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**Our Grass Roots Effort Helps Pass SB670**

The Board of the Directors for the Native Springs Foundation at its business meeting on the 28th of April adopted, through resolution, a campaign program in favor of the Karuk Tribe's petition for the discontinuance of suction dredging within the Klamath River Basin and support for Senate Bill 670 authored by Senator Patricia Wiggings.

In response to the Boards resolution, Native Springs launched a Community Initiated Correspondence Campaign (CICC). The campaign was designed to educate voters and community members about the harmful affects of suction dredging that is being conducted within the Klamath River Basin; from which, voters and community members were able to communicate their desire to see suction dredging in the Klamath River Basin cease immediately under Senate Bill 670.



It was the goal of the Native Springs Foundation to retain some 5,000-plus signed letters in support of SB 670 that were to be sent to the Offices of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rep. John Doolittle, Sen. Barbara Boxer, and Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

Native Springs Foundation staff, board members and volunteers hosted community signature days in Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Mendocino, Marin and Siskiyou Counties to facilitate gathering the signed letters. At the end of the campaign Native Springs Foundation was successful in retaining 4,237 signed petitions in favor of Senate Bill 670.

Work put forth by the Karuk Tribe, Native Springs Foundation and other organizations paid off. On August 6, 2009 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law Senate Bill 670 which placed an immediate moratorium on suction dredge mining in California streams until the Department of Fish and Game completes a court-ordered overhaul of regulations that govern the mining practice. This particular piece of legislation will help address the decline of salmon, steelhead and trout populations throughout California. The passing of this legislation is a victory for the salmon! Senate Bill 670 will save salmon, create economic equity and ensure the protection Native/Tribal fishing practices throughout California.

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**Project Raven Outreach to Eureka's At-Risk Youth**



Photo by Jennifer Edwards

Saturday, March 28, 2009, one hundred volunteers from within the greater Eureka community, joined members of The Raven Project, a youth led, youth implemented street outreach program/drop-in center, in expanding their sustainable garden project.

The Raven Project garden, located at 523 T. Street Eureka (behind the Renner Petroleum Card-lock station on 5<sup>th</sup> Street) is used to teach runaway and at-risk teens how to grow organic food and herbs in addition to providing sustainable food for consumption.



Native Springs Foundation and Fox Farms Company sponsored this event as an on-going investment into the lives of Eureka's youth through Heart Humboldt,

an inter-faith organization dedicated to serving the community. <http://www.hearthumboldt.org/>

Representative from both Native Springs Foundation and the Fox Farms Company provided staff and volunteers who worked side by side with Project Raven staff and citizen volunteers to revitalize and rebuild their planters and greenhouse.

# Native Springs Foundation

## German Television Network interviews Native Springs Foundation Board Members

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On November 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 Native Springs Chairman, Allen McCloskey and Board Secretary, Linda Roberts met with producers and staff from German Television Network and participated in a filmed documentary which will air next year on German Television.

The documentary is aimed toward the connection of Native American Tribes with their local and regional eco-systems, specifically the Redwood and Red Alder Trees.

The documentary crew, prior to

sitting down with McCloskey and Roberts, had begun their voyage from Germany in an Alaskan Tribal Village speaking with Tribal Members about climate change and global warming as well as the environmental pollution from oil spills and oil drilling operations.

The German crew worked their way from Alaska into Canada through Washington State where they met with members of the Tulalip and Puyallup Tribes to discuss the Tribe's connection to the cedar tree and other traditional materials indigenous to the Pacific Northwest.

During the course of interview McCloskey and Roberts were able

to share with the German film crew the significance of the Redwood Tree to Yurok People. Roberts shared with the film crew that traditional homes and sweat-houses are made from fallen redwood trees which are then cut into redwood planks.

McCloskey shared that the elders have taught his generation that the redwood trees are sacred and should be treated as living beings and should be respected because they stand as guardians over our villages, our families, our river and our sacred sites. Additionally, McCloskey was able to share a great deal about canoe making,

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drum making, traditional songs and gave the film crew clear instruction that the canoe was, and still is, considered a living being, and that the various interior projections are likened to parts of a living body.

Roberts shared a great deal of information with the film crew about gathering of basket materials and the use of those materials. During the course of the interview Roberts took the time to share the significance of each material

that is needed to make traditional Yurok regalia and basket caps.

Before concluding the documentary McCloskey was able to walk the film crew through a narrative detailing the current struggle of Yurok People to save the Klamath River and the Salmon, sturgeon and other river species. The film crew was particularly taken with the fact that McCloskey and Roberts spoke about the river with

such a deep sense of connection.

The film crew stated that although the issue of the river was not the reason for their documentary they would be happy to include the information and footage in the final production to be broadcast over the German Television Network

## Klamath River Keepers give a close up view of the state of our great river

On July 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 Native Springs Foundation Board Members and volunteers traveled to Orleans, California to meet with Klamath RiverKeeper Board Members and staffers.

