

The Dipnetter

News of the River from the
Columbia River Inter-Tribal
Fish Commission



July 2012



LAMPREY SUMMIT HELD TO REVERSE DECLINE, RESTORE POPULATION

BY SARA THOMPSON

Pacific lamprey were front and center at the two-day Lamprey Summit III last month. Hosted by CRITFC and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the summit focused on Pacific lamprey issues along the entire West Coast and brought together over 200 biologists, managers, executives, tribal officials, and policy level staff for candid conversations on lamprey and the steps necessary to restore the ancient fish.

"Els have always had a significant role in our tribal communities. The significance to our culture and their decline is something the region cannot ignore," said CRITFC chairman Gerald Lewis. "The region has a responsibility to help care for these creatures and time is running out. We can't afford to lose them from our ceremonies or our watersheds."

During the two-day summit, participants from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and California discussed the current status of lamprey populations, on-going efforts to conserve and restore lamprey populations collaboratively, and explored regional approaches for implementing lamprey restoration actions. Many entities at the lamprey summit expressed firm commitments to lamprey conservation actions. Some signed a conservation agreement while others

signed letters of support for the actions.

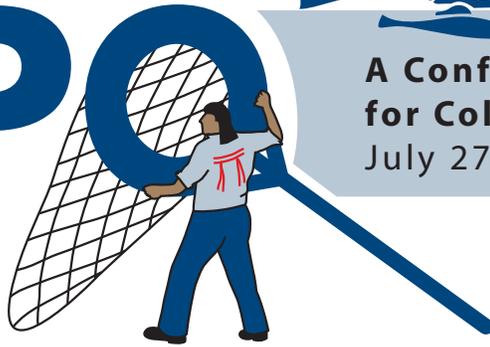
"At the first lamprey summit eight years ago, the tribes put the Pacific Northwest on notice that lamprey populations were in trouble. We sounded the alarm," explained CRITFC executive director Paul Lumley. "By the time the second lamprey summit came around in 2008, we needed more. We needed commitments—commitments for restoration. Now, for this summit, we need to move forward with real commitments and on-the-ground actions. Lamprey populations simply cannot wait any longer." 🐟

HACCP Training Class

Thanks to a grant from First Nations Development Institute, a HACCP Training class will be held at the CRITFC office in Hood River on August 10-11. The class will begin at 9 am on Friday and 8 am on Saturday. There is limited space so sign-up early by calling or texting your name and phone contact number to Salmon Marketing Coordinator Les Brown at (503) 799-8640. 🐟

2012 COLUMBIA RIVER INDIAN FISHER'S

EXPO



**A Conference and Trade Show
for Columbia River Indian Fishers**
July 27 · Best Western Hood River Inn

Sponsored by the Columbia River
Inter-Tribal Fish Commission



The Columbia River Indian Fishers Expo is hosted by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Now in its third year, this event provides Indian fishers with information, resources, and training that will help them improve river safety, fish quality, and equipment maintenance. The event and meals are free for all Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce fishers. The Expo runs from 7:30 to 5:30 on Friday, July 27.

- 7:30 Breakfast buffet opens
- 8:30 Conference opening ceremony and welcoming
- 9:00 Trade show and demonstration area opens
School of Fish opens
- 11:30 River rescue demonstration
- Noon Lunch
Keynote address by new CRITFC chairman
CRITFC oath of service for new officers
CRITFC executive director's update to fishers
- 2:30 Fish & Wildlife Committee Q&A sessions
- 5:00 Final drawing and event closing

Vendors and Displays

Weighing scales for over-the-bank sales

Fish packaging vendor for boxes and fish bags

The Dalles Marine Supply

Fiberglass resins and materials

Daco seafood supply manufacturers

Market Supply (vacuum pack machines)

Same-day sign printing for your business

CRITFC information and presentations

Preceding the Expo, the July CRITFC commission meeting will be held at the Best Western Hood River Inn on Wednesday and Thursday. Tribal members are welcome to attend this meeting, which runs 8 am to 5 pm July 25-26.

Best Western Hood River Inn, 1108 E Marina Way (next to the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge)

2012-13 CRITFC Officers Election Results and Commissioners

CRITFC officers serve a one-year term. The chairmanship is rotated among the four tribes; this year's seat went to the CTUIR. The officers were elected during the June commission meeting and will take office at the July commission meeting. The Commission thanks Gerald Lewis for his dedicated service as the 2011-2012 chairman and welcomes in the new chairwoman N. Kathryn Brigham.

UMATILLA



Kathryn Brigham, CRITFC chairwoman
James Marsh · Mitch Pond
Vince Sohappay · Chris Williams
(541) 276-3165

NEZ PERCE



Joel Moffett, CRITFC vice-chairman
Brooklyn Baptiste · Roberta Bisbee
Dan Kane · McCoy Oatman
Samuel Penney · Allen Slickpoo Jr
Silas Whitman · Marie Arthur
Quintin Ellenwood · Erik Holt ·
Herb Jackson · Timothy Wheeler
(208) 843-2253

WARM SPRINGS



Bruce Jim, CRITFC secretary
Leslie Bill · Rafael Queahpama
Ryan Smith · Emerson Squiemphen
Donnie Winishut, Sr
(541) 553-3257

YAKAMA



Gerald Lewis, CRITFC treasurer
Raymond Colfax · Richard George ·
Johnny Jackson · Sam Jim Sr
Virgil Lewis Sr · Wilbur Slockish Jr
(509) 865-5121

Presentations and Demonstrations

The Fishers Expo is **one day only**.

