

# New website a resource for fishermen

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Spilyay Tymoo

Fishing on the Warm Springs reservation has become a little simpler for those wishing to buy permits.

A new website will allow people to purchase tribal fishing permits online as well as receive information about local fishing areas.

Michael Gauvin, fisheries management supervisor, said they launched [www.tribalpermit.com](http://www.tribalpermit.com) in early October.

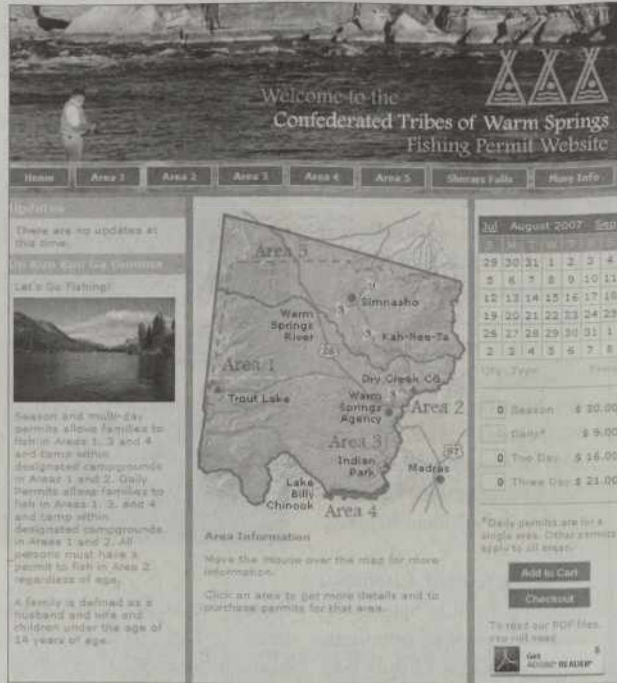
But the process to create the website began as many as three years ago.

The intention, Gauvin said, involved increasing revenues through fishing permits as well as garnering a larger market for fishing permits.

According to Gauvin, "We figured that by going on the Internet we could achieve both goals."

Before, he said, tribal fishing permits were sold through about 20 different vendors. The vendor took 20 percent of the revenues as a profit for selling the permits.

With the new website, Gauvin explained, people are able to input their credit card information and print out the permits from their own computer—reducing costs for the tribes as well as increasing revenues.



The Tribal fishing permit website.

"By creating our own website to sell all the permits we can save that 20 percent that would typically go to our vendors," Gauvin said.

Those purchasing permits can now choose from a variety of permits as well as choose an area for fishing.

The website offers information about various fishing areas throughout the reservation. Users can click on specific areas to learn about regulations and conditions in that area.

Whereas before they had few methods of relaying information on closures or other aspects

of the area to those with permits, Gauvin said, "We're going to be able to provide information to the public right away."

Because people submit their credit card information on the website, Gauvin said, they had to ensure that the website would be secure.

In addition, they worked to make certain that permits printed out could not be duplicated.

"It's taken a long time," Gauvin said. "It's very detailed and very technical to develop it properly."

Tribal employees worked

with a company in Bend to complete the website, but provided all of the information and photos included on the website.

After the fishing season begins in the spring, Gauvin said, they'll be promoting the website and hope to eventually work with fewer vendors to steer permit purchasers to the website.

Plus, he said, the website will provide them with statistics on where people are fishing the most—that way they can help make the fishing experience better for permit holders and can prevent over-fishing.

"It kind of gives us a sense of where our most popular areas are," Gauvin explained.

For more information, visit [www.tribalpermit.com](http://www.tribalpermit.com).

# Museum at Warm Springs to host Star Light Dinner

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the Star Light Dinner on Friday, December 7.

The dinner is held in the museum lobby, as a fundraising event for the Museum at Warm Springs.

Dinner will include turkey and ham and all the trimmings, and devine desserts. Tickets are available from the museum staff.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults (13 and older), \$10 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children.

The evening schedule includes a visit to the museum by Santa (from 3 to 4:30 p.m.), silent auction (from 3 to 5 p.m.), and dinner from 5-6:30 p.m.

For more information call the museum at 553-3331.

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