



A Look Back; A New Path Forward

Contributed by Tribal Council, January 2022

As we look back to last year, and other years past, we have overcome and accomplished a great deal.

The COVID -19 Pandemic has affected us in many ways. First, we know that the economic impact on our people has been tremendous since March 2020. Our goal was to minimize that impact by creating Tribal laws and to offer General Welfare Assistance Plans to our membership utilizing Federal funding from the CARES Act in 2020, and the American Rescue Plan in 2021 to provide direct payments to membership. During office closures, and the inability to gather, canceling in person events for the safety of our people, we maintained direct services and changed the way we work, providing laptops to membership for telehealth, and virtual connections every place we could. Virtual camps, meetings and events, with virtual classes offering education enabled us to reach more members than ever before.

The Tribal Government and its economic entities have also been impacted tremendously. We have been through much transition with staff and reorganizing departments as we have identified the need to work more diverse, to maintain efficiency and continue to be accessible. The Council has been committed as we identified areas of concern and continued to meet as a group to find solutions. The economic success of our Tribe comes with great responsibility as we strive to meet the needs of our people. Our primary goal, once we recovered from our economic hardships resulting from the Three Rivers Casino Resort & Hotel closures, was to be able to sustain our success, and ultimately achieve economic growth. We have worked tearlessly to achieve this goals and are closer than ever before.

Our main source of non-grant fund-source is revenues from Three Rivers Casino Hotel & Resort in Florence, and the Three

Rivers Casino in Coos Bay with an estimated annual distribution of \$6 million dollars for 2022, which will fund a substantial amount of Tribal Government programs. We as a Council have been able to manage the recovery to significant economic health, to achieve this funding by making challenging business decisions. The Tribal Council has been able to find solutions that resulted with the ability to pay down the overall debt by an estimated \$20 million dollars over the last three years. The debt reduction is a proud accomplishment.

Moving forward, the New Year offers us a wide array of opportunities. Our new path with the new CEO, Lee Ann Wander, brings much needed Tribal Government management experience and leadership. We have exciting goals for the future. Some of our goals are to continue to expand our outreach to Tribal membership virtually where possible, increase our housing capacity, to strive to improve direct services to membership and enhance and promote vital cultural education. As always we as a Tribal Council are available to hear from you. Please reach out as we continue to move the Tribe forward. Have a safe and happy New Year.

Photograph by Morgan Gaines, quuiich

Pictured: tule basket, mugwort, deer hide drum, abalone shell and myrtle nuts

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Important PRC Application Deadline

Deadline: January 31, 2022

**Fill out application online at
www.ctclusi.org**

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Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from November 14, 2021 - December 11, 2021

Chief Doc Slyter: No report at this time due to illness.

Debbie Bossley, Tribal Chair:
November – December - 18 Days in the office
11/14 Regular Council Meeting
11/16 OTGA Meeting,
Hand out Turkeys to staff
11/17 New CEO Tours of properties
11/18 Leaders Circle
11/19 Met with Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs
11/22 Two CFO Interviews for Three Rivers Casino
11/23 One CFO Interview for Three Rivers Casino
11/24 One CFOR Interview for Three Rivers Casino; GFORB Meeting; Business Council Meeting
12/02 One CFO Interview for Three Rivers Casino; Leaders Circle
12/06 One CFO interview for Three Rivers Casino
12/09 Two In Person, CFO Interviews for Three Rivers Casino
Total Hours: 160

Julie Siestreem, Vice Chair:
11/14 Regular Council Meeting
11/15 White House Tribal Nations Summit
11/16 White House Tribal Nations Summit; Gift Giving of Turkeys to CTCLUSI Staff
11/17 ELD Tribal Advisory Committee
11/18 US Department of the Interior Indian Affairs Indian Boarding School Initiative; Leaders Circle
11/19 Meeting with Assist Secretary for Indian Affairs, Bryan Newland
11/22 TRC CFO Initial Phone Screen
11/23 Indian Boarding School Initiative Consultation; TRC CFO Initial Phone Screen
11/24 TRC CFO Initial Phone Screen; GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting

11/30 TRC CFO Interview
12/01 Tribal State Annual Summit
12/02 CFO Initial Phone Screen; Leaders Circle
12/06 BOEM Fisheries Guidance Discussion
12/06 TRC CFO Second Interview
12/07 Siuslaw National Forest MOU Presentation to Tribal Council
12/10 Meeting with Chair Bossley and Lee Ann Wander, CEO
Total Hours: 65

Iliana Montiel:
11/14 Tribal Council Regular Meeting (partial via zoom)
11/18 Benefits Board Special Meeting; Leaders Circle
11/24 GFORB Meeting; Tribal Council Business Meeting
12/02 Leaders Circle
Reading & responding to emails.
Total Hours: 30

Josh Davies:
11/14 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
11/15 White House Tribal Nations Summit
11/16 White House Tribal Nations Summit Educator Advancement Council
11/17 OIEA Board Meeting; Tribal Consultation: Boarding School Initiative; Election Board Meeting; Sapsikwala seminar student presentations; ELD Tribal Advisory Committee
11/18 WH IGA Weekly call;Leaders Circle
11/19 Election Board Meeting
11/22 Celebrated my birthday with Family and Friends
11/24 Attended presentation by PSU and Victor Begay, Ph.D. - “Deconstructing Thanksgiving”; GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
11/25 Enjoyed Thanksgiving with Family and Friends
11/29 Housing Committee Meeting
12/01 Tribal/State Annual Summit

12/02 Tribal/State Annual Summit; WH IGA Weekly call;Leaders Circle
12/03 Tribal Hall kitchen remodel meeting
12/08 Educator Advancement Council; Met with a couple Tribal Elders
12/09 Toured Three Rivers Casino property; Three Rivers Casino CFO Interviews
12/10 Educator Advancement Council
Total Hours: 84.5

