

# Special fishery below Bonneville dam

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the states of Oregon and Washington, Tribal Council and the Fish and Wildlife Committee have worked together and established a memorandum of understanding to allow tribal members to fish below Bonneville dam without a state fishing license.

Only tribal enrollment cards are needed. Tribal Council passed Res. 11405, approving the fishery, on March 14.

**Open Season:** From April 6-Dec. 31, 2011: Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Daily hours 5 a.m.-10 p.m. For your information gates open at

Hamilton Island 5 a.m.-10 p.m., Bradford Island 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Tanner Creek, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Species:** Salmon and steelhead, sturgeon must be released, other species may be kept (walleye, bass, shad, carp etc.).

**Purpose:** Subsistence use, no daily or season limit. Sales are only allowed during a regular Zone 6 fishery adopted by the Warm Springs Tribe through the Columbia River Compact. No sales on U.S. Army Corps of Engineer property.

**Gear:** One rod per person. Applies to ages 12 and older, those under 12 may fish with an attentive adult.

**Elder Day:** Each Saturday

is set aside for elders (55 and older), children and handicapped to fish. Other people may assist elders, children and handicapped persons but may not engage in fishing (casting and reeling).

The fishery may be adjusted based on the first run update and subsequent updates. A larger run than predicated may allow more fishing opportunities. Please be cordial to your fellow Treaty tribe members. If non-Indian fisheries occur, the tribal fishery will move to Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Sunday will be the Elder Day.

All fishing equipment and

garbage must be removed daily before the gate is locked. Leftover fishing equipment may be confiscated. A high water event washed away leftover gear last year.

Fishing locations may not be held if the fisher is not present. No fishing from scaffolds. No fishing from a boat. Tribal members must have enrollment cards on their person or risk being cited by enforcement authorities. See the resolution for more detailed information.

Per Resolution No. 11406 fishers must allow Warm Springs creel technicians to take biological information from their catch.

# Team releases timber sale assessment released

The Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team has just released a draft project assessment for public review.

The draft document provides an environmental analysis of the Allotment 22 Timber and Salvage Sale.

The Allotment 22 timber sale document was prepared by the Project Interdisciplinary Team to provide options for timber harvest on a tribal allotment in the Columbia River Gorge east of Hood River.

Two alternatives were formulated and numerous logging methods were considered for this project, taking into account present resource conditions, terrain and comments from the allottees. The timber sale is expected to yield approximately 2.3 million board feet of timber.

The document is divided into sections explaining the

purpose and need for action, resource-based indicators used to help the technical staff analyze and mitigate environmental impacts, and details of the alternatives.

There is a map showing the harvest block, a reference table to compare the alternatives, a list of measures needed to mitigate environmental consequences, and the Project Interdisciplinary Team's recommended alternative.

The goal of Alternative A is to continue current management. Alternative B is designed to harvest volume as requested by the allottees. The timber sale would include a treatment area of 78 acres.

For more information or copies of the document contact Bill Fish in the Forestry Department, or call 553-2416. Tribal members have 30 days to comment on the proposed sale.

# Zoo's condors lay 10 eggs this spring

Captive breeding efforts in Oregon are bringing the critically endangered California condor closer to recovery.

This year, condors at the zoo have laid 10 eggs, the most laid in one breeding season in the program's seven-year history.

Ojai laid the first egg of the 2011 season on January 28, and the last egg was laid March 14 by Wiloq.

The ninth egg of 2011 broke another record: It's the heaviest egg in the history of the zoo's condor program. The day after it was laid, the egg weighed 11½ ounces, which is "huge," according to condor keeper Kelli Walker.

Seven of the 10 eggs laid this year were determined to be fertile through a process called "candling," which uses a bright light source behind the egg to show details through the shell. This is within the normal fertility range for condors, Walker said.

Fertile eggs usually hatch in 54-58 days, so the conservation center should see its first chick of the season later this month.

The California condor is classified as a critically endangered species. In 1982, only 22 individuals remained in the wild. With the help of captive breeding programs like the Oregon Zoo's, condor numbers now total more than 370, counting those in captivity and in the wild.

