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Yurok Today

THE VOICE OF THE YUROK PEOPLE

Interview with Council Person Marjorie Buckskin

Yurok Today: Today we're speaking to Marjorie Donahue Buckskin, council person for the North District. Would you begin by telling our readers something about your background?

Marjorie Buckskin: I'm Yurok and Karuk. Chuck Donohue is my dad, and Alveretta Spott Green is my mother. My great-Aunt is Minnie Macomber, and her mother was Alice Spott. I was born and raised on Requa Hill. I am one of eight brothers and sisters.

I attended the old Klamath school and then Margaret Keating School. I am a graduate from Del Norte High School, got married and had kids. Today I have four children, three girls and a boy—Terri, Mandie, Roger and Ashley. I reside in Crescent City.

Yurok Today: Were you raised with a strong Yurok identity?

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BREAKING NEWS

YUROK AND U.S. INTERIOR SIGN MAJOR AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Opens Door for Tribe to Assume Bigger Role in Restoring Land and River

Klamath – As *Yurok Today* was going to press, a major agreement between the Yurok Tribe and the Department of the Interior to cooperate in the management of land and fishery resources in the Klamath Basin was announced. The agreement is said to assure the coordination of resource management programs and expands the cooperation between the Tribe and Interior agencies in river monitoring, data collection, stra-

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Photo Arnold Nova

Reservation Moves Towards Tsunami-Readiness

In late August 2005, Peggy O'Neill was on vacation watching Hurricane Katrina and its tragic aftermath unfold on television. After contacting the Tribal Chairman for permission to extend her vacation, she volunteered to work with the American Red Cross and was soon on a plane to Montgomery, Alabama, where she drew on her skills as Planning Director for the Yurok Tribe to aid stricken Southerners.

O'Neill spent three weeks working as a Shelter Support Team Leader in the American Red Cross Headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama helping storm refugees start to rebuild their lives. "I had one day off in three weeks and that was the day Hurricane Rita hit." The dramatic experience, says O'Neill, has reshaped her approach to emergencies. "If we don't get prepared, then we can expect to be on

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YUROK TRIBE 2006 FALL HARVEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Yurok Tribe will harvest 80% (8,031) of the Tribal share of the harvestable surplus of adult fall-run Chinook salmon on the Yurok Indian Reservation (YIR) in the year 2006. The harvest will be managed under the terms of this Harvest Management Plan (HMP) and the authority of the Yurok Tribal Fishing Rights Ordinance. This plan may be supplemented by pre-season and in-season adjustments as necessary.

An important premise of this HMP is that the fishery is based upon a predetermined quota for adult fall chinook. That quota has been de-

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Chairman's Message

Tribal Sovereignty and the GO-Road Struggle of the '70s and '80s

By Howard McConnell

Since the 1970s, the Yurok culture and language have experienced an historic revitalization that has thrilled us all. This revitalization is even more remarkable when you consider the stresses that the Yurok culture has been subjected to since First Contact.

By 1900, most of our ancestral lands had been taken from us, and the Yurok population had fallen to its lowest point in history—the result of massacre, starvation, disease and neglect. By the 1930s, most of our natural fishing rights had been stripped, we had little or no say in how we were governed, and Yurok families were continuously threatened by fragmentation and dispersion. Somehow through the years and under the most difficult conditions imaginable, a few Yurok elders managed to keep the traditions alive and pass them along to a new generation of Yurok. Some members of that fresh generation of Yurok activists are still in tribal leadership positions today.

In the 1970s, a group of Yurok, Karuk, and Tolowa Indians found a rallying point in a struggle to preserve and protect sacred sites in the High Country. In 1972, the U.S. Forest Service proposed building a new highway in the Southern Siskiyous. The Gasquet-Orleans Road, popularly known as "The GO-Road," would have sliced through sacred ancestral Yurok country, permitting logging trucks and others to roar past Chimney Rock, Doctor Rock, and other sites with profound cultural and religious significance for Yurok and other native peoples.

At issue was whether our sacred cultural and religious sites could be bought and sold off like any other plot of land. The Forest Service called upon an archaeologist who said that these areas were no longer important to the Yurok, and weren't even being used any more! A little later, they came back with the idea that it would be enough to mark the sacred sites off with fences and written displays for tourists passing along the GO-Road!

