

## Spring chinook harvest making comeback

By Brian Mortensen  
Spilyay Tymoo

The harvest of spring Chinook salmon has been making a comeback on the lower forks of the Hood River in recent years.

The fish, a traditional staple food of people native to the Columbia River Basin, will be available to Warm Springs tribal members in fisheries below Powerdale Dam and Punchbowl Falls this spring, beginning in April and during its peak season in May.

"We want to get the word out, since it's only been two or three seasons (the fisheries) have been open to tribal folks," Jim Gidley, Hatchery Manager for the Parkdale Fish Hatchery, the hatchery operated by the Confederated Tribes of Warm

Springs along with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and funded by Bonneville Power Administration.

Typically, the spring Chinook harvest usually begins in May or June, Gidley said.

"We're continuing to work on increasing the numbers of salmon and put the fish (numbers) where they need to be," Mike Gauvin, Fisheries Harvest Manager for the Warm Springs Tribes, said.

The fisheries below Powerdale Dam and Punchbowl Falls were re-opened in 2001 and 2002, and fishing was exclusively available to tribal members. The lower forks of the Hood have since become popular to sport fishers, as well.

Gauvin said the tribal fish and wildlife officials have what

are known as escapement goals to help determine future fish production and to help manage for consistent fish runs.

"It has been getting better since 2000," he said, after a sub par period in the mid-1990s. Fish habitat has improved throughout the Columbia River Basin, as well as in tributaries like the Hood River.

Gauvin said fisheries will each have different regulations to protect the native runs of fish. The restrictions will be determined within the next six weeks, well before the season starts in April.

A combination of factors threatened the Chinook harvest in the Hood River, including heavy rain and runoff from snowmelt, silt, and even pesticides from upstream farms.

The spring Chinook like to go up the west fork of the Hood River, as it's the most pristine of the three forks of the Hood, not prone to flooding or silt.

Gauvin said the number of jack salmon, or precocious three-year-olds, are gauged to help determine the number of returning spring Chinook salmon for the following season.

Chinook salmon reach maturity, and return to spawn, at four to five years, this, after a migration, from the freshwater in which they hatch to the ocean waters they gain maturity to their journey back where they started. The fish die once they return and the females lay their eggs.

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## Young Achiever Reshawn Holliday Sponsored by Les Schwab

Reshawn Holliday is excelling in mathematics at Warm Springs Elementary School. In Math Facts in a Flash and Accelerated Math, Reshawn is doing an outstanding job, said Kevin Rodin, school improvement specialist.

Reshawn, age 9, is in the third grade at the elementary school. He said his favorite subject is math, but he also likes reading. He has 40 points in Accelerated Reading, which is a high score. A book he recently liked reading was The



Magic Tree House. Reshawn also likes PE. Outside of school he likes to spend time playing, especially the game of tag. Congratulations Reshawn and keep up the great work.

## Lapwai wins Warm Springs tourney

Competition returns after 2-year absence

After a two-year absence, the 45th Warm Springs Men's Basketball Tournament reminded local basketball fans what they'd missed, with a pair of nail-biter finishes in Saturday's final games.

Lapwai, Idaho, won the three-day tournament with a 100-98 win over Chiloquin in the championship game.

Earlier, Chiloquin had beaten the Blackhawks, a team that included some players from Warm Springs, 96-91, to give the Blackhawks third place in the seven-team tournament at the Community Wellness Center.

Besides the Blackhawks, the tournament included two teams from Warm Springs. The North End Express lost during Thursday's opening round and eventually went 1-2. The War Scouts team went 0-2.

Longtime tournament director Satch Miller said six teams opted not to play in the tournament, but that players from the teams that did come thanked

him for putting on the tournament for the first time since 2002.

Players from each of the top three teams received jackets, handed out by Tournament Senior Queen Sallie Polk-Adams and Junior Queen Rhyann Smith.

In the championship game, Lapwai, which went unbeaten in four games, led by as many 16 points in the first half and had to withstand a strong Chiloquin rally in the fourth period. Lapwai, from the Nez Perce tribe, couldn't claim the win until center Buck Jones rebounded. Jon Takes Enemy's intentionally missed free throw with three seconds left.

Takes Enemy, who scored all of his 14 points in the second half, hit his first free throw to make it 100-98, the closest Chiloquin had been since the first quarter, and threw it hard off the front of the rim to try and get his own rebound and put up a potential game-tying shot.

A Chiloquin victory would have forced a second game immediately following, starting af-

ter 10 p.m. Saturday.

For Lapwai, which won despite not making a field goal in the last six and a half minutes of the game, forward Greg Jose led with 32 points, and guard Jack Yearout had 24. Tournament MVP Bryson Bronson, a guard, had 18, while Jones had 15.

Lapwai, which hit 30 of 43 free throws, went 13-of-22 at the line in the fourth period.

Forward Scott Riddle scored 30 to lead Chiloquin, which finished 4-2 in the tournament, including two losses to Lapwai. Forward Steve Watah added 24 points, while Takes Enemy and Gene Sutterlick each had 14 points.

While Bronson was MVP, teammates Jose and Jones were all-tournament selections, as were Riddle and Watah from Chiloquin, David White from the Columbia River Connection, Jermaine Wolfe and Michael Jackson from Blackhawks, and Jorge Maria and Floyd Frank from War Scouts.

## Forestry seeking bids for gopher control

The Warm Springs Forestry Department is continuing a sealed bid procedure for the Forest Development-Gopher Control program.

Warm Springs tribal members interested in bidding are encouraged to contact Robinson T. Mitchell at the Forestry Department. Potential bidders are asked to provide an updated insurance policy upon applying, though

this is not required.

To apply or for more information, contact Project coordinator Robinson T. Mitchell at Forestry Department - Forest Development: Gopher Control at (541) 553-2416, ext. 247, or by mail at Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Forestry Department, Attn: Robinson T. Mitchell, P.O. Box 1239, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

## Tribe will take part in events marking anniversary of Lewis and Clark

ASTORIA (AP) - The Chinook Indian Tribe says it will take part in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration but on its own terms and not with another tribe they consider an illegitimate rival.

The Chinooks plan several events during the November 2005 "Signature Event" that will showcase its history and culture. "Our plan is definitely to participate and have a strong

presence," said Chinook Tribal Council Chairman Gary Johnson.

He said possible events include a canoe paddle, drumming circle and dinner during the official "Destination: The Pacific" Bicentennial commemoration Nov. 11-15.

Earlier this year, the tribe announced it would not take part if the Clatsop-Nehalem tribe did.

## Treaty

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The Umatilla and Yakama nations will also have blankets commemorating their treaties. The Museum at Warm Springs this year will also have an exhibit, called Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, regarding the Treaty of 1855.

There are many interesting historical aspects of the treaty that will be examined in later

editions of the Spilyay Tymoo. While the history is of interest, the treaty remains the vital document for the tribes. "The challenge is to get the government and all its subsidiaries to live up to the treaty," said Louie Pitt.

Without the treaty, it is possible the tribes could have lost their culture, said Pitt. So one of the main things about the treaty, he said, "is that we're still here."

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