



# ODFW and Tribal Partnerships in 2008

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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, Quinault, 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. As part of the Government-to-Government Summit and State Agencies to Tribal Relations, ODFW has the honor of chairing the Natural Resource working group. The following list provides information about ODFW actions that have taken place during 2008 or are ongoing in support of these partnerships.

## CEREMONIAL SUPPORT

ODFW provides fish and wildlife for use in various tribal ceremonies and celebrations. ODFW 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

ODFW works with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on a variety of resource management issues affecting fish populations in the Columbia River Basin. These include managing populations and fisheries involving white sturgeon, Chinook, coho and sockeye salmon, walleye, lamprey, shad and steelhead. Fisheries and hatchery production were managed under the Columbia River Fish Management Plan during 1986 – 1995. Updates and revisions to this plan, developed and implemented under a ruling by the U.S. District Court in *U.S. v. Oregon*, have been in place since 1996 (except 2000). The most recent agreement titled “2008 – 2017 U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement” provides specific fishery management constraints for Columbia River treaty Indian and non-Indian fisheries and hatchery production occurring from January 2008 through December 2017.

## COLUMBIA RIVER FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM

As a member of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA), ODFW works with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes, Burns-Paiute Tribe, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Upper Snake River Tribes, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA Fisheries, and the fish and wildlife agencies from Washington, Montana, and Idaho to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife in the Columbia Basin affected by the hydropower development. Working with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council), the members of CBFWA identify, implement, monitor and evaluate numerous projects funded under the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program to

benefit fish and wildlife. In addition, the fish and wildlife managers periodically work with the Council to update and revise the Fish and Wildlife Program to ensure its objectives and measures reflect current needs.

## **LAMPREY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

ODFW helps tribes conduct lamprey population assessments throughout the state, and works with them to develop and implement programs to protect and enhance lamprey populations. ODFW staff attended a lamprey workshop sponsored by Columbia River Treaty Tribes to maintain dialogue on issues surrounding the status and management of Pacific Lamprey in the region.

ODFW staff also partner with tribes to plan and conduct a lamprey fishery at Willamette Falls. This fishery is managed under conservation measures adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to protect lamprey populations while allowing tribes to harvest lamprey at Willamette Falls for personal use.

Historically, the Commission has authorized personal use harvest by 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 Indian 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.

ODFW biologists assisted the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde to secure permits to conduct a radio-telemetry project on Pacific Lamprey in the Willamette 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 2009 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. Some tags are used to take animals for ceremonial purposes.

## **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. The Pelton Round Butte project is of special note because ODFW works with both the Warm Springs tribe and PGE who are co-licensees on the project. ODFW is

also working cooperatively with tribes and the utilities to implement settlement agreements for removal of the Powerdale Dam on Hood River. ODFW participates with various tribes in a number of settlement agreements around the state including Willamette Falls, the Clackamas River and Hells Canyon hydroelectric projects. Pursuant to a previous settlement agreement with Portland General Electric, Marmot Dam on the Sandy River was removed in fall of 2007 and the Little Sandy Dam was removed in the summer of 2008.

## **INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT**

ODFW continues to work with several tribes through the Oregon Invasive Species Council to alert the public to the dangers posed by invasive species, and to inform the public on how to minimize those dangers. Examples include working through CRITFC on the Columbia River Basin Interagency Invasive Species Response Plan in preparation for potential zebra and quagga mussel invasion into Oregon and working through Oregon Invasive Species Council with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on a wide range of issues (e.g. feral swine, yellow flag iris, African rue).

## **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.

## **MID-COLUMBIA RIVER STEELHEAD CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY PLAN**

ODFW is the lead in development of the Mid-Columbia Conservation and Recovery Plan. CTUIR and CTWSRO representatives serve on the Sounding Board and their technical staff have played key roles in development of the management actions. ODFW will continue to work closely with both tribes as we finalize the plan through the State and Federal review processes.

## **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 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and participates in the process to develop a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and eventually a Record of Decision 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.

