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## Setback for fish passage as conduit breaks

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Tribal and PGE officials remain committed to fish passage at the Round Butte dam, despite a recent setback.

The problem happened on April 11, as a large piece of the passage facility—a conduit measuring 40 feet and weighing 573,000 pounds—broke apart.

After the engineers determine why the conduit broke, the piece will have to be replaced or repaired.

Jim Manion, manager of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, estimates the delay in completing the project could be between four to 10 months.

Until the setback, the plan had been for the facility to be in operation by this summer.

"This is a temporary setback," said

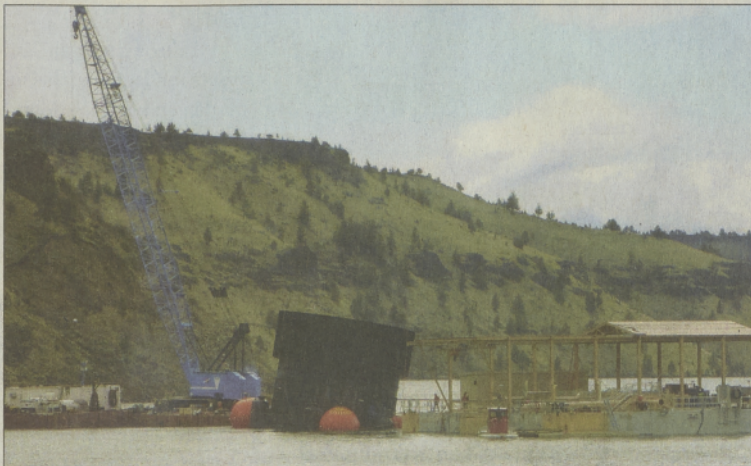


Photo courtesy of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises

Part of the tower, supported by buoys, floated to the surface of the lake, while the bottom part sunk to the bottom.

Manion, "and we remain confident in this technology for fish restoration."

The delay is unfortunate, he said,

"but this will have a relatively modest impact on the overall project."

A more immediate impact will be to

juvenile fish trying to migrate downstream this spring and summer.

The tribes have released salmon and steelhead into tributaries about the dam, as a step toward re-establishing the run. Those fish will have to be caught in traps as they migrate down the Metolius, and then trucked around the dams, said Bobby Brunoe, manager of tribal Natural Resources.

### Relicensing requirement

The Confederated Tribes and PGE are co-owners and operators of the Pelton-Round Butte hydro facilities.

They began work on the fish passage project in 2007, after agreeing to build the \$110 million structure as part of their federal relicensing agreement.

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## Canoes, parade, powwow set for May

The Dalles is the right area for the Confederated Tribes to host their Oregon 150 tribute, said tribal elder Adeline Miller. For one thing, she said, "The Dalles area is where our treaty was signed in 1855."

Miller and others on the tribes' Oregon 150 committee have been planning for several weeks how the tribes best could mark the occasion of the Oregon's 150th anniversary of statehood.

"We're inviting other tribes to join us," Miller said. The Klamath, Burns-Paiute, Coeur d'Alene, Yakama, Lapwai and some coastal tribes are invited, she said. State and local officials, and the public are invited as well.

The event is set for Friday and Saturday, May 15-16. Some activities—the arrival of the canoes from the Columbia River, and a salmon bake—will be at the park by Celilo.

Other activities such as the horse parade and powwow will be at The Dalles. The powwow will be at the fairgrounds at The Dalles.

Some other special activities include a Warbonnet and Patlupa Honoring dances.

The Warbonnet, Miller said, honors veterans of wars. "The Warbonnet has always meant a lot because it is actually earned," she said.

The Patlupa is the women's woven hat.

"I asked an elder once why do we wear the Patlupa," said Miller. "I was told they were actually worn by the wives of leaders, and women who played an important part in the community in the areas of roots, berries, the salmon, even memorials."

## Rodeo this weekend

The Warm Springs Rodeo Association presents the Root Feast Rodeo Kids Rodeo and 'Open' Jackpot Rodeo this Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26.

The kids rodeo starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Warm Springs rodeo grounds. All youth ages 0 to 17 years are welcome.

The Open Jackpot Rodeo starts at noon on Sunday.

### Saturday events:

Mutton busting (6 years and under), calf riding (7-12 years), cow riding (13-17), barrel racing (6 and under, 7-12, and 13-17).

Flag race (divisions same as for barrels), dummy roping (6 years and under), horseless roping (12 and under), breakaway roping (17 and under), calf scramble (12 and under), stick horse race (5 and under).

Wild colt race, two divisions: 12 and under, 13-17 years.

### Sunday events

Buckin horse riding, bareback, saddle bronc or wild ride.

Cow riding, calf roping, ladies and boys (15 and under) breakaway roping; team roping.

Ribbon roping, open barrel racing, junior barrel racing (13 years and under). Wild horse race—open. Wild colt race (12 and under, 13-17).

## Honorary Pages to experience lawmaking firsthand

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Eleven youth from the tribal community will see first-hand how state laws are made.

The students will visit the Oregon State Capitol on May 13-14.

On the first day they will learn about tribal and state government relations.

During the second day, the students will serve as Honorary Pages of the state House of Representatives, and experience Tribal Government Day at the Capitol.

As Honorary Pages, the students will participate directly in the operation of the legislature.

The pages perform various office-type duties for the lawmakers. They may have a chance to serve on the floor of the House during a session. They also take a history tour of the state Capitol building.

