

---

# ODFW and Cow Creek Adopt Co-Management Agreement— Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

## Key vocabulary words

**Partnership (noun)** A relationship between two or more parties who agree to work together towards a common goal.

*Example sentence: The partnership between the Cow Creek Band and ODFW allows them to collaborate and share resources.*

**Habitat (noun)** The natural environment where a plant or animal species lives and grows.

*Example sentence: The forest is the habitat for many different types of animals.*

**Sustenance (noun)** Food or nourishment that is needed to survive.

*Example sentence: The farmers grew crops for sustenance during the winter months.*

**Resource (noun)** Something that can be used to meet a need or achieve a goal.

*Example sentence: Water is a valuable resource that we need for drinking and irrigation.*

## Adapted reading passage

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (CCBUTI) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) have formed a new partnership to benefit Tribal members and the environment in several counties. This partnership strengthens the relationship between ODFW and the Cow Creek Tribal Government, allowing them to collaborate and share resources to protect and enhance fish and wildlife. Additionally, Tribal members will now have access to specific fishing licenses for food and ceremonial purposes in five counties.

Davia Palmeri, from the ODFW Director's Office, believes this partnership presents a great opportunity to restore habitats in Southwest Oregon. The agreement also extends to working with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to safeguard and improve fish and wildlife populations and their habitats in a five-county area. Tribal members will be able to fish and hunt for sustenance and ceremonies, with the management of these activities being overseen by their Tribal government, ODFW, and the Oregon State Police.

Kelly Coates, the CCBUTI Director of Natural Resources, emphasizes the importance of passing down knowledge about caring for the land and its resources to future generations. This commitment to preserving natural resources is deeply rooted in Tribal culture and holds significance for the well-being of future generations. While there are plans to discuss a similar agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in the future, updates on this matter will be provided in the coming weeks.

Adapted from: <https://www.cowcreek-nsn.gov/odfw-and-cow-creek-adopt-co-management-agreement/>

---

## **ODFW and Cow Creek Adopt Co-Management Agreement— Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians** *(Continued)*

Overall, this partnership between the CCUBTI and ODFW marks an important step towards protecting and improving the environment in Southwest Oregon. By collaborating and sharing resources, both parties aim to preserve fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Furthermore, granting Tribal members access to fishing licenses for food and ceremonial purposes ensures the continuation of cultural practices while promoting sustainable resource management. With a focus on education and passing down knowledge, the commitment to safeguarding natural resources remains strong within the Tribe.

### **Multiple choice questions**

**According to the text, what is the purpose of the partnership between the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife?**

- a. To benefit Tribal members and the environment in several counties.
- b. To promote sustainable resource management.
- c. To discuss a similar agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.
- d. To collaborate and share resources.

**What role does the Cow Creek Tribal Government play in the partnership?**

- a. They oversee the management of fishing licenses for food and ceremonial purposes.
- b. They work with the Oregon State Police to manage fishing and hunting activities.
- c. They are responsible for restoring habitats in Southwest Oregon.
- d. They collaborate with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect fish and wildlife populations.

**What is the main idea of this passage?**

- a. The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife have formed a new partnership.
- b. The Cow Creek Tribal Government has access to specific fishing licenses for food and ceremonial purposes.
- c. The partnership aims to preserve fish and wildlife populations and their habitats.
- d. There are plans to discuss a similar agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

