

House bill to protect salmon, reduce sea lions

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A U.S. House of Representatives committee, on a bipartisan 29-13 vote, approved a measure earlier this month that would speed up the application process necessary for tribal and state authorities to obtain a permit to kill up to 10 sea lions a year.

The Army Corp of Engineers estimated that sea lions ate more than 5,000 adult male salmon in 2010, or 4 percent of the salmon run.

The approved measure, HR 3069, says, "The population of California sea lions has increased 6-fold over the last three decades, and is currently greater than 250,000 animals."

In recent years, more than 1,000 California sea lions have been foraging in the lower 145

miles of the Columbia River up to Bonneville Dam during the peak spring salmonid run, before returning to California to mate.

"I've had a lot of reports over this," Bruce Jim, chairman of the Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife Committee said.

"Especially in the early part of summer," Jim said. "It got to the point where I started handing out sea lion bombs for the fishermen to throw. This spring, if you go down, you'll see it... sea lions in action right where our tribal fishermen are working."

Last December, an independent task force recommended lethally removing more of the animals. And by August of this year, Oregon, Washington and Idaho applied for permits for the lethal removal of sea lions.

Specifically mentioned in the measure, entities eligible to ap-

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ply for a permit would be the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The National Environmental Policy Act would not apply, if the bill passes.

Applications for a permit would be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, who

would then have 30 days to approve or deny. If approved, a permit would be good for one year after the date it was issued, but may be renewed.

"This all ties in with the package," Jim said. "These are our traditional hunting values, whether its sea lions or any other species that once sustained our people."

According to Jim, at one time the River People used the entire animal. "The hide was used as a wrapping during burial," he said. "But we made all kinds of implements out of the seal. The fur was used, the meat was prepared in a specific way. Even the insides were used."

HR 3069 now goes to the House floor. If it is passed, the Secretary would continue issuing permits for five years. If it is determined that removal is no longer necessary to protect the salmon, the program would then

be suspended.

"I think the tribe will be applying for a permit to kill," Jim said. "Starting out with at least three or four permits. Our people want the fur. Others might be able to teach how you take care of the meat."

Back in 2008, a federal court struck down a program that allowed Oregon, Washington and Idaho to remove up to 85 sea lions per year. From 2008 to 2010, 40 animals were removed.

"We're going to have to wait and see how this bill goes," Jim said. "There will be constraints put on the tribes on the hunting part of it, I'm sure. We don't want to release 10 hunters to go down and gather them and then find ourselves in court."

If the bill passes, the Fish and Wildlife Committee would complete the application for a permit.

Council Agenda

Monday, Oct. 24
9 a.m. Indian Health Services update with Carol Prevost; Mountain View Hospital CEO; and Mike Marcott, Managed Care director.
11 a.m. Abstinence Clinic/Residency Project Proposal with Valerie Cooper, Pharmacy, Health & Wellness.
1:30 p.m.: Legislative conference call.
2:30 p.m.: Economic Development Stewardship with Teresa Hogue, Oregon State Education.

Tuesday, Oct. 25
9 a.m. COO update.
509-J district update.
Enrollments.
1:30 p.m.: ST update; and draft resolutions.

Oct. 30-Nov. 4
National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Convention, Portland.

Students post outstanding attendance

Jefferson County Middle School announced the school September outstanding attendance list.

Perfect attendance

Eighth grade: Janae Adams, Germaine Anderson, Julius Bagley, Gavin Begay, Alyssa Brunoe, Quindon Calica, Shiralda Charley, Orrah David, Elvis Frank, Marquis Gabriel, Bryson George, Valerie Gonzales, Quinten Greene, Barbara Halliday, Robert Hatlestad, Brevin Holliday, Katysha Holliday, Dale Kaltsukis, Desmond Katchia, Teagan Kerr, Sterling Kirk, Justin Laliberte, Jeremy Miller, Erminio Parra Pena Jr, Taron Rabbie, Jasmyne Reese, Isaac Reynoso, Lana Shike, Roman Silva, Camisha

