

# COLVILLE TRIBES FISH & WILDLIFE NEWS



*Bears wake up, pic by Joel Boyd*

## BEARS KEEP WILDLIFE MANAGERS BUSY

A mama bear and her two cubs were captured Friday, June 5, by wildlife officials near the Nespelem Convalescent Center. Tribal officials estimate the mama bear weighed about 150 pounds and her two cubs weighed about 10 pounds each.

"We caught the mama bear in our live-trap," said Rick Desautel, Colville Tribes Fish and Wildlife (CTFW) game management specialist. "The two cubs climbed up a tree about 30 feet high and we had to dart them to get them down. One officer had to climb up the tree to get a bear cub that fell asleep on a limb."

"I have experience in setting traps but I've never climbed a tree after a bear before that was a new experience for me. When I reached the cub, I picked him up off the limb and the guys below caught him with a blanket," said Joel Boyd, enforcement officer for the Colville Tribe. When we got to Hellgate, we let the cubs out first, then the mama bear."

Wildlife officials set up live bear traps on the Nespelem campus after receiving phone calls from people stating they have seen a bear. The CTFW Dept. would like to remind people that bears are drawn to the smell of

food such as garbage, pet foods, bird feeders, compost piles, fruit trees, and dirty barbecue grills so please do not store food or garbage outdoors for long periods of time. Please keep grills clean, pick fruit from trees as it ripens and do not leave fruit on the ground.

*Since this spring, 12 adult bears and two cubs have been captured and relocated. If you spot a bear in a residential area, please call CTFW at 509.634.2110 Mon. - Fri. 7:30am to 4pm or Enforcement at 800.551.5800.*



*Enforcement Officer Joel Boyd smiles after he assisted in capturing two baby bears and the mama bear near the Nespelem Convalescent Center. Enforcement officers safely relocated the bears.*

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*1.3 million salmon yearlings were released from CJH*

## CHIEF JOSEPH HATCHERY UPDATE

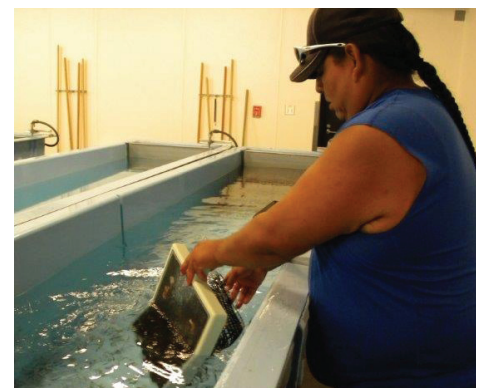
During the months of April and May, hatchery staff conducted fish releases from Chief Joseph Hatchery (CJH) and the Omak and Riverside acclimation ponds. Staff brought the remaining fish fry out of the incubation room to the starter tanks, where they remain for about two weeks as they learn to eat fish food. The staff also collected spring Chinook adults at the Leavenworth Hatchery and transported them back to CJH.

This year, 1.3 million salmon yearlings were released from the main facility, and an additional 205,800 were released from the Similkameen pond, 200,000 from the

Riverside pond, and 288,600 from the Omak Pond.

"This month we will go through our first round of inoculations with spring Chinook adults, and get ready to collect summer Chinook adults, and start marking our yearlings," said Pat Phillips, CJH manager. "In the outdoor raceways, there are currently 1,837,600 fish that we will begin marking later this month. We marked 676,000 of our sub-yearlings in April," Phillips said.

The hatchery has held numerous tours for students of all ages. In April, students from



*Fisheries Tech James Andrews releases fish fry*



*Students grab educational materials while touring CJH*

Omak Headstart, Omak Elementary School and Evergreen State College toured the hatchery. Staff also participated in the Army Corps of Engineers Earth Day event and more than 150 kids and teachers visited the hatchery. In May, the Omak Middle School students, Bridgeport science class, Brewster Adventist Christian School and Brewster kindergarten kids (all 100 of them) toured the hatchery. About 30 professors from the University of Washington toured the hatchery on June 18.





Colville Resident Fish Hatchery Staff

## HATCHERY STOCKS SEVERAL LAKES WITH THOUSANDS OF RAINBOW TROUT

The Colville Resident Fish Hatchery (CRFH) staff released 21,041 triploid adipose fin clipped rainbow trout into Rufus Woods Lake on May 11 and 12, averaging about two pounds. The Rufus Woods Net Pen Project and CRFH, which were recently combined into one project, stocked a total of 63,903 rainbow trout into Rufus Woods Lake this year. Approximately 25 percent of each stocking into Rufus Woods was tagged and has a specific number associated with the stocking event.

When fish are harvested, information is collected through creel surveys or by anglers

reporting details of their catch. This harvest data helps fisheries biologists determine the most appropriate annual stocking regimes for Rufus Woods Lake.

Furthermore, CRFH boosted several reservation lake fisheries this year stocking two pound triploid rainbows this spring. Specific stocking details can be found on the hatchery's Annual Stocking Plan located on the Colville Tribes Fish and Wildlife web page at [colvilletribes.com/fish\\_and\\_wildlifeold.php](http://colvilletribes.com/fish_and_wildlifeold.php).

