



ODFW and Tribal Partnerships in 2006

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TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Tribes located in Oregon include the Burns Paiute Tribe; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; Confederated Tribes of Siletz; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation; Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation; Coquille Tribe; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua; Klamath Tribes; and Nez Perce Tribe. Additional tribes bordering Oregon include the Fort McDermitt Shoshone-Paiute, Hoopa, Karuk, Quileute, Quinalt, Yakama and Yurok.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has a variety of activities, agreements, contracts and shared commitments with Oregon's tribes. The following list provides information about ODFW actions that have taken place during 2006 or are ongoing in support of these partnerships.

CEREMONIAL SUPPORT

ODFW provides fish and wildlife for use in various tribal ceremonies and celebrations. The department also provides tribes with hides, antlers, teeth, claws, horns and feathers of culturally important wildlife collected in the course of normal department activities.

COLUMBIA RIVER MANAGEMENT

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has worked since 1988 with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Columbia River Treaty Tribes on a variety of fisheries management issues. These include researching and managing the river's sturgeon populations and developing and updating a multi-year sliding scale fishery for spring chinook. In addition, Columbia River Treaty Tribes are entitled to receive 10,000 fish annually. ODFW staff also worked with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes and other U.S. v. Oregon parties to complete the renewal of the Columbia River Fish Management Plan by December 2003.

The ongoing close coordination and cooperation on managing the spring chinook fishery resulted in recognition from the National Marine Fisheries Service for this groundbreaking approach to harvest management in the Columbia River.

HUNTER EDUCATION

ODFW incorporates information about Native American culture in all Hunter Education classes. The specific content of the instruction was developed in 1998 through an agreement between ODFW staff and representatives of the Burns Paiute and Klamath Tribes. The content covers statutes dealing with protection of sites of sacred and cultural significance, and protection of tribal relics on both private and public lands. The curriculum also provides an overview of state and federal laws protecting cultural sites and sacred objects in the 2007 hunting regulations.

HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

ODFW works with tribes throughout Oregon to determine hunting opportunities for tribal members on ceded lands, set species tag sales and harvest limits for game on ceded lands, and discuss road closures and other access and usage actions needed to balance tribal treaty rights and cultural requirements with public recreation opportunities.

HYDROELECTRIC POWER LICENSING

ODFW works with various tribes and other interested parties to review hydropower-relicensing projects regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Once a hydro project is licensed ODFW works with the tribes, the project operator and other parties to implement the conditions of the license and any settlement agreements. Current cooperative licensing efforts include the Carmen Smith, Dorena, Hells Canyon Complex, and Klamath Basin projects. We are also working cooperatively with tribes and the utilities to implement settlement agreements for removal of the Marmot Dam on the Sandy River and the Powerdale Dam on Hood River. Settlement

agreements are also being implemented for Willamette Falls, Pelton-Round Butte Project, and the Clackamas hydroelectric projects.

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

ODFW works with various tribes on the Oregon Invasive Species Council to alert the public to the dangers posed by invasive species, and to inform the public how to minimize those dangers.

LAMPREY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

ODFW helps tribes conduct lamprey population assessments throughout the state, and participates in several groups that meet to discuss issues related to lamprey populations. Department staff also partner with tribes to address lamprey harvest needs at Willamette Falls.

Conservation measures adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2001 protect lamprey populations while allowing tribes to harvest lamprey at Willamette Falls for personal use. For the 2005 season, letters authorizing personal use harvest were issued by the Commission to the Burns Paiute Tribe; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Suislaw; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; Confederated Tribes of Siletz; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation; Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation; Coquille Tribe; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua; Klamath Tribe; Nez Perce Tribe; and the Yakama Tribe. The fishery was managed on a quota basis by Commission rule. Staff closely coordinated with the tribes on management during the season.

LOWER SNAKE RIVER COMPENSATION PLAN

ODFW has been an active participant in the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan, which involves an agreement among ODFW, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Umatilla and Nez Perce Tribes for artificial production (adult collections, rearing and marking) of chinook salmon and steelhead in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha sub-basins.

NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEES

ODFW continues to work with tribal and federal trustees on addressing the Portland Harbor Superfund

Cleanup and corresponding Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA). The Trustees include six tribal governments – the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, Nez Perce Tribe, and Yakama Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This group reviews study plans, provides comments to EPA and participates in the process to develop a RI/FS and eventually a ROD for the cleanup. The trustees continue to meet and consider Natural Resource Damage issues, but for now the Trustees, EPA, DEQ and the Lower Willamette Group are focused on development of a cleanup remedy for the Harbor. The Trustees expect to reinitiate NRDA negotiations with the Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup potential responsible parties in the future.

CHINOOK SALMON GENETICS STUDY

ODFW, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation and NOAA Fisheries currently are conducting a chinook salmon pedigree study in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha basins. Researchers have sampled four populations of chinook salmon supplemented with hatchery fish annually in both basins for the past four years.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Representatives from various tribes regularly participate in statewide reviews to develop and update wildlife management plans. Examples include development of mule deer and elk species management objectives, bighorn sheep reintroduction plans and the development and implementation of Oregon's first wolf conservation and management plan. Currently, a new Black-tailed Deer Management Plan is being developed. ODFW worked with seven tribes in the development and review of the *Oregon Conservation Strategy* which was approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in March 2006. ODFW is seeking opportunities for partnerships with individual tribes in Strategy implementation.

INTER-TRIBAL ACTIVITIES

Many department activities involve issues affecting large areas of Oregon that involve more than one tribe. On an ongoing basis, ODFW staff:

Partner with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation to develop and implement monitoring programs for adult steelhead and bull trout, juvenile salmonids, and the habitats that support them in the Deschutes, John Day, Umatilla and Walla Walla sub-basins. The program is modeled after ODFW's Coastal Monitoring Program implemented under the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. Programs are funded by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program.

Cooperate with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation to monitor adult and juvenile salmonids in Northeast Oregon as part of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. ODFW and the tribes share responsibility for monitoring.

Participate in conducting comprehensive surveys of chinook spawning grounds with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Nez Perce Tribe in the John Day, Grande Ronde and Imnaha river basins.

Participate in monitoring and evaluating chinook salmon in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha basins with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation and the Nez Perce Tribe. This plan guides the long-term monitoring of recovery efforts in the Northeast Region.

Work with the Nez Perce Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation on all aspects of the Grande Ronde Basin Captive Broodstock Program. Both tribes and ODFW share many responsibilities for implementation of this program.

Coordinate with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation and the Nez Perce Tribe to hold sport and tribal spring chinook fisheries on the Imnaha River and in Lookingglass Creek.

During 2006, ODFW staff:

ODFW (representing the State of Oregon) coordinated with the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, the Burns Paiute Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs,

and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and entered into a coalition to negotiate with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to resolve all wildlife crediting issues between the coalition members and BPA. The proposed outcome was to establish a Trust Fund Settlement for the coalition members in exchange for indemnification for BPA's outstanding wildlife mitigation debt from construction and inundation impacts of hydro projects such as federal dams.

ODFW represents the State of Oregon on the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority's Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC). The WAC generally meets every other month to discuss BPA funded wildlife projects and policy issues. Other committee members include Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, USFWS, and 11 Tribes in the Columbia River Basin.

Helped the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation and the Nez Perce Tribe plan for new hatchery facilities to improve spring chinook production associated with Lookingglass Hatchery.

Worked with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation and Nez Perce Tribe to develop cooperative projects for the Blue Mountain Province for funding by Bonneville Power Administration.

Worked with the Klamath Tribe, Hoopa Tribe, Karuk Tribe and Yurok Tribe to evaluate the feasibility of reintroducing anadromous fish above Irongate Dam.

Partnered with tribal representatives and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission to review draft license application materials for relicensing the Hells Canyon Complex hydropower project located on the Snake River.

Participated with representatives from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission to review and comment on draft application materials for the Bradwood Landing Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal and Pipeline proposed for siting in northwestern Oregon. Will comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and related permit applications for these projects in 2007.

Opened a dialogue with the Coquille Tribe on Oregon Conservation Strategy implementation on tribal and nearby BLM lands.

Worked with tribal staff from the Nez Perce Tribe and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation as members of the Hells Canyon Initiative which is focused on the continued recovery and expansion of bighorn sheep populations in Hells Canyon.