The native peoples of the region answered with a resounding "No!", and we backed up our opposition with enough patience to keep us in the fight for almost 20 years, until the case reached the Supreme Court. The legal route was long and hard, but eventually our victories came, and with the California Wilderness Act and the Smith River National Recreation Act, the Go-Road was finally and permanently doomed.

We learned much from that struggle. The sacred sites were saved, and today they remain a precious part of our spiritual lives. We regained our collective voice and inaugurated a new era of asserting our rights as original inhabitants of these lands. In 2006, the task of restoring our tribal sovereignty is one that your Yurok Tribal Council continues every day.

Oregos east view, photo Arnold Nova

Energy Update

By Georgiana Myers & Stephen Kullmann

Summer has finally arrived and with it brought the Yurok Tribe's Energy Program's Energy Efficiency workshop in Klamath, CA and a Renewable Energy workshop in Weitchpec, CA. During the week of May 22 through May 26 the Energy Efficiency workshop was held in Klamath. The next week May 30 through June 2 we moved locations and our focus to Renewable Energy.

We had seven participants, including two community members from the Pecwan District, three men from Hoopa's Tribal Civilian Community Corp, and the Yurok Tribe's Energy Specialist and Technician. Throughout the week the trainees learned about many areas of energy efficiency. The subjects included heat losses from a home and ways to prevent them, efficiencies of various household appliances, understanding utility bills, energy audit techniques, and two home site visits. Energy-related job opportunities were also discussed. The participants found the workshop extremely useful and completely relevant to our jobs, communities, and environment. The class was taught by Richard Engel of the Schatz Energy Research Center; Mr. Engel is a Research Engineer who has worked in the energy field for many years. He brought experience and knowledge to the workshop that was invaluable.

Jim Zoellick, Scooter Bussell, Bertha Peters, Henrietta Lewis, Melissa Myers, Erin McDonald

The renewable energy workshop. Top to bottom, left to right: Scooter Bussell, Andrew Lonewolf, Stephen Kullmann, Dustin Jolley, Micah Gibson, Georgiana Myers, Charkie Myers, Richard Engel, Charlie McCovey, Marvin Blocker Jr.

The following week the workshop moved to the Libby Harripop-Nix Community Center in Weitchpec and shifted its focus to renewable energy. Two more students were added and a few other people sat in with us periodically. In week two the trainees were instructed by Jim Zoellick, Senior Research Engineer at the Schatz Energy Research Center, on solar energy and micro-hydro energy. The course discussed the many components of these complex systems, proper site selection, system design and installation, and the basic maintenance these energy systems require. Participants had many opportunities for hands-on experience, including wiring a simple battery based solar energy system, experimenting with a solar hot water system, evaluating a site for a micro-hydro installation, and finally inspecting a combined solar and micro-hydro power system at a Kepel residence.

The two weeks were a huge success; we appreciate everyone's support and encouragement especially those people who allowed us to practice our new skills on their homes; Micah Gibson & Tammy Prouty, Sam Sylvia and Henrietta Lewis. At the end of the two sessions the trainees received certificates showing they had completed the trainings, as well as books and reference materials on energy efficiency and renewable energy. The trainees became friends and found a new respect for the power of water and the sun! The trainees gave enthusiastic evaluations of the workshops. "Everything I have learned I can use to help myself or family members," noted one participant.

The Yurok Energy Specialist, Georgiana Myers, and Energy Technician, Stephen Kullmann, under the supervision of Tribal Engineer Dustin Jolley and Jim Zoellick and Richard Engel of the Schatz Lab, are busy preparing to begin conducting energy audits and renewable energy system evaluations for reservation households. For more information about the Tribal Energy Program, to ask any questions about how you can save energy and lower your energy costs, or to find out about scheduling an energy audit for your home, call 707-482-1366, ext. 363. Please note that due to program funding restrictions, these home energy assessments are only available at this time to Yurok Tribe members living on the Reservation.

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Marjorie Buckskin: I don't remember the time when we didn't live the culture! My grandmother, who taught us many things, held all the regalia, and after she died, it was passed down to my aunt. My mother had us all in the Brush Dance on Requa Hill.

