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Ron Suppah is a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. He is from the Tyghpum band, whose traditional homelands lie between the Columbia River and Mt. Hood.

Mr. Suppah attended Eastern Oregon College for three years majoring in Social Services. He then returned home and attended Central Oregon Community College from 1977 to 1978. He served on the Warm Springs Tribal Council from 2001 to 2019 and served as the tribal Chair from 2004 to 2010. He currently serves on the Warm Springs Fish & Wildlife Committee establishing tribal fishing seasons and providing direction to enhancing and restoring the aquatic habitat and watersheds important to the tribe's culturally significant species.

He practices the traditional Washat religion and hunts and fishes for feasts and special spiritual ceremonies. He began ceremonial hunting when he was 9 years old and still regularly fishes for salmon for ceremonial harvests and family subsistence.

In addition to protecting the salmon resource, he is a passionate advocate for protecting Pacific lamprey and the treaty-reserved rights the four CRITFC member tribes have to harvest them.