Held several meetings of the Oregon Wildlife Coalition, which includes representatives from the Burns Paiute Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation. The coalition discussed a project proposal for habitat restoration, projection and research submitted to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, and Bonneville Power Administration. The proposal would serve as a vehicle for continuing cooperative habitat work to mitigate for Columbia River hydroelectric facilities in Oregon. Work contemplated by the coalition involves habitat protection through easements with voluntary landowner participation, habitat enhancement projects such as wetland and forest restoration, and coordinated research to establish protocols for monitoring habitat improvements and wildlife responses.

Participated in meetings of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, comprised of the 18 federally recognized tribes and federal and state fish and wildlife agencies found within the Columbia River Basin. Topics included wildlife area management plan review and approval, wildlife research and monitoring, habitat restoration and enhancement science and techniques, Northwest Power and Conservation Council sub-basin planning, Bonneville Power Administration contracting procedures and funding allocations, and wildlife mitigation crediting.

Representatives from ODFW participated in "Tribal Information Day" at the Oregon State Capitol on May 19, 2005.

A large contingent of ODFW staff attended the Government to Government Tribal Summit session at Portland State University on October 21, 2005.

INDIVIDUAL TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to the activities listed above, ODFW works with individual tribes on many issues and activities. A list of partnerships with individual tribes follows:

BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE Burns, Oregon

ODFW staff:

Attended the annual government-to-government meeting.

Provided the Burns Paiute Tribe with one salvaged elk and three salvaged deer carcasses.

Arranged for the tribe to receive two deer taken on damage with kill permits for ceremonial use.

Worked with the Burns Paiute Tribe on cooperative wildlife habitat restoration projects, including sharing equipment and providing technical and on-the-ground assistance.

Cooperated with the Burns Paiute Tribe to administer an existing Access and Habitat grant.

Worked with members and staff of the Burns Paiute Tribe to improve their understanding of the Landowner Preference program. Provided landowner preference tags and two for one big game tag exchanges for damaged haystacks on tribal property.

Assisted the Burns Paiute Tribe by participating in employee interviews.

Worked with Burns Paiute Tribal staff conducting spawning ground surveys to assess bull trout populations in the Malheur drainage. In December 2006, finalized data from the 2005 and 2006 field seasons and prepared work plans for the 2007 field season for the cooperative bull trout study.

Provided approximately 40 surplus spring chinook salmon from Cole Rivers Hatchery for tribal subsistence and ceremonial fishing.

Participated with Burns Paiute Tribal staff on the Malheur River bull trout working group.

Worked with Burns Paiute Tribal staff to finalize plans for a redband trout population and genetic study in the Malheur River basin. The study is to be implemented in 2007.

Worked with Burns Paiute Tribal staff to conduct local free fishing day and youth angling events.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW
Coos Bay, Oregon

ODFW staff:

Met with the tribal staff and biologists to discuss potential watershed restoration projects and to offer ODFW Assistance.

Both ODFW staff and CTCLUSI tribal members sit on local watershed councils which allow both entities to have routine contact through the monthly watershed council meetings.

Provided one bull elk to the CTCLUSI for use in tribal activities.

Provided 85 spring chinook to the tribe from Cole Rivers Hatchery for tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.

Continue to be a part of the Tsalila Watershed Education Program in which the CTCLUSE is a primary partner. ODFW has participated in the program since its conception seven years ago and has focused on educating students at this annual watershed festival.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE
Grand Ronde, Oregon

ODFW staff:

Held an annual meeting with tribal natural resources program personnel to discuss big game management issues and distributed big game tags for tribal use.

Provided 4,000 pounds of spring chinook to the tribe from the McKenzie Hatchery. Provided 17 surplus adult summer steelhead from Cedar Creek Hatchery for the Food Bank program.

Coordinated species census activities with tribal members, including an arrangement to share helicopter time for cost-effectiveness. Worked with tribal officials to collect samples of elk and deer harvested by tribal members for statewide disease monitoring. Invited the tribe to participate in development of the Cougar Management Plan. Involved tribal wildlife staff in

implementation of the statewide black bear monitoring program. Tetracycline baits were placed on tribal lands in the Agency Creek drainage by tribal biologists as part of this study. These efforts are intended to continue in 2006.

