

NOTICES

Nominations Due for Indigenous Leadership Award

Ecotrust will accept nominations for the 2003 Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership between April 30 and July 31, 2003. This award is a recognition program funded by the Peter and Howard Buffett families to honor outstanding individuals in the field of conservation and community development.

A \$25,000 cash award will be presented to an individual whose activities demonstrate durable qualities of leadership to improve the social, economic, political, and environmental conditions in their homelands.

Individuals are eligible for nomination if they are First Nation or tribal members, are more than 35 years old, and have worked with an indigenous organization or community within the Pacific salmon territory of North America.

Buffett Award nomination guidelines and a nomination letter template are posted at <http://www.ecotrust.org/buffettaward/guidelines.html>. For additional information, contact Elizabeth Woody at 503-467-0751, liz@ecotrust.org, or Ecotrust, 721 N.W. Ninth Ave., Suite 200, Portland, OR 97209.

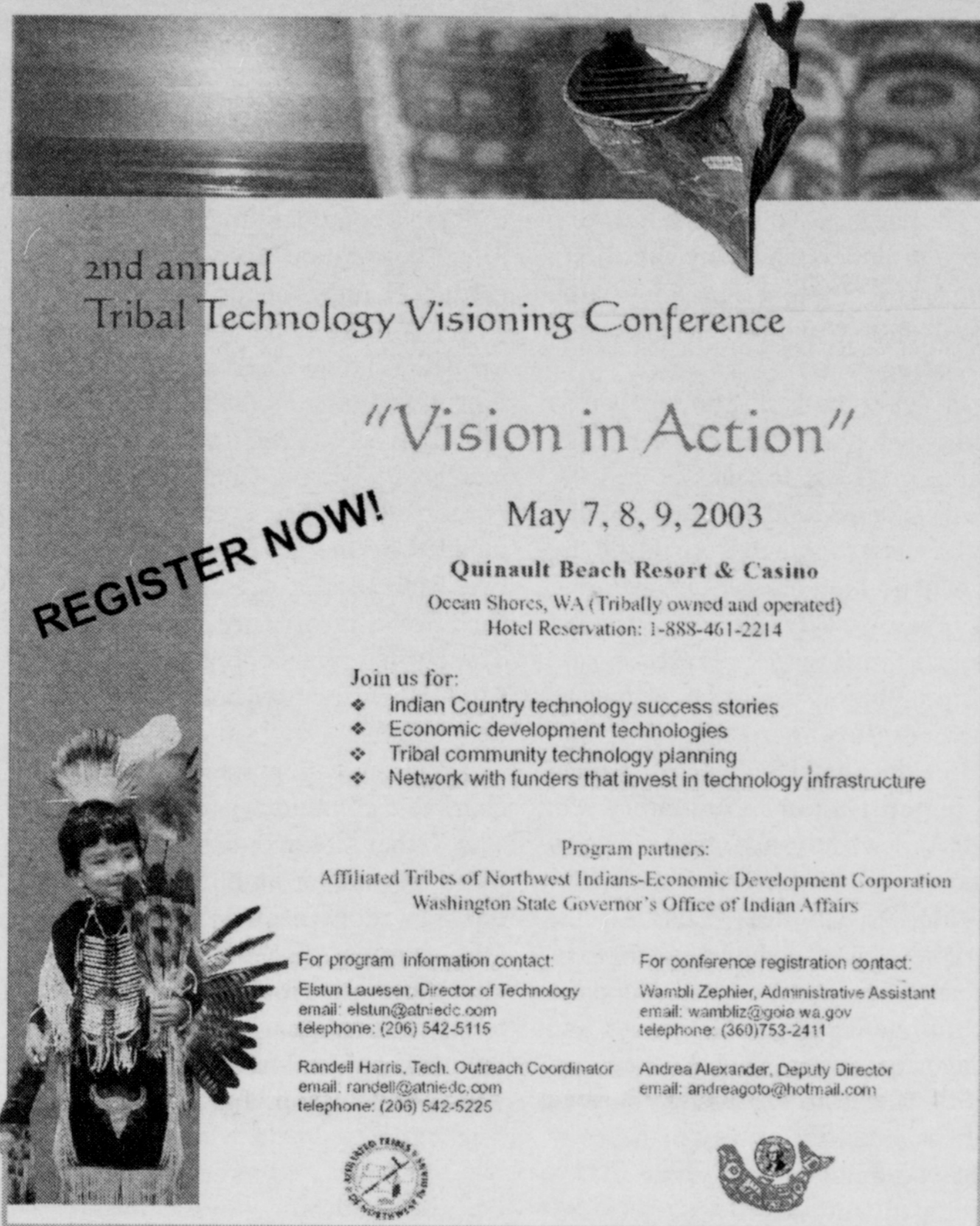
The 2003 Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership will be conferred on Dec. 2 at Ecotrust's Natural Capital Center in Portland, Ore. The recipient is expected to attend the ceremony. Ecotrust will cover travel, lodging, and related expenses.

