

New BIA policy to implement 1910 law

The BIA has announced a new policy to improve the implementation of the Buy Indian Act of 1910.

The new policy comes in response to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report, released in July 2015, that criticized the federal government's enforcement of the Buy Indian Act.

The act authorized certain federal procurement contracts to be set aside for preferential awards to Indian economic enterprises (IEEs) for all procurement contracts issued by the BIA, the Bureau of Indian Education, the of-

ice of the Interior Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service.

In 2013, regulations were issued that defined IEEs as those companies which are at least 51 percent Indian-owned.

While the BIA and IHS have obtained services and supplies from IEEs under the Act since 1965, the GAO found that Buy Indian procurements have comprised only a small percentage of BIA and IHS annual contract obligations—the result of limited knowledge and implementation of the set-aside in re-

gional or area offices where contracts are often awarded.

New policy highlights

To address the concerns raised by the GAO, the BIA's new policy:

Directs that all BIA, BIE, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians and AS-IA acquisitions be subject to the Buy Indian Act policy whenever 'authorized and practicable'—including acquisitions for supplies, administrative and custodial services, and some construction contracts.

Indicates when deviations

from the policy may be authorized.

Requires quarterly reporting on Buy Indian Act acquisitions to better monitor deviations and challenges.

It is expected that this policy will expand contracting opportunities for IEEs. Those interested in contracting should monitor the Federal Business Opportunities website to identify opportunities where there is a Buy Indian set-aside.

(Note: This article was provided by Warm Springs Ventures business and marketing.)

Auxiliary fundraiser Friday

The Eugene Green Sr. American Legion Auxiliary is having a rummage sale and lunch fundraiser this Friday, Feb. 5 at the Agency longhouse.

The rummage sale is

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the lunch sale is from 11 til 1.

They will be selling cheeseburger plates that include chips, salad, dessert and a drink.

Prevention group visiting NARA

The Guiding Butterflies and Mighty Warriors group will be taking a trip to the Bow and Arrow Culture Club at the Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA) Youth and Wellness

Center in Portland.

The trip will be this Friday, February 5. The group will leave at 3 p.m. and return at midnight. You must be signed up to attend, contact Sarah at 553-3205.

Strong fish returns, oil transport opposition notable events with CRITFC

Here are some of the noteworthy events and accomplishments from the past 12 months with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission:

2015 salmon run

For the second time in 80 years, more than 2 million chinook, sockeye, coho and steelhead returned to tribal fishing and ceded areas above Bonneville Dam.

Fall chinook contributed nearly half the total. (The returns include adults and jacks.) Fall chinook over Bonneville came to 1,037,000 fish, while the Snake fall chinook count was 70,800 fish. Both are records.

The sockeye returns started out strong with

510,700 fish passing Bonneville, only to have complications from hot water temperatures kill about half of them.

Coho and summer steelhead supplied 42,200 and 365,300 fish, respectively—bringing the 2015 upriver salmon and steelhead returns to over 2.3 million!

Coal and oil transport

CRITFC continues to help spearhead opposition to expanded fossil fuel transport through the Columbia River corridor.

Numerous proposals are pending to transport and store coal, crude oil, and liquefied natural gas in areas along or near the Columbia River. To date, the tribes and CRITFC have filed about 20



CRITFC Salmon Camp, coming up against this summer.

affidavits on the legal, biological, and economic impacts to treaty resources and tribal members.

In 2015, CRITFC and the Yakama and Umatilla tribes became parties to the Washington Energy Facilities Siting Evaluation Council proceeding concerning the four-train, 360,000 barrel-per-day

proposed Tesoro Savage oil transfer facilities in Vancouver, Wash. Members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs also voiced

opposition at public hearings on the matter.

A recent draft environmental impact statement acknowledged that the Tesoro proposal could affect endangered salmon, water quality, wildlife, and vegetation.

A new study published in November 2015 in the journal *Atmospheric Pollution Research* confirmed tribal fisher suspicions: Coal and diesel trains have a big impact on air quality in the Columbia River Gorge.

Researchers found that a diesel-powered open-top coal train releases on average nearly twice as much of the small particulate matter that is easily inhaled and lodged in the lungs than a diesel-powered freight train.

U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer met CRITFC leaders at the Lone Pine Inlieu Site to discuss housing and public safety issues at

fishing sites along the Columbia River.

The Commission and the Army Corps' Col. Jose Aguilar met several times in 2015 covering numerous topics of mutual concern from the Columbia River housing to lamprey passage.

BIA Regional Director Stan Speaks also visited the Commission on more than one occasion to discuss upkeep at the fishing access sites, among other topics.

When Portland Mayor Charlie Hales talked with CRITFC, he summarized his initiatives to address climate change and reiterated his opposition to fossil fuel transport and storage.

(Article and photo courtesy Jeremy FiveCrows/CRITFC.)