Doug Barrett:
11/14 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
11/17 OYA Stakeholders – Corona Virus Update
11/18 Leaders Circle
11/19 2nd Salmon Orca Summit 2021 Nez Perce Tribe
11/23 Indian Boarding School initiative – consultation
11/24 GFORB / TC Business Meeting
11/25 TC Leaders Circle
11/26 SQ Wa’ Tomuwii
12/01 Meeting with Blue Stone Strategy
12/02 Short Culture Committee meeting – Yachats Land Acknowledgment conversation; Leaders Circle
12/03 SQ Wa’as Tomuwii
12/07 Siuslaw National Forest MOU Presentation
12/08 Culture as Medicine: Healing Through Connection
12/09 Two – CFO Final Interviews at TRC; Culture Committee
12/10 Waters Healing Ceremony Discussion for interested Tribes; BIA School Initiative Comments
12/12 TC Meeting
Total Hours: 74 + emails

Enna Helms: No Report at time of publication

Tribal Council Corner

Ancestral Mathematics

Since March 13, 2020 we have all lost someone. Due to the pandemic COVID-19, natural causes and or, unexpected traumatic life events beyond our control. When I saw and read this set of words they were helpful to me and the grief I am dealing with from the February 22, 2021 passing of my mother. I am sharing them with all of our general membership via our tribal newsletter in hope’s they may help you as they did myself. Even though our loved ones are not with us in person, they are with us each and every day in spirit.

Julie Siestreem,
Tribal Council Vice-Chair

Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

2 parents
4 grandparents
8 great-grandparents
16 second great-grandparents
32 third great-grandparents
64 fourth great-grandparents
128 fifth great-grandparents
256 sixth great-grandparents
512 seventh great-grandparents
1,024 eighth great-grandparents
2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment – How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? – did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment...



Vice Chair Julie Siestreem

Information

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

The CLUSI Tribal Council welcomes your ideas, comments, criticisms, etc.
Please write to: Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
ATTN: Tribal Council 1245 Fulton Ave.
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact Jeannie McNeil, 541-888-7506. We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Jan Lawrence at 541-888-7538 or at jlawrence@ctclusi.org for new requirements needed to be honored.

US FOREST SERVICE
NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES

Now available at the Tribal Administration Building, Florence and Eugene Outreach offices.
Requirements are: 1. Must be a CTCLUSI Tribal member. 2. Must be over 16 years old. 3. You may only be issued one per year. The passes hang from the rear view mirror and are good for access to some Forest Service fee areas. Area maps available.

CHANGES?

Please let us know if you have a change in address, phone number, name or addition to your family. Changes should be submitted to Enrollment Dept., either online at www.ctclusi.org/enrollment or mail to Enrollment Dept., 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone: 541-888-7506 or Fax: 541-888-2853.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Full video available at www.ctclusi.org
If you would like to receive typed copies or an audio CD of the Tribal Council meeting minutes send a written request, including your current address to Jeannie McNeil, 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420.



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Council Meeting

January 9, 2022

10:00 a.m.

To practice safe social distancing guidelines, this meeting will be streamed online. Please login to the citizen portal of www.ctclusi.org and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
 2. Invocation
 3. Approval of Minutes as needed
 4. Tribal Council Reports
 5. Tribal Chief Executive Officer Report
 6. Chief Financial Officer Report
 7. Old Business
 8. New Business
 9. Other
 10. Good of the Tribes
 11. Executive Session as needed
- Council meeting video available to view at www.ctclusi.org

Upcoming Events

- January 9th – Regular Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- January 14th – Deadline for Election Position Statements to be printed in February Edition
- January 14th – Deadline for Fitness Program reimbursements for all of 2021
- January 17th – All Tribal Government Offices will be CLOSED in Observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- January 19th – Women’s Circle Poetry Group (Zoom 12:15 – 1:00 p.m.)
- January 28th – Ladies Self-Care dentalium necklace making (Zoom at 6:00 p.m.)
- January 31st – PRC Application for Health Services Deadline (fill out application at www.ctclusi.org)

- February 18th – 3rd Annual Storytelling Event 6:00 p.m.
- February 11th – Deadline for Election Position Statements to be printed in March Edition
- February 13th – Regular Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- February 21st – All Tribal Government Offices will be CLOSED in Observance of President’s Day
- March 11th – Deadline to file statement of candidacy for Tribal Council
- March 13th – Regular Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- March 15th – Deadline for Election Position Statements to be printed in April Edition
- April 10th – Tribal Council Election Day, Tribal Hall 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



THE VOICE OF CLUSI

If you or anyone in your Tribal family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you! -Morgan Gaines

Join a Committee

Enrollment, Housing, Education, Culture, Health, Elders, Budget, Investment, and Garden Committees are always accepting letters of interest. Would you like to serve on a Tribal committee? Submit your letter of interest to Christine Sylvester at csylvester@ctclusi.org. All letters of interest are kept on file for one year.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION
APRIL 10, 2022
For Position #2, #4 & #6

POSITION NUMBER
Position #2
Position #4
Position #6

INCUMBENT
Debbie Bossley
Josh Davies
Doug Barrett

TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL PLEASE SEE BELOW

7-3-23 Candidate Eligibility

According to the Tribal Constitution (Article VIII, Section 4(a)), in order to be eligible for election to a Tribal Council position, candidates shall meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Be a duly enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes;
- (b) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
- (c) Never have been previously removed from office for good cause after the date the Tribal Constitution was ratified. (May 23, 1987).

7-3-24 Statements of Candidacy

- (1) Candidates shall file Statements of Candidacy no later than thirty (30) days before the scheduled date of the election. CLUSI Const. Art. VIII, Section 4(c).

Each candidate shall indicate the position for which he or she is filing. No shuffling of positions will be allowed. You may submit to any CTCLUSI Government Office.

Deadline to File – Friday March 11, 2022 by 5:00pm

POSITION STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS Each candidate will be given the opportunity to present a position statement for inclusion in the Tribal Newsletter if submitted by the Newsletter deadline. Position statements shall not be longer than one (1) sheet of 8-1/2” by 11” paper printed on both sides, capable of being copied on a black and white copier (can be color). **Position statements** shall be published in the **February, March** or **April** issue, depending upon when the candidate filed and the candidate’s preference once submitted to Election Clerk. **Once a Statement of Candidacy is submitted see Newsletter deadlines below.**

Newsletter Deadline for Position Statement Publication:
Friday, January 14, 2022 for February 2022 Newsletter
Friday, February 11, 2022 for March 2022 Newsletter
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 for April 2022 Newsletter

You can only be in one publication; any other political mailings, once reviewed by the Election Board will be at the candidate’s expense.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION

Only registered voters will be sent a ballot

The Election shall be held at the Tribal Hall
338 Wallace Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

April 10, 2022 is Election Day
Voting hours shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You can register and vote in person during this time.

