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## Steinbach Named Interim GM at Chinook Winds

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has named Christine Steinbach as interim general manager at Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center.

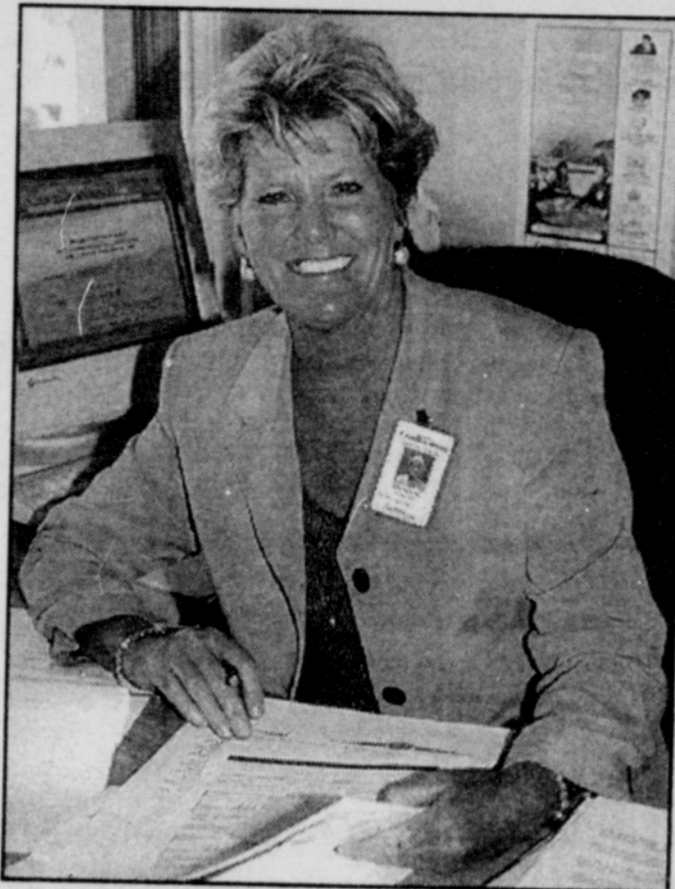
Steinbach replaces former general manager Gordon Dickie, who submitted his resignation in July to accept a position with a major Indian casino in New Mexico. In addition, Jim Lorson has been named assistant interim general manager.

Steinbach has been the advertising/marketing manager at Chinook Winds for the last two years. She has a background in media relations, advertising, special events, trade shows, and television and video production. She has been the marketing manager at Caesars Tahoe; senior vice president of Evans/Kraft/Bean Advertising and PR in Seattle; president of Bradley/McAfee Public Relations in Anchorage, Alaska; vice president of Operations for William H. Coleman Inc. in Jacksonville, Fla.; and director of Operations for Broward Yacht Sales in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Lorson entered the gaming industry in 1985, joining Chinook Winds in March 2000 as games director. He has been employed by the Gold Strike Hotel & Casino, Whiskey Pete's Hotel & Casino, Buffalo Bill's Hotel & Casino, and most recently, the Stardust Hotel & Resort, all in Las Vegas.

Dickie was appointed general manager on June 21, 1999, after serving as interim general manager since April of that year. Prior to his appointment to the interim position, Dickie had been Chinook Winds' director of Gaming Operations.

In addition to carrying out his responsibilities as general manager of a casino with 700 employees, Dickie became well known in Lincoln City for his community development efforts. He continued the work



Christine Steinbach



Jim Lorson

of prior general managers in developing rapport with business and civic leaders and took the initiative in mobilizing the community in addressing the Van Duzer Corridor issue.

The Siletz Tribe has embarked on a nationwide search for a new general manager and expects to make an appointment within the next two months.

## Siletz Refute Allegations in NIGC Notice of Violation

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has submitted its response to allegations made by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) in a June 15 Notice of Violation (NOV). NIGC officials claimed Siletz Tribal Council members' acceptance of complimentary meals and admissions to entertainment events at Chinook Winds constituted an improper use of net gaming revenues.

Tribal attorney Craig J. Dorsay pointed out in his letter to the commission that the allegations are an "intrusion into business decisions of the Siletz Tribe's gaming operation." He pointed out NIGC has no authority to regulate tribal gaming operations under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) or the agreement between the tribe and the state of Oregon for operation of Chinook Winds Casino.

"Furthermore, the NOV 00-09 is based on incomplete and unaudited information," noted Dorsay in the tribe's official appeal of the violation notice. "As a result of the failure

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