

National Wildlife Society

On behalf of our Tribe, I welcomed the National Wildlife Society to Oregon in October. The organization was meeting all week at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

I thanked them for including our Tribe on the agenda and expressed our interest in protecting the environment. In addition, I described our land base and what was once a more than 1 million-acre reservation.

Participants came from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Governor's Summit

The annual Governor's Summit will be held at the Coquille Tribe this year. Our Tribe sponsored the summit last year at Chinook Winds.

Oregon Tribes have the opportunity to speak to the governor and meet with heads of state agencies and their Tribal liaisons. Regular meetings with state agencies are scheduled throughout the year.

Oregon is one of the few states that has this interaction with Tribes. It gives

the governor the opportunity to get input from Tribes on how the interaction with the state works. All of our Tribal Council members usually attend.

Ballot Measures/National Election

This year's national and state elections have important voter issues.

The out-of-state promoters of Ballot Measures 82 and 83 have flooded the mail and television with promotional ads. The ads give inaccurate information to the voters on Tribal casinos as well as what the non-Tribal casino will do for the state of Oregon. If you still have the opportunity to vote, please vote "no" on both measures.

Please make a good clear choice for president of the United States as well as those who will represent us and the Tribe in Washington, D.C. Tribes must constantly educate newly elected officials on Tribal government issues.

Under the current administration, we have seen great strides made in Indian Country. A backlog of our fee-to-trust

applications has been processed. We finally have all the casino properties in trust; it's taken many years and a very active Siletz Agency staff.

In addition, many age-old settlements have been reached with Tribes across the nation, including ours.

35th Restoration

We will celebrate 35 years of Tribal Restoration on Nov. 18. President Jimmy Carter signed our Restoration Act on that day in 1977.

Our Tribe has much to be grateful for, so please join us at Chinook Winds for the celebration on Nov. 17 (see page 1 for details).

Wishing everyone a good Thanksgiving!



Delores Pigsley

Elders Council Meeting

Nov. 10 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, contact Dee Navarro at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261; 541-444-8261; or deen@ctsi.nsn.us.

Measures 82 and 83 are bad for Oregon

SILETZ, Ore. – Measures 82 & 83 are bad for Oregon. These measures change the State Constitution to allow unlimited casino growth across the state. When a ballot measure changes the Constitution, voters need to seriously think about what impact that change will have on the state's economy today and in the future.

Gov. John Kitzhaber, three previous

governors and both state political parties have been outspoken in their opposition against these measures and we agree. Former Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts said it best: "Don't be fooled by the multi-million dollar TV ads. This is not about water features or movie theaters ... this is about money. Big money, gambling money, and it will bring with it problems that Oregon's communities don't need and

cannot afford to deal with."

Seventy-five percent of the entire annual profit from The Grange would leave the state of Oregon and the U.S. altogether; it would make two businessmen from Oregon very rich. Tribal casino profits are all returned to Tribal governments to benefit health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunities, and to preserve cultural and

natural resources in local communities within the state.

As a Tribal casino and a business partner with the state for the past 17 years, we appreciate the governor's commitment to the agreement made between the state of Oregon and Oregon Tribes. We will continue to stand with the Tribes of Oregon in their charge against Measures 82 and 83.

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35th Annual Restoration Pow-Wow

Nov. 17, 2012 • Chinook Winds Casino Resort

**Vendor applications available on the Tribal website – ctsi.nsn.us
For more information, call 800-922-1399 and ask for Buddy Lane at ext. 1230 or Nick Sixkiller at ext. 1757.**

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Nov. 5 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 3 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Nov. 12 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 10 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Nov. 6 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Nov. 13 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 11 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

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.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

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