Tribal Q & A

Fish & Wildlife Committee Question & Answer Sessions

The Fish & Wildlife Committee members from the four tribes will each host their own question and answer session for fishers. The sessions are open to everyone.

Luncheon Presentations

Keynote presentation by CRITFC chairman and CRITFC Executive Director's update to fishers.

Fisher Safety

Columbia River Boat Safety

Top ways to ensure safe boating, various types of life jackets, each of the tribes' boat safety requirements, and the tribal boat certification program.
Jerrold Daniels, CRITFC

Boat Beacons

A good quantity of boat beacons provided by the BIA will be made available to fishers on a first-come-first-served basis.

Equipment Maintenance

Boat Engine Maintenance

Ways to keep your boat engine running at peak condition. Also: common engine-killing mistakes and how to avoid them. (Workshop held outdoors.)

Fiberglass Repair

A hands-on overview of basic fiberglass repair. Fishers can bring their own boats to the workshop to address specific questions. (Workshop held outdoors.)

Cleaning Boats to Prevent Spread of Invasive Species

The invasive species that threaten the Columbia River Basin and how to make sure your boat is free of these pests before transporting it to and from Zone 6.

Quality Handling

Food Handling Certification Class

Conducted by the Warm Springs Tribe's sanitarian, completing this class will give fishers Warm Springs Tribe-issued certification that is recognized by the State of Oregon for sales within the state. Oregon residency is not required, but fishers selling to non-Indian customers over the bank in Oregon are encouraged to complete this class.

Nancy Collins, Warm Springs Tribe

Icing and Transporting

Learn how to make slush ice to improve the quality and freshness of your harvest and other options for transporting your harvest.

Processing Fish

Learn about the latest techniques in gilling, gutting, and processing your harvest.

Business & Marketing

Improving Over-the-bank Sales

See a sample over-the-bank sales setup for ideas on how to improve sales with marketing techniques, ensuring a quality product, and presenting a professional image.

Selling at Farmers Markets

Farmers markets focus on local, sustainable products; this presents a great opportunity for Indian fishers. Learn how to participate in farmers markets.

Establishing a Successful Family Small Business

Learn about the variety of funding opportunities available to Indian fishers. Information on loans, grants, and other programs to help expand and improve your business.

NEW! School of Fish

New this year is the addition of a kid's track, called "School of Fish." Coordinated by the CRITFC Watershed and Fish Science departments, this series of six to seven different stations will teach kids **12 and up** about fish science, water science, boating and water safety, and other topics. Not only will these provide valuable information for the kids, it will provide parents will the opportunity to attend the meetings and classes without being interrupted or forced to leave early because of bored children. The activities will run the duration of the Expo.

Also, kids meals will be available for School of Fish participants. In order to get a count for the lunches, **we would appreciate parents contacting CRITFC by July 13 with the number of children they will be bringing.** (503) 238-0667 or fdsk@critfc.org.



The Dipnetter

Yakama • Warm Springs
Umatilla • Nez Perce



Carrying on Our Traditions

CRITFC Executive Director's Message

Last month, Google announced its Endangered Languages project. (www.endangeredlanguages.com) The goal of this project is to record and share samples of endangered languages and help those working to document or strengthen languages under threat. It was with sadness that I saw that all the languages of our four member tribes are included and categorized as "Severely Endangered." As we lose our elders who have native-speaking ability, it is our young ones who suffer by losing this connection to our cultures.

I bring up language because it is just one indicator of the pressure we all share of keeping our tribal cultures alive for our children and our children's children. This topic came up last week at the CRITFC-hosted Lamprey Summit. In his opening remarks, CRITFC chairman Gerald Lewis spoke about how the loss of lamprey is not only a loss of this amazing and important animal, it is a loss to our cultural connection to them. Without lamprey to harvest, our young people aren't learning how

to harvest them, prepare them, or to enjoy them in their diets.

So many modern pressures are working on youth today to forget the special connection to the land that our ancestors have handed down to us since time immemorial. In 75 years, when the babies born today are elders themselves, we don't want them to lack a desire to harvest lamprey, consider them "yucky," or see them as a museum item. Fortunately in Indian families throughout Columbia River Basin, there is cause for hope that the ways of our ancestors is being taught. Tribal programs are working to support these efforts and CRITFC has programs like the new "School of Fish" at this month's Fishers Expo and the CRITFC Salmon Camp. We want to encourage young people to get involved in biological and other science studies. With this education, they can support the work of restoring not only our natural resources but the connections tribal members have to these sacred First Foods, as well.



Paul Lumley
YAKAMA



The Dipnetter

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
729 NE Oregon, Suite 200
Portland, OR 97232
www.critfc.org • (503) 238-0667

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PORTLAND, OR
PERMIT #11

