seeking admission to practice law in Tribal Court in addition to filing fees, must pass a prescribed test.

In order to assist lawyers and advocates to prepare for the upcoming "test" the Tribal Court will schedule a minimum of two sessions. These sessions are intended to help potential practitioners to learn what material needs to be reviewed and studied in order to gain a passing score on the exam.

The second session is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 10 in Court Room #1.

**Correction: The Root Feast date is for April 9, 2000.**  
Sorry for any inconvenience of the incorrect date.

### Chili Cook-off Chillinnium 2000

Supporting Healthy Communities  
National Alcohol Free Weekend April 8, 2000  
In honor of National Alcohol Free Weekend, CHET will be hosting their first Annual Chili Cook-Off.

The event is slated for Saturday, April 8, 2000 beginning at 8 a.m. with a Family Fun Run. At 10 a.m. the Chili Cook-Off begins. CHET is challenging other tribal departments to participate in this National Holiday. If you want your team involved, please call them for entry rules. Remote control car races for kids will be sponsored by Fire Management. The first 70 entries will get a free T-Shirt. If you think you can handle fun in the sun, good cooking by locals, and support the cause to have an ALCOHOL FREE WEEKEND, then Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 8, 2000. We will be located down at the Community Center. If you have any questions or concerns, PLEASE do not hesitate to call a member of CHET at 553-4922.

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