

Fisheries matters at Tribal Council

Tribal Council on Monday adopted a resolution establishing the smelt season on the Sandy River in Oregon. The action came following a report from Branch of Natural Resources general manager Bobby Brunoe, Brad Houslet of tribal Fisheries, and legal counsel John Ogran.

The tribal smelt season on the Sandy will remain open until the run ends, or until members catch a total of 2,250 pounds. As of earlier this week, no smelt had yet returned to the Sandy. Last year no smelt returned to the river, Houslet said.

And two years ago there was a brief run of a couple of days, he said. The Pacific smelt is listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Tribal Council earlier opened the smelt season on the Cowlitz River in Wash-

ington, where the run has been better than in the Sandy.

The discussion turned to the Confederated Tribes working relationship with the states in regard to fisheries. The Branch of Natural Resources has established a cooperative and good relationship with Washington, John Ogran said.

The state of Oregon on the other hand has been more problematic for the tribes, Ogran said. Oregon officials have been reluctant to recognize the Sandy as a tribal usual and accustomed fishing place, for instance.

In the past, Oregon law enforcement have cited tribal members who were fishing with a tribal permit rather than with a state permit.

There has some change in some fisheries personnel at the state level, Ogran said; so there is some hope that a

better partnership can be established with regard to the smelt.

Regarding the smelt season on the Sandy, if one becomes available, fishing for tribal members will be seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dipnets only.

A tribal member with a permit from the Confederated Tribes does not need to have a state permit. The Branch of Natural Resources is responsible for monitoring the catch. Members must show their catch, and ID when asked, to tribal, state or federal law enforcement (see regulations on page 6).

U.S. vs. Oregon

After the smelt discussion, Ogran briefed the Tribal Council on the state of the U.S. vs. Oregon fisheries management plan.

The current plan is set to expire at the end of this year. This has been a 10-year plan, and one that has been good for the tribes. The hope is to renew this plan for another 10 years, Ogran said.

One of the positive aspects of the plan for the tribes is that it recognizes the treaty rights as controlling law, precluding lawsuits by outside groups.

Ogran gave some background on the U.S. vs. Oregon lawsuit and subsequent management plans:

The federal government filed the lawsuit, in trust on behalf of the river treaty tribes, in 1977. The case, in federal court, remains open because of the ongoing fisheries management plan aspect of the case.

(See US v. Oregon on 8)

Corps funding for tribal housing at river

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has dedicated funding to begin the process of replacing long-lost tribal housing along the Columbia River.

The Army Corps will immediately dedicate up to \$1.56 million for a village development plan to replace housing that was lost during construction of The Dalles Dam.

And there are plans to dedicate \$1.49 million more, depending on Congressional funding for the rest of fiscal year 2017.

"With this funding, we are beginning to right this historic wrong for tribal members," Sen. Jeff Merkley said.

"Leaving our tribes displaced, without relocation assistance, was simply wrong"

Sen. Merkley (D-Ore.) was joined by other Northwest lawmakers—Sens. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), and Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.)—in supporting the Corps funding.

Beginning in the 1930s, the construction of the three lower Columbia River dams displaced members of the four Columbia River Treaty tribes, including the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs.

The Northwest Senators and Congressman mentioned above have been fighting to address the urgent need for adequate housing and infrastructure at tribal fishing access sites at the Columbia.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, Feb. 16

The **Timber Committee** meets at 9 a.m. in the Forestry Building.

Warm Springs jurors will need to check-in at 9:30 this morning at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting today at noon at the counseling center and Narcotics Anonymous meeting at 6pm at the Shaker Church.

Fitness activities scheduled for today at the Community Wellness Center: There's noon volleyball in the gym, functional fitness class at 12:10 in the social hall, and boot camp class in the Aerobics room at 12:10.

Guiding Butterflies & Mighty Warriors classes meet today from 1 to 3 in the Prevention room at Community Counseling. The class is for adults to participate in cultural-based teachings, crafts and activities.

There is **Social Dance class** today from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Community Center Aerobics room.

Friday, Feb. 17

Here are some **fitness activities** happening today: Senior Fitness class is at 10:45 at the senior building. There is noon basketball in the gym. At 12:10 there is Functional Fitness class in the Aerobics room, and Pi-Yo class at the clinic.

The Community Health Program at the Health & Wellness Center has a **Behavior Health Clinic** today. Walk-in appointments are available between 1 and 5pm. Services include screening, assessment, crisis intervention, referrals to mental health, medical, substance treatment, or other community resources. Children, adolescents and adults are welcome.

The Jefferson County Library Community **Film Center** will show the movie, *The Duellists* (rated PG) on Friday night at 7:30. The film center is in the Rodriguez Annex, next to the library in Madras, it is free to attend.

Saturday, Feb. 18

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting this morning at 10 at Community Counseling.

Sunday, Feb. 19

The **Warm Springs Food Bank** is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open today from 11:30-1:30 today. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

Monday, Feb. 20

Today is **Presidents Day**. There's no school, and it's a tribal holiday.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Fitness activities happening at the Community Wellness Center today: Volleyball at noon in the gym, Functional Fitness class is at 12:10 in the social hall, and also at 12:10 there is a Boot Camp class in the Aerobics room.

The Madras-Jefferson County **Chamber of Commerce** board of directors meeting will be held at the Chamber conference room at noon.

The **Jefferson County Food Bank** is located at 556 SE Seventh Street. They are open for distribution this afternoon. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash.

The Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation** program has orientation today at 3 p.m. at Community Counseling. If you or someone you know has or may have a disability that is a barrier to employment or employment advancement, they can learn about their options at an orientation or by calling 553-4952.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Senator Ron Wyden will hold a town hall meeting in Madras from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

Today's fitness schedule: There is Senior Fitness Class at 10:45 at the Senior Center, women's hoops from 11:30-1 in the youth center gym, basketball at noon in the gym, and at 12:10 there is Functional Fitness class in the Aerobics room. Pi-Yo class is at noon in the clinic atrium.

Early Head Start group socialization is today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room C3 at ECE Women's Group meets today at 1, and the Anger Management

group is today at 3:30 at the Behavioral Health Center (Community Counseling).

Soaring Butterflies Warrior Spirit Group meets today from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Warm Springs jurors will need to check-in at 9:30 this morning at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

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The **Afterschool Program** at the Youth Center is a free program Monday through Friday from 4-5:30 p.m. for youth in kindergarten thru twelfth grade. It offers activities

and healthy nutritious snacks.

There is **Social Dance class** today from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Community Center Aerobics Room.

Friday, Feb. 24

There is a **FAFSA workshop** at the Boyle Education Center on the COCC Bend Campus at 9:30 a.m. Students can get help in applying for financial aid. Remember, if you are applying for a Tribal Scholarship, completing the FAFSA is a requirement. Students who apply before March 1 may be eligible for more grants. The Tribal Schol-

arship application deadline is July 1. If you have questions, contact Carroll Dick at the Warm Springs Higher Education office, 541-553-3311.

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tween 1 and 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25

The Twenty-Second Annual Eagle Watch Celebration is February 25-26 at Round Butte Overlook Park.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting this morning at 10 at Community Counseling.

Sunday, Feb. 26

The **Warm Springs Food Bank** is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open today from 11:30-1:30 today. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

Madras Campus UPCOMING

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Introduction to Public Health

M/W | 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

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M/W | 8:25 to 10:05 a.m.

Introduction to Business

Tu/Th | 8:15 to 9:55 a.m.

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