Condors are the largest land birds in North America with



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wingspans of up to 10 feet and an average weight of 18 to 25 pounds. They are highly intelligent and inquisitive, and they require a tremendous amount of parental investment in the wild.

They are the thunder bird in the Native American culture. Atwai Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum in 2003 was asked to name one of the first condors hatched at the Oregon Zoo. This bird was later released to the wild in Northern California.

The California condor had a long history in Oregon. Lewis and Clark saw the large birds as they traveled along the Columbia River. Archaeologists have unearthed 9,000-year-old condor bones from Native American middens, and condors were

a common motif for the designs of Oregon's Wasco people, who lived along the Columbia River between The Dalles and Cascade Locks. The "Thunderbird" was considered a spiritual guide to the native peoples and is a key character in many myths.

The last condor seen in Oregon was near the town of Drain in 1904. The birds held out a little longer in California, but by 1987, the last condors were taken into captivity in an attempt to save the species. Biologists decided to place the remaining condors in a captive-breeding program. The California condor was one of the original animals included on the 1973 Endangered Species Act.

Last spring was very productive for captive-bred condors, with 34 eggs laid among all the breeding programs. Two dozen healthy chicks have hatched at the Jonsson Center at the Oregon Zoo since the program began in 2003, and 17 Oregon Zoo-reared birds have gone out to field pens, with most released to the wild.

Accumulated lead poisoning is currently the most severe problem facing the recovering condor population. As condors feed on carrion and other animal carcasses shot by hunters, they can unintentionally ingest lead from bullet fragments. Lead consumption causes paralysis of the digestive track and results in a slow death by starvation. Lead also causes severe neurologic problems so the birds not only starve but have impairment of motor functions.

# Pool tourney honors past players

There will be a Memorial Pool Tournament on Saturday, April 23 at the Rialto Tavern, 25 S.W. D Street, Madras.

The tourney may continue on Sunday, April 24, depending on the number of teams.

On Saturday, the tournament begins at 1 p.m. Registration is due by April 8, brackets done by April 15. 8-ball BCA; 3-person teams, one woman required per team.

Winner - Race to 5/Lose - Race to 3 - Double elimination. Stick fee is \$20 per person. Payout: First place: 50 percent plus jackets. Second place: 30 percent and vests. Third place: 20 percent sweatshirts.

Prize for 1 - Top Man and 1 - Top woman shooter. Sportsmanship award for 1 - Team.

Raffle: various items/need not be present. Raffle tickets presale to be done. Silent auction: to take place during games. Fifty-fifty card game sales.

Friday: April 22 (Jackpot) starts at 7 p.m.: \$8 per person.

Mail entry form with name of captain, players names, fees by money order; and cell phone number. Address:

Attn: Lynn Davis; P.O. Box 208, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Contacts: Pat Allen 541-325-3631; Lynn Davis 541-460-2028; Pearl Vanpelt 541-553-3212.

## Memorial

The tournament is in memory and recognition of the following friends and family that have played: Myrtle Adams, Louis Allan Bagley, William Loren Bagley, George Berry, Blackwolf Kenneth Wilton, Jim Bryant, Tony Bryant, Kenny Calica, Gerald Charley, Cecil Conner, Eunice Faye Esquiro.

Dorothy Patricia "Pebbles" George, Jewels "Julie" George, Janice Marie Gilbert, Babette Greene, Martina Ann Heath, Charles Jack, Cy Katchia, Rita "Patches" Marchand, Charles Gibson Moody, Gary Rice, Wilma Scott, Ray Shike Sr., Norma M. Smith, Patricia Speakthunder, Frances Jeanne Thomas, Roscoe Thompson Jr., Leland Thompson Sr., Clay Thompson, Deanna Thompson, Lillian Walsey, Naomi "Wimpy" Winishut (bartender and shot pool at Rainbow Tavern.); Omar "Poopsie" Winishut (managed and played pool at the first pool hall in Warm Springs); Doris Wolfe, and James Wolfe.

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