

Council, CRITFC discuss Columbia River treaty

The United States and Canada agreed in the early 1960s to the Columbia River Treaty. The countries first began work on the treaty at least two decades before the signing.

The first negotiations toward the treaty—in the early 1940s—went slowly. Then in 1948 the Columbia River experienced major flooding from British Columbia to Astoria. The flood completely destroyed the town of Vanport, then the second-largest city in Oregon.

The event prompted the countries to work toward a solution, with the final treaty signed in 1961.

The primary focus was flood control coordination between the U.S. and Canada in regard to the Columbia River. Another important factor was hydro-power generation, with the U.S. agreeing to share a percentage of U.S. Columbia River hydro revenue with Canada.

Tribes in the U.S. and Canada had no input dur-

ing the negotiation of the 1961 treaty, now set to expire in 2029.

The sides for the past few years have been negotiating toward a new treaty, with the original hydro-revenue sharing aspect of the first treaty a particular point at issue.

And this time around the tribes in the U.S. and Canada have a place at the negotiating table.

Tribal interests are primarily in regard to fisheries, as management of the

resource impacts the tribes' own treaty rights with the federal government.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is the coordinating body for representation of the interest of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Yakama Nation, the Umatilla and Nez Perce.

Jaime Pinkham, CRITFC executive director, and Jim Heffernan, CRITFC policy analyst, met last with the Warm Springs Tribal Council.

They discussed the current state of tribal participation in the U.S.-Canada treaty negotiations. Fifteen tribes in the Northwest are now cooperating to come up with 'common views' to present to treaty negotiators, Mr. Pinkham said.

Carbon program

Following the CRITFC meeting, Council met with the Branch of Natural Resources to consider future options for carbon sequestration.

The tribes are managing

part of the forest to generate revenue through carbon sequestration, the sale of credits to companies in California.

A question is whether to expand the program. The tribes own several parcels of forested land off the reservation, but these properties would not appear suited for participation in the carbon program.

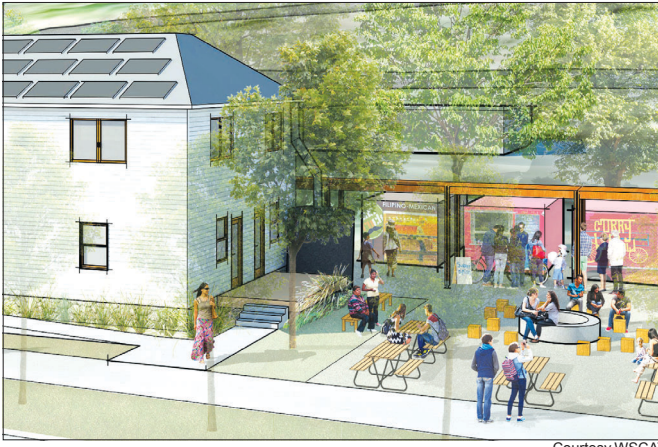
On the reservation, forest land is put to commercial use through logging. Expansion of the tribal carbon program would have to take these factors into consideration.

Food cart trainer/manager

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The goal of the food cart train/manager is to provide food safety, food handling, culinary, menu preparation, customer service, and food business management training to at least 25 clients in one year, with the possibility of training more community members if future funding arrives.

WSCAT hopes to operate the cart as a profitable endeavor so that it can pay the trainees and interns working in the



Architects conceptual rendering of the food court area next to the small business incubator building.

cart. WSCAT seeks to develop and open a food cart pod in 2020, in conjunction with its Old Commissary small business incubator project. Trainees/interns working in

this program may be encouraged to apply for space in the new food cart area.

Essential job functions:

- 1. Training Warm

Springs tribal and community members in how to operate a food cart:

- Recruit trainees into the food cart training program using social and print media, radio, recruitment at community events, and referrals from tribal and youth programs.

- Co-organize up to 5 site visits to food cart pods in Portland, Bend, and other locations.

Provide trainees with a deeper understanding of what makes a great food cart: quality food, effective branding, great ambience, and more. (Job description continues on page 9.)



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