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Tribal Gaming Benefits Tribes, Communities, and State

"For Oregon tribes, gaming offers an economic development opportunity that generates jobs and incomes for members and non-members alike. Further, gaming generates the financial resources that tribal governments need to provide essential services, build local infrastructure, and promote economic development.

"For Oregon tribes, tribal gaming means less poverty, higher standards of living, and less reliance on state and federal assistance."

So says the latest report on Indian gaming in Oregon from ECONorthwest, the northwest's largest and most respected economic consulting firm in its February 2005 report, *The Contributions of Indian Gaming to Oregon's Economy*.

"Oregon's tribal casinos helped pour more than \$1 billion into the state's economy in 2003," said Delores Pigsley, chairman of the Siletz Tribe. "We're proud of the fact that we can now show people that Indian tribes are making significant contributions to the quality of life of many Oregonians."

At the request of the Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance, a coalition of the nine Oregon tribes with casinos in the state, ECO-Northwest conducted its second economic analysis on the impact of tribal gaming in Oregon. The first was published in 1999.

In the current report, ECONorthwest examined three areas:

- How tribal gaming fits into all gaming in Oregon
- The impact on Oregon's economy by casinos in the state
- The extent to which tribal gaming has improved the quality of life of tribal members, employment in Oregon, and other factors

According to ECONorthwest, "Oregon tribal casinos accounted for 35 percent of all the gaming conducted inside the state of Oregon and just 27 percent of the gaming done by Oregon residents." It also found that tribal gaming in Oregon in 2003:

- Directly supported approximately 5,328 jobs and \$192.4 million in wages and benefits for workers at the casinos and in tribal government activities supported by gaming
- Indirectly generated another 5,640 jobs and \$156.5 million in income for workers in other sectors of Oregon's economy
- Generated more than \$1 billion in total economic output in Oregon in 2003
- Because of the economic activity derived from tribal gaming, state and local governments collected more than \$42.6 million in taxes and other revenues while saving nearly \$7.1 million in public assistance costs through greater statewide employment

As a result of casinos, says the report, in the last 10 years:

- The tribes' economic status is improving. In the 1990s, largely because of tribal gaming, the number of Native American households earning at least \$50,000 annually increased nearly four fold.
- Educational attainment has vastly improved, with one in five adults now having college degrees.
- The percentage of Native Americans in Oregon living below the poverty line fell 7.5 percent between 1990 and 2000, compared to a 1 percent decline in Oregon as a whole. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate among Native

Americans in Oregon dropped sharply in the 1990s while rising elsewhere in the state.

Specific to Chinook Winds Casino Resort's impact on the surrounding community in 2003:

- Chinook Winds employed approximately 751 full- and part-time workers and paid more than \$25.3 million in wages and benefits.
- An estimate of more than \$4 million in state and local tax revenues was generated in 2003.

- Chinook Winds purchased a vast assortment of goods and services necessary to operate the casino resort, an estimated \$33.3 million on operating, capital, and other costs in 2003.
- Chinook Winds generated approximately \$3 million in income for small-business owners.
- Chinook Winds generated an estimated \$2.9 million in various other types of income, including rents, royalties, and dividends.
- Charitable contributions reached nearly \$900,000.
- For every 100 tribal jobs, approximately 88 jobs are stimulated elsewhere in the local economy.



Chairman Delores Pigsley presents the tribe's annual timber revenue check to Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall at the Tribal Council meeting in January. The \$82,410.36 check brings the total amount of timber revenue paid to the county to \$1,240,651.51.

Welcome to the New Look of Siletz News

While many things remain the same for this newspaper, we've changed the paper it's printed on. This will give us – and you – better-looking photos and simply a better-looking newspaper. We hope you like it.

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