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Citizens' panel: 'No' on private casino initiative

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An idea that was overwhelmingly rejected by Oregon voters in 2010 is off to a bad start in 2012.

The Oregon Citizens' Initiative Review Commission, which is charged with reviewing measures that will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot, voted against a proposal that would allow Oregon's first non-Tribal casino to be built in the east Portland suburb of Wood Village.

After hearing from supporters and opponents of Measure 82, which would amend the Oregon Constitution to allow private casinos, 17 panel members voted against the idea and seven supported it.

Leading the opposition team at the DoubleTree Hotel in Portland between Aug. 20-24 were Tribal lobbyist Justin Martin, ECONorth-

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While in Northern Ireland, Tribal Lands Manager Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach received a poem written by Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, center. Reibach was accompanied on his musical tour of Northern Ireland by his family, including his son, Shane, right.

Luck of the Irish

Reibach meets fellow Tribal members during trip to Northern Ireland

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When multiple Native American Music Award-winning flutist Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach traveled more than 4,700 miles to Northern Ireland in late July to perform concerts

and tour the ancestral homelands of his great-grandfather, the last thing he expected to run into was another Grand Ronde Tribal member.

Or two.

On Friday, July 27, after a full day or radio interviews in Derry, Northern Ireland, Reibach and

his entourage — wife, Rhonda; son, Shane; godson and guitarist, Daniel; and percussionist Nathan Myers — headed to the Waterside Theatre, site of his scheduled concert that

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One-third of eligible Tribal voters expected to cast ballots

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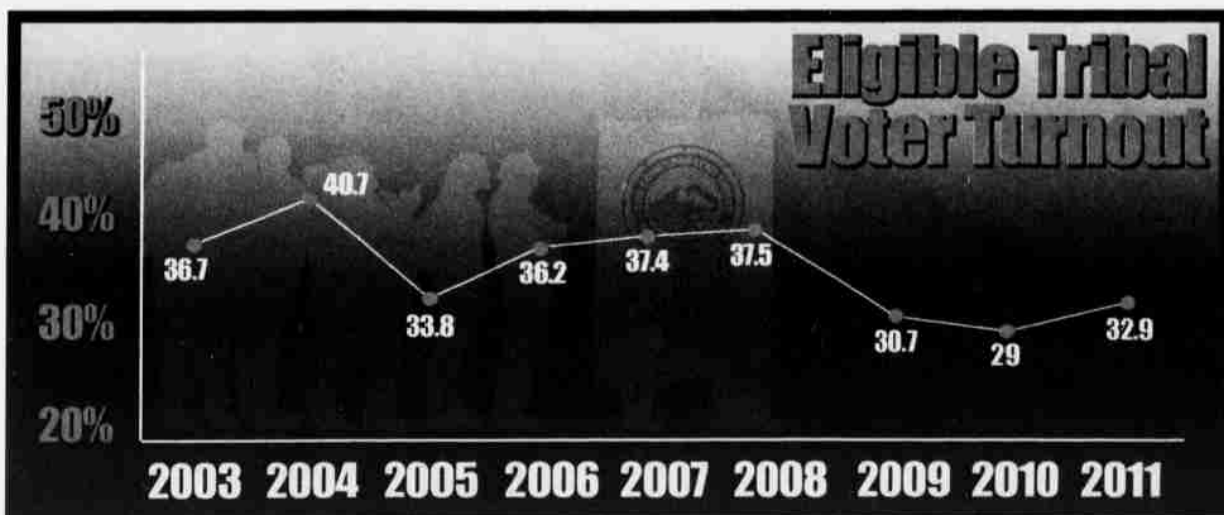
If recent history holds true, only one-third of this year's 3,882 eligible Tribal voters will select the next three Tribal Council members when ballots are counted on Saturday, Sept. 8.

That's one in three adult Tribal members.

The Tribal Constitution controls who is eligible to vote in Tribal elections. It states that all "duly enrolled members ... who are 18 years of age or older shall have the right to vote in all Tribal elections."

The percentage turnout of "registered voters" will be higher because many eligible adult Tribal

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