Special Election Council Compensation Vote Results

A Special Election was held on Sunday, December 19, 2021 regarding Council Compensation. All enrolled registered voters were mailed absentee ballots on November 30, 2021 for mail in voting or had the option to vote in person at the Tribal Hall in Coos Bay, Oregon during the hours of 12:00 noon and 4:00p.m.

A YES Vote Means: Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians elected officials will be compensated for duties performed... The monthly stipend will begin on January 1, 2022 and will stay in place for all Elected Officials going forward, only an official vote of the General Council could authorize any changes. ***

The CTCLUSI Tribal Council and Chief positions will be paid for their performance of Tribal Council duties by monthly stipend in the amount of \$3,600 (for anyone not currently employed) and \$1,800 (for anyone currently employed).

Debbie Bossley, Tribal Council Chair expressed the following, "Thank you for all those Tribal Members who took the time to vote. A great deal of effort has been put into gathering input from the Tribal Members during the last six months surrounding this issue. With this officially passing after several attempts in the past, our Tribe now joins the other eight Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon in compensating their elected officials.

Moving forward Tribal Council will establish clear guidelines and ensure transparency that will encompass a recent determination from the IRS that this will be taxable income.



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ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL STIPEND

DECEMBER 19, 2021 - SPECIAL ELECTION VOTE

YES 117
NO 78

These are the sworn results of the December 19, 2021 Special Election for Tribal Council Stipend by Isler CPA, Eugene, Oregon.


Election Board Chairperson

Isler CPA Representative


Tribal Council Member

Election Board Member

***The Election Board has received a challenge to the validity of the special election held on December 19, 2021 regarding Council Compensation. The Election Board will make a determination on the outcome of this challenge by following the review process.

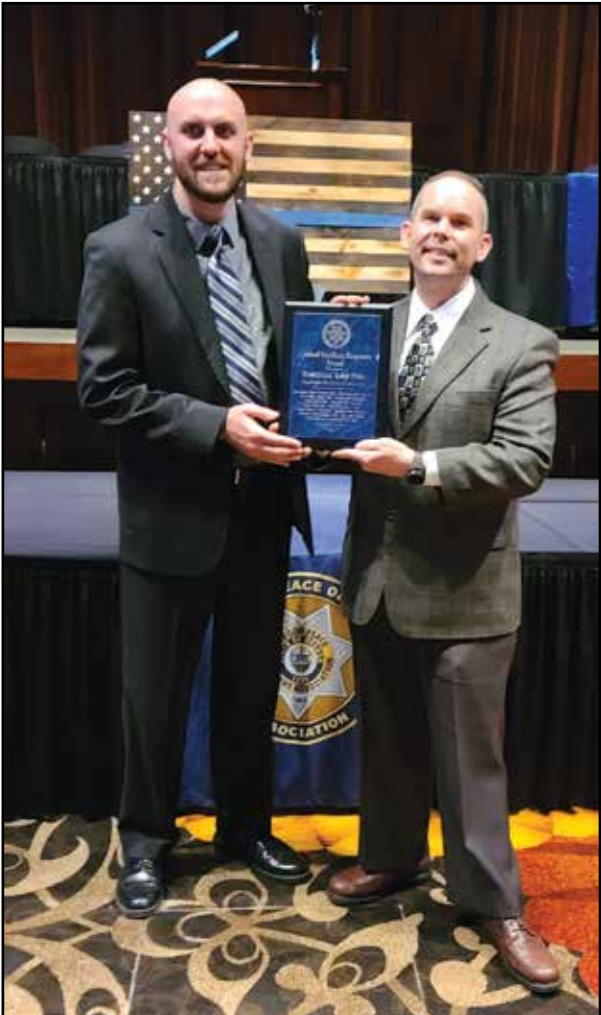
Tribal Police Honored at Oregon Peace Officer's Association Annual Awards Banquet

Contributed by CTCLUSI Chief of Police Brian Dubray

On Friday, November 19, 2021, the Tribal Police Department was honored at the Oregon Peace Officer's Association (OPOA) annual awards banquet held at Spirit Mountain Casino. The Tribal Police Department received the Critical Incident Award for their assistance on a quadruple homicide that occurred on June 18, 2021. Officer Olson and Chief of Police Dubray responded directly to the incident and provided assistance in the investigation. The Department was honored alongside other agencies who participated including the Coos Bay Police Department, the Coos County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police among others.



CTCLUSI Tribal Police Department members left to right front row, Officer Mike Olson, Chief of Police Brian Dubray. Back row from left to right, Officer Shawn Fleming and Paula Williams



The Culture and Natural Resources Department has Expanded

Contributed by the Culture and Natural Resources Department

Roselynn Lwenya Ph.D., Culture and Natural Resources Director

Roselynn is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the Department of Culture and Natural Resources for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI). Specifically, Roselynn is tasked with the responsibility of supervision of departmental staff and overseeing the daily operations of the department. Roselynn and her staff help to ensure that cultural and natural resources policies, procedures and program priorities established by the Tribal Council are consistent with Tribal values.



John Schaefer, Tribal Biologist



John is a Hanis Coos Tribal Member and an OSU graduate of General Biology with an emphasis in Marine Biology. He has worked for the Tribe since 2005. John is responsible for understanding wildlife, fishery, and shellfish biology, as well as general botany, mycology, and ecology. He also assists in resource protection projects, water quality monitoring, permit review, and environmental planning. John is on the State Technical Advisory Group for the Ocean Acidification Hypoxia, (State Technical) Lamprey (Team), Eelgrass Recovery Advisory Committee, and the Leadership Board of the Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership. He is also recognized for his knowledge of first foods and ethnobotany.

