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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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General Membership Meeting of the Colville Tribes Will Be Held Remotely in 2020

NESPELEM, WA – The Colville Tribes announces that the Tribes’ annual general membership meeting will be held remotely this year. The entire November 23, 2020 issue of the Tribal Tribune will be dedicated to answering questions from tribal members. A written report to members will also be distributed.

The change in format for the general membership meeting is due to the ongoing threat posed by COVID-19, as the possibility of infectious spread of the disease is particularly high during large in-person gatherings. To protect the health and safety of all involved, members will be encouraged to submit written questions which may be answered in the special November 23 edition of the Tribal Tribune.

Members may submit their questions online at Tribune@colvilletribes.com or at <https://www.colvilletribes.com/gm2020qa>. Questions may also be delivered in person to the Tribune’s office at 17 Nespelem / San Poil St., Nespelem, WA 99155, or mailed into the Tribune via U.S. mail at Tribal Tribune, attn: General Membership, P. O. Box 150, Nespelem, WA 99155.

The Chairman of the Colville Tribes, Rodney Cawston, said, “Every member of the Colville Business Council knows how important the general membership meeting is to our tribal members. It is important to Council, too, as an occasion for the Tribes to come together as a community and to share our visions for the present and future. However, as we have said from the beginning of the global pandemic, our number one priority will always be to protect the lives and health of all tribal members and residents of the Reservation. A large in-person meeting is just not safe at this time, so we are offering tribal members another way to make their voices heard.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,487 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: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snʔáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxcənəx^w (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; sənpʔ^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.