ODFW also continued to work with tribal and federal trustees on addressing the New Carissa NRDA. The New Carissa Trustees include two tribal governments – Confederated Tribes of Siletz and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the U.S. Forest Service. In

accordance with the New Carissa Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan, the Trustees purchased approximately 4,300 acres of coastal forestland for marbled murrelet and other fish and wildlife conservation and restoration. Three thousand nine hundred (3,900) of those forestland acres were transferred in 2007 to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz for their management in perpetuity under the terms of a conservation easement with USFWS, BLM and ODFW. The trustees are now working to transfer the remaining 400 acres of coastal forestland to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

## **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 six 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. In 2008, the first Oregon Black-tailed Deer Management Plan was completed and approved by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Western Oregon Tribes (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, and Confederated Tribes of the Coquille) were active members of the first Oregon Black-tailed Deer Management Plan. The Plan goals and objectives were adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on November 14, 2008. ODFW is working with individual tribes on *Oregon Conservation Strategy* implementation.

## **INTER-TRIBAL ACTIVITIES**

Many ODFW activities involve issues affecting large areas of Oregon that involve more than one tribe.

On an ongoing basis, ODFW staff:

Cooperate with the Klamath Tribes by working with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to identify the Upper Klamath Basin as a special implementation priority for future habitat restoration funding.

Cooperate with the Klamath Tribes in helping to identify the Upper Klamath Basin as an area of emphasis for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding targeted at habitat restoration.

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.

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 Nez Perce Tribe and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation on advising Bonneville Power Association, Bureau of Reclamation and National Marine Fisheries Service on habitat recovery strategies.

Coordinate with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation and the Nez Perce Tribe on long-term plans for sport and tribal spring Chinook fisheries on the Imnaha River and in Lookingglass Creek.

During 2008, ODFW staff:

Worked with the Klamath Tribe, Hoopa Tribe, Karuk Tribe and Yurok Tribe to create an equitable Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement as an option for the re-licensing of the Klamath Hydro-electric project. To date an agreement in principle has been signed with efforts in the immediate future focused on finalizing the agreement and moving forward with plans to re-introduce anadromous fish into historic habitat.

In cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and in consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, ODFW made progress on the development of a proposed plan to reintroduce bull trout into the Clackamas River basin to contribute to the recovery of this species.

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 and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde to review and comment on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement and final order for the Bradwood Landing Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal and Pipeline and the draft and final application materials for the Oregon LNG Terminal and Pipeline. Both of these projects are proposed for siting in northwestern Oregon. Currently commenting on the Bradwood Landing Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and related permit. ODFW coordinated comments on the Palomar Gas Transmission line with CTWS staff at two Lower Deschutes Managers' meetings.

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, protection 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, 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 16, 2008.

A large contingent of ODFW staff attended the Government to Government Tribal Summit session at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel in November 2008.

ODFW SW Region staff attended the Government to Government meeting hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw.

The Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program is working with the Department of State Lands and the US Army Corps of Engineers on ways to provide a longer period of time for the tribal cultural resource staff to comment on stream habitat improvement projects.

## **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 two salvaged elk carcasses and one salvaged deer carcass.

Provided information on reintroduction of bighorn sheep into the Malheur River Canyon near Jonesboro. Major issue preventing reintroduction is the close proximity of domestic sheep allotments.

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

Assisted with controlling invasive weeds on the Malheur River Wildlife Mitigation Project for the Burns Paiute Tribe. Provided staff time to operate equipment and implements to enhance riparian vegetation.

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.

Provided approximately 500 lbs. of spring Chinook salmon from Cole Rivers Hatchery for tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.

Provided approximately 65 rainbow trout from Chickahominy Reservoir for tribal subsistence.

Worked with Burns Paiute Tribal staff conducting spawning ground surveys to assess bull trout populations in the Malheur drainage.

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

Worked with Burns Paiute Tribal staff to finalize a report regarding redband trout population and genetic study in the Malheur River basin. The study was started in 2007.

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

Working with the Burns Paiute Fish and Wildlife to install a fish passage structure on an irrigation diversion, located on the main stem Malheur River near Jonesboro, Oregon. Also working on installing a new fish screen on an irrigation withdrawal in Logan Valley on Lake Creek.

