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Below Bonneville fishery to re-open

The tribal subsistence fishery below the Bonneville dam will open this year on April 6.

The fishery will be open to tribal members from Sunday through Wednesday, with Wednesdays reserved for seniors (60 years and older).

The fishery will remain open at least until an estimated 500 spring chinook are caught from the sites below the dam.

When the 500-fish mark is reached, the Fish and Wildlife Committee will review how the spring run is going.

If the committee determines that the run is strong, as is predicted, then the below Bonneville fishery could stay open past the 500-fish mark.

Tribal Council approved the fish-

ery resolution on Monday. This is a subsistence only fishery, with no sales allowed. Tribal members can use one pole each.

The tribes first re-opened the below Bonneville fishery in 2010. It proved to be popular with hook-and-line subsistence fishermen, said Bobby Brunoe, general manager of the Natural Resources Branch.

Before the 2010 re-opening, the tribes had not had a regular fishery there for some years.

Last year the Fish and Wildlife Committee chose not to open the below Bonneville subsistence fishery. Meanwhile, the 2014 spring chinook run was one of the best in many years, and the commercial fishery was open.

Many saw this as unfair to the subsistence fishermen. So this year

the subsistence fishermen urged Tribal Council to re-open the below Bonneville subsistence fishery, and Council unanimously agreed.

Council heard testimony from many of subsistence fishermen on various issues related to the fishery.

One issue, for instance, has to do with younger fishermen riding mountain bikes first thing in the morning down to the best sites. This can result in the elder fishermen having no access to the sites.

The 2015 resolution specifies that a younger fisherman should yield his spot if an elder asks him to (*Resolution on page 7*).

Discussion also concerned enforcement of the regulations, such as number of poles, minimum age for fishermen (12 years), no fishing from a boat; and drug and alcohol

enforcement.

The Branch of Natural Resources, and a Warm Springs Police Department officer are going to provide the enforcement this year, Brunoe said.

There was discussion of prohibiting the possession of firearms at the fishing areas. Some told Council they needed a firearm to keep the seals away from scaffolding, and because of bears.

The resolution states that the Branch of Natural Resources will seek approved methods of seal and sea lion harassment.

Root Feast

The ceremonial fishing at the Columbia River is opening this week, as the Root Feast is coming up on Sunday, March 22.

There will be a General Council meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene Jr. on Monday of this week called for the meeting after consulting with the three Chiefs.

Wellbriety Program at Tribal Court

The Warm Springs Wellbriety Program gives help to people who are in trouble because of an alcohol or drug problem.

A person who completes the Wellbriety Program will have his or her criminal charge dismissed by the court.

The Tribal Court and prosecution recently adopted the Wellbriety Program. Other partners in the program are Parole and Probation, and Community Counseling. Tamara Perkins, of NPC Research, is an assistant with the program, which is grant-funded.

The Wellbriety Program helps individuals to learn skills to make responsible decisions, and work toward a substance-free lifestyle.

Here are features of the program, as outlined by Nancy Seyler, tribal prosecutor:

· The Wellbriety Court program requires more than 100 sessions of treatment, lasting at least 36 weeks.

· Participants who relapse will require additional supervision and treatment, which may extend their involvement beyond the targeted 36 weeks.

· Participants are required to have consistent contact with Warm Springs Parole and Probation, and follow a structured program, helping to identify and confront substance abuse.

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Unique housing project at Greeley Heights

The new Greeley Heights subdivision is unique in Indian Country.

The partnerships involved—tribal and private enterprises, state and federal agencies—is the first of its kind, said Desirae Wallace, project coordinator at the Warm Springs Housing Authority.

The project will serve as a model for affordable housing developments on other reservations, Wallace said.

The total cost of the 35-unit Greeley Heights subdivision is \$9.7 million.

Fifteen of the homes will be three-bedroom units, 15 will be four-bedroom, and five will be five-bedroom units.

The larger units are two story homes, and the smaller ones one story. Desirae gets about a dozen calls a day from tribal members who are interested.

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One of the units under construction.

Jayson Smith/Spilyay

For the Activities Bus

Many families rely on the activities bus that runs from Madras High School to Warm Springs. MHS students who play sports, or study after school with a tutor rely on the bus.

The bus stopped running earlier this month, as there was no funding to continue the service. This was a big inconvenience for many students and their parents.

Dani Katchia has kids at the middle school and high school. When the bus stopped running, she started looking for a way to bring back the activities bus for the rest of the school year.

She wrote to Indian Head Casino and other tribal enterprises, explaining the situation.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

The casino team reviewed her proposal, and decided to step forward with \$3,000 to keep the bus going until summer break.

"This is for kids who are playing sports, or being tutored—it was an easy decision for us," said Harold Baugus, casino general manager.

The casino budgets a limited amount of money each year for community support. The review team follows a series of guidelines in making each decision. The activities bus is a good fit for casino sponsorship, Baugus said.

An average of 30 Warm Springs students per school day use the activities bus, Dani estimates. There may be more depending on the sports season. Between fall and winter about 4,000 student trips were recorded on the activities bus, Dani said.

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At Indian Head Casino administrative assistant Nicole Garcia and general manager Harold Baugus present the activities bus check to school district board member Laurie Danzuka, parent Dani Katchia and district superintendent Rick Molitor (from left).

Spring Break Powwow Monday

Warm Springs Recreation will host the Spring Break Social Powwow and Drummers Jam on Monday, March 23 at the Community Center.

This is the last Warm Springs powwow of the spring 2015. All dancers are welcome.

The master of ceremonies will be Captain Moody. There will be potluck starting at 6 p.m., and the social powwow and exhibition dancing start at 7 p.m.

For more information please call Recreation director Austin Greene at 541-553-3243.



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