Colin Beck, Forest Lands Manager

Colin is a 5th generation forester with 20+ years' experience in forest management, and 6+ years' experience working in Tribal natural resources management. He holds a B.S. in Environmental Studies – Geology from Southern Oregon University, a Juris Doctor degree from Lewis & Clark Law School, and a Graduate Certificate in Hydrology from Portland State University. On his time off he can be found hanging out with his 11 year-old Son, fishing in the rivers and ocean, hunting and foraging in the mountains, and experimenting with local foods in his kitchen. Colin is excited to be working with CTCLUSI to develop a forest management program from the ground up, and he looks forward to actively managing the Tribal Forest for the Tribes.



Jesse Beers, Cultural Stewardship Manager

Jesse is a sha'yuushtl'a ul quuiich Tribal member and Western Oregon University Graduate. He works alongside other Tribal members to help perpetuate and build on the traditional culture and lifeways of our Tribe and support cultural outreach within our ancestral territory with stakeholders. Jesse also works within many of our land



and water restoration efforts to provide a cultural lens to restoration, he believes not only that our culture needs a healthy environment in order to thrive but our lands and waters actually needs our culture practiced in order for it to thrive, it is a circle of stewardship. He actively participates in all kinds of cultural activities with the youth, including canoeing, shinny, talking circles and traditional arts, to name a few. During the pandemic, many of our cultural teaching activities have moved to zoom to help our families remain connected and active with our culture. Jesse is looking forward to having them in person when it's the safe and responsible thing to do so.

Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist and Cultural Stewardship Assistant

Ashley is a Miluk Coos Tribal Member and an Oregon State University (OSU) graduate of Environmental Sciences with an emphasis on Fisheries and Wildlife Science. Last month, she completed 1000 hours of study in the fields of herbal medicine, botany, foraging, nutrition, medicine making, organic gardening, and the cultivation of therapeutic herbs from Chestnut School of Herbal Medicine and awarded a certificate of completion for the Herbal Immersion Program. Ashley not only assists with water protection activities, but she also assists in developing and implementing activities that support the continued expression and continuity of Tribal culture and stewardship. She coordinates and supports the development and implementation of all aspects of cultural knowledge transfer that include: planning cultural awareness and outreach programs to educate Tribal members and the surrounding community about Tribal culture through newsletter articles, Tribal presentations, and cultural activities. Her personal goal is to help Tribal members reclaim our medicine.



Courtney Krossman, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)

Courtney is a Miluk Coos Tribal member, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Tribe. In her appointment as THPO, she assumes the roles of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on Tribal lands. This includes the protection of cultural resources through intergovernmental and internal coordination, review of local, state, and federal permits within the Ancestral Territory of CTCLUSI, evaluation of potential impacts to archaeological and other cultural resources from proposed activities, and recommends mitigation efforts for those impacts. Courtney also oversees the Curation facility, which houses historic artifacts of significance to CTCLUSI histories. Courtney has been actively engaged in Tribal events and Ceremonies from a young age. She is very passionate about the protection of our cultural and natural resources and the perpetuation of our Tribal way of life. Protecting our resources is essential to continue to grow and function spiritually and culturally.



Janet Niessner, Environmental Scientist

Janet has been with the Tribe since 2017 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology from George Washington University (2007) and a Masters of Science in Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology from Cranfield University (2014). Formerly the Tribal

~ Meet our team! ~

Resource Response Specialist, Janet has officially transitioned into the role of Environmental Scientist. The Tribe’s laboratory currently incorporates testing activities for environmental and human health risks with a variety of instrumentation. Janet’s new role will be responsible for testing activities, quality assurance of equipment operation and data analysis, and all health and safety for the building. Janet is currently working with departmental staff to procure a variety of new laboratory equipment in an attempt to test a variety of environmental samples (such as water, vegetation, and fish tissues) for hazardous pollutants that may pose a serious risk to human health. Janet’s role also liaises with the THPO and Cultural Protection Program for laboratory work regarding the Curations facility, such as for accessing protocols, recordation procedures, and testing for pesticide contaminants.



works with Enna Helms on compiling word lists, working on the grammar, and piloting beginning language classes via zoom and posting ‘word of the day’ on language pages on facebook for tribal families. Language is a part of all aspects of culture-ethnobiology, story, traditional crafts and tool making, and place names. We work with tribal members and staff to provide support as needed-providing words and phrases to teaching words that support cultural activities. We work to blend language and culture within the home, community, and public spaces. Patty’s lifework has been instrumental in building a foundation for culture and a language speaking community.



Doug Barrett, Youth Cultural Specialist

Doug is a Sha’yuusht’a uł Quuiich Tribal member. For over 20 years, Doug has served as the Prevention Activities Coordinator and D&A Treatment in the Tribe’s Family Services Department. He has recently transitioned to the Culture and Natural Resources Department and is now working solely with youth and families. His favorite saying is “Culture is Prevention”. His goals are to keep youth connected with their peers, lands, and waters. Experiencing and learning their culture and traditions together in the place of their inheritance, will strengthen their cultural identity and help them to assume their role as cultural stewards. In coordination with other Tribal departments, Doug will be helping to administer the following programs: Healing of the Canoe (HOC), Canoe Journeys, Camps, Gathering Expeditions, Talking Circles, Peace Giving Court, and other cultural activities.