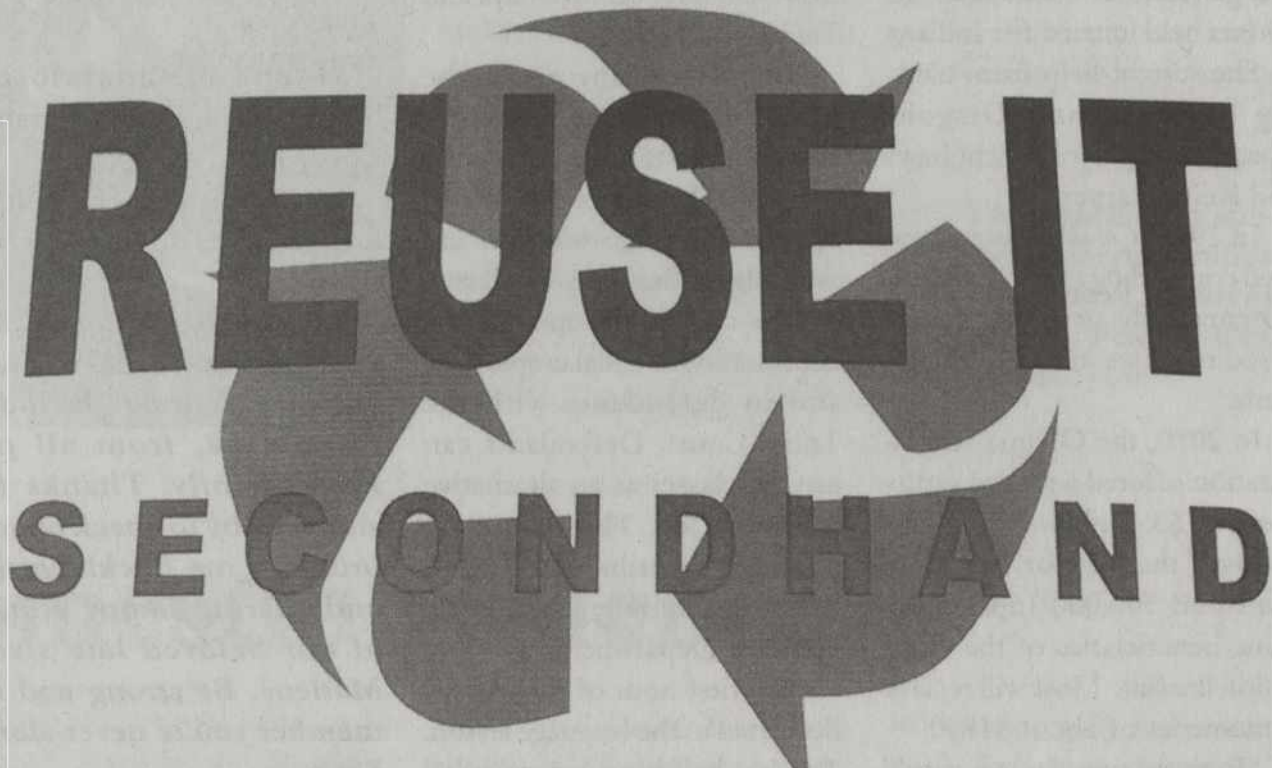
Smith, Che' Stiffarm, Lauren Teal, Tyra Thomas, Allen Warner Jr, Kalan Wolfe.

Seventh grade: Amaya Adams, Kalissa Alire, Rochelle Anderson, Cecelia Andy, Terrell Bailey, Nalani Brisbois, Jarius Brunoe, Thyrecia Chavez, Deon Culpus, Brock Doney, Kendall Florez, Jerilynne Frank, Kelisiano Fuiava, Lupe Galicia, Shoshannah Garcia, Riata Green, Brittony Ike, Rodger Jack, Aspen Johnson, Autumn Johnson, Garyson Johnson, Malachi Johnson, Shirleen KillsFirst, Celestine Morning Owl, Mascena Nava, Hunter Onstad, Jordan Patt, Marisol Perez, Kiani Picard, Esperanza Rodriguez Jim, Marisela Sanchez, Charles Scott, Annesia Smith, Jade Smith, Adrianna Switzler, Kenneth Tuckta Jr,

Reanna Welden, Skyla Whiteplume, Aaron Winishut.

