

## DMJ Cattle hosting Regional Finals Rodeo

The 2017 Western States Regional Finals Rodeo is coming, and the host this year is the DMJ Cattle Company of Warm Springs. The Regional Finals this year will be at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds rodeo arena in Madras.

The first performance will be Saturday, September 30; and the second performance on Sunday, October 1. For entry information contact Cheryl Tom at 514-460-1354.

Call-ins September 12; call-backs on September 19. You

can also reach Cheryl at: cheryltom@hotmail.com

Rodeo events include bareback, bull riding and junior bull riding, saddle bronc, calf roping, steer wrestling, ladies breakaway, junior and senior breakaway roping, barrel and junior barrel racing, team roping, senior team roping, mutton busting and cow milking.

There will be a barbecue Saturday after the rodeo. Stalls are available, please request when entering. Showers available.

## Eclipse of the Ring



Warm Springs Nation Boxing hosted the Eclipse of the Ring boxing tournament on the Saturday of eclipse weekend. There were fights in all age groups and weight classes, and women boxers. This was an outdoor tournament by the VFW Hall.



Jayson Smith photos/Spilyay

## Sixty-Eighth Paulina Rodeo

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Paulina Amateur Rodeo is this Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3, starting at 12:30 p.m. each day.

Events include bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, ranch bronc riding, calf roping, breakaway roping and women's barrels.

Some other featured events: Wild cow milking (limited to 10 teams); steer riding, 12-15 years, Sunday, \$15 entry.

Kids barrel racing, 9 and under

on Saturday; 10-14 on Sunday; \$10 entry. Calf riding, 7-12 on Saturday (limited to 10 entries). Sheep riding, 6 and under, 55 weight limit. Animal scramble, 8 and under on Saturday, and 9-12 on Sunday.

For rodeo information call Deanne Bain at 541-410-6629, call or text. Or call the Paulina Rodeo Club at 541-233-6727.

Rodeo dance is Saturday night. Barbecue on Saturday. Camping space available at rodeo grounds. No electric hookups.

## Off-reservation hunting regs

Tribal Council approved this season's off-reservation hunting regulations, as recommended by the Branch of Natural Resources.

Please come by the Natural Resources office to pick up your off-reservation tags, guidelines and regulations packet.

Updated hunting information is also available on the fishing and hunting hotline at 541-553-2000.

Please take advantage of off-reservation ceded land hunting tags. These opportunities reduce hunting pressure on the reservation, which may help improve wildlife populations.

Please make sure off-reservation hunting takes place on public (unclaimed) lands. It is the hunters' responsibility to know where they are hunting, where they are allowed to hunt, what weapons they are allowed to use and what the bag limit is. For questions regarding hunting, please contact the Natural Resources Department at 541-553-2001.

Each tribal hunter may possess two tags for each hunt at a time, and may be issued additional tags only after previously issued tags are filled and reported.

Off-reservation hunting is designated for public (unclaimed) lands. Illegally harvesting wildlife on the reservation using ceded land tags or harvesting the wrong sex can have great long-term negative impacts to the tribes' wildlife populations.

Overharvesting wildlife and illegally harvesting females reduces wildlife population numbers for multiple generations. Please help protect the tribes' wildlife resources by reporting poaching violations to 541-553-2033 or 541-553-1171.

There is mandatory reporting of all hunter harvest.

Failure to report harvest results for off-reservation ceded land and reservation hunts will result in a loss of hunting privileges for subsequent tags.

Please be honest with your hunter reporting. If you are issued a tag, you have the right to hunt and harvest an animal. Harvest and hunting information is important for the wildlife department in determining wildlife population sizes, herd compositions and hunting pressure.

This information also helps us determine where there are and are not animals, which helps focus our habitat restoration efforts on the reservation.

Your continued support and participation with hunter reporting

are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your participation!

**The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources Wildlife Department.**

### 2017 off-reservation deer season

The deer hunts will take place on Warm Springs ceded lands and other lands identified on the 2017 Hunt Area (see map available at Natural Resources). Tribal members must carry their tribal ID, valid hunting tags and present to law enforcement officials when requested while hunting off-reservation.

The information for each of the following categories is presented in this order: Hunt, sex, weapons use, season start, season end, number of tags, season bag limit.

**General Buck Season:** Buck only, rifle, bow or muzzleloader; August 26 - Oct. 29. Two tags per tribal member. No season limit.

**Ceremonial Deer Season:** Either sex, rifle, bow or muzzleloader; August 26 - Oct. 31. Two tags per tribal member. No season limit.

**Metolius unit mule deer special regulations:** This is a legal weapon restriction. Before and after the dates below, any lawful weapon may be used while hunting deer in the Metolius Unit.

Metolius buck muzzleloader, Buck only, muzzleloader only; Oct. 21 - 31. Two tags per tribal member. Only two bucks per hunter.

Metolius Unit archery: B u c k only, bow only, Nov. 1 - 30. Two tags per tribal member. Only two bucks per hunter.

