



STEP volunteers Dennis Tufts, John Dickenson, Curtis Mann and Chuck Fisher visit the native plant nursery at the hatchery.



Courtesy photos

STEP volunteers at the Lhuuke Illahee Fish Hatchery on Jan. 25 include (l to r, front row) Cory West, Stephanie Chamberlin, Denise Garrett, Amy Garrett, Chuck Fisher, Jenny Fisher, Dawn Wilding, Shantel Hostler, Andrea Sumerau, Dennis Tufts, Curtis Mann and Max Tice-Lewis; and (back row) Bob Cusick, William Lane, Henry Kentta, Jeff Wilding, Bensell Breon, Craig Tyler, Mike Kosydar and John Dickenson.

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will be needed at the hatchery, previous efforts to rear Coho and lamprey eel, trout stocking for Culture Camp and the native plant nursery.

A variety of native plants are being rooted and grown on-site for salmon habitat restoration projects. The Tribal hatchery supports many other animals,

including herons, king fishers, owls, red tail hawks, ospreys, deer, elk, beaver and otter; and aquatic species like trout, crayfish and eels.

The Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) in 1981 with the goals of:

- Restoring and improving natural habitat and native fish stocks
- Encouraging local volunteer participation
- Offering public education about fisheries and fishing

STEP volunteers can be any age and can

help with many types of jobs at the hatchery. Volunteer time can be flexible or on a regular weekly, weekend or monthly schedule.

If you are interested in volunteering at the fish hatchery, contact the Natural Resources Department at 541-444-8227; 800-922-1399, ext. 1227; or deniseg@ctsi.nsn.us.

Dance Contest

Men's Traditional Dance
First Prize – \$200
Second Prize – \$100
Third Prize – \$75

18th Annual Social Pow-Wow

Presented by Willamette University's Native and Indigenous Student Union

Saturday, March 14, 2020
Grand Entry: 4 p.m. (4–10 p.m.)
Cone Fieldhouse, Sparks Athletic Center
Free Admission

Featuring

Native Arts and Crafts
Food Vendors
Dancers
Drum Groups
Raffle – Grand Prize Pendleton Blanket

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employees and the Tribal Council decide how funds will be spent.

Significant Tribal accomplishments since Restoration include opening the original health clinic in 1991 and a new much larger clinic in 2010; building more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings for Tribal members, including 28 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City that have opened since 2009, 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010 and 20 homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that have opened since 2013; completing the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opening the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in 2003; opening the Tillicum Fitness Center and a new USDA food distribution warehouse in Siletz in 2008; and opening the Siletz Recreation Center in 2009.

Through its economic development division, the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation, the Tribe purchased the Lincoln Shores office complex in Lincoln City in 2001 and opened the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in Siletz in 2004, the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004 and the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006.

Tribal offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene are housed in Tribally owned buildings. The Eugene office moved to its current location in 2005, the Salem office did the same in 2006 and the Portland office moved to its current location in 2008.

The Tribe also played a lead role in opening the Siletz Valley School in 2003 and the Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.

The Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society (STAHS) was formed in 2013 as a nonprofit to enhance the Tribe's ability to develop the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center. STAHS also helps the Tribe with acquiring object and archival collections.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in 1995. In 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in 2005 when the Tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City.

The combination of Tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has made the Siletz Tribe the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Siletz Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$17.9 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$6.5 million in cash and fund-raising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.



Photo by Andy Taylor

Loraine Y. Butler (left), Robert Kentta and Selene Rilatos sign the oath of office during the swearing-in ceremony on the day after the election.

Need Rental Housing?

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department encourages you to apply for the Low-Income Rental Program waiting list in Siletz (1-4 bedrooms) and Lincoln City (2-3 bedrooms – Neachesna Village). Applications can be obtained at any Tribal area office (Eugene, Salem, Portland, Siletz) or online from the Tribal website – ctsi.nsn.us; follow links – Tribal Services-Housing-Low Rent Apartments & Home Ownership. Questions? Call 800-922-1399, ext. 1322, or 541-444-8322; fax: 541-444- 8313