Participated with tribal members through the Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program to provide restoration actions for salmonids and watersheds in western Oregon. Coordinated with tribal members to facilitate the placement of salmon carcasses from Eagle Creek NFH in Agency Creek for nutrient enrichment. Assisted tribal fisheries biologists in development of a Scientific Take Permit for work monitoring juvenile salmonid outmigrants from Agency Creek. Assisted tribal staff in developing mitigation plans for a project to widen and improve Grand Ronde Road. Stream bank and riparian restoration will be completed along the South Yamhill River as part of the road project. Coordinated review of draft Hatchery Genetic Management Plans for hatchery programs within the Nestucca River basin.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ
Siletz, Oregon

ODFW staff:

Held an annual meeting with tribal natural resources program personnel to discuss big game management issues and distributed big game tags for tribal use.

Provided 4,000 pounds of spring chinook to the tribe from the McKenzie Hatchery. Provided 268 surplus summer steelhead from the Siletz trapping facility for the tribe to distribute through a food share program in the town of Siletz. Provided the tribe with 134 surplus hatchery steelhead carcasses to use in nature-way rearing experiments.

Coordinated with tribal officials on big game management issues including an assessment of problems associated with deer and elk harvest opportunities on the mid-Coast. Continued an annual effort with tribal Natural Resources staff to collect samples of deer and elk harvested by tribal members for statewide disease monitoring.

Invited the tribe to participate in development of the Cougar Management Plan.

Provided the Tribe with various frozen mammal specimens (such as a road struck pine marten) and bear

teeth and claws through a permit process for cultural use. Coordinated with OSP and the tribe to provide edible (salvaged) bear and elk.

The tribal natural resources chairman assisted us in placing bear baits for the statewide bear-marking program. Worked with tribal members to gather big game harvest data from tags issued to tribe.

Participated with tribal representatives on a task force to develop research proposals and plan the conservation and research hatchery facility at the Fall Creek Research Center.

The tribe, ODFW, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Oregon State University worked together to re-design the Siletz Falls fish ladder to pass lamprey. Modification to steps in the fish ladder will continue to be monitored during the summer migration season to determine if changes resolved lamprey passage problems. ODFW is partnering with the tribe in an effort to track the movements of lamprey in or around Siletz Falls.

Continued coordinating a habitat restoration project in Steere Creek (Siletz River) with tribal biologists. The project includes replacement of three culverts to improve fish passage and placement of large woody debris in the stream. The tribal fishery biologist will conduct monitoring activities associated with the project.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA RESERVATION Pendleton, Oregon

ODFW staff:

Provided various wildlife parts (antlers, skulls, etc.) for use in tribal classes.

Loaned elk trapping materials and assisted with set-up to help trap and relocate domestic bison (buffalo) loose within the Umatilla Reservation.

Provided facilities and technical support at Lookingglass Hatchery to tribal fisheries personnel conducting steelhead and bull trout counts and passage assessments.

Provided training to tribal fisheries personnel on procedures to inoculate adult chinook salmon.

Worked with tribal representatives regarding the management, research and hatchery operations of the spring chinook captive broodstock program.

Partnered with tribal representatives regarding the management, research and hatchery operations in the Umatilla River sub-basin to develop annual operation plans. Specific activities include spawning, rearing, transporting and acclimating fall and spring chinook, coho and steelhead.

Participated in development of annual operation plans for Lookingglass, Irrigon and Wallowa hatcheries, and Big Canyon, Little Sheep, Imnaha, Catherine Creek, Lostine River and upper Grande Ronde satellite facilities. Worked with tribal representatives to handle, spawn and transport chinook and steelhead as outlined in the annual operation plans.

Continued participation in review of natural resource issues at the proposed Wanapa co-generation energy project in Umatilla County.

Coordinated with the tribal members on new riparian lease lands in the upper North Fork John Day River. Worked with tribal members on the sub-basin planning core planning group and technical teams in the development of the John Day, Umatilla and Walla Walla sub-basins.

Participated in development and submittal to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council of pre-design drawings for a Lostine River Hatchery, a holding facility on the Imnaha River at Marks Ranch, and upgrades to the existing Imnaha satellite facility and Lookingglass Hatchery, as well as an environmental impact statement.

Worked with tribal officials to identify release sites, schedules and numbers of bighorn sheep for release within the tribe's ceded lands. This included conducting a review of the ceded lands boundary as part of the development of an agreement for bighorn sheep restoration and management within the reservation hunting area. Met with tribal representatives to discuss the issuance of bighorn sheep tags.

Coordinated with tribal representatives to finalize a bighorn sheep coordination document for ceded lands that are in federal ownership.

Worked with tribal members to trap and relocate bighorn sheep into lands adjacent to the North Fork John Day River.