Informed the Tribe regarding the development of the Riverside Wildlife Area draft management plan.

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

ODFW staff:

The Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program worked with the tribe as part of the Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership Board to provide input and recommendation to the watershed council on project implementation and long range planning efforts.

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, ODFW and other cooperators continue to be part of the Tsalila Watershed Education Program. This event includes a field day for all sixth and eighth graders in the Reedsport school district during the spring season, as well as participating in the large educational and public event during September. Education topics included fisheries management in the

Umpqua Basin, fish identification and fish anatomy. Approximately 1500 youth and adults attended the event.

ODFW transferred one elk to the Confederated Tribes. ODFW staff is working with the tribe to develop a more efficient method to transfer deer and elk meat to tribal members.

ODFW provided several deer to the tribe for ceremonial and cultural programs.

NW Region staff coordinated with the tribal Natural Resources Director concerning developing a partnership between ODFW and the Tribe to plan and implement habitat restoration projects in the Siuslaw Basin. The first meeting held in December outlined areas of interest and possibilities for cooperative habitat restoration efforts.

Provided 213 spring Chinook to the tribe from Cole Rivers Hatchery for tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.

## **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 195 adult (2,000 pounds) spring Chinook to the tribe from Clackamas Hatchery. Provided 1,000 pounds of summer steelhead from the Willamette Hatchery, and 1,000 pounds of summer steelhead from ODFW's Minto facility for subsistence and ceremonial use.

Coordinated species census activities with tribal members. Worked with tribal officials to collect samples of elk and deer harvested by tribal members for statewide disease monitoring. Worked with tribal wildlife staff in the development of the Black-tailed Deer Management Plan which was approved by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in November 2008. 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 2008. ODFW Wildlife biologists continue to be a cooperator in the ongoing black-tailed deer population study conducted on tribal lands. Assistance was provided in acquiring appropriate state permits and supplies necessary to conduct field activities in 2008.

Continued to participate with tribal members through the Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program to provide restoration actions for salmonids and watersheds in western Oregon. Activities included coordination with tribal members to facilitate the placement of salmon carcasses in streams for nutrient enrichment.

In 2007, Governor Kulongoski and Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair Marla Rae signed a proclamation, along with the Tribal Council Chair, directing ODFW staff to work with the Tribe on agreements related to several natural resource management issues. In 2008 ODFW worked with the Tribe to implement an agreement to provide the Tribe with ceremonial harvest of big game outside of current conventional hunting seasons.



ODFW biologists assisted the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde to secure permits to conduct a radio-telemetry project on Pacific Lamprey in the Willamette River. Staff are also coordinating with tribal representatives in the development of a potential cooperative project to radio-track coho salmon migrating upstream of Willamette Falls in 2009.

Coordinated with the Tribe to support an ongoing monitoring project on Agency Creek to evaluate run timing and population status of coho salmon and winter steelhead. Assisted in securing permits and designing project goals.

Representatives of the Tribe were invited and participated on the Clackamas River Bull Trout Stakeholder Group. This group was convened to provide ODFW comments and recommendations on the development of a proposed plan to reintroduce bull trout into the Clackamas River basin.

Coordinated with the Tribe to solicit their input and perspectives on a proposed trout fishery in the South Fork Yamhill River. The fishery will involve the stocking of hatchery trout, and is primarily focused on increasing youth angling opportunity and community interest in this important stream. The proposed angling regulation for this fishery was adopted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2008, and the fishery will be implemented in spring 2009.

Coordinated with tribal representatives on proposed 2009 Angling Regulations for the Yamhill basin, including regulations to increase coho fishing opportunities. The regulations were adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2008.

Participated with tribal representatives on an advisory committee for the ongoing and development of the proposed Interstate 5 Bridge crossing on the Columbia River.

## **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 195 adult (2,043 pounds) spring Chinook to the tribe from the McKenzie Hatchery. Provided 256 adult (1,996 pounds) summer steelhead from the South Santiam Hatchery for subsistence and ceremonial use.

Continued an annual effort with tribal Natural Resources staff to collect samples of deer and elk harvested by tribal members for statewide disease monitoring.

