

FASD Coalition sponsoring logo contest

The Warm Springs Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder Coalition is in need of a logo for our flyers, press releases, marketing material and all other coalition work.

Winner will receive a \$100 gift card. All entries will receive a prize. The contest closes on October 15.

The coalition is looking for something that represents the

coalition and the community, and includes our motto: "Life is sacred; let your strengths and traditions become your child's future."

Please keep in mind the following words while creating our logo:

Respect, Health, Strength, Empowerment, Hope, Community, Culture, Sobriety, Tradition, and Lifestyle.

The logo/message should be positive—no pictures of alcohol, or feelings of blame or shame—and address the prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome disorder, and speak to both male and females.

To enter the contest please send your name, contact information, design and a design explanation to: evelyn.aguilar@wstribes.org

Or you can drop your design off at the Community Health Education Team office at the Family Resource Center.

Email or call 541-553-2211 with any questions you may have. The contest is open to all tribal members and Warm Springs Community members. We look forward to seeing your design!

Medford casino met with skepticism

A proposal by the Coquille tribe to open a casino in Medford has gained the attention of a U.S. House panel.

Members of the Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs expressed concern about tribes expanding gambling operations beyond their aboriginal lands.

Chairman Don Young, an Alaska Republican, said the proliferation could lead states to open the casino business to all.

The Coquille tribe's plan has drawn opposition from another tribe—the Cow Creek Band—that operates a casino north of Medford.

Tribes demand response as fish advisories are issued for the Columbia

Tribal leaders are calling for a prompt state and federal response to announcement of fish consumption advisories for the Columbia River.

Leaders from the Warm Springs, Umatilla, Yakama and Nez Perce are asking Washington and Idaho governors to update their water quality standards and fish consumption rates in response to Oregon and Washington's resident fish consumption advisory for the Columbia.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Chairman Joel Moffett sent letters to Washington Governor Inslee and Idaho Governor Otter asking the states to prioritize the update of water quality standards that protect tribal members and make water quality a top priority for the region.

The tribes will also call on the Northwest Congressional delegation to pass toxins reduction legislation for the Columbia Basin, the largest water body in the United States without a federal toxins reduction program.

The requests come after Oregon and Washington is-

sued the fish consumption advisories that encompass the entire length of the Zone 6 fishing area of the Columbia River—a stretch used for treaty fishing by all four member tribes.

Chairman Moffett states that the region needs to focus on long-term solutions to water quality issues rather than ignoring the situation and dealing with the consequences later.

"The tribes believe that the long-term solution to this problem isn't keeping people from eating contaminated fish—it's keeping fish from being contaminated in the first place," Moffett said.

"Armed with higher fish consumption rates and water quality standards, we hope there will be a greater motivation to remove pollutants from the Columbia River and its tributaries."

The level of toxins found in our waterways should concern everyone, said Paul Lumley, CRITFC executive director.

"Treaties signed between the tribes and the United States Government in 1855 secured the tribal fishing right in all usual and accus-

tomated fishing areas," Lumley said.

"Contaminated fish were not part of the bargain that the tribes made when they signed their treaties."

The recent advisory must move water quality issues to the forefront of our natural resource agendas and highlights the need to clean up our waterways.

"We can no longer afford to have Washington and Idaho delay their responsibilities to ensure clean water in the Columbia River Basin, not only for its fish populations, but for the people who regularly consume them," Lumley said.

In 2011, Oregon updated its fish consumption rates to 175 grams per day, giving Oregon the most protective water quality standards in the nation.

Fish consumption rates are used to calculate water quality standards that protect human health.

Washington and Idaho are currently reevaluating their fish consumption rates. The tribes are urging Washington and Idaho to adopt at least the same rate that Oregon uses to establish water qual-

ity standards that are protective of all fish consumers in the region.

The 175 grams per day fish consumption rate represents a fish consumption rate that protects most of Oregon's population.

The American Heart Association recommends that people consume 2 servings of fish per week. Both Idaho and Washington's current standard protect individuals who consume 6.5 grams per day or approximately 2 servings per month, a rate substantially less than what tribal members consume.

Big chinook run at Columbia River

Fall chinook salmon are returning to the Columbia River this year and crossing Bonneville Dam in numbers not seen since the dam was completed and counting began in 1938.

As of last week, the Bonneville count of adult and jack fall chinook was already over 920,000 fish, with about a month left in

the run.

The run is expected to top one million fish, nearly 400,000 more than any previous year in 75 years of fish-counting at the dam.

Chinook returning to tributaries in the 140 miles of river downstream of the dam add to the huge run.

"The abundance of this year's fall chinook run is the

perfect example of what this region needs to focus on and how we all benefit from strong returns," said Paul Lumley, executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.



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