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Tribal Council approved the Willamette Falls eel regulations for 2022. It is expected the falls will be in fishable conditions starting this month into mid August. Tribal regulations for members are:

Tribal members wishing to take eels for ceremonial and subsistence purposes must carry tribal enrollment cards to fish under the claim of treaty right.

Harvest is allowed through August 15; and allowed at Willamette Falls by hand or with hand powered tools.

Harvest is open seven days a week of each month unless limited for conservation measures, with fishing hours of sunrise to sunset.

This is a subsistence fishery as defined by Tribal Code



Tribal eel fishers at Willamette Falls.

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Branch of Natural Resources personnel are monitoring and enforcing the fishery with regard to Warm Springs members participating in the 2022 fishing season at Willamette Falls.

Harvesters will allow the Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources personnel to inspect the creel lamprey catch, and will offer creel data collected to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at the end of the harvest season.

Incidental harvest of salmon, steelhead or trout may be kept for ceremonial or subsistence use. Any questions you can call 541-553-2042.

Around Indian Country

Klamath dams to come down; gun proposal

Four major dams on the Klamath River could start coming down as early as 2023. However, firefighters use the reservoirs behind those dams to battle wildfires. Mark Bransom is the chief executive officer of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation: He says infrastructure will be put in place to get water to firefighting teams.

"We will install pipelines

that will be permanently placed into the river in deep pools that will be available even under low flow conditions."

New mapping will also make it easier for aerial teams to find the water they need. Elsewhere in regional news:

Gun permit initiative

Backers of a proposed initiative in Oregon that

would require individuals to secure permits to buy firearms say they have gathered enough signatures to put the issue before voters in the November election.

The Rev. Mark Knutson, a chief petitioner of the initiative, delivered the signatures last week to the Oregon Secretary of State's office in Salem, accompanied by students and other volunteers.

SIRE: Free, easy estate planning for members

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Individual situations can be complicated, and the SIRE service can be the tool for members to use in controlling how assets are handled following a person's passing.

Writing an Indian will and developing an estate plan allows you to decide who will receive your trust and nontrust property and how assets will be used when you are gone. An estate plan also allows parents to name guardians for minor children. In addition to providing for loved ones, an estate plan can make your wishes known regarding health-care decisions and charitable intentions.

The goal of SIRE, Ms. Armstrong says, "Is to keep tribal lands in tribal members' hands. Because of the change in federal law governing the disposition of property following a tribal member's passing, having a will has taken on greater importance."

The recent law dictates how property will be distributed following the passing of a tribal member who does not have a will. "The way to avoid the situation, and control the distribution of the estate, is to have a will," Roberta says.

Individuals who schedule appointments with Roberta

will first complete an authorization form for her to obtain the following information prior to the scheduled appointment:

- 1. A report of Individual Trust Interests that lists all trust land ownership interests for the individual.
- 2. A current Individual Indian Monies account statement.

To ensure your wishes as to your assets into the future, call Roberta, 866-639-5550. You can also email her at: roberta.IndianWillsOnWheels. org

Or see the informative and easy-to-use website: warmsprings.nativewill.org