Enna Helms, Culture & Language Associate

Enna Helms sinsanuu, miluk ka’uu, kuukwisich dluuGwa tlo’no mani’yas ma chanchiifinich leqlem’uu (My name is Enna, I’m a Miluk person. My family resides in the Coos Bay area, but I live in Eugene right now). I was raised by my father Eddie Helms and spent most of my time outside in nature and is still where I feel most grounded. My interest in language started at an early age hearing and using a handful of Coos/Chinuk Jargon words with family members and has led me to study linguistics from the University of Oregon. Many thanks to the Elders for their prayers and planting those cultural seeds in the community, sharing their knowledge, stories, and a dirt floor to dance on. It’s important to center and foster cultural values in everything we do and to build from that good place in our hearts. As we interact with community and provide outreach, we work to find and create opportunities to weave language and culture together



Mark Petrie, Culture & Tobacco Prevention & Education Program (TPEP) Coordinator

Mark is a Hanis Coos Tribal member. He is excited to be rejoining the Culture Department once again. He will be managing the Tribal TPEP grant with the goal of reducing commercial tobacco initiation and use. Commercial tobacco misuse/abuse has a chronic health and economic impact within our communities. Today we are “Reclaiming Our Medicine” by growing and using traditional tobacco in a safe and respectful way, as our people have done for thousands of years. We often use the phrase “Culture is Prevention” because when we practice culture, it keeps us busy with healthy, fulfilling and memorable experiences. Having grown up taking part in the Tribes’ prevention programs as a tribal youth, he has continued to support these programs for the last 15 years. Over the years he has gained a passion for learning and teaching tribal history, first-foods, tool-making, restorative justice and other cultural practices.



Long Term Goals of the Department:

- Enhance environmental health of the Ancestral Territory by pairing traditional resource stewardship techniques with contemporary technology and information.
- Establish agreements with all federal, state, and local agencies that allow for the gathering of culturally significant species within the Tribe’s Ancestral Territory.
- Protect and preserve cultural sites within our Ancestral Lands.
- Ensure the cultural, environmental, social, and economic needs of the Tribe are secured and sustainable through implementation of holistic natural resource management strategies.
- Enrich the lives of Tribal members now and in the future through celebrating and sharing the lessons and lifeways of our ancestors.

Culture and customs in hanis and miluk is **tamalis, nishchima’muu** in sha’yuusht’a uł quuiich. Culture, language and the environment are inseparable; they are all aspects of a greater whole. With our team combining our different skills and knowledge, we continue to grow cultural activities for Tribal families, work to enhance the environment we live in, and protect our sacred sites.

Please visit the Tribe’s website at www.ctclusi.org and the DNR page at <https://ctclusi.org/department-of-natural-resources-culture/> for more information about the tribe and specifically our department and how to get involved.

Patty Phillips, Culture & Tribal Linguist

Patty, a Miluk Tribal member, has been curious about the tribal languages since her teens, but really only began to learn about them when studying linguistics at the University of Oregon. Now she

THANK YOU!

Positive COVID-19 Results and CTCLUSI Resources

Contributed by CTCLUSI Health Department

COVID-19 cases in Oregon are higher than they have ever been since the beginning of the pandemic. On August 13, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported 733 hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients, the single highest daily count since OHA began reporting hospitalization trend data. This total represented a more than seven-fold increase from the 99 hospitalized COVID-19 patients reported on July 9.

Are you a CTCLUSI Tribal member that has an active COVID-19 positive test? CTCLUSI has resources for members in the five-county service area (Curry, Coos, Lincoln, Lane, and Douglas). Resources are provided to those with proof of a recent COVID-19 test, and are actively in quarantine/isolation. Resources include, yet are limited to food, electrolytes, cleaning supplies, over the counter medications (we have a pre-approved list), and personal protective equipment. These resources are provided to

help keep contagious Tribal members home for the 14-day quarantine period. This is an effort to help our Tribal members and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

How to get a COVID-19 Quarantine/Isolation Kit:

1. Send photo proof via email or text photo proof to your local Community Health Aid (CHA), or Community Health Nurse. The test must be completed at a pharmacy or health care facility. Over the counter tests are not valid.
2. A CHA will review the COVID-19 kit checklist with the COVID-19 positive Tribal member.

a. Armando Martinez:

- i. Email: amartinez@ctclusi.org
- ii. Phone Number: 541-435-7228
- iii. Cell Phone: 541-999-4151

b. Doug Morrison:

- i. Email: dmorrison@ctclusi.org
- ii. Phone Number: 541-997-6685 x 7701
- iii. Cell Phone: 541-297-2391

c. Kimmy Bixby:

- i. Email: kbixby@ctclusi.org
- ii. Phone Number: 541-744-1334 X 7165
- iii. Cell Phone: 541-808-8684

d. Kristy Petrie:

- i. Email: kpetrie@ctclusi.org
- ii. Phone Number: 541-888-7521
- iii. Cell Phone: 541-294-8391

LINENS AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS

Three Rivers Casino & Hotel in Florence Oregon, for several years have been donating various articles of linen from the hotel for Tribal Members Households.

These linens are 'slightly used' and have been pulled from circulation from the Hotel.

If anyone is interested in king and queen sheet sets (fitted and flat sheets and pillow cases). Limited items are bath mats, bath towels, washcloths and hand towel, and comforters and bed spreads. All the linens are white in color.

These lines cannot be shipped but arrangements can be made for pick up at the Coos Bay, Florence and Eugene Outreach Offices.

If you would like to be placed on a list to receive items as they come in please call Karen Porter 541-888-9577 or submit your request via www.ctclusi.org on Tribal Member Linen Request Form.

Live Native: Tribal Family Program

CTCLUSI's grant programs: Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) and Tobacco Prevention Program would like to invite Tribal Families to participate in our new program, Live Native. This program will range from 4 to 8 weeks long, with at your own pace family activities, and a variety of virtual classes including, but not limited to cooking classes, guest speakers, and cultural activities.

All Tribal Family participants will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of CTCLUSI designed clothing and/or outdoor apparel, while supplies last. At the end of each month, there will be a grand prize raffle: one for an adult, and one for youth. Raffle tickets are awarded to each participant for each activity and virtual class/event completed.

★ Free Outdoor Apparel

★ Raffle Prizes: Adult and Youth

Sign up form will be available at CTCLUSI.org.

Questions: Contact Mark Petrie at 541-435-7217, mpetrie@ctclusi.org

or

Kristy Petrie at 541-888-7521, kpetrie@ctclusi.org

or

Armando Martinez at 541-888-7228, amartinez@ctclusi.org



Photo Credit: Kristy Petrie



“In the Loop” with the Circles of Healing Program

January Marks the 18th Annual National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM)

Contributed by Kathy King, Circles of Healing Coordinator, Health and Social Services

The NSAM initiative is a national call to action to know what stalking is, name it, and stop it.

