



Tribal member Greg Archuleta

Taylor and Tribal Council member Reyn Leno, also were on hand, and stayed in one of the two motor boats that carried everybody to one foot of the falls.

The rocks "are as slick as any I've ever been on," said Dirksen.

And to make the fishing tougher, said Dirksen, PGE had the dam wide open at the falls that day while working on its T.W. Sullivan hydroelectric facilities. The plant's 16-megawatt capacity serves the equivalent of 11,000 homes. Typically, 4,000 to 6,000 cubic feet of water is running through the facilities at any given second, but on August 25, all that water was coming over the falls.

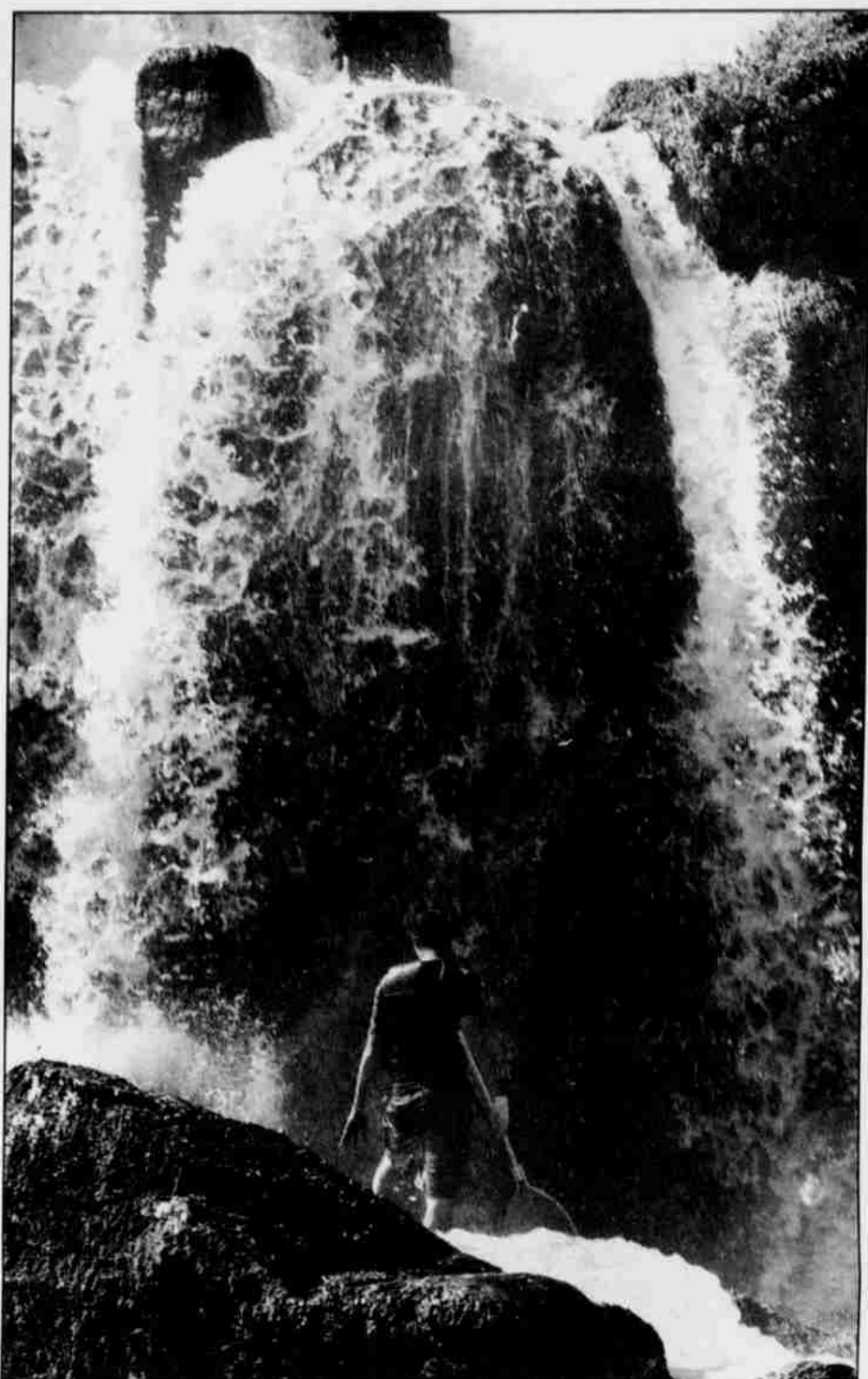
In addition, PGE usually puts flashboards at the top of the falls to send more water to the plant. That creates "real distinct flows," said Dirksen, and concentrates the

lamprey in fewer areas. With the flashboards gone, the water was rushing down everywhere and the lamprey were scattered.

The group brought home 138 lamprey, said Dirksen. Then, Summer Youth Program Crew Leaders Alyssa Cudmore and Kirsten Meyer, and Kelly, cleaned, vacuum sealed and froze the lamprey for distribution to Tribal members. Usually, the youth of the summer youth crew get this job, but the program finished before the harvest this year.

Lamprey is distributed during regular salmon distributions and on request for cultural events.

One question that didn't get answered right away but could help put these pictures in perspective: "Does that camera pick up the smell of this place?" asked Pete Wakeland. ■



Tribal member Colby Drake, who works summers as a firefighter for the Tribe, under the falls, in search of lamprey.



Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Coordinator Kelly Dirksen, left, and Tribal member Shonn Leno tie up Tribal member Pete Wakeland's boat to the rocks.