

Columbia tribes praise feds' new sea lion removal policy

Leaders of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's member tribes expressed support last week for the federal authorization of Oregon, Idaho and Washington to permanently remove California sea lions that travel to Bonneville Dam.

The sea lions travel to the dam each spring and consume salmon.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's authorization protects salmon listed under the federal Endangered Species Act by removing a small, known problematic portion of the California sea lion population that are having a significant negative impact on re-

turning Columbia River spring chinook.

"We applaud the states for taking swift action in their application, and NOAA for their authorization," said Paul Lumley, executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission CRITFC).

"The tribes have always recognized that there is a balance between salmon and sea lions that needs to be managed," Lumley said. "NOAA's decision takes an important step in restoring that balance."

Began 10 years ago

Predation by California sea lions on threatened and endan-

gered salmon populations at Bonneville Dam has been a concern of the tribes since 2002, when 31 sea lions arrived at the dam to feast on the salmon before they could ascend the fish ladders.

Sea lions' total kill of salmonids has reached levels that demanded management actions.

Biologists estimate that sea lions eat between 16 and 20 percent of the salmonids between the river mouth and Bonneville Dam.

The 2012 spring Chinook run is forecast at 314,200. With this kind of run size, sea lions may consume 50,000 to 60,000 spring salmon from the Columbia River.

Minimum predation estimates used in the permit are based only on the daytime feeding that is directly observed from Bonneville Dam itself.

The tribes have been actively involved in many different aspects of addressing sea lion predation on listed salmon.

New law proposed

The tribes serve on the Pinniped Fishery Interaction Task Force, actively haze sea lions away from the dam, conduct research to understand predation impacts in the lower river, and are working with Congress to pass the Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act.

The proposed legislation would accelerate the NOAA's approval process for permitting lethal take by states and tribes; limit the cumulative level of lethal take to 1 percent of annual biological potential removal level; limit the lethal take to 10 animals per permit holder; and spur the Secretary of Commerce to report on any additional legislation needed to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act within two years.

"The tribes have been encouraging the Senate to take quick action, like the House has, to clarify the Marine Mammal Protection Act through this legislation," said Lumley.

The bi-partisan Endangered

Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act is a direct response to the fisheries management needs of the states and tribes.

NOAA's authorization would allow the states to begin removal this week, which coincides with the beginning of the spring chinook run at Bonneville Dam.

For more information on sea lion predation at Bonneville Dam visit the CRITFC's sea lion page at:

www.critfc.org

This website provides links to a fact sheet, video of predation, hazing activity, and photos of damage done to migrating salmon by sea lions.

Tribal Council Resolution regarding dual enrollment

Whereas any tribal member who has dual Enrollment both of the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and another federally recognized Indian Tribe; and,

Whereas dual enrolled tribal member is receiving tribal benefits from both tribes, such as per capita, spe-

cial per capita, and/or sr. pension; now, therefore,

Be it resolved that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon prohibits dual enrollment; and,

Be it further resolved by the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V,

(f) of the Constitution and By-Laws, that tribal member(s) with dual membership who have debt(s) to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation, all tribal benefits including per capita, special per capita, and senior pension must be applied to said debt; and,

Be it further resolved that tribal member shall not in any

way be relieved of responsibility for any obligation owed to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; and,

Be it further resolved that he/she must be enrolled until the financial obligation is satisfied.

(Resolution no. 11, 578.)

Red Cross chapter hosting Heroes' Breakfast

From the Red Cross Oregon Mountain River Chapter

Whether you're hiking the trails or working in a cubicle, you never know when disaster might strike.

Heroes are made in the blink of an eye and found where you least expect them.

Later this month, eight Central Oregon heroes will receive some well-deserved recognition.

The American Red Cross-Oregon Mountain River Chapter will host its Eighth Annual Heroes' Breakfast on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 a.m. at the Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend.

This special event recognizes heroes in our community—ordinary people who took extraordinary actions to help fellow citizens.

Since 1917, the Oregon

Mountain River Chapter has worked in Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook, Wheeler, Grant and Harney counties, providing vital community services.

The Chapter also supports the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Every single day, the Red Cross harnesses the best of humanity to carry out its mission.

Whether providing immediate help at the scene of a fire, assisting victims with disaster recovery, distributing safe blood to those needing a transfusion or providing emergency communications for our military families, we keep families healthy and safe.

Our 200 volunteers and small staff are on call 24-hours a day, every day of the year.

The Red Cross collects 90 percent of the blood needed in Oregon and provides training to more than 120,000 men, women and children annually on

how to save a life with CPR and first aid.

The work of the Red Cross is not possible without the generosity of the people of Central Oregon.

We rely on the donations of time, talent, money and blood to do our work.

Because much of our work is carried out by volunteers, we efficiently stretch your investment to do the most good, with 91 cents of every dollar going to programs and services.

The annual Heroes' Breakfast is the major fundraiser for your local Red Cross.

On March 28, the Red Cross will honor the following eight heroes: Bobbie Bourne, who as Red Cross Emergency Services director, has faithfully served Central Oregon for 12 years; Leo Gonzalez, who administered first aid to an accident victim; officer Tyler Kirk, who roused a family from a burning

home; Lyle and Judy Hicks, owners of Jake's Diner, who support multiple community and charitable efforts; and Dr. Randy Jacobs, Dr. Anita Kolisch and Joan Goodwin, RN who help operate the mobile medical unit serving the homeless.

Fred Meyer is the statewide title sponsor and Horizon Restoration, State Farm Insurance and Les Schwab Tires are Hero Sponsors of the 2012 Heroes' Breakfast, with valued additional support from local businesses, individuals and community groups throughout the area. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling 541-749-4195. Proceeds from the event support the lifesaving mission of the Oregon Mountain River Chapter.

Spring GED classes start in April

The 2012 spring quarter GED program in Warm Springs begins on April 2, and lasts till June 7.

The basic reading and writing classes are from 9 a.m.-12 noon every Tuesday between those dates; and the basic math classes are at the same time on

Thursdays. Course cost is \$20 each.

GED testing information: 541-693-5671 (Bend and Redmond); and 541-475-2804 (Madras testing site).


The Warm Springs instructor will be Cindy Viles, message phone 541-504-2914.



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Simnasho Community Garden Workshops Spring 2012

All sessions will be held at the Simnasho Church/Community Center (by the old school) from 6-8:30p.m., Will include a healthy snack

Thursday, March 22: Garden Irrigation
Thursday, March 28: Garden Fertilizers

Its not too late! Please Join Us!

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