

Tribal fish processing facility could open in 2007

Construction is under way on a commercial fish processing facility that would produce some 10 tons of ice a day for tribal fishers on the Columbia River.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is building the 8,000-square-foot plant on an eight-acre parcel at an in-lieu fishing access site near White Salmon on the Washington side of the Columbia River.

According to planning documents, up to 800,000 pounds of salmon – that's about 40,000 twenty-pound salmon – could be processed in the first year at the new facility.

The facility will be FDA food-safety compliant, and will include a blast freezer, refrigeration unit and freezer, as well as the ice machines.

It should be completed by the end of the year, in time for use early in 2007.

Piping for the ice machines will not be installed until later this year, and a waste water treatment plan is still being developed, said Jon Mathews, salmon marketing manager for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

CRITFC has overseen development of the project.

The project is designed to give tribes more control over natural resources and to make tribal fishers larger players within the salmon market.

Nearly 90 percent of salmon on the market are produced in fish farms – the largest are in Chile and Norway.

In a recent CRITFC survey,

more than half of tribal fishers who responded said they sold their fish last year to commercial buyers, 30 percent sold over the bank and 18 percent kept their catch for personal use.

"We may start out the first year icing, heading and gutting," Mathews said.

"As a player in the market, equipment will be necessary to allow the facility to process fish from head-and-gut to custom filets, brush frozen or fresh, and could eventually include smoking, vacuum-packed, retort and canned. At least with refrigeration the tribes can prolong the market season."

Mathews said it is imperative that the facility be self-sustaining with an experienced fish processing manager involved.

The four treaty fishing tribes – Warm Springs, Umatilla, Nez Perce and Yakamas need to agree by resolution on an entity to govern the facility.

"We expect CRITFC to have a limited role," Mathews said.

"The four tribes will take the lead and form a new entity or use an existing one. CRITFC will be more of a technical adviser to assist in the process."

Mathews said each tribe's economic development programs will be asked to brainstorm on capitalization and coordination matters.

Anyone wishing more information can call Jeremy FiveCrows of CRITFC at (503) 731-1275.

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Young Achiever Jariah Thompson Sponsored by Les Schwab

Jariah Thompson will be going into the fifth grade in the fall and said her favorite subject is math.

Why? "Just cause it makes us smarter," Thompson said.

Thompson is one of many students attending activities at the Boys and Girls Club this summer, and staff members describe her as a big help.

Director June Smith said, "She's been really helpful with the art projects."

"She's shown some good leadership skills," Smith said, and has done a good job of following rules and demonstrating patience.

After school, Thompson said she isn't sure of exactly what she wants to do as a career, but is thinking of becoming either a



firefighter or working for a radio station like KWSO.

"My dad worked at Fire Management and I think it's cool," Thompson said. As for KWSO, "I just really like it there. It sounds like it would be fun and interesting."

Thompson is the daughter of Liz Smith and Joel Thompson.

She has three brothers: Devon, 9, Aaron, 16, and Joel Jr., 14.

Thompson also has three sisters: Chavondria, 5 months, Kalan, 8, and Patty, 9.

Fair promotes Native American home ownership

The Native American Youth and Family Center this month will host Portland's first Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, in the Mount Tabor Hall at Portland Community College, located SE Center, 2305 SE 82nd Ave and Division, Portland. The Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair is free and open to everyone.

Participants will meet housing resource professionals and lenders, and may be eligible to enter to win \$1,500 in down payment assistance.

Classes, homebuyer assistance information, and housing resources for renters with home ownership goals will be offered.

Features include Native American dance performances, a guest drum, food, a kids' corner and raffle prizes.

The fair is offered in response to community need, and as part of Native American Youth and Family Center's goal of increasing economic and housing stability in the American Indian community.

The fair will provide a wide range of resources for the whole community: from renters to potential home owners. In com-

parison to populations of similar size, only 17 percent of Portland's 38,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives own their home, according to the Northwest Area Foundation.

This event is coordinated by the Native American Youth and Family Center in collaboration with the Bureau of Housing and Community Development, Portland Development Commission, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, US Bank, Albina Community Bank, The State of Oregon, The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Portland Community Land Trust, Housing Connections & 211

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Questions? Contact Sara Libby at the Native American Youth and Family Center, 503-288-8177 extension 232, or saral@nayapdx.org.

