



Museum curator Natalie Kirk, Lillian Pitt, Roberta Kirk and JoAnn Smith at the show's opening reception just before Pi-Ume-Sha.

To the people of Warm Springs, and the staff at the Museum at Warm Springs,  
 I wish to thank you with all my heart for your support of my work and for the honor of your presence at the opening.  
 It is the highlight of my career, and what a major evening of good feelings, seeing everyone there.  
 Natalie did an excellent job of installing all the works and was so patient with me! The gift shop staff went way above my expectations with their support.  
 And Carol, Deb and Angie were always there for me, and the guys were great help as well. Thanks to you all at the Museum!  
 It was such a treat having my cousins cook and serve the dinner. It was a family affair to me.  
 My family was there, thanks for putting up with me and all my arts doings! I know I can be a pain sometimes.  
 Seeing the crowd of all my relatives, fellow artists, made my choice of not pushing myself as hard, a lot easier. I can relax now, knowing I put my best efforts forward for my people.  
 Thanks again for all your support,  
 With love and respect,  
**Lillian, Wakamu, Pitt**

Around Indian Country

# Sovereignty at issue in debates over genetically modified foods

Food sovereignty in Indian Country is at play as the debate over genetically modified organisms continues on legal and political fronts.

In the legal arena, the Quinalt Nation of Washington joined a lawsuit challenging the sale of the first genetically modified organism in the United States. President Fawn Sharp said the Food and Drug Administration failed to consider Indian Country when it determined that a product known as AquAdvantage Salmon is safe to eat.

"Although there are obvious risks to our salmon, the Food and Drug Administration surged forward with its approval. The agency didn't consider treaty rights," Sharp said.

"It simply did not consider how these man-created animals, engineered to grow twice as big as natural salmon, will affect the fish provided to us by our Creator," Sharp said of a product whose genes have been modified to make them grow faster and larger than their counterparts.

On the political front, a bill that requires the Department of Agriculture to es-

tablish standards for companies that wish to disclose their genetically engineered ingredients cleared its final hurdle in Congress last week.

The measure—derided in some circles as the Denying Americans the Right to Know Act (DARK Act)—is controversial because it overrides state labeling laws and does not recognize the authority of tribes to develop their own labeling laws.

Although labeling could occur in different forms, critics said the bill would allow companies to keep consumers a step away from information about their products by requiring them scan in codes using their phones or other devices.

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson believes people of color and the elderly would indeed be kept in the dark at disproportionate rates due to lack of connectivity in their communities.

"There are serious questions of discrimination presented here and unresolved matters of equal protection of the law," Jackson wrote in a July 14 letter to President Barack Obama, who is expected to sign S.764 despite objections from food

groups, consumer advocates and Democrats.

Indian Country has long been worried about the issue. The National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and tribes in Alaska are worried that genetically engineered organisms could negatively impact the foods they rely on for cultural, economic and subsistence purposes.

Salmon are of particular concern due to the highly-migratory nature of the species.

Although AquAdvantage will be produced in Canada and raised in Panama, Sharp said the FDA failed to consider whether the fish might escape and travel elsewhere, disrupting tribal efforts to protect what is often referred to as the First Food and one that is protected in numerous treaties.

In light of the questions, the Yurok Tribe in California late last year enacted a ban on genetically engineered organisms. The resolution notes the Yuroks are known as the "Salmon People."

"It is the inherent sovereign right of the Yurok People to grow plants from

natural traditional seeds and to sustainably harvest plants, salmon and other fish, animals and other life-giving foods and medicines, in order to sustain our families and communities as we have successfully done so since time immemorial," it reads.

Others are already working with the Northern Cali-

fornia Tribal Court Coalition to develop similar laws.

Those efforts could be disturbed by S.764 if it becomes law because the bill fails to include a provision that would have recognized tribal authority over genetically engineered organisms.

