

One out of every four endangered species dollars goes to salmon

(AP) — Northwest populations of Pacific salmon accounted for one of every four state and federal dollars spent on saving endangered or threatened species during 2004, according to a new report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Government agencies spent \$393 million on helping the five Pacific salmon species protected by the Endangered Species Act — chinook, steelhead, coho, sockeye and chum. Total government spending for 1,838 listed species was \$1.4 billion, the report said.

And the cost promises to rise. The Bush administration says it will spend \$6 billion over the next 10 years to modify eight federally owned hydroelectric dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers to make them less lethal to salmon.

Cost is increasingly becoming a factor in the debate over how best to restore struggling salmon runs.

"Virtually everyone in the region supports recovery," said Bob Lohn, Northwest regional director of NOAA Fisheries, the

federal agency responsible for restoring salmon. "The debate is about the most effective way to get there and whether it can be done as effectively at a lower cost.

"The ESA plainly makes the value decision that not only is it worth it, but we've got to do it," he added. "That decision is made for us."

Salmon compete for water and habitat with hydroelectric dams, irrigation withdrawals, barge transportation, shipping channels, logging, livestock grazing

and urban development. And federal plans to minimize the harm from those competing interests in the Columbia Basin — particularly the dams — have yet to get approval from a federal judge making sure they measure up to the demands of the Endangered Species Act.

Reps. Greg Walden, R-Ore., Brian Baird, D-Wash., and Norm Dicks, D-Wash., have held a series of hearings putting more pressure on sport and commercial fishing and hatcheries to contribute.

Marrow transplant screening at clinic

(Note: the following was submitted by a department of the Warm Springs IHS Clinic.)

Recently an individual diagnosed with leukemia was told that all conventional treatment options had been exhausted. The one option left is a bone marrow transplant.

Bone marrow transplants have to be much more specific than kidney or liver transplants. The National Bone Marrow Donor Program contacted the Warm Springs IHS recently and asked if the program could have a donor drive in Warm Springs for this person.

The person with leukemia has numerous relatives on

the Warm Springs, Umatilla and Yakama reservations. It is extremely important to find a close match.

The bone marrow drive will be in the Tribal Conference Room at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8.

All that is required is to fill out a short form and donate a small amount of blood. There will be a National Bone Marrow Program coordinator, Delores Rue-Jones, present to answer questions and provide information.

Please help. Come and be screened on March 8 at the Warm Springs clinic.

Endangered condor lays rare egg

PORTLAND (AP) — Tama, the Oregon Zoo's most prolific California condor, has produced a rare egg at the zoo's Jonsson Center for Wildlife Conservation.

But zookeepers were unable to confirm the egg, laid Feb. 16, until the next day because Tama and her mate, Mandan, started making nest switches, and the female was nesting in the only spot not covered by a video surveillance camera.

Zookeepers waited until

Tama had left the nest room before examining her egg.

"When she went outdoors, we quickly dropped the door behind her, did our work, then raised the door," said Shawn St. Michael, assistant condor curator. "She was back on her egg within minutes. The egg looked great. It has a thick shell, with no flaws or thin spots."

If things go well keepers will leave the egg with Tama and Mandan for a week, then remove the egg to check its vi-

ability. If it is determined to be viable, keepers will double-clutch the egg, meaning they will incubate it artificially in hopes the condors produce another egg. Once removed, the artificially incubated egg will be monitored until it almost hatches, then placed back with its condor parents.

If Tama produces a second egg, the new egg will be allowed to stay with her and her mate for natural parent rearing.

The Oregon Zoo joined the

California Condor Recovery Program in 2003. The zoo currently has 16 condors and released one condor to the wild last year.

The 16 condors came from team members at the Los Angeles Zoo, San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park and the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise, Idaho.

The Oregon facility's goal is to produce up to 32 young a year.

Boyd, Culpus to wed on March 25



David Boyd Sr., and Sherrill Lopez are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter Davina Mary Boyd and Cheyenne Dakota Culpus, the son of John and Esther Culpus, at the He He Longhouse, at 2:00 p.m., March 25.

Family

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Amanda said she likes living on a ranch, other than the fact "there's not many people around to play with."

The closest are cousins who live about a mile from her house.

Like most kids her age, Amanda said she has no set idea what she'd like to do when she grows up. She knows she wants to go to college eventually. This particular week, she said she was interested in joining the U.S. Army.

On this particular Saturday afternoon, there was a bit of a chill in the air and a breeze but one not as strong as earlier in the week. The biggest thing to be careful of was the mud, Edison said.

"You've got to stay ahead of the mud," he said, meaning that the softer the ground gets from rain and snowmelt, the easier the cattle can stir up the ground. Then it becomes difficult to maneuver the pickup with the hay. The trick, he said, is to distribute the alfalfa in different spots in the pasture.

Once at the haystack at Teri Jo and Amanda's grandparents' house, Edison and Amanda jumpstart the International Harvester 706 Diesel tractor, and it eventually runs, allowing him to fork three bales of alfalfa onto the back of the truck.

They drive out to what looks to be a solid spot in the pasture, and as Edison slowly drives the pickup, Amanda breaks off flakes of hay and kicks them over the side. Cattle from older bulls and steers to new-born calves mill around, the older ones looking for food, the younger ones looking for the mother cows.

This daily routine reminds Edison of his childhood in Arizona, when he and his grandfather would round up cattle on horseback and drive them to a mesa, where they would graze and be branded.

"He and I'd be up there cowboying all week, and we'd be up there two months, branding," he said.



Amanda helps with the ranch work.

The roundup would last for weeks or even all summer.

Of course, being raised on a ranch, both Teri Jo and Amanda know how to rope and ride. Teri Jo used to barrel race in rodeos in Warm Springs and at Grande Ronde, and Amanda was once in a roping contest against another girl where they both hit the target more than 30 times before the duel was called a draw.

The children have been able to achieve success in athletics and in the classroom. Amanda takes honors classes and has a 3.9 grade-point average. Her mother said their success is because of the constant business of the farm and their union as a family.

The older sister Teri Jo said she likes Chemawa, having started this year. "It's a good school," she said. "I can be independent there. You can do things on your own, by yourself."

She said there are now eight students at Chemawa from Warm Springs, and she said she

sees them around but mostly hangs around people from her dormitory. Her roommate is from the Yakama Reservation. Even though she lives more than two hours away from home, she sees her family every two weeks when her parents visit or pick her up and take her back to the ranch.

Teri Jo said she appreciates life on the farm. "It's fun," she said. "It teaches you how to work and it keeps you out of trouble. My favorite part of it's being with my sister. We were always doing stuff together."

Teri Jo said she plans to go to college at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., where a number of students from Warm Springs have attended. She said she'd like to pursue sports medicine because "I like being around athletes, and I like helping people out."

She's been playing volleyball since she was in sixth grade, and she said she's excited about the opportunity to travel to The Netherlands.

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