> "The big need is housing—people need housing."

Yurok Today: When were you first elected to the Yurok Tribal Council?

Marjorie Buckskin: In 1999, and now I'm serving my third term. I represent Yurok people living in Crescent City, Brookings, and elsewhere. Every other month, I hold a district meeting and listen carefully to what my people are saying.

Yurok Today: And what have your constituents been saying lately?

Marjorie Buckskin: The big need is housing—people need housing. I have tribal members living in the back of Safeway! But even Yurok who are in the middle income brackets struggle to make ends meet. You can't get help because your income may be a dollar over the limit! You have to stay in that income bracket and you can't go up or down. But you still want a good life and to help your children.

Fortunately, the Yurok Indian Housing Authority offers a variety of programs designed to help tribal members with their housing needs. There's a low income rental assistance program, student rental assistance, a mutual help program for people who have trouble getting traditional bank loans, and special programs for our elders.

> "Yurok people are special. I think we're the most beautiful people there are."

Yurok Today: Do you feel enough is being done?

Marjorie Buckskin: Some of our people are hurting and in need of help. It often seems like when they need help, they can't get it.

Yurok people are special. I think we're the most beautiful people there are. But a lot of Yurok people feel like they're left out. I've been there, and I know where their frustration is coming from.

Education has always been my concern and priority. I want to help those kids who are being left out. Drugs and alcohol are big problems in our community. There are children out there who have never had an opportunity to get anywhere, but they could be anything they wanted to be—if someone would help them. I would like to see all the kids being helped, even the littlest ones.

I also want to make sure our elders don't get left out. My goal has always been to see the elders taken care of—that we would stop and take care of them. When they can't take care of themselves, I would like to have a center for them—not an old-age home, but a real place of their own, a community home.

> "We're a tribe, we're one body, and we should all be taking care of one another. There are no differences."

Now we're bigger, almost 5,000 members, and we are all important. Our tribal government needs to be responsive to the people—whatever it is that they're asking. We need to help them until they get their answer. Honesty, responsiveness, respect—those are the qualities that we need to show in all our dealings with Yurok tribal members. We're a tribe, we're one body, and we should all be taking care of one another. There are no differences.

This interview was conducted by Yurok Today *Editor Jeff Riggs.*

Yurok Tribal Members

Enrolled June 2006

1. River N. Adkins
2. Zacchariah A. W. Bowen
3. Stephen R. Crockett
4. Alexis R. Daniels
5. Ryan Lee Gavin
6. Alexander R. M. Gensaw
7. Joseph W. Gensaw, III.
8. Leah J. Gensaw
9. Brian L. Gulley, Jr.
10. Angela M. Harris
11. Michelle L. Harris
12. Maizey G. Maloney
13. Alexandria I. McKinnon
14. Hunter B. Norris
15. Charli R. Roberts
16. Elijah E. Scott-Cassidy
17. Shananiah A. C. Scott-Cassidy
18. Marie L. Smith
19. Natay E. Trombetti
20. Falcon H. Williams

Denied Applicants

1. Gavin J. M. Brown
2. Amanda J. Hurd
3. Jaden C. Lindsey
4. John W. E. Lollich
5. Savannah E. Roark

Blood Degree Corrections

1. Shay K. Charley
2. Laurel R. Hunsucker
3. Robert E. Hunsucker, Jr.
4. Mary E. Donahue
5. Michael A. Donahue
6. David E. O'Neill
7. Frances E. O'Neill
8. Herbert L. O'Neill (D)
9. James D. O'Neill
10. Joseph R. O'Neill
11. William A. O'Neill (D)

