

## General Council briefed on 2022 draft budget

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Finance Officer Chris Leno briefed Tribal members on the draft budget for calendar year 2022 during the Sunday, Nov. 7, General Council meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing app.

The draft budget portion of the meeting was held in executive session, which limits how much *Smoke Signals* can report on the details.

Leno's draft budget presentation ran approximately one hour and 20 minutes and he fielded five questions and comments regarding next year's Tribal spending plan.

Tribal members interested in obtaining the slides of Leno's presentation should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at stacia.martin@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2304.

The November *Tilixam Wawa* also features a detailed look at the 2022 draft budget and adult Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, to submit written comments.

The final 2022 budget will be

adopted on or before Dec. 31.

In related news, Leno said that the next timber revenue payment to Tribal members will be made on Friday, Nov. 19. The amount will be \$728.90.

In other action, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, via Zoom.

The annual Tribal Council Christmas party will be held on a separate date and details for that are still being finalized. Members are asked to check the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Facebook page for updates.

Richard McKnight, Rosemary Jameson, Shannon Stanton, Scott Stone and Shelley Sneed won the \$50 door prizes while Lise Alexander, Tracie Meyer and Bonnie Mercier won the \$100 door prizes.

The non-executive session portion of the meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## Salmon poaching



Photo courtesy of Jerry Bailey

Eagles were enjoying the salmon that the Tribe's Natural Resources Department has been using to replace nutrients on the Reservation's streams and surrounding area on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

## Clothes Closet open Fridays

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

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