Constitution: vote by April 11 on proposed changes

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Another proposed amendment: "The Tribal Council members shall receive as compensation for their services as follows: Chairperson \$80,000; Vice-Chairperson \$70,000; all other members \$60,000, and mileage from home to place of meeting and re-

turn at a rate used by the federal government..." Also:

Expenses shall be paid from available tribal budgeted funds. Benefit programs and reimbursement expenses will follow tribal organization policies as budgeted. Tribal Council members will be available to the membership, committees and necessary business on behalf of the

tribe beyond the monthly Tribal Council agenda from their office."

There are other proposed, such as: A Council member may be removed by for cause by a 2/3 vote of the Council, after notice of charges and allowing that member an opportunity to be heard.

Employment at KNT, Indian Head

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort advertised the following positions:

Banquet Bartender - Banquet Captain - Bartender - Cook - Front Desk Manager - Front Office Supervisor - Guest Service Representative - Guest Room Attendant at Lodge/Village. Human Resources Clerk - Human Resources Manager - Laundry Worker - Lifeguard - Lodge Houseman - Pool Cashier - Sous Chef -

Teepee Attendant - Warm Springs Grill Manager.

For information call 541-553-1112 ext 3401. Or go to kahneeta.com

The following jobs are being advertised at Indian Head Casino:

Director of Finance - Contact Holly Waisanen 541-460-7777.

Cage director - Holly 541-460-7777.

Tule Grill attendant - 2 positions part-time. Kip Culpus, Jordan Caldera,

Heather Cody 541-460-7777 Ext. 7725.

Tule Grill Cook - Contact Kip or Heather.

Line Cook - Contact Mark Oltman 541-460-7777 Ext. 7755

IT support technician-Donovan, James, Justin 541-460-7777 Ext 7674, 7747 & 7746.

Security officer - Tim Kerr 541-460-7777 Ext. 7749

Table games dealer - Jami Deming 541-460-7777 Ext. 7724

Jobs at CRITFC

Fisheries Geneticist (3 Positions) Hagerman, ID. Salary \$57,098 - \$64711. Full-time/Regular/W-Benefits. Closes March 15, 2016.

Fisheries Geneticist with experience in population genomics, association mapping, and mixed stock analyses. 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.

The employee will work under the Lead Geneticist, in association with CRITFC

geneticists and technicians, as well as staff of the Fishery Science Department in Portland, OR.

Efforts will focus on applying empirical genetics/genomics data to address questions related to conservation and recovery of steel-

head, Chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon, sturgeon, lamprey, and other fishes of the Columbia River Basin.

Here is the link to the full position description: <http://www.critfc.org/jobs/fisheries-geneticist/>

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Fishery: open April 10 below Bonneville

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The April 10 fishery is for subsistence, so sales are not allowed to non-Indians. The 2016 regulation limits each fisherman to one pole holder and one pole, being actively fished. A person cannot save a spot for someone else, or watch someone else's pole; and fishermen must be 12 or older.

Tribal Council considered a suggestion that fishermen not be allowed to ride bicycles down to the fishing area. Lyle Rhoan Sr. suggested the use of bicycles was unfair to the fishermen who are

walking. A bicyclist, he said, can get a later start but still end up with a better spot than an earlier fishermen who is walking. It can also be unsafe, Mr. Rhoan said.

At the Council meeting last week, Sandra Danzuka suggested that banning bicycles would be another self-imposed restriction on tribal members.

The park regulations ban motorized vehicles, she said, but bicycles and horses are expressly allowed.

Yakama shares the fishing area with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and Yakama did not ban bicycles; so it would be pointless for Warm Springs to ban them.

And Tribal Council did not include the bicycle provision in the final resolution.

Some other provisions: A non-elder is expected, by tribal regulation, to give up a fishing spot to a senior fisherman who requests to fish there. This is the same as last year.

No boats or other floating devices are allowed. Alcohol and drug use are prohibited while exercising treaty rights. A fisherman who carries a tribal identification card does not need a state permit.

The boundary of the below Bonneville subsistence fishery is the same as last year.

Probate items for sale to members

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Probate Department is putting the following items out for bid:

Dresser with mirror (4 drawers) – minimum bid is \$40.

Wooden gun cabinet - minimum bid \$25

Large fish tank - minimum bid \$20.

Two bowling balls - minimum bid \$5 for each.

Small three-basket shelf - minimum bid \$15.

DVD/movie storage shelf – minimum bid \$15

The bidding is open



through February 10. You can pick up a bid form at Probate at the administration building. Turn your bid in to either Maryann Stahi or Valerie Squiemphen.

On the morning of February 11, Probate will open the bids and call the person with the winning bid. Make sure you list your phone number or a message number.

If you would like to look at the items, please call Maryann Stahi at 541-553-3252 to make an appointment. Probate can only open up the warehouse between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., and not on week-ends.

Dresser (top), and wooden gun cabinet.