Relinquishment

1. Angela R. Lewis
2. Andrew J. Lewis, IV.

YUROK WRESTLERS GRAB GOLD

Back row:
Louis Cosce, brother of Orion Cosce. He is undefeated 1 out of 7 years.
Orion Cosce, brother of Louis Cosce. Won 5 gold, l silver, and 2 bronze metals at the California State Freestyle Championship.
Merk Robbins, brother of Crissy Robbins. Five out of 7 years undefeated in the 95 pound (Schoolboy) class at the California State Freestyle Championships
Crissy Robbins, sister of Merk Robbins. She is the 3 times champion in the California State Freestyle Championships Novice Class (80 pounds). (2004, 2005, 2006)
Aurelia Robbins took a 3rd place in the Eureka Tourney. She came in 2nd place in California State Freestyle Championships —she and Crissy wrestled the championship.
Front row:
Brenan McCovey, also a very competitive wrestler who has participated in the California State Freestyle Championships.
Dolli McCovey took 2nd place in 2005 and 3rd place in 2006 in the Midget Class at the California State Freestyle Championships.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Diversity of opinion is very important for the Yurok Tribe. *Yurok Today* welcomes letters to the editor of up to 300 words. Include your full name, address and telephone number (if any); your address and phone number will not be published. We reserve the right to reject letters or edit for clarity, brevity, good taste and accuracy. In order to allow for full diversity, individuals are limited to one letter per newsletter issue. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the tribal council. For mailed or fax submissions, the letter must be signed.

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Archie Thompson, Tribal Elder

Employee of the Month

April 2006

Stacy O'Rourke

Teacher's Aide

Stacy O'Rourke assists the Kepel Head Start teacher in daily curriculum and activities. She was acting Headstart teacher for half of the 2005-2006 school year. Hired as a substitute teacher's aid in 1999, Stacy started working full time in February 2002. Recently she fulfilled all necessary requirements and became a licensed bus driver, transporting children between Kepel HeadStart and home.

Stacy, a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahom, lives in the Weitchpec district with her husband Tony O'Rourke (GIS Coordinator/Cadastral Survey Program Manager) and her two children, Alexis age 11 and Keenan age 7.

What does Stacy like best about her job?

"It would have to be seeing all the children every morning with a smile and their arms open ready to give me a hug. It always puts a smile on my face!"

May 2006

Rob Bohrer

Law Clerk

Rob Bohrer has been a pillar of the tribe's Legal Department since September 2004. He has a Bachelor's Degree in History from H.S.U. and an Associate's Degree in Legal Assistance and Paralegal Studies.

Rob is the tribal prosecutor. He reviews legal opinions and contracts, and he's a member of the Yurok Tribal Court bar and the Hoopa Tribal Court bar.

Rob's currently enrolled in Northwestern California University School of Law, and his goal is to become an attorney.

Rob lives in McKinleyville with his wife Carolyn of 23 years, his German Shepherd Chingatchgook, and cat Nightcloud. "I love the people I work with," says Rob. "Working with the tribe is a great experience!"

Tribe Receives $605,000 HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant

The Yurok Tribe announced that it had received a $605,000 block grant from Housing and Urban Development.

"The plan is to use the grant to build a community fire and fitness center on Tully Creek Road in Weitchpec," said Peggy O'Neill, Planning Director of the Yurok Tribe. "Fire protection and fitness go together, because fire-fighters need to stay fit. Residents will also be able to utilize the fitness equipment. Fitness is shown to contribute to lower incidence of a number of diet-related illnesses.

"This is about improving the quality of life for Yurok people," said O'Neill. "It will mean faster response time on fires and, we hope, make it easier for people to get fire insurance." The Yurok Tribe is working towards having a Wildland Fire Department that can provide employment on the reservation and protect its citizens.

O'Neill says the Planning Department is to do an overall site plan soon and is hoping for construction to begin in the summer of 2007. Frankie Myers, a Tribal Planner for the Yurok Tribe, is managing the project.

Dentalium. Photo Barbara McQuillen

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our own for a long time if a major disaster strikes!" Since then, she's been instrumental in pushing for more emergency preparations, training and heightened emergency response capabilities on the Yurok reservation.

Here, tsunamis—walls of water rushing towards land after earthquakes or other undersea disturbances, like the one that devastated part of Asia in December 2004—can be real threats to the Yurok Reservation, says O'Neill, and the impact of one could be experienced surprisingly far upriver. The largest fault in North America, the Cascadia Fault, is located approximately 150 miles off the Klamath coast. This fault is capable of generating an earthquake greater than 9.0. The Klamath Basin area is no stranger to big Tsunamis—a monster wave is believed to have hit here around 1700 and in 1964, a Tsunami took the life of a fisherman at the mouth of the Klamath River.

