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Columbia fish plan earns tribal support

By Tribal Council Chairman
Ron Suppah &
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As always, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs support management of the Columbia River in a way that increases the number of salmon and steelhead returning to the river and its tributaries.

For many years the tribes have pressed their objections to federal

salmon plans of the past in courts and Congress, but now the tribes support a new long-range plan that benefits the fish and could end decades of litigation.

The new NOAA Fisheries Services plan, or Biological Opinion, would guide federal dam operations on the Columbia and a wide range of other fisheries improvement actions in the basin for the next 10 years. It is a plan that the government has developed to meet standards of the Endangered Species

Act.

Under this plan, the federal government has guaranteed close to \$1 billion in funding to a coalition of tribes to implement recovery projects for salmon, steelhead, lamprey and other species. For Warm Springs, the plan more than doubles the annual funding coming from the Bonneville Power Administration to do work to improve fish runs and water quality in the Deschutes, John Day, and Hood rivers, among others.

This new approach—actual improvements on the ground rather than continued litigation—is best for the fish, and therefore the tribes. When we decided to support this new plan we recognized that we had been successful in the courtroom, but those victories were not being turned into actions to improve the fish and water in the streams.

The NOAA Fisheries Service Biological Opinion has the support of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Yakama Nation, the Confederated

Tribes of Umatilla, the Colville Tribe, the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes, and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The states of Washington, Idaho and Montana also support the plan.

Tribal support reverses decades of opposition by the tribes to earlier, flawed government proposals to protect and improve the Columbia basin fisheries.

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Restaurant opening with new owners

The Deschutes Crossing Restaurant is under new ownership, and will be reopening soon.

The new owners are Randy and Brenda Nathan, and Charles Nathan, owners of Nathan's Business Services.

The Nathans are asking the community for help in renaming the restaurant. The person who comes up with the new name receives 10 free meals.

Along with the new name, the restaurant is being completely remodeled. There are plans for an outdoor deck on the river side so people can sit outside.

Brenda Nathan has restaurant management experience, having managed a restaurant in Charleston, South Carolina. Randy has been working with the head chef at Kah-Nee-Ta in developing the menu.

The three priorities at the restaurant will be good food, good workers and cleanliness. "If you have good food, you will do well," said Brenda. "Even in this economy, good restaurants are doing good business."

The Nathans are accepting name



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Randy and Brenda Nathan are asking the community for name suggestions for the restaurant.

suggestions for the restaurant until March 21. They are also accepting applications for employment at the restaurant. A form to submit a name sug-

gestion for the restaurant is on page 8. Or you can pick one up at Nathan's Business Services at the Plaza.

Food processing facility would address concerns

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Tymoo

The Off-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee has been developing a plan for a fish and meat processing facility.

Committee Chairman Bruce Jim discussed the project at a Tribal Council-Executive Committee meeting last week.

There have been times, he said, when meat and fish arriving at longhouses from the Natural Resources freezer have been in bad condition.

Fish have been bruised in areas, and thawing the large pieces of meat is difficult.

Sometimes meat or fish had to be thrown away, he said.

"Storage practices have been wasteful," Jim said.

A solution to these concerns would be a new facility allowing for proper handling of the ceremonial fish and meat.

The committee, Jim said, has been looking at different alternatives.

One alternative would be construction of a new building at the industrial park.

The building would house a meat cooler, a room for drying fish and eels, and a refrigerator so the meat can be properly thawed.

The deer and fish could be vacuum packed in smaller packages. A canning machine would also be of great use, he said.

The facility could employ four to eight people as meat and fish preparers.

"I think this would be a great benefit to the tribes," said Jim.

A preliminary study indicates the cost of the project might be in the range of \$300,000.

The committee is preparing the studies necessary to seek some grant funding.

Oregon State University could help in setting up the facility, and could provide training to employees, said Jim.

The canning machine, or retort, could be for tribal use.

Subsistence fishermen and other tribes might also use the machine, for a price per pound, he said.

Basketball journey to two continents

By Jefferson Greene
Spilyay Tymoo

Karlen Yallup plans to play basketball in Europe and Australia this summer. Karlen, 16, is a junior at Madras High School. She plays guard on the White Buffaloes girls varsity basketball team.

International Sports Specialists and 365 Sports Inc. this year selected Yallup to play in Italy and Queensland, Australia.

From Warm Springs, Misty Spino and Amanda Jo Squiempfen-Yazzie are also planning the trip to Australia. The seven-day trip Down Under is in July.

Later in the summer Karlen will visit North Carolina for basketball camp with NBA stars Dirk Nowitzki and Steve Nash. Then she travels Italy for seven days of basketball competition. "I hope to do really well," she said.

Karlen had a successful season with the White Buffaloes. She had the most steals on the team for the season. She has also done well academically.

Karlen and her family will be conducting fundraisers during the next few months. Funds will help cover the cost of the trips. For every \$2 donated toward the Down Under Hoops Classic Tournament a ticket will be put into a drawing for a trip for two to the Down Under Sports



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Karlen Yallup has plans to travel to Italy and Australia this summer.

Competition in Australia and Hawaii.

The family thanks those who have contributed so far. If you are interested in making a donation, make checks payable to International Sports Specialists

Inc., Karlen Yallup, or Michael or Yvette Leecy. Karlen and family can also be contacted at 410-3669 or emailed at: wasco_97761@yahoo.com.

Tribes hosting Oregon 150 celebration at Columbia

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will commemorate the Oregon sesquicentennial—the state's 150th birthday—in May at Celilo.

Events that are being planned include a tribal canoe arrival from the river, a horse parade and salmon bake, among other activities, said Doris Teeney Miller, special projects manager, who is helping to organize the event.

The tribes chose Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, for the occasion.

Oregon became a state in the year 1859. To mark the anniversary, the Oregon 150 partners are hosting events around the state throughout the year.

Earlier this year the tribes of the state marked the anniversary with the Gathering of First Nations in Salem, where Warm Springs was well represented.

sented.

The events at the Columbia are a way for the eastern Oregon tribes to further add to the commemoration, said Miller.

The Celilo area was chosen for the event because the area is central to the tribes of the region, she said.

The tribes are inviting Umatilla, Klamath, Burns-Paiute, Nez Perce and other tribes to help host the occasion.

Miller and tribal government affairs director Louie Pitt are organizing the activities, with the support of Tribal Council and secretary-treasurer Jody Calica.

"It's a chance for the tribes to educate people about who we are," said Louie Pitt.

Not guilty plea in deadly fire case

(AP)—Jerome P. Spino has been indicted in the deaths of two people killed in a Warm Springs fire last May.

U.S. Attorney Karin J. Immergut says Spino, 30, pleaded not guilty last week to charges of arson and murder.

The indictment alleges that Spino set

fire to a West Hills home, causing the deaths of Muriel Frank and Chesley Yahtin Jr.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul Papak ordered Spino detained in federal custody pending a trial set to begin May 5.