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## Hunting-Fishing Proclamation A Step Toward Increasing Tribe's Ability To Take Ceremonial Game

■ *Tour takes Gov. Kulongoski and state Fish and Wildlife Commission members to see Tribal forest stewardship.*

By Ron Karten

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski moved the Grand Ronde Tribe closer to full sovereignty on Thursday, Aug. 2, when he signed his first state-Tribal Proclamation in the Tribal Governance building atrium.

The Proclamation is the first step toward giving Tribal members increased access to game for ceremonial purposes outside of state-mandated hunting and fishing seasons, as well as permitting the Tribe increased management of its own lands.

"Today is far from being an ordinary day," said Tribal Council Chair Chris Mercier, speaking in



Photo by Summer Youth Employee Erika Merrill

**HISTORIC MOMENT** - Signing the Proclamation initiating a process that will lead to greater sovereignty for the Grand Ronde Tribe is, from left, Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Grand Ronde Tribal Chair Chris Mercier and Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair Maria Rae. Standing behind at left are Tribal Council members and at right are State Fish and Wildlife Commission members. The ceremony took place Aug. 2 in the atrium of the Tribal Governance Center.

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## 2007 Canoe Journey Pull-Out Inside



Photo by Toby McClary

Women of the 2007 Grand Ronde/Chinook Canoe Family on Friday, July 27.

## Tribal Elder Feature

### Peachie Petite Hamm

■ Elder lived a 'beautiful life' steeped in Native culture.

By Ron Karten

Annabelle Peachie Petite Hamm was born and raised in a house at the foot of Spirit Mountain. Of 11 children, seven survived and she was the youngest of those.

Her mother, the former Tribal Elder Ethel Petite Countryman, from the Umpqua, Kalapooia and Clackamas Tribes, was canning peaches when she was born.

"Mom was the cutest little baby, everyone thought," says her daughter, Tribal member Khani Schultz, today a cultural protection specialist with the Tribe.

And so Tribal Elders of the time gave her the Indian name, Peachie. She was a Rez baby, says Schultz, explaining the name as Indian.

Peachie's relatives go back to Peter Petite Sr., one of the signers of the Tribe's 1855 treaty. And the family was one of 12 families here before the Trail of Tears, Peachie says. Her great-great-grandmother was Tribal Elder Clementine LaChance.

When the 26 Tribes that made up the Trail of Tears arrived, she says, "a lot went to Siletz and a lot



Photo courtesy of Peachie Hamm

Annabelle Peachie Petite Hamm

stayed and married here."

Growing up in Grand Ronde "was real quiet and peaceful," Peachie, now 68, recalls. "But if you weren't a logger, you may as well move.

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