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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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**Colville Business Council Establishes New “Fisheries Committee,”
Combines Four Committees into Two,
As Part of Reorganization**

Nespelem, WA—The Colville Business Council, under its Constitutional authority to establish committees as necessary to handle CBC business, has created a new “Fisheries Committee,” CBC Chairman Rodney Cawston announced today. The committee will address matters specifically related to fish restoration, habitat protection, and regulations.

“This new CBC committee was created in recognition of the importance, as well as the number, of issues related to fisheries on the Colville Reservation,” Cawston said. “Improved fisheries on our Reservation and in our region, fish passage over dams on the Columbia River, and increased efforts for restoration of fish habitat are top priorities for the Council and our Tribal membership.”

Prior to the creation of this committee, fisheries matters were addressed in the CBC Natural Resources Committee.

“The volume of natural resources issues handed to the NR Committee is enormous,” Cawston said. “That Committee will continue its work on matters related to lands management, timber, agriculture, and wildlife, to name a few, and will have more time to give consideration to these issues.”

Joseph Somday is Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, elected by the CBC during its reorganization meeting earlier this month. Darnell Sam will chair the Fisheries Committee.

The CBC also combined the Management and Budget and Community Development Committees into one group to be chaired by CBC Vice-Chairman Jack Ferguson, and the Law and Justice and Veterans Committee to be led Richard Swan, Sr. Committee Chairmen will now begin selecting their respective vice-chairs.

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About the Colville Tribes:

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation works to maintain and protect viable populations of native and desired non-native species of fish and wildlife and their supporting habitats, while providing sufficient numbers to meet the cultural, subsistence, recreational and economic needs of the tribal membership.

Today, more than 9,365 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlám̓xəxʷ (deep water) or Chelan; wal̓wáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; s̓x̓ʷyʔit̓p (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šnt̓iyátkʷəxʷ (grass in the water) or Entiat; sn̓śáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx̓ʷu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxc̓ənəxʷ (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp̓ʷilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnp̓əšqʷáwsəxʷ (people in between) or Wenatchi.