

**Oregon Coast Economic Summit**

This event was hosted by the Coquille Tribe in North Bend and put together by state Rep. Arnie Roblan. His review of the summit is below.

**Oregon House of Representatives  
Office of Co-Speaker  
Arnie Roblan**

*Coastal Summit Focuses on  
Economic Development*

*Roblan co-hosts jobs meeting with  
small business leaders, federal,  
state, local officials*

COOS BAY – Job creation and economic development on the Oregon coast were the focus of the 2012 Oregon Coast Economic Summit in North Bend held last Thursday and Friday, May 24 and 25. With the theme of "Building on successful collaborative models," the event hosted by the Coastal Caucus of the Oregon Legislature brought together leaders from a variety of sectors from up and down the coast.

The goal of the Summit was to explore policies in health, education and job creation that can promote greater economic prosperity for Oregon's rural and coastal communities. Over 220 people attended the 2012 Oregon Coast Economic Summit.

"We all agreed it was important to get small business leaders, economic development professionals and coastal community leaders in the same room together," said House Co-Speaker Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay). "This is the kind of conversation we need to have if we're going to bring jobs back to the coast. Our rural communities are being left behind and we must give small businesses and natural resource industries what they need to turn the crank on our economy."

"This was a great way for us to peek out over the tops of our silos and appre-

ciate what local governments and state agencies are doing to foster economic development on the coast. I look forward to partnering with the community colleges and tribes to add value and depth to workforce and cultural issues affecting economic development," said Kevin M. Greenwood, Manager, Port of Garibaldi.

"Our communities desperately need greater job diversification if the current economic situation is to change," commented Sen. Joanne Verger (D-Coos Bay). Keith Tymchuk, Mayor of Reedsport, said, "The Oregon Coastal Economic Summit organized by Co-Speaker Roblan was a superb event. It focused elected officials, state agencies and private business on the common goal of coastal economic development. The panel discussions were to the point and the networking really beneficial. I look forward to another Coastal Summit next year."

Tillamook County Commissioner Mark Labhart noted, "This was a great opportunity for us to begin a conversation

on the economic conditions throughout our rural and coastal areas. We need to remain focused on making the right investments where businesses excel and communities thrive."

Roblan said he and other participants hope to build on the success of the summit to continue similar gatherings in future years.

**ATNI**

As I reported last month, our Tribe hosted the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' mid-year conference at Chinook Winds. The conference was very well attended.

I was extremely proud of our veterans, the West Coast Boyz drum group from Siletz, Bud Lane and the feather dancers, all of our staff that was involved and the Chinook Winds staff for making us look great.

I especially want to acknowledge Tami Miner, our council secretary, and Teresa Gass at Chinook Winds for their



Delores Pigsley

organization, flexibility, determination and good humor working with the ATNI staff and all involved in organizing a great conference.

**Attention Shellfish Gatherers**

The Tribal Natural Resources Department is requesting that Tribal shellfish gatherers assist in the restoration of a small area in Yaquina Bay by voluntarily not harvesting in this area.

When the Port of Newport convinced NOAA to relocate its Pacific Fleet to Yaquina Bay, a massive construction project began to house the fleet. This included construction of a dock system near the Hatfield Marine Science Center that required dredging of certain areas.

As part of the state permit approval for that dredging, the port was required to reintroduce eel grass to an area that had been disturbed during construc-

tion. That area is located between the outer NOAA docks and the shore.

Eel grass planting is going on now and will continue for several years until the plants are well-established. In the long run, this will produce excellent habitat for many aquatic species.

In the short term, however, we request that Tribal members not dig in this area so the plants have a chance to get established. The port has erected signs in the area asking people not to gather in the restoration area.

If you have any questions, please call Tribal Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

**NOTICE: The Hunting/ Fishing – Shellfish issue will be discussed at the General Council meeting in August. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice will be present to hear and discuss the issues regarding the Tribe's rights.**

**The General Council meeting is scheduled for Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Siletz Tribal Community Center.**

**All Tribal members are encouraged to attend.**

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We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

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