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Chinook Winds

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Siletz and EPA sign environmental role agreement

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The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Natural Resource Department and EPA have been working on this Agreement over the past year. This Agreement identifies the respective roles and governmental responsibilities of the Tribe and EPA for planning and undertaking environmental protection activities. The Tribe and EPA enter into this Agreement in order to ensure that the Tribe has substantial and meaningful involvement in

environmental policy decisions impacting tribal lands, members and tribal resources.

The parties expect that the improved coordination that will result from this Agreement will maximize effective protection of the Tribe's environment and the fulfillment of the EPA's legislative mandate and trust responsibilities to the Tribe.

In furtherance of the expectations of the parties, the following

declarations are made and agreed to:

1. Pursuant to federal Indian law and policy, the Tribe is the government with primary stewardship for its members and resources, and the Tribe has the right to a substantial and meaningful role in protecting the environment of its homeland.

2. The EPA is the federal agency with the primary responsibility for the protection of the environment

in and of the United States. The EPA has a trust responsibility to use its legal authority to assist in the protection of the Tribal environment. The EPA is committed to assisting the Tribe in its development and implementation of an environmental protection program which is consistent with EPA's regulatory authority.

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Athapascan Language Project

Language apprentices, scriptwriters, and actors needed

LAVONNE BUTLER

Language Project Coordinator

We are recruiting nine Siletz tribal members who are interested in becoming Master Apprentices for our Athapascan Language Project. The Master Apprentices must have a passion for the promotion and preservation of the Athapascan dialect for present and future generations. We are looking for two people from each of the following service areas: Portland, Salem and Springfield, and three people from the Siletz area, for a total of nine Master Apprentices.

The Athapascan Language Project is focusing on a complete home-study course. The home-study course, which will be

available to all tribal members, will include support materials that are being developed in units. A complete unit will include written materials accompanied by audio and/or video-taped materials. We are targeting a home-study course that is multi-level that can also be used in the classroom.

The Master Apprentices will commit to learning the Athapascan language. They will work with the Language Project Team and the Language Instructors to mentor language instruction in their tribal service areas using the home-study course. Some of the duties will be to coordinate classroom meetings with families and individuals on a regular basis. To co-instruct language classes for participants in

their areas, assist Head Start staff with implementing Athapascan curriculum in classrooms, and to assist with immersion camp activities. This language instruction commitment will continue after the project's end.

Scriptwriter

We need a Scriptwriter for our home-study video production. They will work with the team to help write scripts based on the units of curriculum that will be

provided.

Actors

Our home-study video production will need elders, adults, and children who are interested in participating in the video production. We also need stand-ins.

Please contact LaVonne Butler, Language Project Coordinator, at the Cultural Office. The telephone numbers are (541) 444-8208 or 1-800-922-1399.

February 7, 1998 official election results:

Delores Pigsley, Bonnie Petersen and Mary Fisher elected

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