

# Appreciation for Take Back the Night event

"Take Back the Night" on July 26 was the beginning of quiet prayer and remembrance of the victims and survivors of sexual abuse, dating violence and domestic violence within our community.

Candles were lit after the first drum song, during those moments of silence. Easton Aguilar provided the opening and closing prayers. Anita Davis spoke as our keynote speaker with powerful messages. Eagle Thunder sang two songs. Viola Governor

provided music.

The floor was open to any person who wanted to share their story as a victim or as a survivor, and Billy Jean Bailey did so. For this Victims of Crime Services thanks Billy for sharing a traumatic part of her life; and though very nervous the sharing brought Billy Jean one step closer to becoming a stronger person. Having her two daughters by her side displayed the support a victim/survivor needs.

Janell Wallulatam was the emcee and created a beautiful

memory book with three anonymous stories from our own tribal people.

This is their healing process, and letting this tribal community know they are not alone.

Charlene Smith's public announcements could be heard on KWSO promoting VOCS' First Take Back the Night event.

Demetria Smith, VOCS' summer youth worker, and Tanya Tewee, VOCS volunteer, put together the candles and memory books, the significant posters that hung from the basketball court fence. Gwen Leonard provided handmade fans with elder abuse information.

Thank you to all who showed up to support victims and survivors, to all the VOCS staff and volunteers, to the above listed people and to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board who provided funding to make this event happen.

Nancy Seyler, Program Manager, Victims of Crime Services.

# For Life-Saving Action



Tribal member United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Armando Ribeiro receives a Naval Achievement Medal (NAM) for life saving actions in Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Ribeiro received the medal on July 13, 2012.

# CRITFC, tribes host fishers expo

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Over 170 Warm Springs, Umatilla, Yakama, and Nez Perce fishers, tribal leaders, and community members descended on Hood River for the Third Annual Columbia River Indian Fishers Expo.

The July 27 expo was hosted by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

The one-day event focused on river safety and quality food handling. Expo participants learned about cold-water survival techniques, boating safety, maintaining and repairing boat engines, and basic fiberglass repair.

Classes were also offered on different ways to increase the quality of products they sell to the public and discussed various marketing techniques for Indian-caught salmon.

The mayor of White Salmon, and local officials from Hood River and White Salmon came out to the event to mingle with tribal leaders and fishers. Many of the projects in the Columbia River Gorge require close coordination with Gorge communities.



During a swearing-in ceremony at the expo, CRITFC officer Dana Journey (center) takes the oath administered by CRITFC Chairwoman Kat Brigham and CRITFC Chief of Enforcement Davis Washines.

cludes our tribal fishery."

The expo also featured a trade show of 16 vendors. Attendees browsed displays on water safety, packaging materials, tribal fisheries program information, and fishing supply businesses.

Expo vendors included the U.S. Coast Guard, the Army Corps of Engineers, The Dalles Marine Supply, Oregon SeaGrant, A-1 Scales, and many others.



University of Washington SeaGrant trainer Sarah Fiskin is rescued from the Columbia River by CRITFC Officer Larry Risley, during a boat rescue demonstration.

## Tribal fishery

"We have a lot of things on the horizon for the tribal fisheries," said CRITFC chairwoman Kat Brigham during her luncheon address.

"We are working to restore the production-harvest connection and rebuild naturally spawning salmon populations," Brigham said.

"There are still threats to the tribal fishery. We will do everything that we can to protect our treaty rights, that in-

## Grant for marketing

During the Columbia River Indian Expo, CRITFC executive director Paul Lumley announced that the commission has received a \$44,400 Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colo.

One of 11 recipients, CRITFC will use the grant to improve tribal salmon marketing efforts through an en-

trepreneurial program that teaches proper food handling, harvest safety practices, and business and marketing strategies.

"This grant is a tremendous opportunity to improve our salmon marketing resources to the tribal fishers," said Lumley. "We have made a lot of progress over recent years, but this grant will allow us to take the program

to the next level."

## About CRITFC

The Portland-based Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is the technical support and coordinating agency for fishery management policies of the Columbia River Basin's four treaty tribes: the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Umatilla, Yakama Nation and the Nez Perce Tribe.

# Lack of permit delays drone test for bird survey

(AP) - Plans to launch a drone aircraft to take photos of salmon-munching seabirds nesting along the Oregon Coast have been scrubbed for lack of a permit.

The Federal Aviation Administration told the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife that it needs a permit to fly even a tiny unmanned aircraft over the offshore rocks near Pacific City that are home to nesting cormorants.

Lindsay Adrean, predatory bird coordinator for the department, said officials hope to get the permit in time for next year's nesting season on Haystack Rock.

"All the regulations surrounding the drones are still pretty fuzzy," she said. "Figuring out what we need and when we need it has been a learning experience for everyone. I'm glad we found out before we did something wrong."

The survey data would go into the department's application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to kill some cormorants to reduce the numbers of young salmon and steelhead eaten by the birds.

The drone was developed by engineering students at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, who found out about the permit problem after getting to Oregon to do the test flights.

Unable to fly the drone, the students have been spending their time telling department personnel about the aircraft's capabilities, said assistant professor Patrick Currier.

"We would like to view this test flight as postponed rather cancelled," he said. "The season is ending for the birds to be here. Most of them have already left, actually."

Adrean got the idea after reading a story about drone helicopters being used in Idaho to survey salmon eggs in river canyons too small to fly with full-size aircraft. She thought a drone could cheaply and safely provide once-a-week aerial photos that would give a more accurate idea of cormorant numbers than the once-a-year photo flights they depend on now.

She contacted her brother, a robotics engineer, who introduced her to Currier.

Currier said a project his students developed for a contest sounded like it would be just the ticket.

Adrean said they went into the project thinking the airspace over Haystack Rock, part of a national wildlife refuge, was restricted, the way it is over a military base, and there would be no danger to private aircraft. That would have meant all they needed was permission from the agency controlling the property. They got that from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

But the FAA informed them that the area was not restricted air space, Adrean said. Pilots are encouraged to stay out of the area but not strictly barred. FAA spokesman Allen Kenitzer said he could not disclose whether the department sought a permit, but he confirmed it would need one to fly a drone over the wildlife refuge.

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