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Two enrolled Yakima Indians and two members of the Nez Perce Tribe announced an alliance Thursday at The Dalles, Ore. but a U.S. Department of Interior official said it was without force.

Purpose of the alliance, said the Indians, was to protect, recognize and enforce rights of the Indians to fish on both the Oregon and Washington shores of the Columbia River.

George Dysart, assistant regional solicitor for the Department of the Interior said the Indians were "playing games, taking fancy titles purporting to speak for the tribes when in fact they have no authority whatsoever."

The notice of the alliance was signed by Clarence Tahkeal and Leo Alexander.

The Nez Perce gave the names of Harrison Lott and Jess Green.

The notice stated:

"We are giving notice Indians are not subordinating their said treaty rights under state fishing laws and all other state fishing laws..."

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Tahkeal has been chairman of the self-termed "Columbia River Fish Commission of the Yakima Indian ~~Nation~~ General Council.

This is a dissident group of enrolled Yakima Indians who have refused to comply with ~~fish~~ salmon fishing regulations set up by the Yakima Indian Nation's Tribal Council and the council's fish and wildlife committee.

It was these Indians who the Yakima tribe and government declined to defend in courts last summer.

~~One~~ However, enrolled Yakima Indians, abiding by fish conservation measures and rules and regulations announced by the tribe, were successfully defended in ~~the~~ state courts of both Oregon and Washington.

Harrison Lott, one of the two Nez Perce, announced last Saturday that the Nez Perce had organized 15 members of the tribe to fish along a 40-mile stretch of river between Stevenson, ~~the~~ Wash., and Celilo, Ore. in an effort to speed a court test of state law forbidding it.

The Nez Perce tribe adopted a fishing season, beginning Monday.

Jesse Green, the second Nez Perce was arrested by Oregon police Thursday when found with a net in the Columbia just below the John Day Dam.

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Oregon officials said Green would be taken into Sherman County, Ore. court, because the Nez Perce have not received approval of their fishing rules and regulations by the Department of the Interior.

The Yakima tribe's rules and regulations were approved by the department.

The Nez Perce have announced they have engaged an anthropologist to help them establish their fishing rights in the Columbia River below its confluence with the Snake River, ~~where their fishing rights~~
~~have been~~

The Umatilla Tribe has also set commercial fishing dates in the Columbia for Umatilla Indians, but thus far, none of them have been arrested and none are known to be fishing.

The Yakima Tribe was compensated, in 1956, a total of \$15,019,640 by the United States government, through the Corps of Army Engineers, for loss of their old fishery at Celilo Falls. This amounted to around \$3,300, share and share alike for Yakimas enrolled on a specific date, and in division of the money the government ruled that the fishery was ~~added~~ a tribal asset and not an individual fisherman's asset of individual fishermen.

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In lieu fishing sites, or substitute sites were given ~~by~~^{to} the Yakimas in addition.

Smaller sums were ~~compensated~~ paid the Warm Springs, Umatilla and other ~~Indians~~ Indians.

It is through utilization of much of their compensation that the Warm Springs Tribe has established its recreational, forestry and other industrial projects that return the tribe around \$700 a year in dividends ~~or~~ or annual per capita payments, now.

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Four-day a week gillnetting in the Columbia upstream from Bonneville Dam will be permitted starting Monday and continuing until May 26.

The season, voluntarily set by the Yakima Indians as a cooperative conservation measure to ~~xx~~ protect the salmon resources reserved at the Treaty Council of 1855, ~~provided~~ provides for closure each week from noon Friday until noon the following Monday.

Antoine Skahan, chairman of the Tribal Council and Robert Jim, chairman of the council's fish and wildlife committee, said dates for subsequent seasons covering other runs as they develop, will be set. Seasonal runs come up the Columbia each through the accustomed fisheries each April, June, July and September.

Significantly new in the salmon enforcement field this season is the fact that the Yakimas will put an 18 foot patrol boat and tribal ~~x~~ warden on duty in the Columbia. And this year the Commissioner of Indian

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The Yakimas' fish committee will go to Portland , Tuesday, to attend meetings of the Oregon and Washington state fish commission when fishing hearings will be held.

