

Siletz Tribal Court and Code Development

TCCD Works on Family Welfare Code

by Trish Carey and Diane Henkels

We thank everyone again for their comments on the first draft of the criminal law revisions! We had more than 50 participants at community meetings and received input that we can incorporate into the next draft. Please

contact project staff if you would like a copy for comment.

Big Correction – The last project article did not give a complete list of Siletz Tribal Court judges. George Stevenson (Appellate Court) and Mark B. Williams (Gaming Court) also are CTSI judges.

Now the project staff has started to develop the Family Welfare Code. The tribe already has several ordinances that apply to family issues. One objective of this project is to consolidate these existing domestic relations provisions and eliminate gaps between them, particularly in relation to child welfare.

In 1999, Tribal Court heard a total of 218 cases and opened a total of 188 cases. Of the opened cases, 136 of these were garnishments and 15 were family welfare cases.

A draft of the Family Welfare Code will be ready for comments in early 2001, so be ready to get those comments in because **every** tribal member's opinion counts. If you have any questions or comments, please contact project staff: Trish Carey (trishc@ctsi.nsn.us), legal administrative assistant, or Diane Henkels (dianeh@ctsi.nsn.us), project attorney, at 541-444-8212 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 212.

Thanks from the Giving Tree

by Tamara Morrow

On behalf of the Giving Tree Committee, we would like to thank some very special individuals. If it wasn't for their help, it wouldn't have gone as smoothly.

Thank you Caroline Easter for documenting all the tags that were turned in and taking care of the packages as they came in. You are the best! Thanks to William Strong and Bruce Yarbour for letting us store all the packages in their office. Thank you Margo Hudson and Alison Noble for helping Patricia Puma, LaRita Lundy, and myself fill the food baskets.

Thanks to USDA for letting us store all the food there and to James Caba for moving pallets for us to put the food baskets on. Also, thanks to Carol Blomstrom for filling in for us when we couldn't be at the warehouse. You are marvelous! We also would like to thank Willie Metcalf for stepping in at the last minute to help us rush the packages over to USDA to be distributed! Thanks to Danelle Smith, Harold Warren, and Val Hibdon for helping do the last of our deliveries. You were our saviors!

A huge thanks to Chinook Winds for donating \$801, Little Chief for the \$50 donation, and the \$90 donation from the casino's Youth Fund given to us by Shelley Loop. A big thanks to Head Start, ICW, and TANF for finding the families for us! You guys are the greatest!

Through all of these team efforts, we were able to help 27 families and 71 children. To us, this is what Christmas is all about. We have some wonderful, caring individuals out there. You know who you are!

From the bottom of our hearts and the families, **thank you** so much. We hope you had a great holiday. If we have forgotten to mention anyone, it was purely accidental. We thank all who helped.



The new fishing platform at Euchre Creek, (above). Wayne, Dreonna, and Joane Johnson at the Portland area office Christmas party (below).

