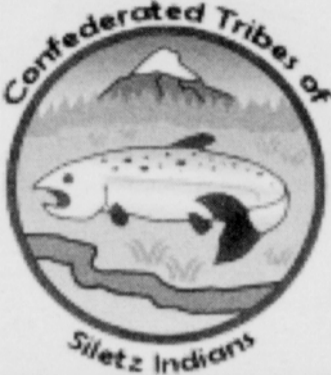


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## Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Chinook Winds Casino Resort!

by Jessie Davis

The Siletz Tribe began exploring gaming as a source of revenue in 1991. During that year, a six-member Ad-Hoc Gaming Committee was appointed and with an investment of \$25,000 of timber revenues and a BIA grant of \$15,000, the Tribal Council strategically planned and began lobbying efforts to the Oregon congressional delegation.

Members of the Gaming Committee were Jessie Davis, chairman; Delores Pigsley, tribal chairman; Nelson Witt, CEO; and Craig Dorsay, tribal attorney. Subsequently two council members were added to the committee and over a period of time Frank Simmons, Jane John, Lillie Butler and Phil Dilator served on committee Tribal



Holl4y John, Miss Siletz; Ashliegh Ramirez, Little Miss Siletz; Jennifer Easter, Jr. Miss Siletz Princess; and Katrina Reis, Jr. Miss Siletz attend the Miss Indian World Pageant in Albuquerque, N.M., with Delana Smith, Miss Indian World 2004-2005. Please see more photos on pages 12-13.

Forrest Gerard, former assistant secretary of the interior, was contracted to advise the tribe on political strategies and Lou Gallegos, who had formerly served as assistant to the secretary of the interior (Manual Lujan), also was hired as a consultant. In addition, public relations firms were hired to deal with the political issues the tribe would face in establishing a gaming center outside Siletz.

Because the tribe did not have trust land suitable for gaming, it was necessary to acquire fee land in trust for this purpose. The Gaming Committee quietly launched a concentrated effort to locate a gaming site in Lincoln County. The tribe proceeded despite Gov. Barbara Roberts' explicit warning that she would not approve any acquisition of off-reservation land for gaming by any tribe.

The governor's team agreed to continue compact negotiations with the understanding that Lincoln City would be the site of the proposed gaming center, with final approval of the compact contingent on congressional action to make the Lincoln Shores property eligible for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

In November 1994, the U.S. Congress enacted HR 4719, which amended the Siletz Reservation Act of 1980 to clarify that 11 acres in Lincoln City were to be accepted in trust by the secretary of the interior and made part of the Siletz Reservation.

Since the act also provided that the property be made part of the Siletz Res-

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