

Election: Coming up on March 26

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For the Agency District, with three seats on Council in addition to the Wasco Chief, there are 988 off-reservation voters, and 1,237 on-reservation voters.

For the Simnasho District, with three Council seats and the Warm Springs Chief, there are 544 off-reservation voters and 655 on-reservation voters.

For the Seeksequa District, with two elected representatives in addition to the Paiute Chief, there are 98 off-reservation voters and 176 on-reservation voters.

Election, Counting boards

Tribal Council is now advertising for three positions and one al-

ternate on the Election Board; and four positions and one alternate on the Counting Board.

Tribal members interested in serving on one of these boards, please submit letters of interest and resumes to the tribes' Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761. A criminal background check is also required (*see details at right*).

Election Day and before

The Tribal Council Election Day is March 26. The voting place is the Warm Springs Community Center. Some other dates to keep in mind:

Friday, January 24 is the deadline for any new voters to register,

or existing voters to change voting districts.

The process for preparing absentee ballots will begin on Monday, January 27, with absentee ballots mailed out on Wednesday, February 12.

Tribal members who request absentee ballots, who have had a change of address, should complete a change of address form.

Forms for voting district change and address change should be returned to the Vital Statistic office at the tribal administration building; or if you live away from Warm Springs, then you can email your form to:

olivia.wallulatum@wstribes.org
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Positions open on the Election, Counting boards

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs would like to advertise the following:

Election Board: Three vacancies, and one alternate.

Counting Board: Four vacancies, and one alternate.

Letters of interest and resumes of applicants interested in serving on one of the boards, submit to the following address by no later than **February 10, 2025:**

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, attn: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

A criminal background check is to be completed and returned to Secretary-Treasurer's office. Forms are available at tribal Management, or may be mailed or emailed directly to you. Return signed forms back to the Management office. Information will be submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

Ordinance no. 44 states regarding the Election boards:

For each election, the Tribal Council shall appoint an Election board for each polling place, the Election Board to be composed of the following officials: Three members of the Election Board. One alternate member of the Election board...

The Tribal Council will appoint one of the three members as the as the Chairman of the Election Board, and in the event that any of the three members of the Election Board shall be unable to serve or shall resign, then the alternate shall replace any such member.

Counting Board: For each election, the Tribal Council shall appoint a Counting Board for the purpose of counting the results of the elections. The Counting Board shall consist of four persons, and the Tribal Council will appoint one of the

four members as Chairman.

All members of the Election and Counting boards shall be members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and shall not be appointed to such positions in an election where they or a member of their immediate family are a candidate for election, or where they may personally have an interest in the election different from the interests of the membership at large.

It shall be the duty of the Election Board to supervise the election at the voting place where they are designated to serve.

The Vital Stats Department Supervisor shall furnish to the Election Board an up to date voter list showing the district in which each of the voters is entitled to vote; and insofar as the Election Board is concerned such voter list shall be final.

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The Election Board shall insure that all persons whose names are shown on the voter list shall have an opportunity to vote in the district where they are registered and that no persons whose names are not on the voting list for that district shall vote. Invalids and persons hospitalized or incarcerated and unable to travel to the voting place shall have their ballots collected by a two person team composed of a member of the Election Board and a member of the Counting Board.

Controversial biofuel plant at Columbia River has DEQ approval

A controversial plant near Clatskanie along the Columbia River took another step toward construction when the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality approved the facility's plans to protect water quality in the Columbia and adjacent wetlands.

The plant would produce diesel fuel from used cooking oil, wood waste and other organic byproducts.

The controversial plant is being developed by Houston-based NXCclean Fuels.

Company leaders say the plant will produce an environmentally friendly fuel that will cut carbon emissions by replacing dirtier fossil fuels in trucks and airplanes.

The volume of production—750 million gallons a day—would make the plant the largest producer of renewable diesel in the U.S.

Opponents say the plant will create risks for spills of feedstocks like corn oil and grease as they are brought by rail across silty river bottom land that is vulnerable to shaking during an earthquake.

The plant would also consume fossil fuels to produce its renewable diesel, critics say. Some also say the plant would destroy rich farmland along the Columbia.

NXCclean says the plant will create 3,500 jobs during construction and 240 permanent ones.

Columbia Riverkeeper indicated an appeal can be expected.

The NXCclean plant still needs a federal water permit to be granted through a process overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A reminder to Tribal Council candidates

KWSO is planning to produce Tribal Council candidate program segments to run on the air leading up to the election day, Wednesday, March 26.

The tribes' election team is planning to mail out the absentee ballots in mid February, and KWSO would be great to have as many interviews as possible by then, in order to offer them online to tribal members who live away from the reservation.

The radio interviews should only take about ten to 15 minutes. Candidates are invited to stop by the Media Center and KWSO, and discuss three interview topics. The topics are:

Talk about yourself, your family and your background.

What knowledge, education, insights, and lived experience do you have that will be useful in serving on Tribal Council.

Describe your priorities for the Confederated Tribes and membership including any issues that need to be addressed.

KWSO is suggesting two minute answers to each of these topics.

You can schedule a 15 minute interview with KWSO by emailing: kwsonews@wstribes.org

Or call 541-553-1968.

Spilyay Tymoo

Meanwhile, the *Spilyay Tymoo* is requesting a written statement, with a limit of approximately 250 words, and a photo. The available submissions will be published in a candidates' edition as the election approaches. Email to: david.mcmechan@wstribes.org

Like the KWSO candidates' interviews, the *Spilyay* candidates pages will also be shared online. KWSO and the *Spilyay* invite you to participate in these opportunities, giving tribal members a chance to know who you are, and encouraging participation in the election of the Thirtieth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

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Comments on Columbia fish, wildlife

The public has 90 days to send in recommendations for changes to the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program, a 40-year effort to protect and mitigate for the impacts of the hydropower system on salmon and other fish and wildlife in the Columbia River Basin.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council recently released the request for public input. To learn more and submit a recom-

mendation, go to:
nwcouncil.org/amend

The deadline for submissions is April 17. The Power and Conservation Council plans to adopt the updates in spring of 2026.

The Council updates the Fish and Wildlife Program every five years based on recommendations from regional tribes, state and federal agencies, local governments, nonprofits, energy customers, and other interested parties.

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