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Top photo (l to r): Gerald Ben, Reggie Butler, Sr., and JoAnn Miller prepare to take the oath of office. Photo below (l to r): Butler, Miller, and Ben.



Tribal Council officers (l to r): Jessie Davis, treasurer; Delores Pigsley, chairman; Bonnie Petersen, vice chairman; and JoAnn Miller, secretary.

Your Input is Valuable

Please fill out and return the Comprehensive Plan Update and Distribution of Net Revenue surveys on pages 12 and 13. Voice your opinion on the tribe's priorities, projects, and program funding areas.

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National Environmental Management Conference Comes to Chinook Winds

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will host the Fifth National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management at Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center in Lincoln City, Ore., on May 8-11, 2000.

In February, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a \$175,000 grant to the tribe for the conference. Planning is in full swing, with setting the agenda, securing speakers, and sending out registration information nationwide as top priorities.

The conference theme, "Preserving the Bounty of the Earth through Tribal Environmental Knowledge," sets the stage for sharing information, technical methods, and knowledge of and solutions to environmental issues affecting tribes nationwide. Tentative conference topics include Pollution and Culture: Assessing Risk to Subsistence Foods, Court Decisions Affecting Tribes and Their Natural Resources, Using Federal Statutes and Trust Responsibility to Enforce Treaty Rights, Developing Creative Partnerships, Tribal Environmental Knowledge - Environmental Education, Federal Water Quality Standards for Tribal Lands, Land Management Activities and Impacts to Water Quality, and Political Issues in the New Millennium.

The conference also provides interactive forums for tribes to discuss pertinent issues with EPA staff and other attending agencies. Approximately 800 to 900 participants from tribes, government agencies, and other

interested parties nationwide are expected to attend.

The Siletz Tribe welcomes conference participants to Lincoln City on May 8 with a pow-wow at Chinook Winds from 6 to 9 p.m. On May 9, Siletz Tribal Council Chairman Dee Pigsley, Lincoln City Mayor Mike Holden, and other local and national dignitaries will welcome participants to the area.

The keynote speaker for the conference, Reverend Dr. Michael J. Oleksa, will address "Intercultural Communication." Father Michael has spent most of his adult life in Alaska, primarily in small rural Native communities, where he has learned from direct experience the importance of intercultural understanding and interpersonal communication.

Father Michael has presented workshops for various state and federal agencies, taught at all of Alaska's universities, and lectured nationally and

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