

Fisheries

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The salmon fishery will be open for adult (fin-clipped) hatchery spring Chinook. The harvest for adult (fin-clipped) hatchery steelhead will be allowed through December 31, 2008.

All wild salmon and steelhead must be returned to the river unharmed, as well as all bull trout (Dolly Varden).

Fishing from scaffolds using set nets and dipnets is allowed. Warm Springs Tribal Code 340.310(8) requiring that dipnets and hoopnets are attended continuously, and that nets and hoops must be attached to a pole, will be enforced.

For hook and line fishing the limit is one pole per person, and single hook only is allowed.

Intentional snagging of fish is prohibited. Any fish that is snagged incidentally and is in viable condition must be returned to the river.

All Chinook salmon and steel-

head caught are for subsistence purposes only. No sales to the public are allowed.

The use of alcohol or drugs is prohibited as well as the use of gill nets.

The Warm Springs River remains open for any rainbow trout throughout the year. All rainbow trout fewer than eight inches in length must be returned to the river for the protection of wild steelhead smolts.

The Hood River spring Chinook fishery was recently presented to Tribal Council and will open on April 15 and will remain open until July 31. The fishery is for hatchery retainment only with a wild release. Anyone with questions about the Hood River fishery can call (541) 352-9326.

The 2008 predicted return for the Deschutes River is projected to be 1,000 wild spring Chinook, which is lower than the wild escapement goal of 1,300 wild fish over the hatchery weir.

The return of hatchery spring Chinook salmon to the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery is projected to be 4,500 fish and Round Butte Hatchery at 2,500 fish. The total adult returns of hatchery spring Chinook salmon to the Deschutes River are projected to be approximately 7,000.

The pre-season forecast of upriver spring Chinook to the Columbia River is 269,300, which is considerably higher than the 2007 pre-season forecast of 78,500. The final count at Bonneville Dam of returning spring Chinook exceeded the pre-season forecast at 86,230 in 2007.

If you have questions regarding the spring Chinook fishery at Sherars Falls and the Warm Springs River please refer to resolutions #10870 and #10869 or contact the Natural Resources Department at 553-2001.

Kah-Nee-Ta

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Though the slide has only been open since March 20, Moses-Ahern said, "Everyone here just loves it."

In particular, Moses-Ahern is hoping the new addition to the Village Pool will draw in more swimmers.

"I'm happy because we've had the same facility since '97," she said. "To get something that the guests can actually enjoy has been really nice."

That way, Moses-Ahern explained, "They can see that we're actually putting back into the facility."

Because the pool receives a lot of business from school groups, she said, they hope to be able to attract business that has been lost recently.

Though some of that loss of business is due to budget cuts in schools, Moses-Ahern said, "We hope that we can appeal to and get back some of the school groups that we used to have."

"When we didn't change anything, they were looking for bigger and better ways to spend

their money," she said. With recent changes, Moses-Ahern said, "We're hoping to get the number back up to where they were."

In fact, she said, they're sending out a promotional photo of the new slide to school groups in hopes of boosting their business. The Village Pool receives groups from all over Central Oregon as well as groups from Portland and even some from Washington, she said.

According to Moses-Ahern, the promotion of the pool is also something that has changed recently. "The whole area for the village is basically family oriented," she explained, and so they're trying to create an increase in business from families as well.

The new slide is the most recent addition to the pool since a small slide was put up about six years ago for children to use without a height requirement, Moses-Ahern said.

In fact, the small slide is one that has been extremely popular—and has been refinished many times, Garcia added.

One of the next improvements that will need to be made, Garcia said, is to replace the drainage system. "That would certainly improve the pool," he explained.

In addition, they recently added obstacles to the miniature golf course. According to Moses-Ahern, "That alone helped sales for miniature golf just because it's something new."

They're also hoping to work with the metals class at Madras High School after the metals teacher approached them about completing potential projects.

A few employees are currently enrolled in the metals class, Moses-Ahern said, and are working on a design for steps for the pool.

The RV park was recently expanded, and they also remodeled the tribal bath house, Garcia added.

In the future, Moses-Ahern said, they definitely hope to be able to make even more improvements. "Oh I'll always ask for more," she said with a laugh.

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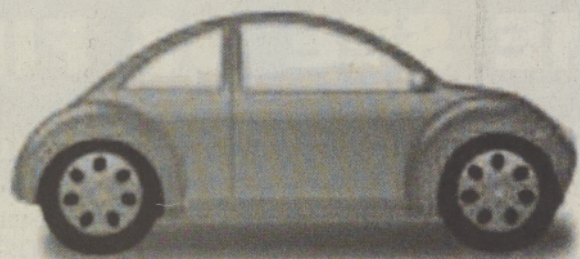
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