



A Warm Springs fire crew responded earlier this month to a brush fire. No structures were damaged by the fire, which was contained within an area of several acres.

## Mainstem Columbia River recreational chinook fisheries closes

(AP) — State fishery officials decided to shut down fishing for fall chinook salmon on the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam through the end of the year.

The shutdown was extended from Bonneville upstream to Pasco, Washington.

The reason is that the run of upriver bright fall chinook is turning out to be about 40

percent below preseason predictions, and catching any more fish would leave too few fish to spawn the next generation.

## Assistance available to local ag producers

Local agricultural producers interested in financial and technical assistance for conservation measures on their working lands have until October 31 to apply for Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding for federal fiscal year 2008.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that assists farmers and ranchers improve and enhance the condition of water, soil, and other natural resources on agricultural lands.

The program is designed to help producers protect the resources that support their operations and contribute to envi-

ronmental quality for the overall community.

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) accepts applications for EQIP year-round. Funding decisions, however, are made at cutoff points during the year, with the current ranking period closing on October 31 for the following counties: Jefferson and Wasco located with the Warm Springs Reservation.

Applications that address local conservation priorities are evaluated and ranked for funding. The number of applications accepted will be based on ranking and available funding.

Conservation practices eli-

gible for funding in both counties include: water development, cross fencing, juniper control and prescribed grazing, just to name a few.

Interested parties should contact the Warm Springs satellite office located at the tribal Natural Resources building. Or call NRCS tribal liaison Shawn Big Knife at 553-2009.

For more information about EQIP, including local ranking information, enrollment requirements and program payments, please visit the Oregon Natural Resources Conservation Service web site at:

[www.or.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov)

## Nch'i-Wana celebrates Native art of the Columbia

The Nch'i-Wana art show and events are scheduled for early October at Columbia Center for the Arts at Hood River, and at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Wash.

Featured artists include Pat Courtney Gold, Lillian Pitt, Roxanne Chinook, Bernyce Courtney, Tony Stevens, and atwai Apolonia Susana Santos, along with artists from other tribes of the Columbia.

Nch'i-Wana is dedicated to Apolonia Susana Santos, Tygh Yakama, who provided vision

and guidance during the early planning phases for this show.

The art show and events celebrate the Native American arts of Nch'i-Wana, Wasco for "the Big River."

The celebration is set for Oct. 5-29.

The art show opening will be on Friday, Oct. 5 at the Columbia Center for the Arts. Artist reception is from 6 to 8:30 p.m., with artist panel discussion to follow.

The following day at Skamania Lodge will be the "She

Who Watches" petroglyph tour, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The art show opening at the lodge will be on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 5-6 p.m., and the artist panel discussion to follow.

More special events, including traditional arts demonstrations, are scheduled through October 29.

For more information call the Columbia Center for the Arts at (541) 387-8877; or visit the website at:

[www.columbiaarts.org/nchiwana](http://www.columbiaarts.org/nchiwana)

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