

Oregon's First Statwide Minority Health Conference

*Theme: Setting Oregon's Minority Health
Agenda for the '90's*

*Place: Red Lion Hotel--Lloyd Center
Portland, Oregon
May 3rd and 4th*

Specifically designed for:

- * Health Care Professionals
- * Community Health Workers
- * Policy Makers
- * Anyone Interested in Minority Health Issues

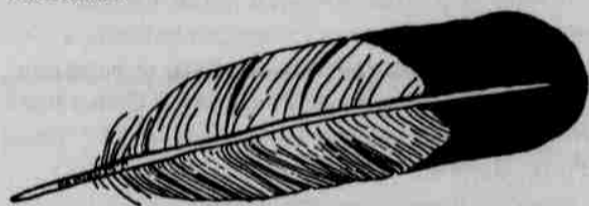
Topics include health issues affecting these ethnic groups:

- * Hispanics * Asians * African Americans * Native Americans

Registration information will be mailed in March. For information and details call Barbara Taylor, Field Services, Oregon Health Division, 229-5691.

Sponsored by:

- * Oregon Health Division
- * U. S. Public Health Service, Region X
- * Oregon Primary Care Association
- * Marion County Health Department
- * And others



Tribe, State Challenge Wild Fish Plan

The state of Idaho and the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribes are challenging a fish management plan that they fear will jeopardize the state's salmon and steelhead runs.

The states of Oregon and Washington and four Indian tribes have proposed the plan to manage salmon fishing on the Columbia River for the next ten years.

In 1988, Idaho refused to sign the plan and took the issue to court. A federal judge in Oregon upheld the pact and now the issue is before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Seattle.

In arguments on Jan. 10, Idaho attorneys argued that without additional measures to protect the state's wild fish runs the runs may be destroyed permanently.

Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones told the court the Columbia River Management Plan promoted the interest of its supporters, but it exposed Idaho bound salmon and steelhead stocks to the threat of excessive harvest.

The commercial harvest of steelhead has greatly increased in recent years as downstream tribes and states have expanded their salmon fisheries.

Gill nets used in commercial salmon fishing catch both salmon and steelhead when they are intermingled during the summer and fall commercial fishing seasons.

Jones said the plan purposely excluded Idaho and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes from meaningful input on the management of commercial fisheries.

- Courtesy of American Indian Report

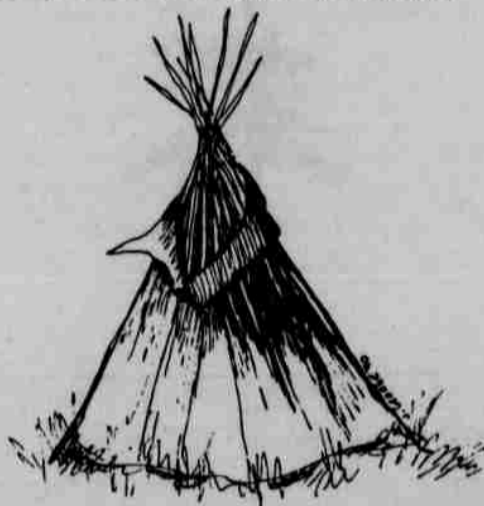
Support Group

The diabetic support group met on April 5th at the Tribal Office. The group we have now includes, Ramona Leno, Zelda Lane, Lois Butler, Marie Logan. We would like to encourage anyone interested to come to the meetings. Next scheduled meeting is May 15th at 1:30 pm at the Tribal Office.

At the April 5th meeting we went to the Coast for lunch. Enjoyed a delicious but healthy meal at Mo's. The purpose of the lunch was to talk over problems people have when eating out. There was pleasant conversation down and back and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We are planning more outings and events so come and join us soon !!

Submitted by: Darlene Aaron and Bonnie Martin



Wisconsin Tribe Rejects Offer Treaty Rights at Stake

LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WI - Indians of Wisconsin's Chippewa Lac Du flambeau Reservation rejected a \$35.6 million offer of state and federal funds if they would give up 19th century treaty rights allowing tribal members to fish, hunt and cut timber off the reservation.

The vote was 439 to 366 for rejection. Each tribal member would have received an initial payment of \$1,800 and 10 subsequent yearly payments of \$1,200. Commenting on the proposal's defeat, one tribal leader said, "The Great Spirit won."

Chippewa spearfishing for springrun spawning walleyes off reservations has resulted in demonstrations protesting Indian spearfishing. Last spring about 200 demonstrators were arrested.

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- Cathy Nertoli

In Michigan, Indians continue to use gill nets in the Great Lakes, although biologists are concerned about the number of lake trout being taken in nets while the state is attempting to re-establish the trout and has released about 100 million lake trout fry.

Fewer than 300 of northern Michigan's 10,000 tribal members fish commercially, and the primary concern of most Indians is not the netting, but the principle of tribal rights.

"Our leaders were very wise back in the 1830's," Cathy Nertoli, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe education director says. "It's a very important value to hold onto those (treaty) rights."

- Courtesy of Fisherman News Update



Legendary Whipmaster Paul Whitehead recently celebrated his 29th birthday (again) at the Tribal Office.

Last Minute Reality Check!!

Because of all the problems and last minute questions uttered by many students and parents prior to the start of FALL TERM 1990, the Tribal Higher Education Program will sponsor a "Special Parent & Student Night", on May 31, 1990, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tribal Council Room.

The orientation night will target in on new students who will be enrolling in a 4 year or 2 year college program in the Fall of 1990. Parents of first time students are encouraged to attend to have any questions they might have, answered or clarified. Students who are currently attending school and participating in a Higher Education or Adult Vocational Training Program, but fell a review might be in order, are also encouraged to attend the Parent & Student Night.

During the Fall of the 1989 - 1990 school year, the Education Program was frequently contacted by anxious parents who voiced questions or inquiries about many last minute details concerning their children and college. Some of the questions asked were: "How will my son/daughter receive their Tribal grant? When my children first set foot on the college campus, who should they see first? What about books, how will these be paid for? My son/daughter is a freshman and will be required to live on campus, how will dormitory costs be paid for? I don't understand what we have received in the mail from the College Scholarship Service, and Financial Aid? How does my son/daughter sign up for classes and how will they know that classes to take?"

While the focus is targeted to new students, all parents are invited to attend the "parent & student night". Parents should plan on bringing your questions, we will have Ms. Joan Jackson, Southern Oregon State College and Mr. Francisco Garcia, Chemeketa Community College in attendance, to address questions you may have about College. Any confusion or issues you feel need to be discussed, will be addressed during our meeting.

Please plan on attending Parent & Student Night. If you're in a bind time-wise, don't worry dinner will be provided. If you need more information, or wish to confirm your attendance, please call Dean Azule, 879-5211; or leave a message with the telephone receptionist. See you on the 31st of May!