The Yakima Indian Nation, with an enrolled membership of ~~approx~~ approximately 6,000 persons, has comparatively few fishermen compared with the numbers in years past who utilized the ~~great~~ great Celilo fishery and the numerous fishing stations for 200 miles along the Columbia.

~~The~~ At the Treaty Council of 1855, held at Walla Walla, the Yakimas reserved fishing rights at usual and accustomed places. Seasons were unknown in those days, when the Yakimas carried out their own fishing conservation measures to conserve their resources. Within recent years and working in cooperation with the government to conserve ~~their~~ ~~their~~ their fishing resources, they have adopted regulations which are more stringent than some of the Yakimas ~~advocate~~ think ~~proper~~ fair.

Fishermen are now being registered by the tribal authorities.

The Klickitat River season will be from noon, April 24 to noon, May 26 when "Yakima Indians may fish for salmon for any purpose or for steelhead subsistence purposes." The weekly closure will be from 12 noon, Friday, to 12 noon, Sunday. Other Klickitat River dates will be determined later.

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The newly issued regulations ~~xx~~ permit enrolled Yakima Indians to fish for personal use with dip nets between Prosser Dam and the first bridge below from April 24 through July 1. The weekly closure during that period will be midnight Saturday until midnight Tuesday.

Enrolled Yakima Indians "as well as Indians who are not enrolled but are entitled to enrollment with the Yakima Tribes under Public Law 706," may fish for personal use for salmon and for steel head from April 24 to July 1 in the Yakima River at the Horn Rapids Dam, downstream from Prosser. The weekly closure will be from midnight Saturdays until midnight Tuesdays.

Gillnetting will not be permitted for any purpose at any time in the Yakima River or its tributaries, under the 1967 regulations. Fishermen must also abide by tribal resolutions regarding closure near fishing ladders, face of dams, the use of boats and gaffing.

The Tribal Council also authorized the Fish and Wildlife Committee to "enact such measures as deemed necessary for conservation purposes upon 48 hours advance notice to the fishermen and also the authority to extend seasons as they deem necessary to harvest fish where it will not seriously affect and destroy fish populations contrary to conservation..."

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Affairs has approved tribal enforcement of Yakima Indian fishermen, not only along the Columbia but through out the entire area of some 10,000,000 acres occupied by the Yakimas in pre-treaty days, where they fished, hunted, dug food roots and lived. This land, outside of the Yakima Indian Reservation of 1,200,000 acres, reserved by the Yakimas at the Treaty of 1855 is known as the "ceded area."

Jim, the committee chairman, produced statistics showing that the Yakima fishermen took only 1.5 per cent of the salmon take in the Columbia River last year and, he said, sports fishermen have already caught more salmon than this year than the expectable Yakima take.

He said the salmon run above Bonneville Dam had reached approximately 37,000 fish by Friday and is expected to total 150,000.

Jim pointed out that the weekend closures will leave the fishing areas clear for sports fishermen at those times.

The Yakimas, who last season conformed to regulations set by the tribe and were arrested by Oregon and Washington fisheries enforcement officers were successfully defended by the tribe and the United States government in numerous cases in Oregon and Washington courts. ~~Yakima~~ Yakima Indians who did not conform to the tribal regulations, were not defended by the tribe or United States government.

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And at Lapwai, Idaho Saturday, the Nez Perce Tribe will begin commercial fishing in the ~~to~~ Columbia River Monday in an effort to speed a court test of ~~Idaho~~ state law forbidding it, a tribal spokesman was quoted ~~xxxxxx~~ by the Associated Press as saying.

Harrison Lott, member of a tribal committee organizing the action said fishing rights have been assigned to 15 members of the tribe along a 40-mile stretch of the Columbia between Stevenson, Wash., and Celilo, Ore.

"We want a court test and the sooner the better," said Lott.

He said the tribe, claiming traditional fishing rights under an 1855 federal treaty, is challenging regulations of the states of Washington and Oregon/

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Four-day a week gillnetting in the Columbia River , upstream from Bonneville Dam will be permitted under the tribal regulations starting Monday and continuing until May 26. Seasons and regulations covering the Klickitat and Yakima rivers ~~WERE~~ also were announced.

