



Tribe mourns sudden loss of Siletz Tribal Council member David Hatch

David Russell Hatch was born Nov. 12, 1953, at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to Capt. Kenneth Martin Hatch (Siletz/Aleut) and Althea Marion Mendenhall.

His father's career in the Army Corps of Engineers took the family many places and Dave grew up in Virginia, Hawaii, Kansas and Thailand, as well as Florence and Eugene, Ore. – he was fond of saying that Oregon State University was the first school he'd gone to for two straight years.

He nearly finished a degree in mathematics, then decided to follow his father into civil engineering, graduating with a B.S. in 1976 and his M.S. in 1978. Finally rooted, he driftboated and kayaked the rivers and hunted the hills of Western Oregon, cementing a lifelong love of the home country of his father's people.

He taught civil engineering at OSU and then began a career designing traffic signals for the City of Portland.

In 1981 he met and married Anna Marina Jaimes of Mesa, Ariz. In 1989 they had a son, Peter Sugus Hatch, before

divorcing in 1993. His long years as a bachelor were happily ended in 2010 when he married Judy Kloos.

From the early 1980s onward, Dave sought to serve the enduring, urgent needs of Oregon's indigenous communities and to protect the health of the lands, rivers and ocean all Oregonians love.

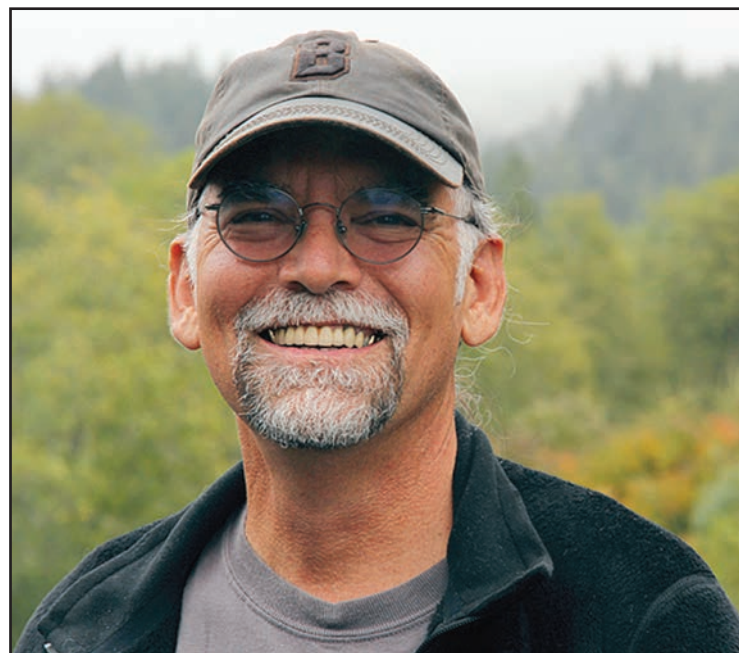
He worked through the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, helped begin OMSI's Salmon Camp science program for Native students, counseled OSU's Board of Visitors and the Howard Vollum American Indian Scholarship fund, co-founded the Elakha Alliance, served on the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation and chaired the Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society.

Over the years, he served three separate stints on the Siletz Tribal Council, beginning in the doublewide trailer that made up the Tribal offices in the early post-restoration days of 1981-82. He most recently was elected to the Tribal Council in 2015.

A severe allergic reaction took him from us suddenly on Sept. 20, 2016. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Herbert Hallam Hatch, and survived by Peter, Judy, Annie and her second son, Jesse Castro Jaimes; his brother, Keith Hatch; his sister, Aileen Frey; and four nieces and one nephew.

His ashes will be spread at sea, where he dearly hoped the entwined sea otters, thick kelp forests and abundant fish runs of ancestral days will someday return.

Public services, open to all, will be held at the Siletz Tribal Community Cen-



ter (402 NE Park Drive, Siletz, Ore.) at 3 p.m. on Oct. 8. In lieu of flowers, please send donations on his behalf to the Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society (P.O. Box 8, Siletz, OR 97380).

Clarification

As we come closer to this year's Restoration Celebration, you may notice on the Tribal calendar

distributed at last year's event that this year's celebration appears on Nov. 12.

The actual date of the 2016 Restora-

tion Celebration is Nov. 19. Please plan accordingly and we'll see you on Nov. 19 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.



Courtesy photo by Debbie Williams

Nora Williams-Wood carries the eagle staff along Alsea Bay during Run to the Rogue on Sept. 9. The 234-mile event started in Siletz earlier that morning and ended near Agness, Ore., on Sept. 11. It commemorates Siletz Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homeland in Rogue River country in the mid-1800s and marched north to Siletz and the confinements of the Coast Reservation. See more photos on pages 9-13.