"Part of Tsunami preparedness involves developing an inundation map to determine how far a Tsunami might reach, and we're doing that now. We have three sirens that were donated by PG&E. Now we need the funds to install them. Our goal is to be certified as a Tsunami-ready community. This means working in conjunction with NOAA, Humboldt and Del Norte County Office of Emergency Services, Margaret Keating School, and other partners. Because there may only be a few minutes to act, education—knowing what to do and where to go if a Tsunami strikes—is critical to saving lives. An earthquake that shakes longer than twenty seconds could be your only notice that a tsunami may arrive within ten minutes. The waves can continue for several hours and often the first wave is not the largest. Also, if you see the water recede, get to higher ground immediately!"

"My goal is that the Yurok Tribe will have an effective emergency management program that includes full compliance with the Federal National Incident Management System. We have a long way to go, but if we work together we can make our communities safer!"

44TH ANNUAL KLAMATH SALMON FESTIVAL

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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The heavy flooding of 2005-2006 highlighted the need for a comprehensive approach to disaster response and relief. Photo courtesy of Yurok Planning Department.

Spring Fling Again a Success

The new 26-foot inflatable slide was easily the Kids' Favorite at the Spring Fling in Klamath on May 20. "Pretty cool!" said Justin Gensaw, who was there along with Peter Gensaw, John Luke Gensaw and dozens of other young people and their families.

Spring Fling Coordinator Krystel Patapoff said around 135 people attended both the Klamath and McKinleyville events, with a final event at Weitchpec on June 17. Organizers worked a Health Fair into the fun, covering such health issues as breast cancer, water safety, tobacco use and diabetes. Area businesses donated prizes, and hot dogs, nachos, cotton candy and sno-cones were provided.

Top: the new inflatable slide was the hit of the event; visitors checking out display tables at Klamath. Above: the Santsche family.

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tegic planning, land acquisition and recovery and related natural resource management efforts.

Yurok Tribal Council Chairman Howard McConnell called the agreement "unique and tremendously promising. Since time immemorial, the Yurok people have continuously inhabited the Lower Klamath River Basin and surrounding areas. Our ancestors were exemplary stewards of this land and water, and our commitment to responsible natural resource management continues to this day.

"We'll be forming a joint management group with Interior to identify specific opportunities out of the wide universe of project possibilities," added McConnell. "Ensuring the success and survival of the Klamath Basin eco-system is going to take work. We feel ready and able to do our part."

The Yurok Tribe has built a close working relationship with several Interior agencies, contributing scientific, administrative and technical resources to projects that address the health of the Klamath River Basin and the long term viability of its fisheries.

Photo Arnold Nova

YUROK TRIBE
2006 ELECTION SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 11, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION DATE

NOVEMBER 8, 2006 RUNOFF DATE

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At a June 6 ceremony at the Humboldt County Courthouse, Yurok Tribal Police Officer Jerry Abasolo was cross-deputized with Humboldt County by Undersheriff Mike Downey. Officer Abasolo has worked for Yurok Public Safety since February 2006 and lives with his wife and two children in Crescent City.

TENTATIVE BRUSH DANCE SCHEDULE

June 22nd - 25th
Sumeg Brush Dance

July 13th - 16th
Weyhl-Kwel Brush dance
Site - Klamath (south side of the mouth)

July 20th - 23rd
Katamiin Brush dance

July 27th - 30th
Weyhl-Kwel Brush dance
Site - Klamath (south side of the mouth)

KLAMATH RIVER EARLY COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

ENROLLING STUDENTS FOR FALL 2006

A public charter high school in Klamath, offering students:

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- Individualized learning and personal attention in a site-based school

Incoming 9th and 10th graders are eligible to enroll.

Call (707) 482-1737 for more information. Applications available at the Yurok Tribal office or at 168 Klamath Blvd.