"I think we are doing a better job at communicating harvest and recreational

opportunities to the membership and non-members," said Jill Phillips, CRFH manager. "With the hatchery's Annual Stocking Plan now available on-line, fishing opportunities provided by the hatchery are no longer a mystery. Also, the hatchery coordinates internally to communicate current stocking events through tribal broadcasts, Facebook, and newspaper articles."

Anglers that retain tagged fish are encouraged to go online at [cctfwfishtags.com](http://cctfwfishtags.com) and provide tag number, date, location and size of fish.

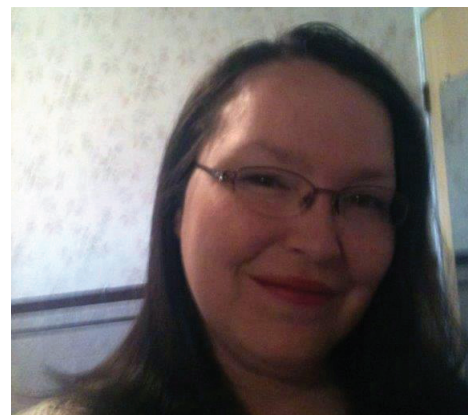
## WELCOME TO THE TEAM

**ROMA TYNAN** Let's welcome Roma Tynan to the Fish and Wildlife Department. She was hired as the senior office assistant and is stationed in the Nespelem office.

In her position, she performs receptionist, financial, and secretarial tasks for the Administrative Division. She serves as the main office receptionist for the department, handles routine requests, routes calls, and greets visitors. Roma processes per diem, mileage, and travel related requests. She

issues fish and wildlife tags, answers questions from the public, and performs duties for the department director.

Roma grew up in Keller, Washington and attended Wilbur High School and is currently attending Wenatchee Valley College. Roma is working her way toward a four-year degree in business accounting. She has six children, Alaynah, Marianna, Tarissa, Joey, Veronica, and Tommy. Roma and her husband Joe have been married for 10 years. She enjoys beading, reading, traveling, and cooking.



Roma Tynan, Senior Office Assistant



## SPEAKERS DISCUSS UNITY AT CEREMONY

The 10th Annual First Salmon Ceremony was held at Chief Joseph Hatchery (CJH) in Bridgeport, WA on Friday, June 19. The ceremony began at sunrise with Rick Desautel, CTFW game management specialist catching the first salmon. Tribal elder Leroy "Chaz" Williams lead a prayer and song.

Although the ceremony has been celebrated for many years, it was revitalized only ten years ago by Colville Tribal members. Prior to 2005, the First Salmon Ceremony did not happen due to low salmon returns to the Columbia and Okanogan Rivers.

At the 8am session, CJH Fisheries Technician Brian Stanger gave a presentation on the hatchery facility showing video clips of staff working at the facility, gathering salmon from the boats, and ponding and feeding salmon fry. Colville Tribal Land and Property Director Cody Desautel and CTFW Director Randall Friedlander welcomed guests. "I want to thank the people who came here today, the tribes, the federal agencies, the PUDs," said Friedlander. "It's already a successful event by the people who have come here to take part in this ceremony and with that I would like to introduce BPA Vice-President Environment, Fish and Wildlife Lorri Bodi.

"It's a great honor for me to be here as this is the third salmon ceremony I've attended with the Colville Tribe and I have a long history working with the tribe going back 30 years," said Bodi. "BPA and the other agencies are truly proud to be your partner through our Columbia Basin Fish Accords as we have accomplished so much. This hatchery honors a commitment. When Grand Coulee was built there was a promise of four hatcheries, CJH was completed in 2013. There is a place for hatchery fish and the Colville Tribes are on the leading edge of that."

Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) Committee Coordinator John Sirois gave an update on the efforts being made by tribes to get salmon above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams. He discussed the next steps in the process. "We are in Phase I, we have gathered information, looked at water quality, habitat and different technologies, and brought the greatest minds together and we have been working with our partners," said Sirois. "We are looking for funds to start our work plan and get that up and running as UCUT has worked hard to engage everyone. We have worked with state, county, and national leaders in what this plan will entail. It's not only possible; it's a matter of when."



ONA E.D. Pauline Terbasket

Tribal representatives from Wanapum, Spokane, Nez Perce and Okanogan Nation Alliance (ONA) were also in attendance. "I think the important work that was shared today and all the representatives here are committed and dedicated to this work," said ONA Executive Director Pauline Terbasket. "I'm always amazed how far we've come when we work together. We have our people and elders tell us it's our responsibility to restore the salmon. There were leaders before us and we must pick it up. It's our original food and our place to restore it."

Approximately 130 people shared the first salmon and enjoyed a noon luncheon. Videos were shared throughout the day and a tour of the hatchery began at 1 p.m.



Fisheries Tech Brian Stanger gives audience a presentation on CJH activities