

President proposes \$100 million salmon plan

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton recently proposed spending \$100 million next year for new state-driven efforts to replenish shrinking salmon populations in the Pacific Northwest.

The money would be matched by state and local dollars and aimed at efforts in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska to protect land near streams, reduce stream sediment, improve water quality and take other steps to protect the fish.

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore

made the announcement in a conference call with the governors of Alaska, Washington and Oregon, the California resources secretary and a representative from Indian tribes.

"We want to help you bring the salmon back," Clinton said from the Oval Office. "If we work together, I'm sure that we can succeed in restoring this symbol of your region's heritage."

The governors of the four states requested \$200 million a year for six years in a letter to Gore last year. State officials say the dollars are

needed because salmon problems in the region are becoming urgent.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, the federal agency charged with maintaining the health of salmon populations, will decide in March whether to list 13 additional Northwest salmon populations as threatened or endangered.

The agency has already listed 15 salmon populations since 1991, but most of the listings affected less populated areas in the Columbia River Basin. Some of the new listings would hit densely populous areas such as Oregon's Willamette Val-

ley, where three-fourths of the state's population lives, and Washington's Puget Sound region, which includes Seattle.

Some Republicans in Congress, however, could be skeptical of approving any new salmon spending. Some House appropriators sharply cut the authorization for some salmon projects last year, complaining that past spending seemed to have no effect on fish populations. Northwest lawmakers later managed to restore most of the cut.

But Gore said he was optimistic about the new proposal.

Recent Council actions

By Tracy Dugan

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The meeting was called to order by Kathryn Harrison. A full Council was present.

■**Health Committee:** Ed Pearsall moved, Bob Haller seconded a motion to reappoint Merle Leno and Patti Tom-Martin to the Health and Human Services Committee and to approve the request for out-of-state travel for Diane Lane and Bernadine Shriver to attend a conference called "Traditional Approaches to Diabetes Prevention" in Laughlin, Nevada February 3-5.

■**Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB):** Bob Mercier moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to adopt Resolution # 001-99 appointing Mark Mercier as NPAIHB delegate and Bob Haller as the alternate. Motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

■**Compensation Study:** Mark Mercier moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to adopt Resolution # 002-99 approving the Compensation Study as presented. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

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The meeting was called to order by Reyn Leno. Kathryn Harrison was on travel status.

■**Ed Pearsall moved, Mark Mercier seconded a motion to authorize a change in the order of the agenda to hear the request brought forth by the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners.**

Commissioner Tom E. Bunn made the request. Mark Mercier moved, Val Grout seconded a motion to adopt Resolution # 003-99 supporting the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners request to the State of Oregon. The request asks the State to take action to improve transportation safety on Highway 18 from McMinnville west to the end of the Safety Corridor. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

At a future time, a second Resolution will be considered by Council which will outline the Tribe's proposed directional strategies to the state legislators and transportation agency.

■**Membership fee schedules:**

Ed Pearsall moved, Bob Mercier seconded a motion to approve payment of the 1999-2000 membership fees for the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (COG — \$1,411) and Economic Development District (EDD — \$173). The motion carried.

■**Judicial Services Contract:** Bob Mercier moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to adopt Resolution # 004-99, authorizing the Chair to execute the Judicial Services Contract with Judge Katharine English for a two-year term. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

■**Constitutional Amendment:** Ed Pearsall moved, Mark Mercier seconded a motion to adopt Resolution # 005-99 requesting that the Secretary of the Interior conduct an election to amend the enrollment requirements of the Tribe's constitution and instruct the tribal attorney to submit the proposed amendment to the Secretary of the Interior for such purpose. A roll call vote was requested by Ed Pearsall. All Council members voted yes.

A current copy of the Tribal Constitution along with the proposed amendments will be published in Smoke Signals, and a letter will be mailed to all voting tribal members regarding this issue.

■**Val Grout moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to adopt Resolution # 006-99 authorizing the Chair to execute the Somday Global Agreement. The terms of this agreement are confidential. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.**

■**Mark Mercier moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to adopt Resolution # 007-99 authorizing the submission of an application for funds from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Title VI, Older Americans Act, in the amount of \$65,000 for the operation of the Elders' Nutrition Program. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.**

■**Ed Pearsall moved, Bob Mercier seconded a motion to approve the allocation of \$40,000 to cover the clean-up costs for the storage facility land area. The motion carried.**



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Tribe will form ad hoc committee

One of Tribal Council priorities for 1999 will be to erect a Veteran's Memorial in recognition and appreciation of those tribal members who have served in the Armed Forces and fought America's wars.

The first meeting of this committee will be **February 21** at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. Lunch will be served. Any tribal member wishing to participate in the creation of this memorial should attend.

An ad hoc committee is a temporary committee, and will be dissolved after the Veteran's Memorial project is complete. Serving on an ad hoc committee does not affect your membership on other tribal committees and boards.

This committee will be responsible for fundraisers, deciding what the memorial will look like, who will create it, and more. The Tribe needs 5-7 people to serve. At the first meeting, members will be selected. Also, if you are not a tribal member but have family who are members and have served in the military, you are welcome to attend this meeting.

General meeting

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pancy. On the weekends, it's 95-100% occupancy."

Camille Mercier, from the Casino's Human Resources department, said that 157 tribal members currently work at the Casino or in the Lodge. Anyone interested in Dealer's School or getting pre-employment consultation should call the HR office. Also, students interested in summer employment are encouraged to apply at the Casino.

Shelley Hanson, who works for Spirit Mountain Development Corporation (SMDC), said that this past year, the Tribe has acquired some real estate and is pursuing other economic opportunities.

"The goal of SMDC is profit. To generate revenue through the Casino and other endeavors," said Hanson. "We also want to provide quality employment opportunities and build an increasing valuable asset base." New projects include: retail centers in Salem and Redmond, Or.; housing projects in Portland and Albany; and the tote washing business with Hewlett-Packard the Tribe operates

in Tangent, Oregon.

An announcement was made that tribal Elder Blanche Lillard is now in a nursing home in Dallas. She would greatly appreciate visits from friends.

Arlene Beck, Chair of the Elders' Committee thanked those who helped with all the fund-raisers for Mark Cook, a tribal member who has been ill. Almost \$3,000 has been raised for the Cook family so far.

Jill Jeffers and Darlene Aaron spoke about the results of the health survey and announced that Charlotte Gray was the drawing winner.

Door Prizes were won by: Monty Parazoo, \$50; Tim Holmes, \$50; Celia Randolph, \$50; and Jan Reibach, \$100. Jan donated half of his prize to the fund for Mark Cook.

**General
Council meeting
March 7 at 11:30 a.m.**