AMERICORPS

The AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project (WSP) provides a job opportunity working for the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program. AmeriCorps is looking to hire one member starting in October and another member in January. This is an exciting opportunity to work for your local Tribe and gain valuable experience in the natural resources field. The Watershed Stewards Project offers a multitude of services, support and training in the field and is an excellent opportunity for anyone looking to start a career in the natural resources field. Minimum requirements include twenty-five semester units of science and/or equivalent scientific fieldwork/study, an interest in natural resources, and dedication to serving your community. This is an 11 month position with a monthly living stipend, health care, child care, and an educational award upon completion of the term of service. The deadline for October hire is July 8th. Application and further information can be found on the Watershed Stewards Project website, www.watershedstewardsproject.com. For more information contact Ken Fetcho, Assistant Director of the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program and AmeriCorps Mentor at the Yurok Tribal office, extension 351; Ken Lindke and Newt Burks, YTEP AmeriCorps members at extension 367; AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project office at 1.707.725.8601, or consult their website.

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ELECTION NOTICE

TO ALL YUROK TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR THE:

CHAIRPERSON
VICE-CHAIRPERSON
ORICK DISTRICT

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR ELECTION AS A REPRESENTATIVE (MUST BE AT LEAST 30 YEARS OLD FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR AND 25 YEARS OLD FOR A DISTRICT SEAT) ON THE YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL:

YOU MAY PICK UP NOMINATION PAPERS BEGINNING JUNE 26, 2006 AT THE YUROK TRIBAL OFFICE IN KLAMATH. THERE IS A $25 FILING FEE WHEN YOU PICK UP THE NOMINATION FORMS.

THE NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES JULY 28, 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT AT (707) 482-1350.

Photo Howard McConnell

The Three Executive Directors in the history of the Yurok Tribe: Zuretti Goosby, Troy Fletcher, and the tribe's current Executive Director, Dennis Puzz, Jr.

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veloped by the Yurok Tribe and other organizations in conjunction with the Pacific Fishery Management Council. This allocation is intended to provide for equal sharing of harvest between tribal and non-Indian groups. The Yurok Tribe has expressed concern during the Klamath and Pacific Fisheries Management Council processes regarding the fact that projected fishery impacts will result in substantially fewer natural fish returning to the Klamath Basin than the 35,000 minimum spawning escapement objective. The Tribe believes that future de minimus fisheries must be based upon a sound scientific basis to protect the long-term productivity of the fishery for future generations of Yurok People.

I. MANAGEMENT SEASON FOR THIS HMP: July 30 through November 30, 2006.

II. MANAGEMENT AREAS AND SUB-QUOTAS:

The following subquotas may be altered by In-Season Adjustment as necessary.

Lower Klamath Area: Mainstem Klamath River from the river mouth to Surper Creek (Estuary and Middle Klamath). Subsistence Quota (4,399)

Area 3: Mainstem Klamath River from Surpur Creek to the upstream boundary of the YIR (Upper Klamath). Subsistence Quota (3,132).

The "Reserve Quota" for the entire reservation is 200 fish. Tribal Guide Quota is 300 fish.

III. SUBSISTENCE AND COMMERCIAL FISHING/ALL MANAGEMENT AREAS

Fishing Hours: The fishery will be closed each week from 9:00 a.m. on Monday through 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Coho Protection: (2-day closures): From September 25 to November 30, there will be a closure from 9:00 a.m. on Monday through 9:00 am on Wednesday of each week. The purpose of this restriction is to protect coho stocks, which have been listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. NOTE: This closure coincides with the above-mentioned "Fishing Hours" section, but is reiterated to clarify that it will be in effect even if the above-mentioned fishing hours are altered.

Yurok Tribal member Tommy Willson on the river

Angling and dip net fishing: Angling will be permitted seven days per week. Dip net fishing will be permitted at all times the fishery is open prior to attainment of a management area's quota, unless prohibited by the stock protection closure. After attainment of a management area's fall chinook quota, hook-and-line angling and dip net fishing will be governed pursuant to the Reserve Quota provisions below.

Fishing at the confluence of the river with the ocean: Special regulations will apply to drift and set net fishing within and below the "chute" of the river, which is the narrow portion of the estuary where the river meets the ocean. Buoys will be located at the upper end of the "chute", however due to unforeseen circumstances, these markers may not be in place at all times. At such times, the location of the top of the chute will be at the discretion of the enforcement officers.