Why name stalking? While awareness of and public discussion of domestic and dating partner violence has increased in recent years, stalking remains rarely discussed and is sometimes misunderstood.

Stalking is:
A pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.*

Friends and family members are usually the first people a stalking victim talks to about what is going on and their response can influence whether or not the person seeks further help. When friends, family, neighbors, teachers, mentors, and colleagues know how to identify stalking, they are better able to support the person.

Important ways to help someone experiencing a stalking situation include:

- Believe and validate the person’s experience.
- Thank them for trusting you enough to have the conversation.
- Believe what they tell you because it is the person’s experience of what is happening.
- One helpful response is, “I can see why that would be upsetting.”

Remind the person that what is happening is not their fault. Support and encourage them to seek help

- The person may or may not want to take action. Respect their choices and privacy.
- Do not share any information about the person or about what is happening with others.

Get help or learn more by calling:
Kathy at Circles of Healing at 541-808-8152
StrongHearts Native Helpline at 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)

*Adapted from materials at the SPARC Resource Center: <https://stalkingawareness.org> used by permission.

A Safe Place Meditation

Adapted from the H.E.A.L.I.N.G. Program by Kathy King, Health and Social Services

Time: a few minutes
Place: a relatively quiet place
Eyes: open or closed
Posture: sitting or reclining to a restful position

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Practicing a safe place meditation is one way to connect the mind, body, spirit, and emotions. Begin when you are feeling relatively calm. A place in nature, where the air is fresh, or anywhere where you can be alone is best. By focusing the mind on somewhere safe, the body can relax, the emotions be calmed, and the spirit strengthened. Be patient and kind to yourself.

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Safe Place Meditation
Breathe in and out deeply a few times
Allow your muscles to relax, from your head to your toes
Imagine a safe place--- it can be a log cabin, deserted island, a forest, beach, a home or structure with high walls, or a room where no one can enter without permission
This can be a place where you have been before, or a place where you feel protected, and where you feel safe. Or, it can be a new place.
Your chosen place can be an imaginary place, one you created, where you feel that you can build safe memories for yourself.
Imagine how it feels to be in this safe place.
How does it smell in this safe place?
How does it sound?
Is the sun shining? Or, is it setting? Is it

bright or is it calm, dark and quiet?
How does your body feel in this safe place, your heart, breathing, and muscles are all safe in this place.
Breathe in and out.
This is a safe place---a place where you can feel calm.
Breathe in, then out. Breathe deeply a few times. You deserve peace. You deserve this safe place.
Return to this place where you can find peace and safety when you are feeling like this would be nice, or when calm is needed. Know that you can return to this place---if only for a few minutes. This is your place, created within.
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Try this a few times a week.

If you would like a printed copy of “A Safe Place Meditation,” please call the Circles of Healing Program at 541-435-7158.  
Kathy is happy to mail or provide a printed copy.

### Women’s Circle Poetry Group


Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
12:15 to 1:00pm  
Zoom

We will read and talk about two poems and learn about the women that wrote them:


**Elizabeth Woody (Navajo/Warm Springs/Wasko/Yakama)**  
**Elise Paschen (Osage)**

Please call or text 541-808-8152, Kathy at Circles of Healing, for the Poems and the Zoom link. All women are welcome.

Feel free to eat during this lunch time group.



### LADIES SELF-CARE



Please join us for a Zoom Class!  
All women are welcome.

We will make dentalium necklaces with a very special guest teacher:

**Kaia Russell**

Materials will be provided for pick up or by USPS mail.  
Class size is limited to the first 10 RSVPs.

**Friday, January 28, 2022  
at 6:00 pm on Zoom**  
For more information please call or text  
Kathy King at 541-808-8152.  
RSVP is kindly requested by Friday, January 14, 2022.

Sponsored by the Circles of Healing Program  
CTCLUSI Health and Human Services Division

## Dental Clinic Update

The CTCLUSI Dental Clinic will be operating at full-capacity with the New Year. This means our dental reception will be open and we are able to increase our patient load. As many of you know, our clinic was closed from March of 2020 to July of 2020 in response to Covid-19. Since July, we have slowly begun to reopen our clinic to provide dental services in the safest way possible by limiting aerosol generating procedures (restorations and cleanings) and restricting the capacity of our dental clinic. Our tribal government has outfitted our dental clinic with an air filtration system, N95 masks, three negative pressure rooms, and Vector Vortex units for each room. These modifications to our clinic allow us to open our clinic at full-capacity safely. We are to begin using our four new dental chairs, as well as our three original dental chairs. We currently have two dental therapists, one hygienist, and 5 dental assistants. Our clinic is ready for patients! Please call 541-888-6433 to make an appointment today.



Hours of Operation 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We are open Mondays - Thursdays  
in January, March, May, July, September, November

We are open Tuesdays - Fridays  
in February, April, June, August, October,  
December

Call us today to schedule your appointment!

**(541) 888-6433**

or toll free at 877-688-6433

We are located at  
1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420

**Save the Date**  
**hechit', basaq', hałk'**

**3rd Annual Storytelling Event**  
**Friday, February 18, 2022 at 6:00pm**

### Tribal Government Website Information

**[www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)**

Be sure to check the Tribal website [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) for digital copies of The Voice of CLUSI monthly newsletter and more Tribal Government Information.

Visit <https://ctclusi.org/health-alert-notifications> for more information and links to the CDC concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic.

If you are a Tribal member who needs assistance getting signed up for full access to the Citizen Portal on [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) please e-mail [mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org) or call (541) 808-7918.

