

# Indian casino directive may be revised

According to an article in *The Wall Street Journal*, the Obama administration may ease a restriction preventing some Indian tribes from building casinos away from their reservations.

The Bush administration applied the standard that a casino be within commuting distance from the tribes' reservation.

The Interior Department, which runs the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is reconsidering that directive, according to *The*

*Wall Street Journal*.

George Skibine, a deputy assistant secretary at the BIA, is quoted in the article as saying that a decision on whether to change the policy could come "fairly soon."

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have the long-standing proposal to build a casino at Cascade Locks, part of the tribes' ancestral Ceded Lands.

The commuting distance

standard could be an obstacle that opponents of the project could use against the proposal. If the directive were lifted, a potential major hurdle would be overcome.

*The Wall Street Journal* article, by A.D. Pruitt and Peter Grant, summarizes the situation as follows:

"A reversal (of the directive) would pose more competition to existing casinos that are getting pummeled by the economic

downturn. Owners of some of those casinos and their supporters in Congress are putting pressure on the Interior Department to maintain the restrictions on new developments off tribal lands.

"But have-not tribes are hoping the Obama administration will view casino development as a cheap way to stimulate the economy without tax dollars."

*The next deadline to submit items to the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, Oct. 2. Thank you!*

# Fisheries: tradition of the river

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One of the fishermen, Albert Kalama, fishes year round during each of the fishery seasons, usually with family members who learn from him, much like he has learned from his brothers Melvin Tewee, Roland and Sterling Kalama, and cousin Alfred McConville.

In 1983 he began to set nets with his older brother, Melvin Tewee. He continued learning from his brothers Roland, Sterling and Foster Kalama. By age 18 he was fishing with a drift net. For the past eight years he has been fishing with his cousin Alfred McConville.

His girlfriend, Angela Polk, fishes with him. Their crewmembers consist of their sons, their nephews, or friends. Their sons like being there. Since the early ages of 4 and 5, they have been fishing every summer. But sometimes it is just Angela and Albert.

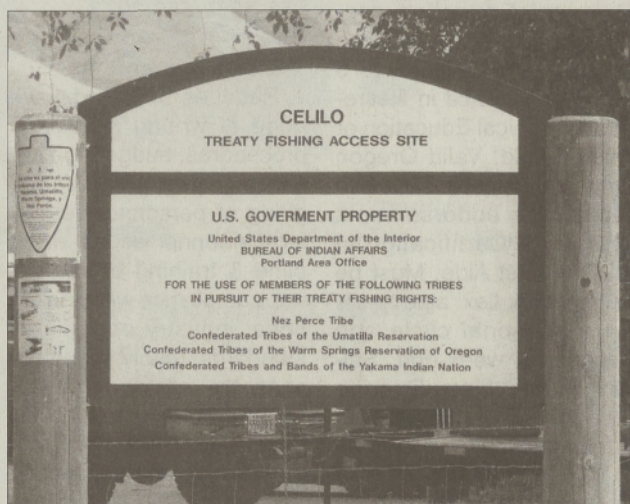
They credit their sobriety to fishing on the Columbia. Albert has been sober for 8 years; and Angela for 1 year. "It provides a natural high, and it brings us closer together as a family," explains Angela.

They provide a good example with their sobriety as their children spend a lot of time with them on the river, learning from Albert and helping him. They learn that it is a lot of work to hang, repair, and clean their nets so that they are always prepared to go out onto the river, or dip net from scaffolds.

"One of our boys was born in The Dalles because we were here fishing," she explains. They camp at the Celilo access site with many other families and fishermen, who become one large family or community. Many of them went to the hospital when her son was born.

She goes on to explain that fishing has become a way of life for her and her family. They support their children, and take care of them with fishing as a means of income. They fish the Columbia River nine to ten months out of the year. "It helps keep us busy, and we are able to take care of our family financially," Albert explains.

From February to early



Selena Boise/Spilyay

Sign indicating the tribal fishing access site at Celilo.

March is the winter commercial gillnet fishery, targeting sturgeon, which is sold to commercial buyers, and steelhead and a few early spring Chinook.

