

Small dams can hinder fish passage

The cool water temperatures in rivers are enticing during the upcoming summer months – not only for swimmers, but also for migrating fish.

Lisa Hewlett, a fish biologist for the department of natural resources, said they are using various methods to observe juvenile fish populations and the condition of rearing habitats within watersheds throughout the Warm Springs Reservation.

Using everything from snorkeling to a device called the rotary screw trap, Hewlett said they strive to make sure the fish are impacted as little as possible. From June through August, biologists will be conducting snorkeling surveys in the Warm Springs River and Shitike Creek.

Not only do these surveys give biologists an idea of the health of juvenile fish popula-

tions, Hewlett said, but “It’s also a time when we can identify the critical spawning and rearing habitat.”

Once they have that information they can attempt to protect and conserve those areas, she added.

“We’re going to be snorkeling pools,” Hewlett said. “Pools have been identified as an important rearing habitat for juvenile fish.”

Not only are they looking at fish densities, but biologists will also be conducting spring Chinook spawning ground surveys to count redds – a gravel mound that fish, such as salmon and steelhead, build to lay and bury their eggs.

Redds are typically located near the tail-out of a pool where suitable spawning gravel is present. “Because redds con-

tain future generations of salmon and steelhead, it is important that they can be identified and avoided when walking in the stream channel,” Hewlett explained.

Something that can hinder the upstream migration of salmon are recreational dams built by swimmers trying to cool off.

These barriers can make it difficult for fish to pass by, but the problem is easily solved. Hewlett suggests that a two-foot gap be left in dams, particularly in the deep portions of the main channel.

If anyone has questions or concerns about leaving enough room in the recreation dam or about potential salmon spawning habitat, people are encouraged to call Hewlett at 553-2029.

Lamprey tags to help with study

The Confederated Tribes’ Department of Natural Resources is conducting a lamprey (eel) study.

Department personnel will be tagging adult lampreys at Sherar’s Falls throughout the 2006 run. If you catch an eel with a tag, please return the tag to Natural Resource De-

partment staff, or place the tag in an envelop provided in the lamprey tag box. Or return the tag to: Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box C, 4223 Holliday St., Warm Springs, OR 97761. For more information contact Jennifer Graham or Matt Fox at the Natural Resources Department, 553-2001.

The study is being conducted to determine how many eels move beyond Sherars Falls, as well as, where Pacific lamprey overwinter and spawn in the Deschutes River sub-basin.

The information will be critical to the recovery of the eels within the Deschutes.

Hunter safety classes offered

Hunter safety class will start on July 25, 27 and August 1-4, 2006. Sign up at Natural Resources or call 553-2002. Class size is 20 students, ages 14-17 years old. Place and time will be posted at a later date.

Public Notice Regarding Water

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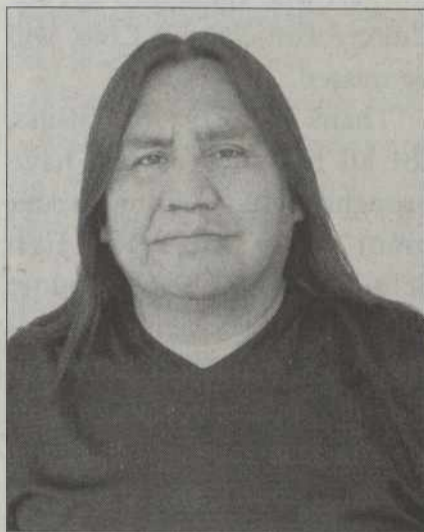
(EPA) under the 1996 amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to publish the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Copies are available by calling the water treatment plant at 553-1472.

Many winners in survey drawing

Foster Kalama won the \$1,000 grand prize in the recent tribal survey, sponsored by Warm Springs Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta.

Kalama works as the tribal liaison at school district 509-J. In filling out the survey, Kalama said he tried to answer the questions from his heart. A point of emphasis in his answers was the need for new economic development projects on the reservation.

Examples, he said, are a water park at Kah-Nee-Ta, and cabins along the river that could be rented to fishermen.



Foster Kalama

Other big winners in the survey contest were Francis Spino Jr., and Selena Boise, each of whom won \$500.

Another 15 tribal members who filled out the survey won

\$100 each. Thirty people each won \$50.

There were a total of 48 cash prizes totalling \$5,000.

The idea for including the prizes as part of the survey was to elicit as large a response as possible. And the strategy worked, as there was a large response, according to Adam Davis Midghall Inc. of Portland, the company that conducted the survey on behalf of Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta.

Results of the survey will be compiled, and then reported to the membership in the near future, according to Ventures.

Survey identifies tribes’ economic needs

By Marén Cohn
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(Note: the following concludes an article that began in the previous Spilyay.)

Warm Springs Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta initiated the summer-long opinion research to find out what tribal members think about the reservation economy – how it is currently performing and what it should strive for in the future.

The two organizations went into the project intending to ask questions about what kinds of labor and resource development members were willing to support. They hope the answers will help them in long-range planning for new projects on the reservation.

An especially fruitful source of information for the questionnaire was the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, run out of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona.

For the past twenty years, researchers from the project have been working in Indian Country to help tribes find ways to end reservation poverty.

For instance, in Montana, professor Joe Kalt, a director of the Harvard Project, and others have helped the Salish and Kootenai tribes build a thriving private sector economy based on tourism, agriculture, and retail services.

Reservation unemployment is often lower than elsewhere in rural Montana, and the tribal college receives applications from non-members who wish to attend.

Among the many resources published by the Harvard Project is a strategic analysis tool that helps tribes assess their situations and determine what can be done to improve reservation economies. The Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta team drew on

this tool in designing the opinion survey.

“We tailored it to fit our purposes,” said Clyde Hamstreet, Ventures chief executive officer. “And we shortened it substantially. But the sample questions and the rationale behind them were very helpful to us in planning what to ask Warm Springs members.”

The four main parts of the survey each reflect an important aspect of the Harvard project research. Section one, on values and vision, explores tribal members’ feelings about identity and sovereignty, and their hopes for the future. Answers to questions in this section help provide the basis for long-range strategic planning.

Section two, which addresses the reservation’s present economic situation, aims to uncover how members regard the economy and the people responsible for it. It asks about primary economic goals and what choices members are willing to make in pursuing those goals.

The third section inquires into perceptions of the reservation’s internal environment. Questions about governance and politics aim to find out where the Tribes stand in relation to the infrastructure concerns outlined by Kalt. At the same time, information about tribal culture will help the survey sponsors identify appropriate institutional forms and economic development projects to assist in future planning.

The Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta team will use the fourth part of the survey, on assets, to find out what members consider to be the strengths of the reservation, and how they would like to see those assets taken advantage of for future economic benefit.

Finally, the mailed version of the questionnaire included some demographic questions. Answers

to these will enable the Davis firm to break responses down according to certain criteria.

“Preliminary results of the survey are starting to come in,” said Clyde Hamstreet, chief executive officer of Ventures. “We’re excited to find out what everyone thinks and move on to the next stage of coming up with concrete plans to help the reservation economy. In the meantime, we’re very happy at receiving so many responses—over 500, which is a strong rate. The more we get, the better our foundation for analysis. It’s clear that many members took a lot of time to fill in the questionnaire and write their concerns. We appreciate that and will do our best with the information we receive.”

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