## Virtual Language Classes 10-Week Winter 2022

January 3rd - March 11th

**Mondays: Miluk 4:00-6:00 pm**

**Wednesdays: Hanis 4:00-6:00 pm**

**Thursdays: Sha'yuushtla ul Quuiich**  
**1:00-3:00 pm**

**Please sign up with Enna Helms at**  
**[ehelms@ctclusi.org](mailto:ehelms@ctclusi.org), or cell phone at (541) 297-7538**



### Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06we.b.zoom.us/j/83718181796?](https://us06we.b.zoom.us/j/83718181796?pwd=V2JneDZpY3NMTHRBU0R0TeTZpQIM0dz09)  
[a](https://us06we.b.zoom.us/j/83718181796?pwd=V2JneDZpY3NMTHRBU0R0TeTZpQIM0dz09)

### Meeting ID:

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### Passcode:

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# CTCLUSI Tribal Government Welcomes New Chief Executive Officer

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians are happy to announce that Lee Ann Wander has accepted the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Her first day at Tribal Government was Monday, November 8, 2021. Tribal Government is excited to have this vital role filled and looking forward to heading into the New Year in a positive direction; hiis haiyach (with a good heart).

Lee Ann was previously the Chief of Staff for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) on the southwest tip of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. She joins us with over 10 years of Tribal leadership experience, primarily executive management roles, as well as many more years in various positions in Indian Country. Her professional background includes not only leadership, but law enforcement and social services. Lee Ann was a police officer and also worked in corrections. She had an extensive career in social services where she started out as a child protective service worker, eventually moving into a supervisory role. While in the social services field, she worked her way up to the administrative level and ultimately headed over 11 programs as the Director of Social Services. In that role she helped manage 142 staff members, as well as oversaw the operations of a youth shelter and domestic violence shelter and was also an instrumental part of forming the model court program for the child welfare system and more.

She has an extensive focus on the development and management of expanding new and existing programs and services. The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians currently offers a number of programs but we are looking forward to expanding on those services to membership. Lee Ann shared that she is “really excited to come in now, the foundation is there so it’s going to be even more exciting to build it forward. I can’t wait”. A hands-on management style and open-door policy means that Lee Ann is more than willing to work side by side with her team to teach them and lead them and adapt to give employees the tools they need to succeed in their positions. “Helping people in my personal life and my career has always been my passion and I’ve never lost sight of that”.

Her cultural background is Blackfeet and Hopi and her significant other is an Alaskan Native. Lee Ann has three children of her own. Her oldest son is in law enforcement, a daughter attending the University of New England for teaching marine biology, and her youngest just graduated. They have family in Oregon and Alaska and are excited to be in the area and close to their family ties. Lee Ann is an avid bow hunter, her significant other an angler and they try to live as natural as possible. They are focused on being good stewards of life, land and our natural resources.

“I’m super happy to be here, to work



with everyone, get to know everyone, the members and the employees. I’m looking forward to getting to expand on the programs and providing more services for the members. I’m excited about what I can bring to this community.” When asked what programs she plans to look at first, she shared that the Health and Social Services are her first area of focus in helping to develop and expand programs and services to membership.

Lee Ann’s contact information is below:  
Lee Ann Wander, CEO  
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians  
lwander@ctclusi.org  
541-888-9577

## GAMING COMMISSION \*\*\*\*NOTICE OF VACANCY\*\*\*\* CTCLUSI 01/01/2022

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians’ Gaming Commission is established pursuant to CLUSITC 5-2-7. The purpose of the Gaming Commission is to regulate Class II and Class III gaming on the Confederated Tribes’ Indian Land. The Commission consists of five (5) members appointed by a majority vote of the Tribal Council.

The Gaming Commission has a term ending and are seeking interested parties. The term of this position is three years. Interested parties shall file a statement with the Commission reflecting their interest in serving as a Commission member.

### Qualifications for the Posted Vacancy:

Commissioners must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements (CLUSITC 5-2-7(d):

- (1) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) Must successfully complete a background investigation, as set forth in CLUSITC 5-2-15;
- (3) No member of Tribal Council may serve as a Commissioner; and
- (4) No employee of a Gaming Operation may serve as a Commissioner.

Each applicant for Commission membership shall be subject to a background investigation (CLUSITC 5-2-13) and drug testing (CLUSITC 5-2-21).

Interested parties may file a statement of interest with the Commission reflecting their interest in serving as a Commission member to Rusty Bossley, Executive Director of the Gaming Commission, at the following address:

5647 Hwy 126 Suite 100  
Florence, OR 97439

You may also fax your statement to 541-997-7293, or email at [rbossley@ctclusi.org](mailto:rbossley@ctclusi.org).

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*This notice of vacancy shall be posted at all Tribal offices.*

## ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

**All of These Forms Are Available  
to Fill Out Online**

**<https://ctclusi.org/enrollment/>**

- **New Tribal I.D. Request Form**
- **Name Change Form**
- **Change of Address Form**
- **Enrollment Application**

Visit [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and click the Tribal Enrollment tab from the dropdown Government Tab options.

Or sign in to the Citizen Portal and click on the Admin Request Forms box.

**Contact the Enrollment Office**  
**Jeannie McNeil, Enrollment Clerk at 541-888-7506**  
**[jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org)**



FITNESS PROGRAM  
CONTACT CHANGE &  
DEADLINE

The **deadline** for all 2021 fitness purchases to qualify for reimbursement is Friday, January 14, 2022 by end of business day.

For assistance with the Fitness or Nike Shoe Program please contact Meagan Davenport at the Coos Bay Administrative Office at 541-888-7509 or via email at [mdavenport@ctclusi.org](mailto:mdavenport@ctclusi.org)

Important PRC Application Deadline  
January 31, 2022 - Fill out application online at  
[www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)

The Purchased and Referred Care department is now accepting applications for the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) program for FY2022. You must submit a new application each year for each PRC-eligible Tribal member in your household. **This year, the deadline for applications is Monday, January 31, 2022.**

You can apply online at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org). You will see a link at the bottom of the home page that will take you to

the online form (or look under Member Services, Purchased and Referred Care). **Please be sure to upload the front and back of your insurance card to ensure we have the most current information**

**You must complete a separate form for each PRC-eligible family member.**

Please call PRC at (541) 888-4873 or (800) 227-0392 to have a hard-copy application mailed to you or with any questions.