ECE open house on August 1

The Warm Springs Early Childhood Center on Tuesday, August 1 is hosting a Round-up and Open House.

The Daycare, Head Start/Early Head Start Programs will be open for tours and applications.

Parents of 3- and 4-year-olds are encouraged to attend for the fall 2006-07.

Daycare will be receiving intakes for ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

There will be food and fun for everyone at the Round Up

and Open House.

Please come to the Early Childhood Education Center from any time from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1.

Call 553-3241 if you have questions.

Many winners in Portland to Coast walking team raffle

The 2006 Portland to Coast walking team raffle winners include grand prize winner Judy Johnson, who won a sports basket.

The following people won items donated by Lynn Fluhr: Mariann Smith, 39 piece road kit; Rita Squiemphen, purse with hair accessories; Veronica Russell, mini fm radio; Benny Heath, fanny pack; Sissy Smith, six piece bungee cord; Emma Russell, mag link shapes; Craig Smith Sr., Ipod cover; Dr. Maloney, "Lil' Girl" purse with goodies; Jana Roth, hair accessories; and Keith Rekow, electronic hand-held game.

Earlyne Squiemphen donated items won by the following people: Betty Hewson, hand-held space pinball; Teesha Moschetti, spinning reel; Mary Ann Schwartz, bubble fun; Earl Squiemphen, travel mug with thermos; Les White, Coleman sleeping bag; Tasheena George,

ATNI backpack; Earl Squiemphen, OSU sweatshirt; Carmen Smith, Polaroid camera; Betty Hewson, two easy fly kites; Erica Miller, electric dartboard; Enes Smith, radio pen; Celeste Brunoe, Scoobie doodle bag.

Shari Marrazzo donated two Pendleton coin purses, won by Lynn Fluhr and Estelle Lawson, as well as a beaded bracelet won by Rena Smith.

Foster Kalama won a portable walkman cd player, donated by Joyce Oberly. Jaylynn Bagley won a huckleberry pack donated by the Museum at Warm Springs. Dena Thurby donated a greeting card holder won by Shawn Winsor.

Benny Heath won \$50 donated by Redine Kirk. Evan Aguirre won a purple beaded necklace donated by Priscilla Yazzie.

Earlyne Squiemphen, team captain, wishes to congratulate

all the winners from the team "Wading to Exhale."

The event will take place from August 25 to August 26 in Seaside. For those wishing to watch at the finish line at the Promenade in Seaside, it is a 127-mile trip.

The Portland to Coast walk is held in conjunction with the Hood to Coast Relay Run (which is approximately 190 miles and starts at the Timberline Lodge).

Members of the "Wading to Exhale" team would like to thank those who contributed to the raffle.

Team members include: Earlyne Squiemphen Lynn Fluhr, Redine Kirk, Joyce Oberly, Liz Sachse, Shari Marrazzo, Dena Thurby, Jeannie Seyler, Jasmine Graybael, Mitzie Allen, Rene Holliday and Becky Hunt.

Parade entries earn ribbons

The following are the ribbon winners in the 2006 Fourth of July Parade in Warm Springs:

Adults: Earlyne Squiemphen, patriotic division, first place.

Children: Shaniah Tom, patriotic walker division, first place. Charmain Billy, patriotic horses division, first place. Benjamin Billy, patriotic horses division, second place. Kristen Billy, patriotic horses division, third place.

Floats: 4-H Programs, traditional/patriotic float division, first place. Rhoan family, patriotic float

division, second place. Youth Jefferson County Middle School Developmental Program, patriotic float division, third place.

Skaters/Scooters/Wagons: Corbet Tom, patriotic division, first place. Anona Jones, patriotic division, second place. Anora Francis, patriotic division, third place.

Please pick your ribbons up at the Community Center office. Call Carol Allison for information, 553-3243.

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To contact Legal Aid Services of Oregon, write to it at Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Central Oregon Regional Office, 1029 N.W. 14th Street, Bend, Ore., 97701; or call (800) 678-6944, or (541) 385-6944.