



Stankiya is carried away from the ocean to the beach after landing at Point Grenville, Wash., for the Paddle to Quinault on Thursday, Aug. 1.



Greg Archuleta gets help stretching his arms from Jade Unger just after arriving during landing day of the Paddle to Quinault at Point Grenville on Thursday, Aug. 1. On the left, Tai Mamaku, from the Maori of New Zealand, gathers belongings from the canoe. All three paddled the last leg of the Canoe Journey that day, which was about 30 miles, from Ocean Shores, Wash.

Andrea Grijalva dances during protocol for the Paddle to Quinault on Saturday, Aug. 3.



Paddle to Quinault

Paddle to Quinault, the 2013 Canoe Journey, started for the Grand Ronde Canoe Family on July 20 when they departed from Rogers Landing in Newberg. They paddled 225 miles and arrived at Point Grenville, located on the Quinault Indian Reservation on the Washington coast, for landing day on Thursday, Aug. 1. Grand Ronde was among about 70 canoes that landed that day. Protocols took place from Aug. 2-6 and ran 24 hours a day. Grand Ronde took the floor on Saturday, Aug. 3, at 4:20 a.m.

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Canoes, including Grand Ronde's canoe stankiya, on the left, prepare to leave Ocean Shores, Wash., for last leg of the Paddle to Quinault on Thursday, Aug. 1.



Kailiyah Krehbiel peeks out from the dressing room to see if the Canoe Family performing protocol before them is done as the Grand Ronde Canoe Family waits to perform. In the background is Mataya Holmes.

Drummers use a propane heater to warm their drums in preparation for the Grand Ronde Canoe Family's protocol on Saturday, Aug. 3. Warming the hide gives the drums a better sound.



Raven Harmon gifts Guy Capoean a Chinuk Wawa dictionary during the Grand Ronde Canoe Family's protocol on Saturday, Aug. 3. Behind them, Cristina Lara also gifts Carl Jackson a dictionary. Capoean and Jackson are both chiefs of the Quinault Indian Nation and Capoean was the Canoe Journey coordinator.