

CRITFC swears in new officers

Umatilla tribal leader Jeremy Red Star Wolf is the new chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Mr. Wolf was sworn last week as the 2019-2020 chairman, taking the position from Ryan Smith of Warm Springs, who is now the CRITFC treasurer.

The vice chair is Leland Bill, Yakama; and Ferris Paisana, Nez Perce, secretary.

This is the second time Mr. Wolf has served as the CRITFC chair, previously occupying this position in 2016.

Jeremy is the current vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

His Indian name, Xitsiv Ilp Ilp, means 'Red Star.' He grew up on the Umatilla River in Cayuse. His intertribal relations include the Palouse (Chief Wolf), Nez Perce (Ollicut), Warm Springs (atway Great Aunt Gina Wolf married atway Jazzy Wewa, a Warm Springs member), and Yakama (atway grandmother Theresa Johnson of the Yakama Charlie family).

In 1996 Jeremy graduated from Weston McEwen



Courtesy CRITFC

The 2019-2020 CRITFC officers: Leland Bill (Yakama), vice-chair; Ryan Smith (Warm Springs), treasurer; Jeremy Red Star Wolf (Umatilla), chair; and Ferris Paisano (Nez Perce), secretary (left to right).

High School in Athena, Oregon. After serving a year with Salmon Corps, Jeremy went on to graduate from Blue Mountain Community College, and is an alumnus of Oregon State University's School of Forestry with a degree in Natural Resources.

Much of Jeremy's life has revolved around incorporating the unwritten law into the demands of present-day life:

Staying culturally active, earning an education, building a skillset, and staying active in tribal government.

Starting as a summer hire in high school conducting

habitat and monitoring and evaluation surveys for salmon, steelhead, fresh water mussels, and lamprey throughout the Confederated Umatilla Tribes' aboriginal title lands.

He worked his way up the ranks at the Umatilla tribe Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Program from a Fisheries Technician to a Biologist.

"The four primary goals of CRITFC are: Put fish back in the rivers and protect watersheds where fish live, protect tribal treaty fishing rights, share salmon culture, and provide fisher services," said Chairman

Wolf.

"Our intertribal efforts to accomplish these goals help ensure that we not only retain and enhance what we have, but also provide resiliency in all our tribal foods and cultural needs into the future.

"Intertribal cooperation can have challenges, but when we work together as sovereigns, we provide leadership in regional federal and state coordination. In working to provide for our people and our futures, I believe we honor the sacrifices and dedication of our elders and ancestors."

Artist mentor fellowship

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation's Mentor Artist Fellowship is a regional individual artist project award that focuses on artistic mentoring in the Pacific Northwest. Mentor Artist Fellowship is a \$30,000 award distributed to the mentor artist.

See the website: www.nativeartsandcultures.org/mentor-fellowshipscific Northwest.

Resolution: Wildfire suit

Whereas on August 8, 2017 a wildfire ignited on a private ranch located just north of the Warm Springs Reservation in Wasco County, which became known as the Nena Springs fire, and then spread south and entered the reservation; and

Whereas based on the investigation to date, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation understands that the origin and cause of the Nena Springs fire resulted from human activity in connection with the operation of farm equipment; and

Whereas the tribes committed tribal resources to combatting and containing the Nena Springs fire; and

Whereas the Nena Springs fire caused damage to forest land and rangeland of the northeastern part of the reservation; and

Whereas pursuant to Warm Springs Tribal Code Section 200.025, the Warm Springs Tribal Court has jurisdiction over the tribes' claims against any persons responsible for causing the Nena Springs fire; and

Whereas Oregon's

state courts and/or the United States District Court, District of Oregon may also have jurisdiction over the tribes' claims against any persons responsible for causing the Nena Springs fire; now therefore

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, pursuant to Article V, Section (b), (f), (l) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, that the Tribal Council hereby:

Authorizes the Tribal Council Chairman, vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, in consultation with the tribal attorneys, to take appropriate action, including the commencement of legal action, that seeks to recover damages from the party or parties responsible for the damages resulting from the Nena Springs fire, and that otherwise seeks to protect the tribes' resources and interests; and

Permits the authorized representatives, in consultation with the tribal attorneys, to engage outside legal counsel to represent the tribes in any action that may be commenced in Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Resolution no. 12,597

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