

On the Council agenda in February

The following are some of the items coming up on the February agenda of Tribal Council (subject to change at Council discretion):

February 6

Invocation

9 a.m.: Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Brenda Bremner, BIA Agency superintendent.

10: Bureau of Trust Funds Administration update with Kevin Moore.

11: Realty items with Greta White Elk, BIA Realty.

1 p.m.: Covid update with the Response Team.

2: Legislative update conference call, federal and state.

3: Tribal attorneys update.

Tuesday, February 7 – Enter-

prise updates

9 a.m.: Warm Springs Telecom with Tim York.

10: Credit enterprise with Lori Fuentes.

11: Warm Springs Ventures with Jim Souers.

1 p.m.: Warm Springs Housing update with Daniel Wood.

2: Warm Springs Timber LLC with Brian Prater.

Wednesday, February 8

9 a.m.: Appellate Court rules update with Robert Brunoe, Secretary-Treasurer.

10: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Enforcement at Columbia, discussion with Aja DeCoteau, Mitch Hicks and Brent Hall.

1 p.m.: Indian Health Service

update with Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic chief executive officer.

2: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.

3: Managed Care update with Mike Collins.

Monday, February 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Joint Committee meeting at the Fire Management conference room.

Tuesday, February 21

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Robert Brunoe.

10: March agenda and review minutes.

11: Draft resolutions.

1 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics.

2: Office of Information Systems update on directorship discussion.

For W.S. Little League

The following are some important dates coming up for the Warm Springs Nation Little League season:

January 31: Early registration deadline. February 1: Late registration.

February 28: Coaches meet and coach registration deadline.

March 12: Player registration deadline. March 13: Mandatory coaches meeting; followed by tryouts.

\$20.5 million award to CRITFC and tribes

In a first-of-its-kind deployment under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds, NOAA this month awarded approximately \$20.5 million for the coordinated management of fisheries, ocean and coastal resources.

The recommended federal funds will significantly enhance existing collaboration among tribal government, states and the federal government, and provide needed capacity to advance their work.

Through this recommended funding, the awards will support projects to advance regional ocean partnerships and data sharing among ocean users, and include the engagement of federally recog-

nized tribes with existing regional ocean partnerships.

Regional ocean partnerships are regional organizations convened by governors to work collaboratively across multiple states, in coordination with federal and tribal governments, on common priorities and challenges.

A total of 13 awards were distributed to tribes and partners:

\$1.1 million will go to four federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations—including Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission—to support tribal actions related to regional ocean and coastal priorities.

Tribal Ski and Snowboard Day February 3

The Tribal Ski and Snowboard Day at Mt. Hood Meadows is coming up on Friday, February 3. This is an opportunity for Warm Springs youth, families and individuals to enjoy time in the snow on Mt. Hood.

Beginners and experienced skiers and snowboarders are welcome to participate.

Transportation is available, and everything you need is provided. To sign up, send an email to Sue Matters of KWSO: sue.matters@wstribes.org

In the mail, include your name and contact information. All participants must also complete a group consent form. Any unaccompanied minors need a 'Consent to treat medical release form' including insurance information and parent or guardian signature.

Please provide names and ages of each individual in your group, whether the participants will ski or snowboard; and whether you,

and others with you will ride the bus, or drive yourself up to Mt. Hood Meadows.

On the Ski Day, if you are transporting yourself, meet at Vertical at Mt. Hood Meadows at 9 a.m.

For those using the Mt. Hood Meadows transport: The bus will arrive at the Warm Springs Community Center at 7:15 a.m. for the 7:30 departure. Please be on time (call 541-460-2255 by 7:15 a.m. if you are running late).

Check in with the day's coordinators—Sue or Heidi—for the following: Lift tickets and equipment rental instructions; beginner instructions and schedule instructions. Lunch will be at noon.

Some background

The Mt. Hood area is part of the Ceded Lands of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs—the area is part of the 10 million acres of traditional homeland of



Ski area at Meadows.

the tribes that were subject to the Treaty of 1855.

Under the treaty, the Warm Springs and Wasco tribes relinquished the approximately 10 million acres of land, but reserved the Warm Springs Reservation for use. The tribes also kept their rights to harvest fish, game and other foods off the reservation in their usual and accustomed places.

Recognizing that the Mt. Hood area, including Meadows, is part of the Ceded Lands, Meadows each year hosts events for tribal members. There are berry-picking outings, and coming up in February the Tribal Ski and Snowboard Day.

Warm Springs Recreation invites departments to participate in a Valentine's Day office decorating contest. The theme is 'Show the Love NDN Style.' Offices must be decorated by February 14 at 5 p.m.

If your workplace wants to get in on the competition, call Recreation 541-553-3243 to register by Monday, February 6.



Issue at treatment plant brought water notice

The tribes and Public Utilities had to issue a boil water notice for last Thursday, January 19. This was in regard to the Agency water system, and was a precautionary notice while testing of the water was under way.

The Agency water system serves the Campus area and the

Highway 26 corridor, Greeley Heights, West Hills, Tenino Apartments, Elliot Heights, Trailer Courts, Miller Heights, Upper Dry Creek, Sunnyside, Wolfe Point and Kah-Nee-Ta.

When there is a boil water notice, you need to bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute,

and cool before using.

Or use bottled water for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food.

Emergency Management's water distribution hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. week days, and they are open during the noon hour.

California's salmon population plummets amid new threat

They've been pushed to the brink of extinction by dams, drought, extreme heat and even the flare of wildfires, but now California's endangered winter-run Chinook salmon appear to be facing an entirely new threat - their own ravenous hunger for anchovies.

After the worst spawning season ever in 2022, scientists now suspect the species' precipitous decline is being driven by its ocean diet.

Researchers hypothesize that the salmon are feasting too heavily on anchovies, a fish that is now swarming the California coast in record numbers. Unfortunately for the salmon, anchovies carry an enzyme called thiaminase, which breaks down thiamine — a vitamin that is essential to cell function in all living things.

In humans, a critical deficiency of thiamine, or vitamin B1, can lead to heart failure and nerve damage. In female salmon that are returning to rivers and streams to spawn, thiamine deficiency can be passed on to their many hatchlings, which suffer problems swimming and experience high rates of death, researchers say.

Now, with government agencies

and Native American tribes fearing the collapse of the winter-run Chinook, scientists are embarking on a campaign to determine why

the anchovy population has exploded off the California coast, and why winter-run Chinook are seemingly ignoring all other prey.

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