

Aquarium Joins Hatfield Marine Science Center in Partnership

Official designation by Coastal America advances goal of involving public in protecting coastal ecosystems

NEWPORT, Ore. – Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center and the Oregon Coast Aquarium recently signed an agreement to become co-partners in an expanded Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center. The goal of the center is to educate and involve the public in protecting our nation's coastal ecosystems.



The Hatfield Marine Science Center and the Oregon Coast Aquarium recently signed a memorandum of understanding to collaborate on research, education, and outreach in an effort to boost the public's "ocean literacy." The co-partnership designation by Coastal America will combine the resources of the two facilities to create a larger Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center.

In 1996, the Coastal America Partnership established the network of Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers (CELCs). The network combines the resources of federal agencies with marine educational centers.

This means that the CELCs have access to things that they would not normally have. Thanks to the partnership with the federal agencies, each center has unique access to expert speakers, exhibit information, educational publications, teaching materials, field trip sites, and scientific data from around the country.

The continued success of the program is helping to teach citizens and empower them about what each of us can do to help protect our valuable coastal ecosystems.

Coastal America notes that even if we don't live on the coast, it impacts our lives

and likewise, our lives impact the coast no matter where we live. The food we eat, water we drink, showers we take, rubbish we discard, products we manufacture, fields we harvest, fish we eat, vacations we enjoy – all of these things are closely tied to our coasts.

Unfortunately, many of our activities harm the coasts and oceans. The best way to protect these areas is to learn about them, which is the task undertaken by the Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center.

The Hatfield Marine Science Center is OSU's coastal campus for marine science research and instruction, serving more than 150,000 visitors and 12,000 schoolchildren annually through its public wing and marine science education programs managed by Oregon Sea Grant.

With five federal and state agencies located on site, the HMSC is one of the nation's premier marine labs for collaborative research and education in ocean and coastal sciences.



OREGON COAST AQUARIUM

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is a private, non-profit educational facility that offers people a fun way to understand Oregon's unique coastal resources. The facility is designed to be accessible to learners of all ages, ability levels, and learning styles.

In addition to offering public exhibits, the aquarium serves nearly 50,000 schoolchildren annually, opening doors to new interests and introducing science in a meaningful way.

2005 Standing Committee Vacancies

Deadline for consideration for 2005 committees is Aug. 31, 2005

Any tribal member interested in serving on a committee for a term ending February 2006 must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to Aug. 31, 2005, to be considered.

Please mail or fax your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; Fax: 541-444-8325.

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Choose the first, second, and third choice of committees you are requesting by numbering your preference 1, 2, 3 in the space provided. If you only want to request one committee, please indicate this by inserting the number 1.

_____ Housing Committee _____ Budget Committee
 _____ Health Committee

Tribal Council will review applications and approve appointments at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in September 2005. If you have any questions, please call Tami Miner or Marci Garrett at 1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532.

Tohono O'odham Nation Incurring High Costs from Undocumented Immigrants

WASHINGTON – The substandard and overcrowded homes on the Tohono O'odham Nation's land in the dry southwestern Arizona desert are deplorable to begin with. Add to that a decade-long surge of undocumented immigrants who have ravaged the tribe's sacred homeland by vandalizing homes, smuggling drugs, and committing violent crimes. This bottleneck of immigration costs the tribe an estimated \$3 million plus a year.

The National American Indian Housing Council recently led a congressional tour of tribal lands in southern Arizona, where congressional staffers got a firsthand look. The conditions on the Tohono O'odham Nation, near the border with Mexico, were a sight that no one expected, including NAIHC Executive Director Gary L. Gordon.

"It was enlightening," said Gordon. "Enlightening in the sense that people don't realize what these tribal members are dealing with there. They're facing a lifestyle that no American should have to deal with, including ravaged homes, theft, and assaults. Because of the flow of illegal immigrants from south of the border, tribal members do not feel secure in their own homes."

These conditions are a direct result of the government's 1993 border protection policy implementation known as Operation Gatekeeper. It focused on ports

of entry such as the Arizona towns of Douglas, Yuma, and Nogales, leaving an open expanse with undetected entry in to the U.S. via the Tohono O'odham Nation. With nothing more than a cattle guard to separate the U.S. from Mexico, undocumented immigrants began pouring in.

"The undocumented aliens were already sitting under our porches when we moved into our new homes in July 2001," said Harriet Toro, executive assistant to Tohono O'odham Nation Chairwoman Vivian Juan-Saunders.

Even with the 2002 expansion of the government border protection policy's National Homeland Security Reorganization Plan, the Tohono O'odham Nation has not received direct funding for its homeland security expenditures.

"The majority of their housing block grant has been eaten up by having to repair damage from an unsecure border and they've received no direct funding from Homeland Security," said NAIHC Governmental Affairs Director Ross B. Bell.

"This should be a wake-up call to the U.S. government. Aside from the need of a more secure border for the safety of all Americans, Native Americans deserve much better conditions than what the Tohono O'odham people are facing."

"The peace and serenity of our homeland as spoken by our grandparents no longer exists," said Toro.

Emma's Project to Hold Garage Sale to Raise Funds

Emma's Project would like to say thank you to the Lincoln County community for its support.

We made more than \$500 between our previous garage sale and fundraiser so far. This will help us buy school supplies for Lincoln County school children in the 2005-06 school year.

We are planning another garage sale for Labor Day weekend. We are accepting donations for a raffle that we plan to conduct at the garage sale.

We also are always taking donations of garage sale items as well as

school supplies. You can contact us at 541-994-6652.

Items can be dropped off at Napa Auto Parts, 1221 SW Highway 101 (across from the Tanger Outlet Center) or you can call the number listed above.

We recently received our federal Tax ID number so we can write tax receipts for individuals and companies that may need them.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to being able to continue to provide school supplies to those individuals who need them.

