

Christmas season  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Sea lion legislation  
Bipartisan legislation to protect endangered salmon passed Congress in November. There were intense negotiations with Tribes over the language in the legislation. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden

were active in the consultation process with Oregon Tribes. Notification from Sen. Merkley's office is included on page 1. Our congressional delegation represented Oregon Tribal interests very well.

Tribal election  
A reminder that you must be registered to vote in the upcoming Tribal election to be held in February 2019. Past voter turnout has been very small,

according to our adult population who is eligible to vote.

Closing out 2018  
We are anxiously waiting for budget information for the coming year. Congress had until Dec. 21 to take action to fund the government for the coming year. The farm bill was passed, which includes several provisions for Tribes. This was good news.



Delores Pigsley

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tisan legislation is the result of significant collaboration across multiple stakeholders to protect our native fish populations for generations to come."

"Salmon are a big part of the Pacific Northwest way of life, but without action, we could see runs continue to decline to a point of no return," Murray said. "This bipartisan legislation represents a balanced, sensible approach to this threat. I urge my House colleagues to pick the bill up and get it across the finish line as soon as possible."

ESA threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead are being significantly harmed by the increasing sea lion population. Sea lion populations have

increased significantly along the West Coast over the past 40 years; today, there are roughly 300,000.

These sea lions have entered into habitat where they had never been before, including areas around the Bonneville Dam in Washington and Willamette Falls in Oregon. This predation of ESA-listed fish is negating the large investments spent on salmon recovery associated with habitat, harvest and hatcheries.

If enacted, this bill would amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to provide for better management of these invasive, non-listed sea lions.

A recent study by Oregon State University found that increasing predation from sea lions has decreased the fishery

harvest of adult Chinook salmon in the Pacific Northwest. According to the study, if sea lions continue their current consumption habits, there is an 89 percent chance that a population of wild steelhead could go extinct.

The study also noted that future long-term salmon management plans will need to address the increased salmon predation throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The declining salmon populations have also impacted other threatened animals in the Pacific Northwest. Recently, a Washington state task force on southern resident orcas recommended authorizing the removal of pinnipeds in the Columbia River to improve orca survival.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age,

sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

TICC Board of Directors Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

If interested, please submit your résumé to:

Siletz Tribal Council,  
c/o Executive Secretary  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Vacancies are open until filled.

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Elders Council Meeting

Jan. 19 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz  
Siletz Tribal Community Center  
Jan. 7 – 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland  
Portland Area Office  
Jan. 14 – 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 11 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene  
Eugene Area Office  
Jan. 8 – 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem  
Salem Area Office  
Jan. 15 – 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 12 – 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](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).

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