The tribal Natural Resources Chairman assisted ODFW in big game management activities including placing bear baits for the statewide bear-marking program, surveying elk by vehicle and conducting spotlight surveys for deer.

Worked with tribal members to gather big game harvest data from tags issued to the tribe.

Bear parts, teeth and claws were provided to the tribe from bears struck by vehicles or killed to alleviate damage or public safety concerns. ODFW and Oregon State Police also coordinated to provide fur from a road struck deer to a tribal member for ceremonial purposes.

Continued coordinating an instream habitat restoration project in Cedar Creek (Siletz River) with tribal and U.S. Forest Service biologists. The project is approximately seven miles in length and exists entirely within the New Carissa NRDA Conservation property. The project placement of whole trees in the stream channel to improve freshwater habitat for native salmonids and lamprey. The tribal fishery biologist will conduct monitoring activities associated with the project. Funding and support for the project will come from an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant, ODFW technical support and contribution of trees by the U.S. Forest Service and Siletz Tribe.

Discussed alternatives and options for obtaining water rights for the tribe's golf course while protecting salmon entering Devil's Lake.

Discussed a proposal to develop a water supply dam at Valsetz with the tribe and Lincoln and Polk counties.

Continued to work with the Siletz Tribe on addressing the New Carissa Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA). In accordance with the New Carissa Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan, the New Carissa Trustees purchased approximately 4,300 acres of coastal forestland for marbled murrelet and other fish and wildlife conservation and restoration. Three thousand nine hundred (3,900) of those forestland acres were transferred to the Siletz Tribe in 2007 and the remaining 400 acres are in the process of being transferred to the Siletz Tribe in 2008 and early 2009 for their management in perpetuity under the terms of a conservation easement with USFWS, BLM and ODFW. In 2008 the Arnold Creek Parcel was added to complete the transfer. ODFW assisted the Tribe in conducting a public meeting to review the parcel transfer. Staff also participated with the Tribe in the preparation of a management plan for marbled murrelets on the initial 3,900 acres. The planning effort will continue into 2009.

ODFW provided the Siletz Tribal Foodshare Program with 443 hatchery adult Siletz summer steelhead. ODFW is also providing hatchery steelhead carcasses for habitat nutrient enrichment to benefit juvenile salmonids at the tribe's natural rearing ponds on Rock Creek.

A Siletz tribal member was hired by ODFW as a Fish Passage Engineer in the Screening and Passage Program.

## **CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA RESERVATION Pendleton, Oregon**

ODFW staff:

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

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

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.

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 materials for a Lostine River Hatchery and upgrades to the existing Imnaha satellite facility and Lookingglass Hatchery, as well as an environmental impact statement.

Met with tribal representatives to discuss the issuance of bighorn sheep tags.

Continued discussions and planning of Mountain Quail re-introductions with tribal representatives.

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

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

Coordinated with tribal members to cooperatively fund operation and maintenance of fish screens and passage structures on the Umatilla and WallaWalla rivers.

Met with tribal representatives and Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District concerning screening and passage on Willow and Rhea Creeks.

Coordinated support with tribal representatives to restore funding from Bonneville Power Administration for ODFW research, monitoring and evaluation project in the Umatilla River subbasin.

Informed the Tribe regarding the development of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Areas management plan.

## **CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION Warm Springs, Oregon**

ODFW staff:

Cooperated with tribal fisheries staff on in-basin management of Deschutes River spring Chinook salmon. Efforts include developing annual run size prediction, run reconstruction efforts, joint harvest sampling.

In coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service consulted with tribal staff on the development of a proposal to reintroduce bull trout to the Clackamas River basin using fish transferred from the Metolius River. The Tribal Council and tribal staff are integrated into the decision-making process for this potential project.

Issued approximately 800 deer tags, 800 elk tags, 40 pronghorn tags and two bighorn tags for use on ceded lands. The bighorn tags issued in 2008 provided the fifth annual bighorn harvest opportunity for tribal hunters in modern times.

