

The Warm Springs Youth Council last week met with Tribal Council (below), and then held a two-day workshop at the community center. One of the featured guest speakers was Jeri Brunoe, of Brunoe Training and Consulting (right)



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Resolution of Tribal Council

Warm Springs Youth Council

Whereas the Warm Springs Youth Council is an organization of Warm Springs tribal member and Native American youths between the ages of 14 and 24 that was recently formed for the purpose of promoting the youths' shared vision of speaking with a positive voice for the Warm Springs community, empowering tribal member youths through leadership development and civic engagement, and promoting the involvement of tribal member youths in the culture, spirituality and heritage of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; and,

Whereas the Warm Springs Tribal Council, having met with WSYC and heard their presentation on the vision, goals and objectives of the organization, is fully supportive of WSYC and wishes to assist the or-

ganization in its efforts to promote its vision and achieve its goals; and,

Whereas the WSYC has advised the Tribal Council that the organization is seeking to incorporate as a non-profit organization under Warm Spring tribal law and to be certified as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which efforts the Tribal Council fully supports and wishes to assist in any way that it can; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (l) and (u), of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, that the Tribal Council hereby states its support for the Warm Springs Youth Council (WSYC) and for the organization's vision and goals; and,

Be it further resolved that the Tribal Council hereby offers any support that may be requested by

WSYC to assist the organization in furthering its vision and achieving its goals; and,

Be it further resolved that the Tribal Council wishes to congratulate the tribal member youths who have worked so diligently and constructively in recent months to move forward with formation of WSYC and the advancement of the organization's visions and goals; and,

Be it further resolved that the Tribal Council wishes to express to the youths involved in the formation of WSYC that the Council and the Warm Springs community are very proud and impressed by your energy, hard work, intelligence and maturity in undertaking this very important task, and that your actions affirm the Council's confidence that the future of the Warm Springs Nation is in very good hands.

(Tribal Council resolution no. 12,053)

CRITFC featured at Fisheries Society conference

Indian Country was front and center at the national conference of the American Fisheries Society, held in Portland last month.

Staff from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and its member tribes were featured throughout the four-day event.

CRITFC and tribal staff gave over 27 presentations, displayed seven research posters, and screened two documentaries. CRITFC was an integral part of the conference's development and operations.

Yakama Nation tribal leader Gerald Lewis provided the conference's invocation.

CRITFC executive director Paul Lumley gave the plenary session welcome address to the more than 3,500 fishery professionals from all over the world.

Staff presentations highlighted the diversity of their work in genetics, harvest management, cutting-edge fisheries research, sturgeon and lamprey biology, and cli-



Courtesy CRITFC

CRITFC executive director Paul Lumley (left), staff and guests at the American Fisheries Society conference.

mate change, among other topics.

CRITFC, along with several other Columbia River basin tribes and First Nations, received the American Fisheries Society's 2015 William E. Ricker Resource Conservation Award.

This award acknowledges singular accomplishments or long-term contributions that advance aquatic resource conservation at a national or international level.

The AFS Past Presidents Advisory Council recognized tribal leadership and their work in creating a common vision for restoring ecosystem function and resiliency to the Columbia River Watershed.

During his plenary speech, Lumley called upon scientists to address climate change, stating:

"When the tribes signed the treaties of 1855 we didn't anticipate climate change. But climate change is here. The

warming waters and dying fish are an urgent matter and we need your help."

The American Fisheries Society is the world's oldest and largest organization dedicated to strengthening the fisheries profession, advancing fisheries science, and conserving fisheries resources.

The August conference was the 145th national conference for the organization.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is advertising the following two full-time positions:

Full-Time Lamprey Biologist. This position is part of CRITFC's Fishery Science department, and is located in Portland, Oregon. Primary responsibilities of the lamprey biologist position are to facilitate and expand genetics-based analyses, to supplement ongoing monitoring of interior Columbia Basin Pacific Lamprey populations conducted by the four CRITFC member tribes, and to evaluate the success of tribal lamprey translocation and hatchery supplementation projects in areas where populations have been extirpated. A Master's degree in biological sciences or related field is required; or

a Bachelor's degree in the biological sciences or related field is required plus a minimum of three years of relevant work experience. The job announcement closes on October 9, 2015. For a full job description visit our website at: <http://www.critfc.org/critfc-employment-opportunities/>

Full-Time Genetics Laboratory Technician. This position is part of CRITFC's Fishery Science Department, but will be located with the genetics group at the Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station in Hagerman, ID. A Bachelor's degree in a field of science, an Associate's degree with 1 years' experience, or 3 years' experience in a related position. The job announcement closing date is September 18, 2015. <http://www.critfc.org/critfc-employment-opportunities/>



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Oregon zoo honoring vultures in Sept.

As part of nature's cleanup crew, vultures are famous for arriving "late to the feast." They drop onto a carcass for choice leftovers once the predators that dispatched the animal have vacated the scene.

It's only fitting then that festivities marking International Vulture Awareness Day will be a couple weeks late this year at the Oregon Zoo.

The official awareness day falls on the first Saturday in September, but the zoo's vulture celebration takes place Sept. 18-19 this year.

On both days, the zoo will showcase California condors, turkey vultures and other "master recyclers," highlighting the critical role vultures play in ecosystems around the world.

At 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., visitors can stop by the zoo's Condors of the Columbia habitat for keeper talks and up-close views of these colorful, charismatic and critically endangered birds.

Though native to the region, and commonly seen here during the time of Lewis and Clark, California condors haven't soared through Northwest skies for more than a century.

Volunteers will be on hand throughout the day, providing information about these enormous birds and the actions we can take to protect them. For more information, visit: oregonzoo.org/Condors.

At 1 p.m. during the celebration days, another kind of vulture will make a cameo appearance at the zoo's Family Farm: Clyde, a turkey vulture from the zoo's popular Wildlife Live program presented by Portland General Electric.

Despite her name, Clyde is a female. Hatched in 1985, she was taken from the wild and hand-raised by a man who thought her nest had been abandoned. (It is against the law to raise na-

tive birds without a permit.)

When Clyde was released back into the wild, it became clear she had become too habituated to humans: she begged for food, chased dogs, followed children and poked holes in screen doors. She was taken to the Audubon Society of Portland and then brought to the zoo.

From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests can take part in vulture games and activities on the concert lawn.

Considered nature's cleanup crew, vultures play a vital role in their environment, feeding on carrion—dead animals—that could otherwise spread disease. Unfortunately, vulture populations have been in sharp decline worldwide.

Committed to conservation, the zoo is currently working to save endangered California condors, Oregon silverspot and Taylor's checkerspot butterflies, western pond turtles and Oregon spotted frogs.



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