

Fishing regs for Sherars Falls, Hood River

The 2021 spring salmon season at Sherars Falls is now through July 15. Fishing times are Thursday to Saturday from dawn until dusk.

All un-clipped spring chinook must be released all year. The Fish and Wildlife Committee will monitor the fishery weekly to see if modifications are necessary.

All chinook may be retained between July 16 and March 31 of next year. Other salmon species, with the exception of sockeye, may be retained.

The remainder of Deschutes River is closed through July 15. Other salmon species, with the exception of sockeye, may be retained.

2021 Hood River

The 2021 Hood River sub-basin including all forks and tributaries is open through July 15, Thursday to Saturday from dawn until dusk for spring chinook salmon, with the exception of the following areas that are closed



Tribal fishermen at Sherars Falls

Courtesy photo

year round:

- One-hundred feet up or downstream from the Dee Mill fish trap in the East Fork of the Hood River.

- In the West Fork of Hood River upstream of Green Point Creek.

- In the entire length of Rogers Creek, a tributary to the Middle Fork of Hood River.

Only marked hatchery chinook may be retained. Other salmon species may be retained during the spring chinook season.

If 378 Hood River origin adults

had not passed Bonneville Dam by May 15, an ‘emergency closure’ was to be implemented by the Fish and Wildlife Committee in consultation with the Branch of Natural Resources.

Gear must be removed on the last day of the season.

Gear left over 24 hours after the end of the season will be considered abandoned and become the property of Branch of Natural Resources. For information call Natural Resources, 541-553-2001.

- Other business:

Meetings added to the May agenda: Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Mid-Year Convention virtual meeting is scheduled for May 24-27.

Legislative Commission on Indian Services virtual spring celebration, May 20.

Public Safety virtual cluster meeting, May 18. Inter-Tribal Timber Symposium virtual conference, May 17-19. National Congress of American Indians virtual Mid-year Conference in June. Native Nations Conference in June.

- Michele and Glendon will work with a tribal member on an appeal for the Education grant (CARES funds).

- Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 3:50 p.m.

Summary of Tribal Council

May 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Delvis Heath, Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Brenda Bremner, Superintendent.

- Bureau of Trust Funds Management update call with Kevin Moore, Pendleton.

- Realty items with James Halliday, Land Services Administrator.

- Documentation for the Davis home site needs to be presented before any action is taken.

- Federal and state legislative update calls.

- Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais, Dr. Locker and Michelle Miller.

- Covid and 509-J update with the Response Team.

- Tribal attorney update with Howard Arnett:

Executive session, 1:30-2:10.

- Tribal Attorney update with John Ogan.

- Composite and Indian Head Casino lease updates with Brenda Bremner, BIA Superintendent.

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Jefferson County school district 509-J launches bond development committee

The Jefferson County School District 509-J has launched a citizen-led Bond Development Committee to provide input on the district’s facilities needs and define the priorities of a potential bond measure.

The Bond Development Committee was formed this spring to seek input from parents, students, staff, and community members. Since the passage of the last bond measure in 2012, the district has worked hard to maintain its facilities. The challenges of aging buildings coupled with new standards for health and safety have motivated district leaders to investigate strategies to preserve district facilities for years to come.

In December 2020, the district hired an independent firm, Design West, to conduct a facilities condition assessment of all district owned schools and buildings. This assessment helped the district form a Long Range Facilities Plan, which identified long term needs and areas of capital improvement. The Bond Development Committee will review the plan and identify key projects to be included in a potential bond measure.

“The board and the district are committed to providing safe, modern schools for generations to come,” shared Laurie Danzuka, Jefferson County School District Board Chair. “The Bond Development Committee will provide invaluable guidance as we strive to be stewards of community resources while providing the best education possible for our kids.”

Volunteers in the Bond Development Committee will meet over the course of the next few months and will provide a final recommendation to the board of directors by early Summer. The committee is being facilitated by BRIC Architecture of Portland, Ore.

For questions or more information about the Bond Development Committee, please contact Martha Bewley, Jefferson County School District Chief Financial Officer, at mbewley@509j.net

Jefferson County Education Service District hires new superintendent

The Jefferson County Education Service District and the High Desert Education Service District has named Shay Mikalson as the Education Service District superintendent.

Mr. Mikalson will serve as the ESD superintendent, while also continuing in his current role as chief student access officer with the High Desert Education Service District.

Mikalson brings 20 years of education leadership experience to the Education Service District, and served as superintendent for Bend LaPine schools for five years prior to joining the High Desert Education Service District in July of 2020.

For nearly 50 years, the part-time ESD superintendent position has been the shared responsibility of the Jefferson County School Dis-

trict 509-J superintendent. This year, the school board decided to split the position, when 509-J announced that district superintendent Ken Parshall will be retiring in June. Jay Mathisen, currently the director of education leadership at George Fox University, will be the new superintendent, starting this summer.

Mikalson will spend between five and ten hours per week leading the ESD, as he continues supporting all Central Oregon school districts with their implementation and evaluation of Oregon’s Student Success Act. Mikalson also leads school improvement efforts for approximately 35,000 students through the High Desert Education Service Districts four school districts: Crook County, Bend-LaPine, Redmond and Sisters districts.

Employees clash with Native nations

In an ethical debate, some tribal nations are considering Covid-19 vaccine mandates. Some tribes are enacting them, some are not. Warm Springs has not. On the other hand, for the Santee Sioux Nation, their spring vaccine mandate has caused upheaval.

The nation originally told employees they could either be vaccinated by or have an appointment by the deadline of May 1. Then on

April 30, they then told people that if they did not have the vaccine they should not come to work.

Santee Sioux Vice-Chairman Sid Tuttle said he stands by the decision, citing the recommendations from federal health experts.

While the move may be upsetting to some, legal experts explained the tribe is well within its rights.

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