

Salem casino update

Tribal members and anyone else have until April 8 to get letters of support into the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in support of our Salem casino project's Draft Environmental Assessment.

If the BIA determines based on public comments that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed, the BIA will schedule a public hearing on the proposed action and develop a draft EIS.

Once the draft is available, the BIA will publish notice and once again the public will be given the opportunity to comment. The BIA will then issue a final EIS. When this is completed, the Secretary of Interior will issue her decision.

When the secretary approves the decision, the governor of Oregon is then asked to concur. The governor has one year to concur or object. During that time, the public will have another opportunity to provide input.

This has been a lengthy project but a very worthwhile one. Many meetings have taken place with the community and we have received lots of support.

Siletz Tribe Consent Decree

A presentation on the Tribe's hunting and fishing agreement, the Consent Decree, will be made at the General Council meeting in May. The Tribal negotiating team continues to meet with officials from the governor's office and with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

COVID-19

We still are not free from COVID infections although the numbers have decreased significantly. The Tribal Council will make important decisions on re-opening at some time in the future.

Oregon has lifted the mask mandate but studies conducted by Oregon

State University on Siletz waste water shows high levels of COVID still present in Siletz.

Chinook Winds Casino is welcoming guests back without masks, but we have asked staff to continue wearing them for safety reasons.

Congressional support in legislation

The Tribe has been helped significantly by legislation that our elected congressional delegation has passed in Congress. We are very grateful for all their assistance.

Oregon Tribes meeting

The Oregon Tribes have met several times in the past few weeks to talk about issues that are important to us all. While we don't agree on all issues, we strive to listen to each other and move forward on the many issues that affect us all.



Delores Pigsley



Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 1 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in the virtual meeting from your phone, computer or smart phone, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8233 by Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

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