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Colville Tribes Shows Support for Standing Rock Sioux

Pipeline Protest

Nespelem, WA—

Five hundred smoked sockeye salmon—a total of 500 pounds—are on their way to Standing Rock Sioux in North Dakota. The salmon are a contribution and show of support from the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. The Colville Tribes asked Connie Shaver, Debi Condon and Krystal Keaton to deliver the salmon they have been smoking for the last week.

The smoked salmon has been bagged up, vacuum-sealed and ready for disbursement.

The #noDAPL movement of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe remains strong in opposition to an oil pipeline that threatens the Tribe's water and its cultural resources. Tribal nations are working together to help support the Sioux Water Protectors. The Dakota Access Pipeline camps are still swarming with protestors and the Colville Tribe has made another effort to help the campers along Cannonball River.

The Colville Business Council supports this effort and the tribal council is standing in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Previously, the Colvilles sent a self loading truck full of tamarack timber for sweat lodges, cook shacks and to help keep the Water Protectors warm.

The Colvilles are also working with the Kalispel Tribe to send more wood for the camp.

“Colville Tribes appreciates the efforts of the Water Protectors,” said Chairman Dr. Michael Marchand. “They are there to save the water. Water is the foundation of everything, it is necessary to preserve our essential needs. We sympathize with them because we are dealing with a 20-year litigation with Teck Cominco, a Canadian mining

company who has been contaminating our water for decades. We just want to play a small part by donating what we can.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,365 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The tribes, commonly known by English and French names, are: the Colville, the Nespelem, the San Poil, the Lake, the Palus, the Wenatchi (Wenatchee), the Chelan, the Entiat, the Methow, the southern Okanogan, the Moses Columbia and the Nez Perce of Chief Joseph's Bands.