

Gearing up for Paddle to Nisqually



Tribal Councilwoman Brigette McConville (second from right) and her Salmon King shop donated many cans of salmon and dried salmon, and gift t-shirts to the N'Chi Wana Pum Canoe Family. The salmon is for the Family during their upcoming Paddle to

Nisqually Canoe Journey. Accepting the donation for the Family were Marcus Johnson, Emma Marquez and Rolin MorningOwl (back row from left); Carlicia Dixon, Colleen Johnson, Deb Stacona and Becky Picard (front row from left).

The N'Chi Wana Pum Canoe Family is getting ready for the 2016 Paddle to Nisqually. The N'Chi Wana Pum family will be one of more than 100 Tribal Canoe families expected

to land at the Port of Olympia's NorthPoint area on Saturday, July 30. The N'Chi Wana Pum Canoe Family has participated in the annual tribal canoe family journeys since 2010.

They will leave from the Celilo area, and then make their way over the next several days to the final destination. The Canoe Family is a program of the Museum at Warm Springs.

Heart of Oregon: building success

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YouthBuild is an ideal program for Warm Springs, said Heath of Oregon Corps advocate Amorita Anstett. Home-building projects on the reservation, she said, could help in alleviating the housing needs. Building on the reservation could also bring more Warm Springs youth into the program. Heart of Oregon has met with Tribal Council in the past, and their presentation was well-received.

Heart of Oregon has the YouthBuild program, teaching construction, electrical, plumbing and related skills. Other opportunities are the Heart of Oregon Thrift Store in Madras, AmeriCorps, the Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, and Camp LEAD. Butch David is leading the Youth Conservation Corps on the reservation. They are working on the reservation on natural resource projects.

Jobs, education solution Joining Heart of Oregon, students can earn high school credits, a diploma, job training and contacts, college scholarships, and a stipend. It is a 12-month program for youth ages 16 to 24. The students first attend a two-week orientation at the Sisters classroom center. The school district provides transportation. After the two-week Mental Toughness session, the students will spend some days at the classroom, and some days working on community projects, such as building houses. After the 12 months, the Heart of Oregon workers offer their support to the youth have completed the program. Once a young person has committed to Heart of Oregon, "They are always a part of Heart of Oregon," Amorita said. Heart of Oregon is a great solu-

YouthBuild, COYCC Rodger Jack is a young man from Simnasho, and works with Heart of Oregon YouthBuild. He has perfect attendance at the classes and at work. He does this, amazingly, while commuting two and a half hours each way. Rodger learned of the Heart of Oregon Corps through a principal at the Madras High School. He's now taking the Heart of Oregon classes on some days, while helping build a house on non-class days. This week he was working on a house with Leonah Scott, Alyssa Culps and other co-workers. YouthBuild will host an open house for the newly-built home on Friday of this week. You can visit the house on Lincoln Court in Madras. Heart of Oregon is a non-profit education and job skills training program. Their goal is to help young people and their communi-

ties. tion for some high school students. Through Heart of Oregon a student can earn up to 15 credits in one year, about two and a half years worth of high school credits. Rodger and Amorita gave a presentation on the program earlier this month to the Warm Springs Health and Human Services Branch. You can learn more about the program at the website: heartoforegon.org Or call their office at 541-526-1380.

Horses: relieving overpopulation

(Continued from page 1) This would be a disaster for tribal lands, as well as federal lands that deal with the same horse problem, he said. The horse removal program is funded through the settlement money the tribes received in a natural resources lawsuit against the federal government. The money was earmarked for horse population control. Warm Springs is a leader in the National Tribal Horse Coalition, representing five tribes. The NTHC gives a unified

voice to the tribes in advocating for the reasonable management of horse populations on reservations. The National Congress of American Indians, and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians have both endorsed the efforts of the horse coalition. The report last week to Tribal Council also included letters of support from Jonathan Treasure, tribal Hydrologist and Climate Change Program coordinator, and Brad Houslet, Fisheries Department manager.

Support for tribal fishing sites along Columbia River

Tribal fishing families living in distressed conditions along the Columbia River received major Congressional support last week.

The Oregon and Washington members of the U.S. House and Senate introduced legislation that would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess and improve the living conditions at federally-owned tribal treaty fishing sites.

The proposed law is called "The Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act."

If successful, the new law would call upon the BIA to assess the current sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau-owned facilities that were constructed to provide treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds.

The bill recommends expenditures as necessary for actions that would improve sanitation and other infrastructure such as water and sewer for the sites.

Unsafe conditions

The construction of federal dams on the Columbia River restricted tribal members' access to tribal treaty fishing grounds, and displaced tribal fishing families that lived along the Columbia River. As a result, tribal families now reside in unsafe and unsanitary conditions at multiple sites along the Columbia River.

"It is long past time that we honored our commitment to tribal members along the Columbia River and this legislation is another step in the right direction," said Sen. Merkley.

"Tribal members shouldn't have to live in unsafe or unsanitary conditions without running water or electricity. This bill will help make much needed improvements at the 31 tribal fishing sites along the Columbia River."

Jeremy Red Star Wolf, chair-

man of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, applauded the action:

"We need to start by providing some basic human necessities such as clean water, basic sanitation, and fire safety infrastructure to tribal fishing sites along the Columbia River," he said.

"The bill introduced last week in both chambers of Congress highlights the importance of this near-term need, and lays a path for the BIA to remedy many of these problems now."

Rep. Earl Blumenauer, of Oregon's Third Congressional District, said:

"While we work to provide longer-term relief through the construction of permanent housing, this legislation calls for immediate action to improve conditions at the tribal fishing sites along the Columbia River.

"Urgent upgrades are needed for electrical, sewer, and other basic improvements to address safety, sanitation, and other conditions. The federal government shouldn't let more time pass without helping to make sure that the basic necessities of clean and safe conditions are pursued. The status quo is unacceptable."

Multiple Congressional actions, including appropriations and federal authorizations, are driving a multi-agency coalition to adequately address tribal housing conditions along the Columbia River.

Rep. Blumenauer, Sen. Merkley, Sen. Wyden, Sen. Murray, and Sen. Maria Cantwell's leadership—along with the work of their colleagues, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers, BIA, the Treaty Tribes and CRITFC—will be instrumental to improving the conditions at these sites, and addressing the needs of tribal fishers along the Columbia River.

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