**Murderers Creek Unit, State Wildlife Area:** The Philip W. Schneider Wildlife Area (PWSWA) is comprised of both state and federal lands. The unclaimed federal lands of the PWSWA are open for tribal hunting consistent with tribal regulation. The state lands of PWSWA are only open for tribal hunting when there is a state season authorizing hunting of the same species in the PWSWA. All other areas of the Murderers Creek hunt unit fall under regular tribal season regulations and guidelines.

**PWSWA State WMA Hunt:** Buck only; bow/rifle (archery equipment only); Aug. 26 - Sept. 24 (Rifle Only) Sept. 30 - Oct. 11, 2017. Two tags per tribal member. No season limit.

**White River Unit, State Wildlife Area Hunt:** The White River Wildlife Area will be open to Warm Springs tribal hunting of mule deer during all authorized ODFW big

game seasons. In addition, Tribal mule deer hunting may occur for up to five days during the break between statewide general archery season and the normal start of the annual rifle deer season.

**White River State WMA Hunt:** Buck only; rifle, bow or muzzleloader; Sept. 25 - 29. Two tags per tribal member. No season limit.

**The off-reservation hunt area is on federally managed lands. Private land hunting is subject to all state hunting laws and requirements.**

### 2017 off-reservation elk season

The elk hunts will take place on the Warm Springs off-reservation hunt area (map available at BNR). Tribal members must carry their tribal ID, valid hunting tags and present to law enforcement officials when requested while hunting off the reservation.

Legal Weapons: Centerfire Rifle (.24 caliber or larger), Muzzleloader (.50 caliber or larger open or peep sights and open ignition) and Archery (50 lb. or greater recurve, long, or compound bow).

Information for each of the following categories is presented in order: Hunt, sex, weapon use, season start, season end, number of tags and season bag limit.

**Off-Rez Archery Elk:** Either sex, bow only; Aug. 26 - Sept. 29. Two tags per tribal member. No season limit.

**Off-Rez First Season Elk:** Antlerless elk and spikes only; Rifle, bow or muzzleloader; Sept. 30 - Oct. 13. Two tags per tribal member. No season limit.

**Off-Rez Second Season Elk:** Bull elk only; Rifle, bow or muzzleloader; Oct. 14 - Nov. 30. Two tags per tribal member. No season limit.

**Off-Rez Third Season Elk:** Antlerless elk and spikes only; Rifle, bow or muzzleloader; Dec. 1, 2017 - Jan. 31, 2018. Two tags per tribal member. No season limit.

**Murderers Creek Unit, State Wildlife Area:** (Same restrictions as with deer season, above.)

**PWSWA Elk Hunts:** Antlerless elk; Rifle, bow or muzzleloader; Nov. 18 - 26. Two tag per tribal member. No season limit.

Either sex: Rifle, bow or muzzleloader; Nov. 4 - 12. Two tag per tribal member. No season limit.

*(Regulations continue on 7)*

## Tribes open fall commercial fall fishery season at Columbia

The first significant commercial fall fishing season opened earlier this month. The public can purchase salmon from Indian fishers along the Columbia River. Other common sale locations include:

Marine Park at Cascade Locks, North Bonneville (one mile east of Bonneville Dam on the Washington shore), Koberg (east of Hood River), and Celilo Village.

Closely monitored throughout the season, the Columbia River fall tribal fishery is adjusted as the run progresses to ensure that the fishery remains within the harvest limits.

The limits were established under the *U.S. v. Oregon* fisheries management agreement. The agreement aims to protect, rebuild, and enhance upper Columbia River fish runs.

Indian and non-Indian harvest guidelines outlined in the management agreement help to ensure sustainability of the resource.

"The tribes played a major role in rebuilding fall chinook to harvestable populations and are now putting these salmon on the market through a carefully managed and sustainable fishery," said

Jaime A. Pinkham, executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

"Our commitment to the salmon has made the tribes leaders in regional salmon recovery efforts and we are dedicated to use the best available science in the management of all our fisheries practices."

The tribal fishery is protected under treaties with the federal government signed in 1855, when the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla, and Nez Perce tribes reserved their rights to ceremonial, subsistence and commercial fishing at all usual and accustomed fishing places in the Columbia river basin.

"Salmon is fundamental to the culture and identity of all the tribes in this region, and have played a significant role in the regional economy for thousands of years," said Pinkham.

"By enjoying sustainably harvested Indian-caught salmon, everyone has the chance to be a part of this ancient tradition."

Visit CRITFC's salmon marketing website: [critfc.org/harvest](http://critfc.org/harvest)

Or call the salmon marketing



Fresh-caught fish for sale on the Columbia River.

Courtesy CRITFC

program at 888-289-1855. You can find up-to-date information on sale locations, availability, and purchasing tips.

### Seasons open

Current season open until 6 p.m., Friday, September 1.

The next season opens 6 a.m., Monday, September 4; and closes 6 p.m., Friday, September 8.

The open area is all of Zone 6. Allowed gear is set nets and driftnets with an 8" minimum mesh size.

Allowed sales are salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp.

Sturgeon may not be sold. Legal-size sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43 and 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and may be kept for subsistence use. Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnets are in effect including the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery sanctuary. Fish may be sold after the period ends if caught during the open period.