

JOB OPENINGS/NOTICES

CTSI Jobs

Position: Assistant Executive Secretary to Tribal Council/Gaming Board of Directors

Classification: Full-time, Non-Exempt

Location: Siletz, Oregon

Salary: \$12.64 per hour

Opening date: 2/7/01

Closing date: 3/16/01

Position: CHS Technician II

Location: Siletz, Oregon

Salary: \$11.37 per hour

Opening date: 2/7/01

Closing date: 3/9/01

Position: Tribal Services Assistant

Location: Eugene, Oregon

Salary: \$10.20 per hour

Opening Date: 2/13/01

Closing Date: 3/9/01

Position: Medical Technologist

Location: Siletz, Oregon

Salary: \$18.71 per hour

Opening date: 2/16/01

Closing date: 3/16/01

Buy Genuine Indian Arts and Crafts

Unscrupulous retailers are selling imitation American Indian arts and crafts as authentic. Unsuspecting consumers may spend hundreds of dollars for items that are not actually made by American Indians. An equal concern is that, as a result of counterfeit products, the market for authentic Indian arts and crafts will decline.

To help consumers recognize genuine Indian arts and crafts and avoid imitation items when shopping, the Federal Trade Commission and the Indian Arts and Crafts Board (U.S. Department of the Interior) have prepared a brochure entitled "How to Buy Genuine American Indian Arts and Crafts."

Free copies of the brochure are available from the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580; 1-800-FTC-HELP (382-4357); TDD 202-326-2502; www.ftc.gov.

Election Board Application

With the recent resignation of an Election Board member, the Siletz Tribal Council is recruiting for an Election Board alternate for the remaining term in 2001. If you are interested in being an alternate on the Election Board, please complete and submit the following application by March 15, 2001, to:

Exec. Secretary to Tribal Council
Confederated Tribes of Siletz
PO Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380

Name: _____

Roll No.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (Day) _____

(Evening) _____

Oregon Fish & Wildlife Volunteer Project

Siletz School students Luccia Ashley (photo right, top) and Nicole Fisher participate in the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP). Program coordinators (community advisors) at the school are Dave Mooney, Pat Whetstone, and Gary Mathews.

STEP goals are to:

- (a) Provide the greatest possible opportunity for citizen volunteer participation in achieving the department's management objectives;
- (b) Rehabilitate and enhance natural habitat of salmon and trout;
- (c) Rehabilitate and enhance populations of salmon and trout;
- (d) Support and promote an education program to increase the public's understanding of Oregon's aquatic resources and the environment.



House for Sale

Beautiful 2,000-sq.-ft. home on two acres, creek, newly remodeled, Logsdon/Siletz area. Will consider financing/contract. \$160K. Call Michael Miller at 541-444-1336 or 541-265-5803.

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and a 1913 federal law in the U.S. effectively ended the harvest of sea otter. There were no sea otter in Oregon.

Skipping forward 60 years, the surviving sea otter populations are making a comeback in Alaska and California, and the Atomic Energy Commission needs to do some testing. The place chosen for the tests, Amchitka Island, is conveniently just a few islands away from Russia, but it happened to be populated by a protected species, Kalan, the sea otter. This situation was resolved in the time-tested way of gathering the natives and shipping the survivors to Oregon and Washington.

In 1970, 31 extirpated sea otter were deposited on the Oregon Coast near Port Orford and the next year 64 more sea otter were added to the population that survived the first year. These animals were observed carefully by young OSU researchers, including Bruce Mate and Ron Jameson. Their study showed the sea otters wanted to go home and did.

Skipping ahead another 30 years, the sea otter is still missing from the Oregon Coast but the other surviving sea otter populations are holding their own and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon have been restored. The two orphaned children who met at Chemawa have six children, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. OSU has just commissioned its new research vessel, Elakha.

We have learned much in these 30 years. We know that the Elakha is a keystone species. Losing Elakha resulted in a sea urchin bloom, which clear cut our kelp beds and destroyed the homes of animals and fish that relied on the beds. The fish that were trapped in our river fish traps are missing. The ocean we see

today is not the healthy ocean that belongs here. The once extensive kelp beds are missing. All of the sun's energy that used to be converted to food now falls on a desert in an ocean.

Today we know that the northern population of sea otter is genetically dissimilar from the southern population. Very recently, we acquired the scientific tools to determine which population is most similar to Oregon's Elakha. This will be done with DNA comparisons using DNA extracted from the skeleton collected so long ago by Wallis Nash and from the archaeological record recovered from our middens. Once we know which population was most similar to our Oregon population, we will know in which direction we need to look for a translocation population.

Just a year ago, a handful of people knew the word Elakha. Today, perhaps thousands of people know the word, but still the vast majority of Oregonians think we have sea otter along our coast. This will change. We have wonderful Elakha ambassadors now in the Oregon Zoo and the Oregon Coast Aquarium teaching the people.

The time is right for the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon to work in cooperation with all interested parties to develop a restoration plan for Elakha. Not unlike ourselves, the Elakha is a population that has been "officially" determined not to exist. In respect to those whose voices helped restore us, it is our turn to provide a voice for the Elakha and eventually an end to this story.