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## Educational sessions scheduled for two proposed amendments

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Three educational sessions regarding two proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution have been set for May 17 through 19 in Portland, Grand Ronde and Eugene, respectively.

Tribal Council decided in identical 5-2 votes to send the proposed Tribal Constitution amendments to voters during its April 6 meeting.

The first amendment would, if approved by voters, remove the parent on the roll at time of birth and time of application requirements and add language defining "Grand Ronde blood."

The new definition, with new wording in italics, would read: "Grand Ronde blood is defined as all Indian blood derived from a direct ancestor whose name validly appears on the official Tribal membership roll prepared under the Grand Ronde Restoration Act; provided, that such roll may be corrected by Tribal Council with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or the official Tribal membership roll prepared by the Tribe between Nov. 30, 1984, and Sept. 14, 1999; provided that such roll may be corrected by the Tribal Council in accordance with the Tribal Enrollment Ordinance."

The second proposed amendment would reduce General Council participation requirements for initiatives, referendums and the calling of special General Council meetings.

Currently, the Tribal Constitution requires at least one-third of the adult general membership — more than 1,300 people — to sign a petition for an initiative, referendum, recall effort or mem-

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Courtesy photo by Rob Greene

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, second from right with back to the camera, testifies before the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission in Bandon on Friday, April 22. Commission members approved a rule authorizing the harvest of hatchery spring Chinook salmon and/or hatchery summer steelhead for ceremonial purposes by Grand Ronde Tribal members from a platform or from the shore at Willamette Falls.

## Commission OKs Grand Ronde harvest at Willamette Falls

Tribe continues regaining lost rights to hunt, fish

By Dean Rhodes and Brent Merrill

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BANDON — The Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission voted by acclamation during its meeting held Friday, April 22, in Bandon to allow ceremonial fishing by members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde at Willamette Falls, restoring

rights lost by the Tribe in the 1980s when it was seeking support for its Reservation Plan.

The new rule will allow the harvest of hatchery spring Chinook salmon and/or hatchery summer steelhead for ceremonial purposes

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# Memorial Day event scheduled

Purple Heart recipient to speak at annual ceremony

By Brent Merrill

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Purple Heart-recipient Sgt. Joel Dulashanti will be the keynote speaker at this year's 14th annual Memorial Day Ceremony in Grand Ronde, according to Tribal Elder and Veterans' Special Events Board Chairman Steve Bobb Sr.

Bobb, a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran, said that Tribal youth J.C. Rogers, 15, will sing the national anthem at this year's

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## If you go

2016 Memorial Day Ceremony

When: Noon Monday, May 30  
Where: Tribal Community Center & West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road  
More information: 971-241-3313

The Grand Ronde Honor Guard, including, from left, veterans Alton Butler, Raymond Petite and Michael Lane bring in the flags during the 13th annual Memorial Day Ceremony held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial last May.



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