The Buffett Award is intended to provide resources for transfer of knowledge in indigenous communities. The recipient may use the cash award for professional development, program development, personal research, and traditional activities.

The 2002 Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership was presented to Kelly Brown for his work as a negotiator, planner, and education in the area of cultural restoration and conservation. Four other finalists also were honored: Carol Craig, Toppenish, Wash.; Kathleen Shaye Hill, Eureka, Calif.; Robert Sam, Sitka, Alaska; and John D. Ward, Atlin, British Columbia, Canada.

In December 2001, the first Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership was presented to Phillip Cash Cash for his language preservation work. Four other finalists were honored: David Hatch, Portland, Ore.; Susan Burdick, Salyer, Calif.; Dennis Martinez, Douglas City, Calif.; and Hilistis Pauline Waterfall, Waglisla, British Columbia, Canada.

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OMSI Salmon Camp Sessions

Science and Natural Resources Camps for Native American Middle School Students

Session I (for ages 13-15): Aug. 17-22, 2003

Session II (for ages 10-12): Aug. 24-29, 2003

Salmon Camp is offered free of charge to 25 participants in each session.

Are you, or do you know, a middle school student who is interested in the traditional role of salmon in Northwest Native American cultures? How about learning the value of traditional ecological knowledge related to fisheries and its relationship to western science? Want to raft a river? Tour a fish hatchery? Attend a salmon bake? If you answered yes to these questions, then apply to one of OMSI's Salmon Camp programs!

Work with resource professionals in fisheries biology, wildlife and range management, and forest management along with Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) instructors. Play an active role in stream and habitat recovery on the Pine Creek Watershed, owned by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, located near OMSI's Hancock Field Station.

Learn about the life cycle of the salmon and steelhead, from their spawning streams to the Pacific Ocean, and about the natural resource career fields of the men and women who are working to insure the long-term survival of the fish runs.

Transportation will be provided to/from OMSI in Portland and to/from Warm Springs.

Natural Resource Career Training Programs for Native American High School Students

Session I (Hancock Field Station, Fossil, Ore.): June 15, 2003 – July 3, 2003

Session II (Redwoods National Park, Calif.): July 6, 2003 – July 24, 2003

Session III (San Juan Island, Wash.): July 27, 2003 – Aug. 14, 2003

Salmon Camp Research Teams (SCRT) are offered free of charge.

Ten students (age 15-18) will be selected to participate in each of these natural resource management research teams. Learn about careers in fisheries and wildlife management, range management, forestry, field ecology, botany, zoology, hydrology, marine biology, geology, and archaeology. Gain experience and training to successfully compete for careers in natural science and natural resource management. Learn about the multitude of university programs and opportunities available. Interact with natural resource management professionals and researchers, as we compare and contrast traditional ecological knowledge to western science. Students present a research topic related to the work they've done during the session. You'll select mentors from your own community in the private sector, tribal, government, or university setting to assist you with your goals through the year. Efforts will be made to place SCRT students into future paid summer jobs with research or natural resource management agencies.

For more information and to apply for any of the Salmon Camp sessions, contact Ben Muir, Salmon Camp coord., at 541-763-4691 or email salmon@omsi.edu.