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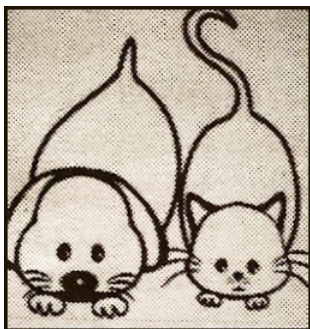
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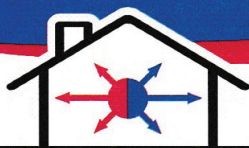
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Bandon Hatchery gets a boost from Coquille Tribe

More than 500 hours of work is paying off with more than a tenfold increase in the Bandon Hatchery's 2021 collection of fall Chinook salmon brood stock.

Last year, the state-owned hatchery had only three breeding pairs of the iconic but increasingly scarce fish. This year, with help from Coquille Tribal employees and community volunteers, the number rose to 34 pairs.

"This is something to celebrate," said tribal Chairman Brenda Meade. "This is an accomplishment."

The Coquille River's fall run of Chinook salmon is an ancient and treasured resource for the tribe, but numbers of fish returning from the ocean have crashed in the past decade. After the Coquille Tribal Council declared an emergency this summer, the tribe partnered with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in a campaign to rescue the fishery.

The project missed the tribe's goal of 70 breeding pairs, mainly because female salmon were in short supply. Many of the 88 males that swam upstream to spawn will die as bachelors. Helena Linnell, the tribe's biological planning and operations manager, blamed "the luck of the draw."

Still, this year's increased brood stock is encouraging. With 34 female fish averaging 3,400 eggs each, the hatchery will produce dramatically more juvenile fish – known as "smolts" – than in recent years.



Contributed Photo

Helena Linnell, the Coquille Tribe's biological and operations and planning manager, secures a newly netted salmon in Bandon's Ferry Creek, while her helpers turn toward the next target. The captured fish would be transferred to a tank truck for transport to the Bandon Hatchery.

To make that possible, tribal staff members and community volunteers spent long hours in and on the river. They herded and netted adult salmon, they worked alongside ODFW's hatchery staff, and they conducted "electrofishing" to create a more hospitable home for smolts.

This year's spawning season will end soon, and Linnell's team is looking toward 2022.

Salmon hatch in rivers but mature at sea, returning as adults to spawn and die. Linnell said this year's efforts focused on "harvest augmentation" – breeding and releasing more hatchery-

produced smolts. Doing so yields more adults for tribal members and sportsmen to catch, but it doesn't restore the native population of wild fish.

The tribe advocates a more ambitious agenda next year, including long-term enhancement of upstream habitat for wild salmon to spawn and smolts to grow.

Habitat enhancement means lowering water temperature and reducing sediment, by planting

trees and altering agricultural practices. Those goals depend on the cooperation of willing landowners, but even incremental changes would be a "gigantic" step, Linnell said.

More electrofishing is also on 2022's agenda. The electrofishing boat shocks invasive smallmouth and striped bass, so that they can be scooped up and eliminated. The more bass are killed, the more smolts can survive to adulthood.

Linnell emphasized that salmon restoration requires collaboration among state and local agencies, private organizations and the public. Meade expressed gratitude to the many groups and individuals who have stepped up as community partners.

"We have had tremendous outreach from the community," Meade said.

To make a difference for future generations of fish and humans, those efforts will need to continue. Visit www.coquilletribe.org to learn more about the tribe's salmon campaign and how you can help.



Astro-Graph

Your Birthday:

Monday, December 13, 2021

Get your house in order and enjoy your surroundings. A positive attitude will help you excel this year and encourage you to make the most of what you already have. Getting back to the basics will help you discover the meaning of life, love and happiness. Explore the possibilities and what matters to you most.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21) --

Disregard rumors and gossip. Be a part of the solution, tell the truth and offer positive suggestions. Don't limit what you can accomplish. Stretch your mind and speak up.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) --

Resentment will mount if you disapprove of what a friend, relative or loved one is doing. Offer thoughtful input and be willing to compromise if it will help keep the peace.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Touch base with people who inspire you. Getting back

to the basics will help you budget wisely for upcoming festivities. A kind gesture will be worth more than a gift.

PISCES

(Feb. 20-March 20) -- Pay attention to detail, and get things done correctly and on time. Refuse to let what others do or say slow you down or lead you astray. Be true to yourself and your beliefs.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19) --

Downplay your emotions, and you'll avoid giving someone the upper hand. The less personal information you share, the easier it will be for you to advance. Focus on what you do best.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20) -- Don't

let a change of plans ruin your day. Keep busy, and you will accomplish what you set out to do. A project you spearhead will pay off. Avoid joint ventures.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20) -- You'll

have plenty of energy, so be sure to use it wisely. Focus on how much you can accomplish. Say little and do a lot. Trust in yourself and your abilities. Your achievements will count for much.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22) -- It's OK to change your mind or

head in a different direction. Take care of matters that will improve your life. Don't let your emotions or an outsider mess with the big things in your life.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22) --

Participate in events that have something to offer. What you learn will broaden your outlook and help you venture down a new and exciting path. Take a unique approach to life and what you do.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) --

Someone will disappoint you. Don't trust what others say, and don't follow someone for the wrong reason. Take care of your needs, health and finances, and you'll avoid regret.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Say

what's on your mind, but be diplomatic when doing so. Don't make unnecessary changes that will upset your budget. Put a limit on spending. Focus on long-term plans, not on shortcuts.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Control your emotions when dealing with peers and superiors. You can question what's going on and offer suggestions, but don't make demands. Simplicity and moderation will serve you well.

Bandon Senior Center Events

The Bandon Senior Activity Center is open in December on a limited basis for bridge, cribbage, card games and other functions.

Chair Yoga is offered at 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Cribbage fans meet 5:30 to 9 or 10 p.m. Tuesdays. Call Doc or Sandy Nyhart at 503-508-0338 or 541-285-5399 to sign up.

Beginning bridge is taught at 11 a.m. Thursdays. Duplicate Bridge games are from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday and Open Bridge from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets 8 to 9:30 a.m. Fridays.

Without volunteer hosts/hostesses, the Center cannot be open. Currently, only Tuesdays have hosts. If you want to see the Senior Center open more, please call and volunteer.

The BSAC is located behind the bright red door at the southern end of the Bandon Community Center, 1200 11th St. SW.

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TIDES (NOAA Tide Predictions)

Monday's Chart:

1:19 am, 1.9 ft. L
7:54 am, 7.0 ft. H
2:41 pm, 1.5 ft. L
8:36 pm, 5.2 ft. H

Tuesday's Chart:

2:11 am, 2.4 ft. L
8:34 am, 7.2 ft. H
3:30 pm, 0.9 ft. L
9:41 pm, 5.4 ft. H



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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Solution for 12-10-21

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7	3	9	5	6	4	8	1	2
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