In the area below the upper end of the chute (marked as indicated above), set net fishing will only be allowed with nets that do not exceed 50-foot during the incoming tide (from low tide to high tide) on the south spit and at all times on the north spit. Drift net fishing will only be allowed with 30-foot "throw nets". A net longer than specified may not be tied short and used in the chute. Such nets are subject to confiscation. Boats cannot be used to assist fishing with "throw nets". To the extent possible, times for high and low tides will be posted at Requa. Because of lag in the tide change in the river vs. the ocean, the tide change will be 1/2 hour later than listed in the Humboldt County Tide Tables.

Reserve Quota to allow fishing with dip nets and angling: After the quota or sub-quota for a management area has been harvested, dip net fishing and angling will be permitted at all times in that management area until the "reserve quota" has been harvested, except as prohibited by closures mentioned above. After attainment of the reserve quota, all fishing except for lamprey will be prohibited.

Eel fishing: Lamprey (eel) fishing will be permitted at all times.

Blue Creek: From September 21 to November 30, fishing will be prohibited within and around the mouth of Blue Creek (500 feet upstream to 1/2 mile downstream).

Stock Protection: The purpose of this closure is to spread harvest impacts between Klamath and Trinity Basin stocks, while also ensuring that some fishing will be allowed over Labor Day Weekend.

After 70% of an area's subsistence suballocation has been harvested prior to September 1, that area will be closed until 4:00 p.m. on September 1.

Selling of Roe: As stated in the Yurok Tribal Fishing Rights Ordinance, eligible Tribal Fishers will be allowed to sell roe from fall chinook. The selling of roe from any other species is prohibited.

Attendance of Nets in the Estuary: Nets in the estuary must be attended at all times from July 30 – November 30. Nets found with no one in attendance will be confiscated

Assistance with Attendance of Nets: Yurok Tribal members may assist other Tribal members with tending their net(s) as long as the owner of the net is within 500 feet of the fishing location. The intent of this regulation is to expedite proper handling of fish during times of abundant harvest.

Spacing of Nets: As noted in the Yurok Tribal Fishing Rights Ordinance, set-nets or drift-nets of an eligible fisher must be at least fifty (50) feet at their closest point from the set-nets or drift-nets of another eligible fisher.

Cleaning Fish at Requa: Gutting and filleting of fish is not permitted in the Requa Resort, Dock, or Boat Launching areas except at designated cleaning stations. Fish parts may not be placed in dumpster. Violation is punishable pursuant to Section 13a of the Yurok Tribal Fishing Rights Ordinance.

Collection of Coded Wire Tags: The snouts of chinook with an adipose fin clip must be given to Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program staff upon request. The information obtained from the coded wire tags recovered from such fish is critical to the successful management of Klamath River fall Chinook.

COMMERCIAL FISHING
The Yurok Tribal Council (Council) may allow some limited commercial fishing during the 2006 fall Chinook season. The status of the fishery will be assessed during late August to determine if a small commercial fishery (e.g. one day per week) is permissible.

Tribal Guide Fishery:
General:
Tribal members wishing to act as fishing guides will be required to obtain certification as specified in the Yurok Tribal Guide Regulations. Tribal Guides will be permitted to operate seven days per week. If the retention of adult fall Chinook is prohibited by the California in-river recreational, then all fish harvested by non-tribal clients must come from the Yurok Tribal Guide allocation and all non-tribal Clients must have a Tribal Fishing License. Clients of Tribal Guides are required to follow all California Department of Fish and Game regulations regarding gear type. If the Client has purchased a Tribal Fishing License, s/he will be permitted to harvest one adult fall Chinook per day pursuant to the Regulations for Non-Tribal Fishers using Tribal Guides.

Duration of Guiding Season:
Tribal Guides are permitted to operate throughout the year, however harvest of Yurok fall Chinook will only be permitted during the fall season (July 30 through November 30). No coho may be retained by any person participating in the Tribal guide fishery. This restriction is to protect coho stocks that have been listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Product to be sold:
The product for sale under the Tribal guide option is the opportunity to fish with a Tribal guide for fall Chinook from the Tribal allocation.

