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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Tribe Launches Hemp Project

Nespelem, WA--The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation is one of the first Native American Tribes to cultivate hemp as a marketable agricultural commodity, Chairman Dr. Michael E. Marchand announced today.

The project is proceeding under the federal Agricultural Act of 2014. The Colville Tribes is the first tribe to be issued a permit by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. The permit authorizes the Tribes to research hemp cultivation and marketing in accordance with the federal Act.

“The Colville Tribes is beginning the project because hemp, along with a wider regenerative agricultural program, can have a significant positive economic impact on our Reservation and its members,” Marchand said.

According to the Hemp Industries Association, the hemp production in North America was worth \$600 million in 2016. The industry is growing by 25% per year.

“We have seen successful hemp production Canada and in states like Colorado and Vermont, so we’re pleased to begin this process,” Marchand said.

According to the National Agricultural Library branch of the National Archives, the Colville region was already documented as being an ideal location for hemp cultivation as early as 1901. (See attached photo #1). The production of hemp for industrial purposes was unrestricted until 1938, and licensed hemp production in the United States continued until 1957.

The Tribes planted a 60-acre project on July 9 and plans to research the marketability of hemp seed and fiber products. The Tribes has worked in consultation with Doug Fine, author of the book “Hemp Bound.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,538 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The tribes, commonly known by English and French names, are: the Colville, the Nespelém, the San Poil, the Lake, the Palus, the Wenatchi (Wenatchee), the Chelan, the Entiat, the Methow, the southern Okanogan, the Moses Columbia and the Nez Perce of Chief Joseph's Bands.

Photo #1:

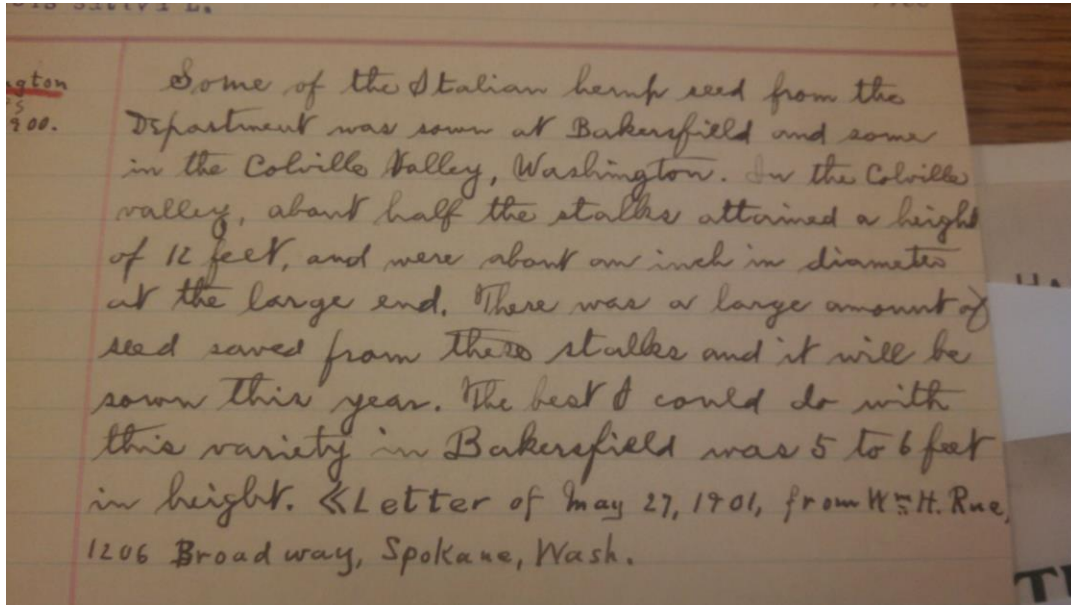


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