

Karuk Tribe of California

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Karuk Watershed Coordinator Wins Fisheries Restoration Award

Earl Crosby recognized by Klamath Task Force

The 9th Annual Nathaniel S. Bingham Memorial Awards were presented to Earl Crosby of the Karuk Tribe of California and the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District at the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force meeting on October 19, 2005, in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The Nathaniel S. Bingham Memorial Awards are given in recognition of work by non-agency individuals and groups in the Klamath Basin for significant accomplishments toward the restoration of salmonids. They are given in honor of Nat Bingham, who was deeply involved in fishery issues though his work with several organizations including the Institute for Fisheries Resources. Many people that worked with Nat have said that he had a way about him, of understanding issues, understanding conflict, and most of all understanding people. He knew how to look at natural resource management issues, how to have honest differences of opinions with people without being discourteous, and how to appreciate the views of others who come from different walks of life. His contributions helped to bring about the advances that were made in the early part of this Restoration Program, and all that were around then have a warm place in their heart for Nat Bingham.

In honor of his devotion to watershed restoration, Earl Crosby of the Karuk Tribe of California was awarded the Nathaniel S. Bingham Memorial Award. Earl Crosby has led the Karuk Watershed Restoration Center to accomplish many miles of road decommissioning, upgrading and revegetation. These large projects, particularly the Steinacher Road Decommissioning along the Salmon River and the East Ishi Pishi Planning Area Road Decommissioning, have safely contained thousands of cubic yards of sediment that would have ultimately washed into salmon habitat in the Salmon River and Mid-Klamath watersheds, near Orleans, California.

Honored by the award, Crosby stated, "It's reassuring to know that others are beginning to appreciate the important restoration projects that the Karuk Tribe is spearheading. The Karuk Tribe's goal is to manage these projects for the benefit of not only Tribal Members, but everyone in the Klamath Watershed."

The Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District was also present an award for restoration work along the Shasta River

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