



## Corinne Sams, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Corinne ‘Cor’ Sams (Cayuse/Walla Walla/Cocopah) is an elected Board of Trustees Member for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). She began her profession in youth advocacy working as a Title 6 Indian Education Coordinator in the Pendleton Public School System. Later went on to work for Portland State University as an Assistant Data Analyst in the Department of Social Work. This experience set the stage for Corinne to embrace her role within tribal government, social and public service in the tribal community as an advocate for the CTUIR and surrounding communities.

Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Commission, Chair Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, Corinne is currently the Vice Chair of the CTUIR Law and Order Committee, Appointed to the United States Government Accountability Office first ever Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council, and Appointed by Oregon Governor Kotek to the Oregon Tribal Consultation Council. In addition to her responsibilities as a Tribal Leader, Corinne is one of the advisors for the CTUIR Youth Council, Vice Chair Northwest Health Foundation Civic Health Board of Directors.

She is vigilant in protecting, and enhancing Treaty reserved rights. She is committed to restoring, and protecting Salmon in the Columbia Basin. Corinne has fished most of her life on the Columbia River and tributaries, mainly scaffold/hook and line. As a fisher and commissioner, Corinne wants to ensure our resources, ecosystem, habitat, and aquatic species are maintained for the next 7 generations.

Her interests include spending time her son Kellen, coaching all sports, hunting, camping, fishing, gathering first foods, and anything and everything to do with tribal people.