Jointly managed in-basin fall Chinook salmon in the Deschutes River. Staffs cooperate on harvest management with joint sampling efforts. Cooperative populations estimation efforts occur among staff. Cooperate with tribal staff on Deschutes River steelhead harvest sampling, and population estimation efforts.

Coordinated with tribal staff to implement an emergency angling regulation change on Lake Billy Chinook to limit harvest of kokanee.

Coauthored the “Reintroduction and Conservation Plan for Anadromous Fish in the Upper Deschutes River Subbasin Edition 1: Spring Chinook Salmon and Summer Steelhead”. This document guides adaptive management strategies for implementing reintroduction efforts in the Upper Deschutes subbasin.

Worked closely with tribal staff on issues associated with Metolius River bull trout. This work also included USFWS and PGE.

Collaborated with tribal and PGE staff to improve kokanee population monitoring in the Lake Billy Chinook-Metolius River ecosystem, including spawner population estimates with increased precision and hydroacoustic surveys.

Provided review and comments of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for location of tribe’s Columbia Gorge casino development at Cascade Locks.

Collaborating with the Tribes to jointly implement the Hood River Production Program, a project aimed at rebuilding populations of winter and summer steelhead, along with restoring the population of spring Chinook salmon. A revised Master Plan was recently approved by the Northwest Power Conservation Council, which will guide the project into the future. Assisted with hatchery fish evaluations in Hood River, including joint hatchery operations, stocking, sampling, data interpretation and analysis, and reporting. Worked with staff to locate, design and implement future fish trapping weirs on the different forks to collect spring Chinook and winter steelhead following removal of Powerdale Dam.

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), Habitat Conservation Plan working group, Crooked River Watershed Council and several other working groups and committees.

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

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 for tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.

Coordinated with tribes 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.

Working with Warm Springs Tribe, Forest Conservation Area in Prairie City, Oregon to install multiple new fish screens and passage structures on irrigation withdrawals on Dads Creek.

Worked with Warm Springs Tribe and Grant Soil and Water Conservation District to implement five new fish passage projects in the John Day Basin.

Working with Warm Springs Tribe, Oxbow Conservation Area in Bates, Oregon to install three new fish screens on Granite Boulder Creek and one on Vincent Creek tributaries to the middle fork John Day River.

Informed the Tribe regarding the development of the Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area draft management plan.

## **COQUILLE TRIBE**

### **North Bend, Oregon**

ODFW staff:

District staff provided two "classroom aquaria" to be displayed at the Tribal Community Center and the Tribal Administrative office for educational outreach.

District staff worked with the Coquille Tribe and Coos River STEP to raise and acclimate approximately 50,000 fall Chinook Salmon presmolts. Presmolts were raised at the Noble Creek STEP facility, acclimated at the Tribe's Fourth Creek Reservoir and released into Coos Bay.

ODFW staff met with the Coquille Tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee to discuss the Coquille Steelhead Telemetry project and possible sponsorship of a radio tag.

The SW Region Manager participated in a community roundtable discussion with the tribe, community and education leaders to discuss the possibility of developing a natural resource curriculum at the local community college. As a spinoff to that meeting, ODFW's district fish biologist spoke to students at Southwestern Oregon Community College's new "Careers in Fish and Wildlife" class at the college.

Worked with tribal wildlife staff in development of the Black-tailed Deer Management Plan.

ODFW's district biologist was an invited speaker at the Tribe's Restoration Day event on June 28th. The area's fish resources and tribal partnerships were the primary topics.

ODFW supported the Coquille Tribes efforts to apply for OWEB grants for salmon habitat/watershed restoration in the Coquille Basin.

ODFW's district biologist was invited to attend a Lamprey Days celebration with the tribe. Tribal storytellers and drummers participated in the event followed by a feast of traditional foods including eels (Pacific Lamprey), goose barnacles, salmon and camas.

The District Fish Biologist attended the Government to Government Summit with state leaders in November.

ODFW provided elk and bear to the tribe for use in ceremonial and cultural activities.

The Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program worked with the tribe to assess two culvert replacement projects and assisted the tribe in gathering the required information to write a grant for the project. This is part of an ongoing effort with the tribe to provide assessments of potential project sites, grant writing, permitting, implementation and monitoring.

