

Notes from Chairman (continued)

counties which were Tillamook, Yamhill and Polk Counties.

We are still negotiating with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, which very soon we the Tribal Council hope to reach a final agreement with the ODFW, and as we progress with the department, we will keep you posted.

I cannot stress enough the importance of asking you the membership, to write of support to your Congressional delegation, so let your voice and feelings be heard! If you need their addresses, your local Post Office should have them available.

For all of you fellow members who may be having problems with the Indian Health Service, for example, health bills not getting paid, or any kind of trouble you may experience dealing with IHS, please write letters to the Health Director. This way the Tribal Council can deal with the IHS staff and find a solution to these problems effectively.

My best regards,
Mark Mercier

General Manager's Report

There seems to be some confusion regarding the reports (W-2 forms) of income earned by the council and staff. I would like to clarify this issue. When the tribe was restored a new federal employment number was needed to differentiate the tribe from the corporation. IRS failed to provide such a number. The federal number simply identifies one employer from another. This number is used for filing all income reports to the IRS. Payments made by the employer and employee are credited and are identified by that number.

This error was caught again in 1985. After discussion with representatives of the Internal Revenue Service the following was agreed upon: Instead of using the existing corporation number to file all W-2 forms for the year, IRS provided a separate number to the Tribal Council. The income earned by tribal council and their staff would be reported in two ways; first, all income earned (as employees of the council) from January 1, 1985 to September 30, 1985 would be reported on the old corporate number; second, income earned by council and their employees after September 30, 1985 and to December 31, 1985 would be assigned to a new number which identifies the tribe as an employer.

All Council and staff who worked those periods received two W-2 forms. One on the corporate number and one for the income earned after September