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## State extends Willamette Falls fishing platform permit through '28

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The Oregon Department of State Lands extended the Grand Ronde Tribe's permit to have a removable fishing platform at Willamette Falls through August 2028 on Thursday, Aug. 3.

The permit continues the Tribe's ability to harvest up to 15 salmon annually for ceremonial purposes.

"(Permit) Holder is authorized to maintain a fishing platform at a single location only during the period for which the Holder is authorized to harvest salmonids under its Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Ceremonial Harvest Permit," the notification states. "Holder must remove the fishing platform each year on or before the date that the ODFW Ceremonial Harvest Permit expires."

The renewal also requires the Tribe to work in good faith with upland owners to ensure the fishing platform does not interfere with any upland owner's use, including that of Portland General Electric.

The Tribe applied for and received approval for a waterway structure from the Department of State Lands in 2018. The removable fishing platform was completed in October 2018 after Portland General Electric revoked permission allowing Grand Ronde Tribal members and employees to use its land to access and build the platform from the safer West Linn side of the Willamette River.

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Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley and Tribal Council member Kathleen George hug in celebration after the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission voted to pass a memorandum of agreement with the Tribe during the commission's meeting in Salem on Friday, Aug. 4. The agreement will expand the Tribe's ceremonial and cultural hunting and fishing areas on off-Reservation and non-trust lands and allow the Tribe to co-manage this for its members with the state.**

## ODFW approves MOA expanding Tribal hunting and fishing rights

By Danielle Harrison  
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Almost 37 years after Grand Ronde was forced to sign a consent decree with the state of Oregon restricting its hunting and fishing rights in order to get its Reservation Plan approved, some of those rights have been returned.

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**Tribal Council member Jon A. George dances as the Warrior Song is sung to celebrate the Tribe's memorandum of agreement being passed.**



## Paddle to Muckleshoot Landing Day attracts thousands



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

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SEATTLE – More than 100 canoe families from Tribes across British Columbia, Oregon and Washington arrived on the shores of Alki Beach Park for Paddle to Muckleshoot Landing Day on Sunday, July 30.

Thousands of people crowded along the shoreline, some peering through binoculars and trying to

catch a glimpse of the approaching canoes, which marks the completion of the paddling portion.

The excited crowd didn't have to wait long. Over the sound of the drums and a light breeze under a blue sky, cheers and clapping could be heard as the first canoe, On Shaman, appeared on the horizon

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**Grand Ronde Canoe Family members pull qisqis along the beach during the Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 Landing Day at Alki Beach Park in Seattle, Wash., on Sunday, July 30.**