## **COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA Roseburg, Oregon**

ODFW staff:

ODFW staff worked for nearly a year with tribal staff and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop and implement a two day "2008 Western Oregon Lamprey Workshop" held in February. Approximately 140 participants including professionals from several states and federal agencies, as well as representatives from several Oregon and Northern California tribes.

The Cow Creek Band continues to be an integral participant and supporter of ODFW's winter steelhead program. Nearly 11,000 steelhead smolts were acclimated and released into the South Umpqua River on tribal lands at the Seven Feathers Casino. Personnel from the Casino maintenance and grounds department check on the fish, monitor fish health and feed them as needed. The tribe also provides angler access to tribal lands behind the casino as well as providing trash facilities and portable toilets. The Cow Creek Band natural resource personnel also assist ODFW in collecting biological data during fish releases.

ODFW received a grant for \$2,000 from the Cow Creek Band to supply a local pond with a handicapped restroom facility. Hundreds of anglers, including disabled youth, visit the pond annually and this facility will make the experience more enjoyable.

The Cow Creek Band again supported the ODFW fall Chinook program on the South Umpqua River by providing a grant to help ODFW conduct its annual helicopter surveys to count Chinook redds. This data is used to estimate fall Chinook escapement and involves two helicopter flights on the South Umpqua River and Cow Creek drainages.

Both the Cow Creek Band and ODFW participate on the local watershed council along with other government and private individuals.

The Cow Creek Band and ODFW's STEP staff/volunteers work together on Free Fishing Day by providing trout for several Umpqua Basin children's fishing ponds. Future plans with the STEP program include the addition of a trout pond on the Cow Creek's tribal property.

The Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program worked with the Cow Creek Band and the local watershed council to replace eight culverts on Jordan and Alder Creeks on tribal lands which resulted in opening up seven miles of habitat for adult and juvenile salmonids. The Cow Creek Band provided full funding for the project.

ODFW staff contacted the Cow Creek Band to establish a list of tribal members interested in receiving black bear meat from animals taken in damage situations.

## **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.

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 Klamath Indian Game Commission 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. Also discussed a proposal by the Klamath Tribes to change wildlife management unit boundaries to align with the former reservation boundary.

Protected potential areas of cultural significance by enlisting assistance of the Culture and Heritage Program to review various projects on Klamath and Summer Lake Wildlife Areas. These projects included but were not limited to installation of fish protection screens, underground power line installation, sign post placement, wetland enhancement and storage building development and improvement. A tribal member trained through the Culture and Heritage program was hired as a cultural resource monitor at Summer Lake Wildlife Area during the 2008 field season.

Coordinated development of big game management and sport hunting regulations within the former reservation. Provided big game population and sport harvest data to tribal biologists and the Klamath Indian Game Commission.

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.

Coordinated with tribal staff on implementation 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. Worked with the Klamath Tribe and other tribes in the development of water use and stream flow recommendations for the Klamath Settlement Agreement and in settlement discussions with Pacific Corp on the Klamath Hydro-electric project's relicensing.

Collaborated with tribal staff on aspects of anadromous fish re-introduction for Klamath Settlement Agreement.

## **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.

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 the Nez Perce on an R&E project to improve fish passage on the Lostine River.

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

Provided wildlife parts for educational and cultural purposes.

Provided wildlife information for a tribal appeal of an ATV trail planned for National Forest ceded lands.

Provided big game survey information for tribal biologists.

Assisted tribe in purchase of State Land Board lands adjacent to the tribal Precious Lands Wildlife Area in Joseph Canyon.

Worked with Tribal biologists to provide comments and participate in the Payette National Forest supplement to the forest plan regarding bighorn sheep/domestic sheep issue.

Coordinated with tribal biologists to provide comments on the Wallowa-Whitman Travel Management Plan.

Coordinated support with tribal representatives to restore funding from Bonneville Power Administration for tribal and ODFW research, monitoring and evaluation projects in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha subbasins.

## **SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBE**

Provided 215 (2,010 pounds) adult spring Chinook and 321 (3,279 pounds) of coho salmon from Bonneville Hatchery for Tribal use.