Upon our arrival to Sandy Bar Ranch we checked into our Klamath River side cabins and geared up for a day of rafting with Karuk Tribe Klamath River Campaign Coordinator, Craig Tucker and volunteers from RiverKeeper and Mid Klamath Watershed Council.



We drove from Sandy Bar Ranch down Ishi Pishi Road and up the highway and put our rafts into the river at the confluence of the Salmon River and the Klamath River just below Little Ike rapids.

Before entering the water Craig Tucker and the other river guides gave all of us clear instruction on how to properly secure our life vests and gave very clear instruc-

tion on water safety, paddling and guide voice commands to be attentive to during our run down the Klamath River. Mid day we stopped at a sandy bar just below the Karuk Jump Dance site where we sat and had a group lunch which was graciously provided by and hosted by Craig Tucker.

During lunch we discussed the environmental climate of the Klamath River. Specifically Craig was able to give our Board a clear update on the standing of the Klamath River Restoration Agree-

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ment and the projected time table for dam removal as well as the beginning stages of river restoration.

Directly after lunch we continued our trip down the Klamath River stopping to photograph wildlife and view the large pools of algae that had begun to build up in the river. We were able to view a suction dredge mining pump station in operation just before reaching our final destination back at Sandy Bar Ranch.

Board members were able to stop and photograph and document the suction dredge mining pump station to include in our campaign against suction gold mining on California Rivers under Senate Bill 670 which successfully passed approximately one month after

our rafting trip on the Klamath.

That evening Native Springs Foundation provided a catered outdoor sit down dinner for Klamath River Keeper and our Board Members and volunteers.

During the course of our meal we were able to discuss the history of our two organizations and the opportunity to collaborate and cross promote the goals of our two organizations in hopes of furthering our shared vision of dam removal and river restoration.

We discussed specific upcoming events that we could possibly collaborate on and the final push for the support of Senate Bill 670. In the end both River Keeper and Native Springs Foundation gained a great deal of insight into the

operation of each organization and the long term goals of each as it related to the shared vision of restoring the Klamath River Basin. Native Springs Foundation would like to especially thank Craig Tucker and the wonderful river guides for their time and expertise in guiding our team down the rapids of the majestic Klamath River.

Also a special thanks to our Karuk neighbors and relatives for hosting us during our time in their territory.



## Recording Artist, Bob Bennett gives a concert for Native Springs Foundation

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DINNER \* AUCTION \* CONCERT

One of the fund raising events we held this past year was through the graces of Christian recording artist, Bob Bennett.

Bob hails from Orange County, California, but is known through-



The Presbyterian Youth group and the ladies auxiliary, provided a wonderful Italian meal; with full waiter staff and a silent auction.

The event raised more than \$5,000 and was shared by the Native Springs Foundation and the Presbyterian Youth. The Presbyterian Youth will be using their proceeds to send members to New Orleans as part of a national

concert in benefit to both the Christian and secular music community. Bob is an award-winning musician and has been writing and performing since the beginning of the Contemporary Christian Music industry in the late 1970's.

Native Springs Foundation board member, Charles Edwards, has known Mr. Bennett for many years and approached Bob on coming up to Eureka for a solo

Presbyterian work outreach to help citizens of New Orleans rebuild homes lost during hurricane Katrina.

The concert was attended by approximately 200-people; which provided an intimate setting inside the beautiful sanctuary of the church.

We are extremely appreciative of Bob, the Presbyterian Youth, the Ladies Auxiliary, and Pastor Dan

Price for making this event such a success. Their hospitality made the event possible.

Pastor, Dan Price, himself a huge Bob Bennett fan, was very excited to have Bob bring his musical gifts to the church.



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## Native Springs Foundation

Native Springs Foundation was formed to improve relations between Native and non-Native persons and organizations with special emphasis on environmental stewardship and the environmental climate of the indigenous homeland of the greater Pacific Northwest waterways-tributaries, specifically the Klamath River and Sacramento River.

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Additionally, the Foundation was formed to serve as an advocate for environmental stewardship and an official body that would work to educate and enlist humanity to a higher level of environmental consciousness. The Foundation will work to educate children, youth, adults and the elderly about environmental stewardship and to serve as a vehicle for those persons who wish to learn about and protect the Pacific Northwest waterways.

### Who We Are



*Top row: Jeffery Wissman and Allen McCloskey*

*Bottom row: Dr. Michael Ward PhD, Charles Edwards, and Linda Roberts*

Native Springs designs, promotes, and funds educational materials and literature (both written and digital). The Foundation also funds and organizes educational forums and programs that may be shared with a diverse demographic. All programs and materials and literature shall not only educate participants about environmental stewardship it shall empower them with knowledge and enlist them in one of our many programs which will encourage positive impact through daily activities and how they can specifically join the Native Springs Foundation and other participants in furthering our message and programs.

Native Springs organizes, funds, and promotes outdoor activities that allow for participants to experience and see first hand the environmental climate of the areas of concern. During the expeditions we will teach participants about the environmental history of the area, current and past environmental climate and the Indigenous peoples and cultures.