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Klamath River Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission

P R E S S A D V I S O R Y: information on planned media events

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US TRIBES IN SCOTLAND AS PART OF DAM REMOVAL EFFORT

Week of media events culminates in demonstration at utility giant's AGM

A fifteen-strong delegation, representing four Native American Indian Tribes from California and Oregon return to Scotland this week (beginning Monday 18 July 2005) as part of their campaign to remove Klamath Dams. The dams are owned by Oregon based utility PacifiCorp who, in turn, is owned by the multinational energy giant Scottish Power (*NYSE-SPI*).

The tribes are demanding the restoration of the River Klamath, which has been severely damaged by the complex of dams which block over 350 miles of historic salmon spawning grounds and have played a major role in the decline of salmon in what was once America's third greatest Salmon river.

The tribes have traditionally relied on the return of the salmon each year for food and as a basis for the regional economy. In addition the salmon plays an important part in the Tribes' cultures, including being the basis for traditional ceremonies, many of which have not been performed for decades because of the lack of fish in the upper Klamath basin.

The tribes are returning to Scotland after a high profile visit last summer, during which they embarrassed Scottish Power into action by confronting its shareholders, working in partnership with Scottish NGO's and politicians, and through gaining widespread media coverage, eventually receiving a "personal commitment to find the right solution" from Ian Russell, Chief Executive of Scottish Power.

Since last summer, the tribes have been involved in negotiations with Scottish Power, however, the company announced the surprise sale of PacifiCorp in May this year (as well as a staggering \$2 billion annual profit) and the tribes are now accusing Scottish Power of 'stringing them

along' and 'selling them down the river' by engaging them in negotiations while all the time planning to sell the US subsidiary and its dams.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), held as part of Scottish Power's AGM in Glasgow this Friday, will discuss the sale of PacifiCorp. Because the sale will take 12- 18 months to complete, the tribes argue that Scottish Power CEO Ian Russell still has enough time to make good on his 'personal commitment' to them.

The tribes will hold a number of media events between 19 and 23 July:

Date / Time: Tuesday 19th July at 6.00pm

Event: Screening of 45-minute documentary film: *Salmon on the backs of Buffalo* followed by a Q&A session

Venue: The Cameo Cinema, Home Street, Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9LZ. For tickets, call: 0131 228 4141

Date / Time: Wednesday 20th July at 10.00am

Event: Photo-call: demonstration, dancing and gift presentation outside Scottish Power's Glasgow HQ

Venue: The main door, Scottish Power Headquarters, 1 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow, G2 8SP

Date / Time: Wednesday 20th July at 4.00pm

Event: Presentation: *The cultural and social impacts of dams on the Klamath River*

Venue: The Old Library, Institute of Geography, University of Edinburgh, Drummond Street, Edinburgh

Date / Time: Thursday 21st July at 12.00noon

Event: Photo-call: salmon bake: come and taste the tribes smoked and dried salmon!

Venue: Tchai-Ovna Tea House, 42 Otago Lane, Glasgow, G11 9PB

Contact: 0141 357 4524 / www.tchaiovna.com <<http://www.tchaiovna.com/>>

Date / Time: Friday 22nd July at 11.00am

Event: Photo-call: demonstration outside Scottish Power's AGM /EGM

Venue: The main entrance, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 2 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3NY

Contact: 0141 353 8000 / www.grch.com <<http://www.grch.com/>>

While they are in Scotland, the tribes will be joined and supported by Scottish Green Party Members of Parliament and staff from Friends of the Earth (Scotland).

Supportive media statements from both groups will be available during the week.

Members of the tribal delegation, including experts on Native American Indian culture, fisheries biologists and health researchers are available for interview in the run up to the media events. Please contact the following media contacts:

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