### Honorary Pages

The purpose of the Honorary Page program is education, and the pages are on duty from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,

the same hours as a regular school day.

Doris Teeney Miller, special projects coordinator for the tribes, organized the activity.

The idea, she said, came up during the Gathering of Western Tribes—Oregon 150 celebration in January.

Gov. Kulongoski, Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown and other state officials were on hand for the gathering.

Miller said that Chief Joe Moses and two of their granddaughters were talking with Secretary of State Brown, who suggested the two girls look into the Honorary Pages program and serve as pages.

Miller followed up on the idea, and wanted to include other students. She talked to secretary-treasurer Jody Calica, who supported the suggestion, as the project supports the Tribal Council goal of education and youth development.

Miller then asked Cyrille Mitchell, tribal youth coordinator, to be the chapter, and Mitchell agreed.

The Honorary Page program, Mitchell said, helps the students learn about the function and structure of the

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state government.

The students are asked to fill out a questionnaire before their trip to Salem; so they have an idea of the kind of things they will learn about. Questions include:

What are the three branches of government? What is the primary purpose of the legislature? List three exclusive powers of the national government. List three executive powers of the state government. Define checks and balances.

### Tribal Government Day

There is a dress code the pages have to follow while on duty. The 11 stu-

dents from Warm Springs will be wearing special ribbon tops made for the occasion.

The Honorary Pages program is open to students ages 12-18.

From the tribal community the following youth who will be serving as Honorary Pages in May:

Seventh-grader Elyse Bagley. Eighth-graders Kassandra Warner, Katrina Greene and Rodney Mitchell. Ninth-graders Abby Scott, Rosey Suppah and Bobby Ahern. Eleventh-graders Marissa Ahern and Matthew Sconawah. And Twelfth-graders Emerson Culp Jr. and Julia Begay.

The group will travel by bus to Salem on May 13. Tribal Government Day at the Capitol is the following day.

The students will see the raising of the nine flags of the federally recognized tribes of Oregon, and visit the tribal information booths in the Galleria of the Capitol building.

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## Tribes, OSU renew 50-year partnership

For 50 years now, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Oregon State University have worked together on education and planning projects on the reservation.

The partnership began, explained Tribal Council Chairman Ron Suppah, "when the federal government built The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River. Celilo Falls was a major fishing area, and when they closed the gates on The Dalles, we lost that fishing site, and the tribes demanded compensation for that."

Leaders of the Confederated Tribes at the time realized the need for long-term economic planning to help the future generations of the tribes.

Toward that goal, the tribes used some of the dam compensation money to develop an economic plan. They commissioned Oregon State

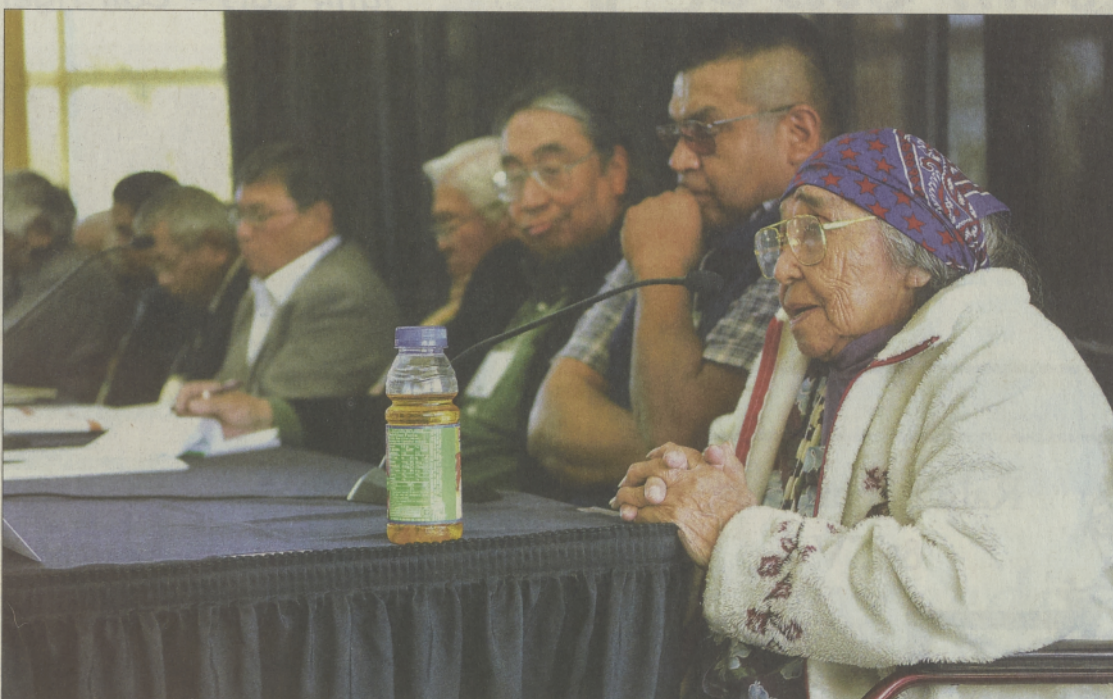


Photo by Scobel Wiggins of the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Tribal Councilwoman Bernice Mitchell and other tribal representatives renewed the long-standing memorandum of understanding at Oregon State University

College, now Oregon State University, to develop the plan.

The tribes and Oregon State devel-

oped a comprehensive plan and study of the tribal resources. The plan was a milestone in the modern history of the

tribes, and has helped to guide the Tribal Councils since the 1950s.

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