From March to April, Albert does ceremonial fishing for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. These Chinook are stored for ceremonial purposes such as funerals, memorials, name giving, or traditional feast. If the spring run is large enough then there are commercial sales in May and early June. In June there are summer commercial sales.

The largest and most extensive fishery starts in late August and runs until late September, and possibly early October. This is the fall commercial gillnet fishery, which is currently going on at any one of the sites.

The fall season fisheries are important to tribal fishing families, and provide an economic benefit to communities along the river. The fall fishery is often viewed as the backbone for the tribes fishing economy because of its reliability.

Platform fishery is open all year for subsistence use. All four tribes maintain subsistence fishery in their own tributaries all year, as long as there are fish available.

Both treaty and non-treaty fisheries see adjustments in the season as they are managed on actual run size, not pre-season forecasts.

The current forecast of summer Chinook is 70,700. Harvest rates have been agreed to as part of the U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement.

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## Monthly Crime Statistics for August 2009

W.S.P.D Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Statictics		W.S.P.D Uniform Crime Report other than Part 1 Crime Statistics		W.S.P.D Traffic Accidents, Citations	
<b>CATEGORY</b>		Elder/Adult Abuse	<b>0</b>	Traffic Stops	<b>196</b>
Events	<b>1341</b>	Assault	<b>1</b>	Non-Injury Accident	<b>3</b>
Police Reports	<b>241</b>	Assault & Battery	<b>12</b>	Injury Accident	<b>4</b>
Priority One Calls	<b>346</b>	Forgery/Fraud	<b>4</b>	Fatality Accident	<b>0</b>
Average Response time(Priority One)	<b>5-6 min</b>	Theft	<b>22</b>	Speeding	<b>1</b>
Average Response time(Priority Two)	<b>6-7 min</b>	Malicious Mischief	<b>6</b>	Seat Belts	<b>1</b>
<b>W.S.P.D Arrested Persons Number of Native Adults &amp; Juveniles</b>		Weapons Violations	<b>5</b>	Defective Equipment	<b>5</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>		Sex Offenses	<b>4</b>	Failure to maintain lane	<b>3</b>
Native Adults	<b>189</b>	NDDHD	<b>14</b>	Operators license required	<b>11</b>
Native Juveniles	<b>23</b>	NDDHD (Paraphernalia)	<b>16</b>	<b>W.S.P.D Uniform Crime Report Part 1 Crime Statistics - Calendar Year</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>212</b>	DUII	<b>23</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	
<b>W.S.P.D Arrested Persons Number (Native, Non-Native, Adults &amp; Juveniles)</b>		Liquor Violations	<b>4</b>	Murder	<b>0</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>		Intoxicated/Detox	<b>74</b>	Manslaughter	<b>0</b>
Native	<b>189</b>	Disorderly Conduct	<b>2</b>	Assault resulting in serious bodily injury	<b>0</b>
Non-Native	<b>20</b>	Child Abuse	<b>2</b>	Assault with a dangerous weapon	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>209</b>	Runaway (persons under 18)	<b>7</b>	Rape	<b>0</b>
<b>W.S.P.D Telephone Calls, Calls for 9-1-1 and Alarm Calls/Signals Received at Dispatch</b>		Restraining Order Violations	<b>1</b>	Sex Abuse of a minor	<b>0</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>		Domestic Violence	<b>2</b>	Robbery	<b>0</b>
Number of Telephone Calls Received	<b>2932</b>	Fights in progress	<b>15</b>	Arson	<b>0</b>
Number of 9-1-1 Calls Received	<b>235</b>	Disturbance	<b>7</b>	Theft > \$1000	<b>0</b>
Number of Alarm signals Received	<b>36</b>	Reckless Drivers	<b>36</b>	FIP (Felon in Possession of Fire Arm)	<b>0</b>
		Shots Fired	<b>13</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>
		Child Neglect	<b>10</b>		
		Attempt/ Suicide	<b>1</b>		
		Harassment/Stalking	<b>2</b>		
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>283</b>		

## Reward

A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or people involved in the shooting of livestock on the reservation. Up to seven head of livestock have been shot recently in the Schoolie and Simnasho areas. If you have information regarding this matter, call 553-2001.