

NOTICE

This notice is issued under authority contained in 25 CFR, Part 61.5 and concerns a membership roll of the Coquille Tribe of Indians which is to be prepared in accordance with Section 7 of the Coquille Restoration Act of June 28, 1989 (103 Stat. 91). The statute specifies that in order to obtain this tribal membership, applicants must (1) possess at least one-eighth degree or more Indian blood; (2) not be enrolled as members of another federally recognized tribe; and (3) either be named on the roll compiled and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 29, 1960; or (4) if they were not named on the 1960 roll, establish that they were entitled to be so listed. Similarly eligible for enrollment are the lineal descendants of the persons, living or dead, named in either categories (3) or (4) who otherwise meet the requirements of the Act. In addition, to be enrolled applicants must be born on or before June 28, 1989, and be of Coquille Indian ancestry.

The 1989 Act states that for the purposes of establishing eligibility for enrollment, any available evidence establishing Coquille ancestry and the required degree of Indian blood shall be accepted while that information shown on the Coquille roll prepared pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1954, shall be accepted as conclusive evidence of Coquille ancestry. Likewise, blood degree information shown on the January 1, 1940, census roll of non-reservation Indians of the Grand Ronde - Siletz Agency shall also be accepted as conclusive evidence in determining degree of Indian blood for applicants.

In the event any applicants wish to relinquish their present membership in a federally recognized tribe or tribes in order to apply for enrollment with the Coquille Indian Tribe, such applicants may submit a conditional relinquishment of membership document in the other tribe or tribes with their application forms. A conditional relinquishment will be accepted by the Superintendent only if it is executed by the person himself or herself unless the person is legally incompetent, in which case the legal guardian and only the legal guardian may execute the conditional relinquishment document. In the case of minors, only the parent or legal guardian may execute a conditional relinquishment document.

Finally, the 1989 Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act and on October 12, 1990, such regulations appeared in the Federal Register, Vol. 55, No. 198, pages 41519. The regulations require that each applicant for enrollment file or have filed on his or her behalf an application form with the Superintendent, Siletz Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 539, Siletz, Oregon 97380. At the time these applications are filed, written documentation to support the eligibility of the

applicants must be submitted.

In accordance with the regulations, application forms must be filed with the Siletz Superintendent by January 10, 1991. In some cases application forms will have to be obtained from and, after completion, filed with the Superintendent, Siletz Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 539, Siletz, Oregon 97380. However, to provide actual notice of the preparation of the roll to as many potentially eligible individuals as possible, the Superintendent, Siletz Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, shall send notices of preparation of this document to those individuals, whose names have been furnished to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, at their respective last available addresses.

We would like to emphasize the importance of persons filing their applications for enrollment as members of the Coquille Tribe of Indians with the Superintendent, Siletz Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 539, Siletz, Oregon 97380, by the deadline of January 10, 1991, outlined in the regulations if they believe they meet those requirements. Otherwise, applications for the enrollment of persons which are filed after that date will be rejected for failure to file on time regardless of whether the applicants meet all of the remaining requirements for eligibility.

It should be noted, though, that the Restoration Act does provide that after the Coquille tribal membership roll provided for in the Act has been completed, membership in the Coquille Indian Tribe shall be governed by the tribal constitution adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Restoration Act. Thereafter, however, in addition to any other membership requirements contained in the tribal constitution, persons must be of Coquille Indian ancestry and not be members of any other federally recognized tribe to establish eligibility for membership in the Coquille Indian Tribe. Consequently, applicants who are rejected for failure to file on time may be considered for membership after the adoption of the tribal constitution.

Should individuals have any questions regarding the 1989 Act, please contact the Superintendent, Siletz Agency, at the address shown. His telephone number is (503) 444-2679.

If you or a family member are filing for enrollment in The Coquille Tribe please contact the Coquille Tribal Enrollment Officer, Sharon Parrish at 888-4274 so that she will have a current address on file for the applicant(s).

Thank You,
Lisa Brown
BIA Staff Support Clerk



Tribal elder Velma Mercier watches as Barbara Rankin serves dinner at the elder's recently opened meal site.

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