The season, voluntarily set by the Yakima Indians as a cooperative conservation measure to protect the salmon resources reserved at the Treaty Council of 1855, stipulates closure each week from noon Friday until noon the following Monday by the registered Indian fishermen. This leaves the Columbia open for the weekends to sports fishermen.

Antoine Skahan, chairman of the Tribal Council, and Robert Jim, chairman of the council's fish and wildlife committee, said dates for subsequent seasons covering other runs as they develop, will be set. In their efforts to cooperate and conserve salmon resources, the Yakimas employ fish biologists who analyze the seasonal runs coming up the Columbia through the accustomed fisheries each April, June, July and September. Dates are then set according to the magnitude and timing of the four separate seasonal runs.

Significantly new in the salmon enforcement field this season is the fact that the Yakimas will put an 18-foot patrol boat and tribal wardens on duty in the Columbia. And this year, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs has approved tribal enforcement of Yakima Indian fishermen off the reservation. In pre-treaty days the Yakimas occupied 10,000,000 acres, where they fished, hunted, dug food roots and lived. This land is now known as the ceded area. At the Treaty Council of 1855 the Yakimas reserved 1,200,000 acres for the Yakima Indian Reservation, and also reserved food procurement rights at usual and accustomed places.

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Jim provided statistics gathered by the tribal biologists of the salmon escapement through Bonneville Dam,upstream, for 1966.

This amounted to 339,747 chinooks, 192,924 steelhead, 156,661 blueback and 71,659 silvers.

Figures for the escapement through upstream The Dalles Dam for 1966 were:

Chinook salmon 240,671; steelhead 146,197, blueback, 147,886 and silvers 32,279.

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One of these was cessation of fishing on Saturday through Sunday, carried out at direction of the religious leaders and the chiefs.

Within recent years, and working on cooperation with the United States government to conserve their fishing resources, the Yakima tribe has adopted regulations which are more stringent than some of the Yakimas think they are entitled to under their interpretation of the treaty of 1855.

This has led to development of a small splinter group of dissidents, which although disclaimed by tribal authorities has confused Washington and Oregon state fisheries authorities.

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Jim - Graveside services for Ralph M. Jim, 36, of Rt. 4 Box 14035 Wapato will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Toppenish Creek Cemetery with the Wapato American Legion Post #133 in charge. The dressing ceremony will be conducted at 2 P.M. Sunday, June 29 at the Merritt Funeral Home, with Watson Totus officiating. Immediately following the dressing, the body will be taken to the

Valley Christian Church for services with Rev. Melford Knight officiating. At 4:00 P.M. the body will be taken to the family home on Daisy Lane for services. At 4:00 P.M. Monday the body will be taken to the White Swan Longhouse for services on Monday and Tuesday. The active pallbearers will be Roger Jim, Jimmy Watlamet, Hadley Shilow, Wapt Bassett, Tom Eyle, and Joe Jay Pinkham. Honorary bearers will be Jim McFarland, Dick Anderson, Bess Erickson, Nelson Moses, Robert Perry. Survivors include his wife Mrs. Beatrice W. Jim of Wapato, three sons, Ralph, Jr., Raymond, and Jaime, all of Wapato, three daughters, Marian, Rebecca, and Julienne, all of Wapato, three brothers, Robert, and Kintus Jim, Jr. both of Wapato,

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and Russell of Toppenish, five sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Eyle of Wapato, Mrs. Marie Shilow, and Mrs. Mayme Smith of Wapato, Mrs. Tillie Lallashute of Harrah, Mrs. Victoria Raspberry of Goldendale, his mother Mrs. Rose Jim also of Wapato, three aunts, Mrs. Sarah Perry of White Swan, Mrs. Carrie Jim of Harrah, and Mrs. Rose Jack of Toppenish. Mrs. Jim died as a result of a car accident Friday evening, June 27th. He was born July 7, 1932 in Cayuse, Oregon. He had been a life long resident of the Valley. He was employed as a range aid at the Yakima Indian Agency, and was a member of the Yakima Legion post #133.