Sixth grade: Kiersten Anderson, Tyler Anderson, Danielle Banda, Treauna Blueback, Ashtin Boston, Justyne Briseno, Janaya Brunoe, Caramiah Charley, Justice Clement, Ellise David, Nakota Gray, Catalino Gregorio Leclair, Thomas Gregorio Leclair, James Hance, Blanche Howtopat, Ione Jim, Michael Kaltsukis, Genesis Lucei, Alliyah Moran, Ciara Palmer, Alyssa Philibert, Colton Reese, Raymond Sam-Smith, Darius Schirmer, Darian Scott, William Shike, Jevin Smith, Joydee Smith, Olivia Smith, Nylanis Spino, Israel Tapia Jr, Wynona Tewee, Kayla Wason, Celeste White, Alvin Yazzie, George Yazzie.

Congratulations, students.



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JCMS Students of the Month

Congratulations to our JCMS students of the month (pictured left)! These students have been recognized for:

- Effort • Improvement
- Achievement • Engagement
- Deep Understanding of the Content

- 6th**
- Kevin Goicochea: Math
 - Sofia Rubio: Language Arts
 - Gene Gillespie: Language Arts
 - Celeste White: Language Arts
 - Kaliyah Iverson: Language Arts
 - George Yazzie: Language Arts
 - Laramie Jensen: Language Arts
 - Madalyn Breach: Language Arts
- 7th**
- Ruth Avendano: Math
 - Vanessa Aquirre: Science
 - Omar Dominguez: Language Arts
 - Mackenzie Posey: Math
 - Allison Forman: Social Studies
- 8th**
- Ingrid Sanchez: Social Studies
 - Izaac Crause: Math
 - Laura Diaz: Language Arts
 - Kimberly Flores: Language Arts
 - Alyssa Brunoe: Language Arts
 - Laura Diaz: Math
 - Jose Romero: Language Arts
 - Josh Hocker: Math

Calendar

- MHS Parent Conferences**
- 10/17 BLT Parent Meeting 5:00-5:30 p.m. in the MHS library.
 - 11/15 4:30-8:00 p.m. at Warm Springs Community Center
 - 11/16 4:30-7:30 p.m. in MHS Commons - Arena Style
 - 11/17 4:30-7:30 p.m. in MHS classrooms

Reaching for the Stars

Our school district is proud to have a high percentage of students (more than 8%) who meet the criteria for the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program. We strive to keep each and every student challenged so they can achieve at the highest possible level. Our teachers work hard to understand each student's skill level and then teach to their ability. Here are a few of the options available for students looking to stretch beyond their reach.

College Credit for High School Classes

We are launching an Dual Enrollment Program in collaboration with COCC to offer students the opportunity to earn college credit for Advanced Placement (AP) Biology, Trigonometry, and Algebra II classes. For more information, contact MHS at (541)475-7265.

Learning Opportunities for Students who Exceed Standards

When a student at any grade level demonstrates the ability to advance beyond their classroom curriculum, teachers can offer extended learning and enrichment opportunities including more challenging assignments, advanced study materials and individual instruction.

Academic Competitions & Enrichment Opportunities

Our district participates in a number of optional National and State competitions that allow students in all grade levels to enrich their learning experience with extra activities and projects. These include National History Day (new for 2012), Oregon History Day, the Oregon Encyclopedia Project. Many of these opportunities offer cash or scholarship awards as well. Check with your school office for more information about upcoming opportunities.



Teacher Chris Scranton hangs with students at MHS.

Connection to College

Connection to College is a partnership between our school district, Central Oregon Community College (COCC) and Oregon State University for 11th grade students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Eligible students can apply to participate in monthly activities that are centered on college preparation. For more information, contact MHS at (541)475-7265.

Career and Technical Educations (CTE) Program

Our school district partners with Central Oregon Community College (COCC), Blue Mountain Community College and Linn Benton Community College to provide classes and learning experiences that explore future career options and help prepare students for college. Career tracks include:

- Agriculture
- Business
- Drafting & Woods
- Graphic Tech
- Health Occupations
- Metals
- Technology

Other opportunities for students include:

- School-to-Work program
- Work Experience
- Internships
- Health Occupations (Mountain View Hospital)
- Peer Tutor Program

Contact MHS at (541)475-7265 for more information.