Record Crowd Greeted by PUD Fair Booth

A new record crowd of 72,011 (including a Saturday record of 24,555) walked through the gates of the Grays Harbor County Fair. The PUD booth was one of the stops for many of them and they were not disappointed. The prize wheel, stress balls shot through the conduit and plastic helmets delighted the kids and adults found lots of useful tools and information. In addition to the staff on hand, the work by facilities members to set up and tear down and the IT crews who worked day in and day out to maintain the PUD fiber display board helped make the PUD fair booth a success. Thanks for stopping by and we’ll see you again in 2020.

Commission Meeting Dates

Meetings are held in the Nichols Building, 220 Myrtle Street, Hoquiam.

September 2019
Monday - September 9
(rescheduled from September 2)
Monday - September 23
(rescheduled from September 16)

October 2019
Monday - October 7
Monday - October 21

Regular business meetings are scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm. A one hour workshop (3:30 to 4:30 pm) will precede each business meeting, unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend all commission meetings, special meetings, workshops and public hearings. Public comment periods are included at the open and close of every meeting.

Commission meetings may be cancelled and special meetings may be scheduled. Please visit our website (www.ghpud.org) for updated information.

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Behold, the Salmon Cannon!!!

The question of how salmon and hydroelectric dams can co-exist has been going on for decades. Fish ladders, truck transports and other methods have been utilized to move fish upstream to the tributaries and streams of their birth so they can spawn the next generation. But a relatively new idea has grabbed the imagination of late: A fish cannon.

No, this is not something used by the fish mongers at Pike Place and while it sounds like a device thought up by a Bond villain, I assure you that it is real and it’s setting the internet ablaze. In a nutshell, the “cannon” is a long pressurized tube into which adult salmon are fed and zipped up and over dams and other barriers where they safely splash down and continue the return trip to the spawning grounds.

Needless to say, videos and memes of the process have gone viral. Just google: “salmon cannon” when you have a few minutes and enjoy.

All joking aside, the Army Corps of Engineers is considering whether or not to install the cannons below the Chief Joseph dam and possibly Grand Coulee. If they succeed, it could help salmon runs return to the upper Columbia River for the first time in 90 years all while maintaining two of the key cogs in the Federal Columbia River Power System.