"Consumers should have the right to know what's in the food that they are buying

and serving their family. Congress shouldn't actively work to limit that information," Rep. Jared Huffman (D-California), whose pro-tribal amendment was rejected last summer, said on Thursday.

The lawsuit that the Quinalt Nation joined was filed on March 31 in federal court in northern California.

## Summary of Tribal Council

July 12, 2016:

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Austin Greene Jr., Vice-chair Charles Jody Calica, Raymond Tsumpti, Ronald Suppah Sr., Valerie Switzler, Carina Miller, Lee Tom, and Brigette McConville. Recorder Emily Yazzie.

2. Motion made by Raymond to amend the Tribal Council agenda to address tribal member concerns; second by Carina; question. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstain, and the Chairman not voting, motion carried.

3. Tribal Member Concern with Public Safety Branch Chief of Police.

4. Warm Springs Composite Products update. Discussion on power and water supply to composites from Mill.

5. Warm Springs Credit Enterprise update.

6. 509-J Memorandum of Understanding discussion.

- Motion made by Brigette to nominate and recommend Valerie and Carina as Tribal Council liaisons to the MOU with 509-J and Education Committee; second by Lee; question. Vote: 6 yes, 0 opposed, 2 abstaining, 2 out of the

room, and chairman not voting; motion carried.

7. Cannabis overview.

- Motion made by Carina to accept Resolution no. 12,192 appointing Ronald Roome as Chairman, Shana Radford as Vice-Chairman, and Starla Jade Greene as Secretary to the Cannabis Commission for a 3 year term; second by Valerie; question; Vote: 7 Yes, 2 Opposed, 1 out of the room, and chairman not voting. Motion Carried.

8. Motion to adjourn made by Brigette; second by Ron; adjourned 3:20 p.m.

## Tribal employment

The following jobs were advertised recently with the Warm Springs Human Resources Department:

- Full Time Fire Medic Receptionist-CPS Home Visitor Water & Waste Water Operator Purchasing Agent Specialist Limited Duration-Finance Fuels Monitor Technician CPS Protective Care Provider Limited Duration Fisheries Technician I (the Dalles)

- Deputy Prosecutor Fish Biologist Check Scaler Internal Audit Officer Chief of Police BNR Conservation Law Enforcement Ranger OSU Extension Office Coordinator ECE Day Care Substitute Teacher Fire Medic (Part-Time) Health Systems Specialist Journeyman Plumber Corrections Officer Communications Officer(Limited Duration)

- Police Officer Restoration Crew Boss Restoration Crew/Member Driver Engine Operator Assistant Engine Operator Equipment Operator/Operations Hydrologist Bus Driver Teacher Aide Daycare Teacher Teacher Assistant Lead Teacher Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist Adult Substance Abuse

- Treatment Specialist Dual Diagnosis Therapist Adult Mental Health Specialist Children's Mental Health Specialist (2 Positions) Secretary Treasurer

The following are jobs that were advertised recently with the Indian Head Casino Human Resources Department:

Coffee station atten-

dant - two part-time attendants. Contact Heather Cody at 541-460-7777 Ext. 7710 or 7725

**IT network adminisrtator** - full-time - Contact Contact Donovan Todacheene 541-460-7777 Ext. 7674.

**Busser** - part-time - Esten Culpus 541-460-7777 Ext. 7710.

**Line cook** - full-time - Mark Oltman 541-460-7777 Ext. 7755

**Lounge bartender** - part-time - Heather at 541-460-777 Ext. 7725.

**Tule Grill attendant** - part-time - Jordan Caldera, Heather Cody 541-460-7777 Ext. 7725

**Host/cashier** - part-time - Esten Culpus 541-460-7777 Ext. 7710

**Tule Grill cook** - part-time - Jordan or Heather.

**Cage cashier** - full-time - Wyval Rosamilia 541-460-7777 Ext. 7737.

**Security officer** - full-time - Tim Kerr 541-460-7777 Ext. 7749.

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