A tribal biologist participated in the August sharp-tailed grouse flush count near Enterprise.

Discussed the possibility of Mountain Quail re-introductions with tribal representatives.

Responded to wildlife damage complaints within the reservation caused by bears, mountain lions, turkeys, deer and elk.

Coordinated with tribal officials in the Umatilla Basin Management and Monitoring Workgroup to provide shared direction for research and management in the Umatilla Basin.

Worked with tribal officials to implement habitat improvement projects on private lands along the Upper Grande Ronde River.

Worked with tribal representatives to identify significant cultural sites at Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area.

Provided deer and elk herd composition and harvest summaries to tribal representatives.

Provided training to tribal members to help in wildlife disease surveillance sampling and monitoring through tissue collection for chronic wasting disease analysis.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION Warm Springs, Oregon

ODFW staff:

Issued approximately 800 deer tags, 800 elk tags, 20 pronghorn tags and two bighorn tags for use on ceded lands. The bighorn tags issued in 2005-06 provided the third annual bighorn harvest opportunity for tribal hunters in modern times.

Provided review and comments of Draft EIS for location of tribe's Columbia Gorge casino development.

Assisted with hatchery fish evaluations in Hood River, including joint hatchery operations, stocking, sampling, data interpretation and analysis, and reporting.

Collaborated with tribal staff regarding input on several action committees of mutual interest, including Lower Deschutes Managers, Deschutes Resource Conservancy, Pelton Hydro Mitigation fish and wildlife committees, Governing Board for Pelton mitigation fund, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), and several other working groups and committees.

Continued coordination with tribal officials regarding management of archeological sites on wildlife areas.

Coordination continued with tribal members regarding the ODFW plan to reintroduce Rocky Mountain goats to sites within the Columbia River Gorge.

Continued work with tribal representatives to develop actions to accomplish license terms and conditions for the Pelton-Round Butte Hydropower Project on the Deschutes River.

Helped develop and implement John Day basin monitoring and evaluation plans.

Coordinated with tribes regarding management of fisheries and habitat in the Hood, Deschutes and Fifteenmile basins, including regulations, planning, monitoring, restoration, and habitat protection.

Provided surplus spring chinook and summer steelhead carcasses from Round Butte Hatchery during 2005-06 for tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.

Coordinated regarding monitoring for adenovirus and chronic wasting disease in deer and elk.

Coordinated with tribal staff to monitor, inventory, evaluate and manage bighorn sheep relocations into the Mutton Mountains.

Continued tribal trainee program at Oak Springs Hatchery. Tribal employee works with hatchery staff and resides in hatchery housing on station.

COQUILLE TRIBE North Bend, Oregon

ODFW staff:

The ODFW Western Oregon stream restoration biologist met with biologists and staff from the Coquille tribe to discuss potential watershed restoration projects and to offer ODFW Assistance.

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The Charleston district fish biologist is on a review team working with a consultant and tribal staff on a "Coquille Basin Restoration Plan", to address watershed and fish habitat restoration in the Coquille River basin. This effort has been initiated under a NOAA-Fisheries program to distribute salmon restoration funds to basins with developed restoration plans. The Coquille Tribe has begun working with the local watershed council, State and Federal agencies, and other individuals to develop a plan based on existing habitat and watershed assessments. It has been proposed that is "Coquille Basin Restoration Plan" become the local working plan as an extension of the Oregon Plan and the Oregon Coastal Coho Conservation plan.

The ODFW Education/Outreach STEP biologist worked with the Coquille Tribe to install a classroom/display incubator in a tribal building, for education and outreach purposes. This project is ongoing and is entering its third year.

Coquille tribe members sit on local watershed councils which gives ODFW staff routine contact through the monthly watershed council meetings.

Provided 95 spring chinook from Cole Rivers Hatchery for tribal use.

COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA Roseburg, Oregon

ODFW staff:

The Cow Creek Band continues to be a strong supporter of the ODFW's winter steelhead program. Tribal members have been assisting the department to acclimate 35,000 winter steelhead smolts on their property in Canyonville. Maintenance and grounds personnel check the fish every couple hours and feed the fish twice per day as well as monitoring fish health. The tribe also provided financial assistance to the Departments STEP program for improvements to upstream acclimation sites.