Fish Sales Receipts:
Tribal Guide Fish Tickets containing the information listed below shall be issued to the non-tribal client by the Tribal guide.
Client's name and Tribal Fishing License number.
Date fish were harvested.
Total number of adult fish harvested.
Total number of grilse harvested
Name and Tribal I.D. number of guide.

Additional copies of the Tribal Guide Fish Tickets should be maintained by the Tribal Guides as specified in the Tribal Guide Regulations, and returned to the following address:

Yurok Fisheries Program
Attn: Desma Williams (Guide Tickets)
15900 Highway 101 N.
Klamath CA 95548

Tribal Liability
All expenses incurred by the certified Tribal guides are the responsibility of the individuals. The Yurok Tribe, its representatives, and/or Tribal Departments are not liable for any expenses incurred by Tribal guides.

Howard McConnell, Chairperson
Yurok Tribal Council

In-Season Adjustment to the Yurok Tribal Fishing Rights Ordinance

Number: 2006-03

Effective Date: July 30, 2006 through September 25, 2006

Subject: Adjustement to fall season weekly closure

The fishery will be closed each week from 9:00 a.m. on Monday through 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, except for hook-and-line angling, which will be permitted seven days per week.

Howard McConnell, Chairperson
Yurok Tribal Council
6-23-2006

Markussen Recognized in Award Ceremony

At a May 2 awards ceremony in Sacramento, Indian Child Welfare Advocate Gary Markussen received a special award for his exceptional efforts at reuniting Yurok families.

"It's great getting one of these awards, but I want to acknowledge everybody at the Yurok Social Services Department. I couldn't have done this alone—we're a team!"

The award by the State of California came in recognition of Markussen's success at what he described as "a very hard placement of a Yurok youth who had been through 15 foster homes since the age of 4. The goal was keeping her in her foster home placement, and it's been working."

The child welfare advocate says he always aims at "reunification of Yurok youth with our tribal membership, or the best Indian placement. My work gives me so much satisfaction!"

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE TITLE:
YUROK TRIBE Dog Control Ordinance

IMPORTANT TOPICS INCLUDE: Establishing Guidelines for the Control of Nuisance Dogs on the Yurok Reservation

DATE: July 24, 2006

TIME: 10:00 O'clock a.m.

PLACE: MAIN TRIBAL OFFICE
190 Klamath Boulevard
KLAMATH, CA 95548
(707) 482-1350

There will be a hearing for comments on the Yurok Tribe Dog Control Ordinance. Comments will be reviewed by the legal department and forwarded to the Yurok Council.

A copy of this ordinance will be available for review at the hearing or, may be obtained in advance by request in writing to the address below.

E-mail comments may be made to rbohrer@yuroktribe.nsn.us
Written Comments may be either sent or hand delivered to:

Robert Bohrer, Law Clerk
Office of the Tribal Attorney
Yurok Tribe, Main Office
190 Klamath Blvd.
P.O. Box 1027
Klamath, CA 95548

Written Comments will be accepted until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on July 24, 2006.

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PLACE: Weitchpec Tribal Office
Route 96
WEITCHPEC, CA
(530) 625-4130

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LANGUAGE DAY

First Annual Yurok Language Day Attracts 115

The First Annual Yurok Language Celebration took place at the main tribal office in Klamath on May 6. The 115 participants enjoyed a non-stop series of language and culture workshops and other activities. Sturgeon, seaweead, mussel chowder, acorns and Indian bread were among traditional foods donated to the celebration. Wok-hlaw' to all the people who volunteered their time and contributed in support of Yurok language and culture!

AIY-YU-KWEE
HELLO

SKUY' SO-NEE-NE-PEK
I FEEL JUST FINE

KUES KEECH RO?
WHAT TIME IS IT?

KUES SON'
WHAT'S UP

Top: Victoria Carlson, Carole Lewis, and Barbara McQuillen. Center: Jimmie James; Aileen Figueroa and Kathleen Vigil (standing); Education Director Jim McQuillen.

SALMON FESTIVAL - 2005 HIGHLIGHTS!

Don't forget to come out for the August 20 all-day Salmon Festival! These photos capture some of last year's fun. Bring your family and friends!

Photos Buffy McQuillen

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