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### Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me (Jordan Cove and the Bay of the Coos People) Traditional Cultural Property Historic District

#### Proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me (Jordan Cove and the Bay of the Coos People) Traditional Cultural Property Historic District, Coos County

This page describes what a historic district is, the listing process, and the benefits and responsibilities of owning a listed property. Use the links below to navigate to specific information.

#### What is the Proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me (Jordan Cove and the Bay of the Coos People) Traditional Cultural Property Historic District?

The proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me Traditional Cultural Property Historic District is a 20-square mile area that follows the general horseshoe shape of the Coos Bay Estuary. The proposed district includes portions of the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend and Coos County. It contains 158 historic "contributing" properties associated with the history, culture, and beliefs of the Coos people, including two buildings and 156 places, or "sites." Non-historic "non-contributing" properties include roads, the airport, bridges, commercial properties, residential buildings, outbuildings, yards, gardens, agricultural lands, and industrial operations, etc. not specifically identified in the nomination document. These types of properties are not associated with the history, culture, and beliefs of the Coos people.

The proposed district is eligible for listing in the National Register for the resource's association with the continued use of the estuary since time immemorial to present, as demonstrated by archaeological sites, named places in Hanis and Miluk dialects of the Coosan Language, and the presence of prehistoric and historic burials of peoples at former villages and subsistence sites of Native Americans.

The proposed district is being nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI). The CTCLUSI submitted a draft nomination for the proposed district to the State Historic Preservation Office on November 1, 2018 for consideration at the February 22, 2019 meeting of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation.

#### The National Register of Historic Places, Historic Districts, and Traditional Cultural Properties

The National Register of Historic Places is the United States' official list of buildings, districts, structures, sites, and objects important to local, state, or national history. The program is run by the National Park Service and administered locally by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, an office of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).

A historic district is an area or neighborhood that has a concentration of sites, buildings, structures, or objects with associated landscape and streetscape features that are at least 50 years old. To be eligible for listing in the Register, the district must be significant and an identifiable entity that is important for historical, architectural, engineering, or cultural values.

A Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) recognizes the cultural significance and identity of a living community. A TCP not only tells the stories of the people who have historically called the area home, but recognizes how the descendants of those people keep the traditional practices and beliefs alive. For this proposed nomination, the Coos People are the living community, Jordan Cove and the horseshoe-shaped estuary are the area the Coos people call home, and the nomination documents the many ways this living community has continually kept their traditional practices and beliefs.

A full copy of the draft nomination and accompanying Historic District map can be downloaded by clicking on the following links.

View the [Map](#) of the proposed historic district [pdf]

View the [Property Owner List](#) [pdf]

View the redacted public copy of the [National Register Nomination](#) [pdf] Oregon State law prohibits disclosing the location of archaeological sites.

#### Project Timeline and Important Dates

**November 1, 2018** – National Register of Historic Places nomination submitted to SHPO for consideration at October 2018 SACHP meeting.

**December 21, 2018** - Public comment period opens. See below for more information on how to submit comments. View a PDF of the [Press Release](#) [pdf]

**January 8, 2019** - Coos Bay Landmarks Commission reviews the nomination document for the proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me TCP Historic District. The meeting is scheduled for 12:00 PM in the City Hall Conference Room. Additional details here: <http://coosbay.org/government/oversite#planning-commission>.

**January 17-18, 2019** - Oregon SHPO staff host informational meeting at the North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459. On January 17, the meeting begins at 6pm. On January 18, the meeting begins at 1pm.

**February 22, 2019** - The SACHP will review the nomination document for the proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me Traditional Cultural Property Historic District. The meeting will be at the Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Street, North Bend, beginning at 1:00 p.m. View the [SACHP Agenda](#) [pdf]

**May 10, 2019** - Requested last day to submit notarized objections to the Oregon SHPO for the proposed historic district. Any notarized objection received after this date will be forwarded to the National Park Service before they make a final decision.

**May 23, 2019** - Nomination for the proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me TCP Historic District is forwarded by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to the National Park Service for a final decision. This date will change if the SACHP does not recommend that the district be listed in the National Register at its February 22nd meeting.

**July 2019** - Expected date that the National Park Service will make a final decision regarding listing the proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii

me TCP Historic District in the National Register. This date will change if the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (SACHP) does not recommend that the district be listed in the National Register at its February 22nd meeting.

### How do I Support or Object to Listing the District in the National Register?

Private property owners holding fee-simple absolute title to real property within the historic district may object to listing a district in the National Register by submitting a notarized statement to the SHPO certifying that the individual is the sole or partial owner of the property and that they object to the listing. The proposed district will not be listed if a majority of the property owners object.

Each owner of private property in a district has one opportunity to object regardless of how many properties or what part of the one property that individual owns, and regardless of whether the property contributes to the historic significance of the proposed district. Per federal rules, objections by divisions of government, including schools and fire districts are not counted toward the total needed to prevent listing a district in the National Register.

The opportunity to object is described more fully in the federal regulations, Chapter 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 60. A link to these regulations may be found at: <https://www.nps.gov/nr/regulations.htm>

The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provides the following forms as a courtesy. Owners are not required to use SHPO forms in order to object.

[Objection Form](#) [pdf]

[Multiple Signature Addendum Form](#) [pdf]

Original signed and notarized objections must be mailed to:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Kukwis shichdii Historic District  
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301

We request that all notarized objections be submitted to our office no later than May 10, 2019 in order for them to be included with the nomination materials forwarded to the National Park Service. Any notarized objection received after this date will be forwarded to the National Park Service before they make a final decision.

Letters of support and comments from interested parties are welcome, and may be submitted by email to [ORSHPO.NationalRegisterProgram@oregon.gov](mailto:ORSHPO.NationalRegisterProgram@oregon.gov) or by regular mail to the address listed above.

### How Does the National Register Process Work?

Any person or organization can nominate a property or district for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by submitting a nomination to the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). A complete nomination for a historic district includes the nomination form, property list, maps, photos, and exhibits. Once received, SHPO staff reviews the document for completeness, and then provides the preparer with a memo, if needed, outlining required changes to meet the minimum standards set by the National Park Service and making suggestions to improve the document.

Nominations that meet the minimum standards are forwarded to the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (SACHP), a nine member, governor-appointed body of citizens with expertise in fields relating to historic preservation. The nomination document is also provided to the local government for comment.

At its meeting, the SACHP considers comments by local officials, staff, and interested citizens and recommends to the SHPO and the National Park Service to accept or reject a property or district for listing in the National Register, or defer the nomination for future consideration. Only the National Park Service can list a property in the Register.

### What Does Listing in the National Register Mean?

Owners of properties listed in the National Register choosing to take advantage of federal and state tax benefits and grant programs must comply with federal standards. Oregon State law requires local governments to review proposals to demolish or relocate properties listed in the National Register. Local governments have the authority to form local historic districts and landmarks, and may also create additional protections for properties listed in the National Register through a separate local process.

To find out more about how your local government may regulate National Register listed properties, please contact your local planning office.

Coos Bay: <http://coosbay.org/departments/community-development-department>

North Bend: <http://www.northbendoregon.us/publicworks/page/planning>

Coos County: <http://www.co.coos.or.us/Departments/Planning.aspx>

View the SHPO National Register webpage that describes in more detail the benefits and restrictions of owning a property listed in the National Register and the listing process here:

[http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/NATREG/pages/nrhp\\_results.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/NATREG/pages/nrhp_results.aspx)

### Questions About the Information on this Page?

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### Questions About North Bend's Land-Use Regulations?

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### Questions About Coos County's Land-Use Regulations?

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