The Department obtained a grant from the Cow Creek Band to conduct a creel program on the mainstem

Umpqua River for winter steelhead harvest. This creel will evaluate the new regulation which allows harvest of wild winter steelhead.

The Department offered in kind services to conduct habitat surveys, GIS mapping and data summarization to complete the Watershed Assessment of Jordon and Alder Creeks (tribal trust lands). The District staff also met with the Tribe's Natural Resource Coordinator to review the restoration design and work with local agencies to obtain the government permits necessary to complete the project.

ODFW wildlife staff met with the Cow Creek Band regarding potential release sites on tribal trust lands for Columbian White-tailed deer in an effort to re-establish populations in historic habitat. Agreement on potential sites could not be reached at this time.

Provided 78 spring chinook from Cole Rivers Hatchery for tribal use.

Cooperated with the Cow Creek Band on development of a brochure titled "Cow Creek Partnerships for Restoring Fish Populations" that provides information on steelhead angling regulations, steelhead lifecycle information, history of acclimation sites and partnership information. This information is provided to the public.

KLAMATH TRIBES Chiloquin, Oregon

ODFW staff:

Provided seized and salvaged wildlife including black bear, cougar and bobcat for the tribe's cultural and heritage program. Issued a salvage permit to the tribe's Culture and Heritage Department allowing retrieval of road-killed game mammals outside the former reservation for ceremonial uses.

Provided information to tribal staff on county land use issues within the former reservation.

Required fish researchers working on the Upper Klamath Lake through the state's scientific collection permit process to provide any moribund redband trout to the tribe for their use.

Met with the Tribal Council and the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee to address tribal concerns about the number of non-tribal tags available for buck mule

deer in the Sprague Unit and for antlerless mule deer in the Silver Lake and Fort Rock units.

Protected potential areas of cultural significance by enlisting assistance of the Culture and Heritage Program to review various projects on Klamath Wildlife Area. These projects included but were not limited to installation of fish protection screens, underground power line installation, and storage building development and improvement.

Cooperated with the Culture and Heritage Program to comply with Senate Joint Memorial 3, requiring the replacement of “squaw” from any geographic names, by renaming the Klamath Wildlife Area “Squaw Point Unit” to “Sesti Tgawalls Unit” and applying to have the associated point and marsh renamed as such.

Worked closely with the tribal biologist and tribal negotiators in Klamath Hydro Settlement proceedings to seek resolutions mutually beneficial to tribe and state. Reviewed proposals to assess the fish and wildlife impacts of the Klamath hydropower project and Oregon Department of Forestry timber harvest plans.

Coordinated development of big game management and sport hunting regulations within the former reservation. Provided mule deer population and sport harvest data to tribal biologists.

Worked with tribal officials and others to evaluate the Chiloquin Dam fish passage, and prepared a report to Congress on recommendations and solutions to the problem.

Provided technical input to the tribal biologist on habitat restoration projects on private land.

Coordinated with tribal staff on development of Central Oregon mule deer study to examine herd movements and population dynamics. Work included finding means to integrate tribal and ODFW research efforts.

Coordinated with tribes on any earth-moving activities that may affect cultural/archaeological sites. Region staff attended a training session to better identify potential sites prior to initiating deer trapping operations.

Responded to several information requests, regarding fish populations, by Chuck Huntington (Clearwater Bio Studies) who was representing the Klamath Tribes.

Provided information on fish populations and habitat to Klamath Tribal Biologists for use in the development of an Anadromous Fish Re-introduction plan for the Klamath basin and for use in preparing for the Hydro-electric re-licensing hearing held in Sacramento, California.

NEZ PERCE TRIBE Lapwai, Idaho

ODFW staff:

Worked with tribal officials to develop long-term hatchery planning documents for the Northeast Oregon Hatcheries Project, and submitted the plans to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

Worked with tribal members to develop a long-term research and monitoring plan for Grande Ronde and Imnaha chinook.

Completed large-scale hatchery PIT tagging at Lookingglass Fish Hatchery with tribal fisheries personnel in a coordinated effort to determine smolt migration characteristics and smolt survival.

Coordinated with tribal representatives to assist in their genetics conservation and cryopreservation efforts. Provided spawning dates and locations of natural spawners.

Provided technical advice on the operation of hatch boxes via a tour of various hatch box sites within the Umpqua District.

Worked with tribal members on the sub-basin planning groups and technical teams in the development of the Imnaha sub-basin management plans.

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