

# Supreme Court backs Tribes in self-determination contract case

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The U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision on June 18 in Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter, a self-determination case.

By a close 5-4 vote, the justices ruled that the federal government must pay contract support costs to Tribes that enter into agreements to manage federal programs. The decision is a victory for Tribes who have not received all of the federal funds they are promised.

"Consistent with longstanding principles of government contracting law, we hold that the government must pay each Tribe's contract support costs in full," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote for the majority.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act authorizes the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service to enter into contracts with Tribes and Alaska Native entities to manage federal programs. The law requires the government to pay for the cost of the programs, plus additional "contract support costs."

Congress, however, has failed to provide enough appropriations to cover the contract support costs. But that doesn't excuse the executive branch, the court determined.

"We stressed that the government's obligation to pay contract support costs should be treated as an ordinary contract promise, noting that ISDA 'uses the word 'contract' 426 times to describe the nature of the government's promise,'" Sotomayor wrote, quoting from the Supreme Court's 2005 decision in Cherokee Nation v. Leavitt, another self-determination case.

## Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow – Aug. 10-12, 2012

### Vendor and Parade Applications

For parade and vendor applications/entries, please contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230.

You also can find them online at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us) or pick them up at the Siletz Tribal Community Center, Tribal administration building in Siletz and at the Tribal area offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene.

### Siletz veterans office open daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those currently serving. See right for contact information.

### A note from our coordinator

By Tony Molina

All of our veterans and families can call me 24/7 at home at 541-444-2828 or on my cell at 541-272-2818. This will help since I'm only in the office part-time. My office number is 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330. I thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation. Thank you!

## 2012-2013 hunting, fishing tags distribution schedule

The Natural Resources Committee has set the following schedule and methods for distributing this year's hunting and fishing tags to Tribal members.

### New this year

- Deer archery tags are now for forked horn or better bucks (no does or spikes).
- Disabled deer hunters can no longer harvest a doe, fawn or spike.
- New elk antlerless hunt – Central Alsea Private Lands (likely one Tribal tag).

Type of Tag	Estimated Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance	
Deer	Early Archery	50	8/25-9/23	8/4/12 at 11 a.m. at Tribal Center	First-come, first-served*
	General Rifle	375	9/29-11/2**	8/13	First-come, first-served
	Antlerless or Spike Adult	9	For conservation purposes, because of the low deer population, these tags will not be issued in 2012.		
	Antlerless or Spike Youth	6	9/29-11/4	Lottery applications due 8/3; drawing 8/6; tags issued 8/27	Lottery – open to youth age 12-17 only
	Late Archery	50***	11/17-12/9	First Distribution: 10/22 at 8 a.m. at NR office Second Distribution: 11/5 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-come, first-served*
Elk	Antlerless – Youth	2	8/1-12/31	Lottery applications due 6/29; drawing 7/2; tags issued 7/9	Lottery – open to youth age 12-17 only
	Early Archery	25	8/25-9/23	8/4/12 at 11 a.m. at Tribal Center	First-come, first-served*
	1 <sup>st</sup> Season Rifle	25	11/10-11/13	Lottery applications due 9/28; drawing 10/8; tags issued 10/15	Lottery
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Season Rifle	25	11/17-11/23		
	Antlerless	34	Various seasons	Lottery applications due 9/28; drawing 10/8; tags issued one month prior to season opening	Lottery
	Late Archery Antlerless	56	11/24-12/9	First Distribution: 10/22 at 8 a.m. at NR office Second Distribution: 11/5 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-come, first-served*
Salmon	Salmon	200	10/15-12/15 (estimate)	8/13	First-come, first-served

\* No early calls to "save" a tag for someone. Must physically show up to obtain tag on first day of distribution. Can call to have a tag mailed beginning on the second day of distribution.

\*\* Season for youth age 12-17 is 9/29-11/4 (two days extra at end of season).

\*\*\* Minus number of tags filled in Early Bow Season

NOTE 1: A Tribal member can obtain only one elk tag in their name during the 2012-2013 hunting season (bow, bull and cow tags all count toward the one tag), except as noted below.

NOTE 2: First Distribution – For hunters who have not been issued an early season deer archery tag (for deer tags) or any elk tag (for elk tags). Second Distribution – For any eligible hunter, regardless of what other tags they have received.

**Missing Moccasins:** If you are a Missing Moccasin, contact the Enrollment Department to update your address and telephone number. If you leave a message, please include your Tribal roll number. If you know someone on the Missing Moccasins list, please encourage them to contact the Enrollment Department.

**Address and/or Contact Number Updates:** If you relocate or change your contact number, please update the Enrollment Department.

**Enrollment Forms:** The Application for Enrollment, Death Benefit Beneficiary Designation and Information Change forms are available on the Tribal website at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us). Go to Government Listings, click on Enrollment then click on the form you want to open and print. You also can contact Enrollment staff to mail these forms to you.

### Enrollment staff contact information

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### Third Quarter Enrollment Department Deadline

Applications, name changes, corrections and relinquishments must be received by the Enrollment Department by **July 26, 2012**.