Careers START HERE  
CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Three Rivers Casino Resort (Florence)

- Supervisor - Food & Beverage
- Bartender ~ Barback ~ Cocktail Beverage Server
- Food & Beverage Lead ~ Bussperson
- Food Court Runner/Dining Room Attendant
- Food Court Cashier/Barista
- Food Court Outlet Lead Cook ~ Food Court Outlet Cook ~ **Baker**
- Line Cook** ~ Night Cook/Cleaner ~ Dish Machine Operator
- Team Member Dining Room Attendant**
- Guest Room/Laundry Attendant
- Supervisor – Table Games** ~ Table Games Dealer
- Environmental Services Technician 1
- Banquet & Events Coordinator ~ Special Events Team Member
- Players Services Representative ~ Soft Count Team Member
- Information Technology Technician II
- Security Officer 1

Three Rivers Casino Resort (Coos Bay)

- Security Officer 1
- Maintenance Technician II
- Environmental Services Technician 1
- Bartender/Server
- Line Cook
- Electronic Gaming Machine Team Member
- Player Services Representative 2
- Player Services Representative Dual Rate Main Bank
- Player Services Team Member
- Soft Count Team Member

(jobs updated daily)  
**RED** means not actively interviewing, offer pending  
Updated 12/20/2021



Apply online at [threeiverscasino.com/careers](http://threeiverscasino.com/careers)  
or call us today at 541.902.6648

Are You  
in Need of  
Childcare?

If you reside in the five-county service area contact the Childcare Development Fund (CCDF) Program. Tribal member who work, attend a work training, attend school and/or attend an outpatient drug or alcohol treatment program for 10-40 verifiable hours a week qualify for the CCDF Program. Call us to apply!

Contact Meagan Davenport at [mdavenport@ctclusi.org](mailto:mdavenport@ctclusi.org) or call 541-888-7509

Native Food for Life Online - Virtual Potluck Recipe Card



Breakfast Quinoa

Meztli Yaotl Negrete

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup cooked quinoa, strained and cooled
- 1 cup nondairy milk of choice
- 3 tablespoons chia seeds
- 1/2 apple, finely diced
- 1 banana, sliced
- Ground cinnamon, to taste
- 1/4 cup pomegranate or other fruit

Directions

Boil 1 cup to 2 cups water. Add quinoa. Put on low heat for about 8 minutes, and then let it sit with lid for about 5 minutes. Rinse with cool water.

Add 3/4 cup cooked quinoa to bowl, followed by nondairy milk alternative, chia seeds, diced apple, sliced banana, powdered cinnamon to taste, and fruit. (If pomegranate is available, try that for an extra treat!)

Enjoy! Full of good fiber, antioxidants, omegas, and filling!





# Elders Corner

The Elders Spotlight of the Month will feature a new Elder each month. Elders are selected from a list of the Eldest to the Youngest Elder, starting with the Eldest. Elders will be contacted by Kimmy Bixby of Community Health Services with information for an article to be published in a future edition of The Voice of CLUSI newsletter. Many thanks go out to our Elders for all that they have done for our Tribal community. We hope to use this opportunity to highlight a few of your many accomplishments. **Thank you Elders!**  
Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide



Julie Anne Siestreem

## Julie Siestreem

### Hanis Coos

• Family members include older brother John Lee Siestreem and his wife Linda, their children Sophia, Sara, and James William, their grandchildren Ayuthea and Benito. Older sister Pamela Dee Siestreem Davies and Pamela’s son Joshua Robert Davies and wife Delilah, and their children Jorney, Sailie, Jordan, and Justus.

- Proudest Accomplishments:**
- My ongoing ability to establish, nurture, support my family, friends and Tribal interpersonal relationships.
  - My ongoing ability to be disciplined enough to complete four college degrees- BFA, MFA, Masters in Education, and Masters in Library Sciences.
  - My ongoing ability to stay in overall good health through significant unexpected challenges.

- Bucket List:**
- Be able to make sound decisions and do consistent work for my family, Tribe, and world best interests in education, health, housing, and environment for the remainder of my lifetime.
- Favorite Hobbies:**
- Walking outdoors.
  - Listening to classical and jazz music.
  - Creating art.
- Favorite Saying:**  
Chief’s words, “If you’re not invited to the table, you’re probably on the menu” and  
“If you’re not invited to the table, make your own.”



Kevin Thomas

## Kevin Thomas

### Coos

• Family members include his mother, Tribal Elder Carmen Thompson, grandmother Bessie May Lewis, great grandmother Bessie Hattie Lewis, and great-great grandmother Sarah Lewis (Mother of Walter Lewis).

- Proudest Accomplishments:**
- Worked as an elite firefighter for the Plumas Hotshot Crew fighting forest fires.
  - Did almost every type of logging such as High Lead, Yarder, Catside and Helicopter logging as a choker setter.
  - Worked at my dad’s cabinet shop building custom oak, cherry maple and paint grade woods for very expensive homes in Washington State.

- Bucket List:**
- I would love to visit all of our National Parks.
  - See some countries overseas.
  - I’ve always wanted to go to Hawaii!
- Favorite Saying:**  
“Let’s get-err-done!” and  
“Let’s remedy that!”

- Favorite Hobbies:**
- Wood carving and carving in soap and glass etching (carved soap picture included).
  - Drawing with pencils, charcoal and ink.
  - I love singing Karaoke Country music and soft rock like the Eagles, Randy Travis, Patsy Cline, etc.
  - Watching my favorite football team, the Seattle Seahawks!

Kevin’s art pictured below



## Native Food for Life Online - Virtual Potluck Recipe Card



# Green Sauce With Zucchini

By Rosana Martinez

Serves 4  
Time: Approximately 15 minutes

### Ingredients

- 4 medium zucchini, chopped
- 1 cup chickpeas, cooked and drained (or canned, washed, and drained)
- 1 cup cooked corn kernels (or canned or frozen at room temperature)

For the green sauce:

- |                                                    |                        |                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| • 1 cup tomatillos or green tomato (can be canned) | • 1/2 cup coriander    | • 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste                |
| • 1/2 medium onion                                 | • 2 cups boiling water | • 3 to 5 leaves epazote (optional)            |
| • 1 clove garlic                                   | • 1 cup water          | • Green serrano or jalapeno pepper (optional) |

### Directions

In a pot, place 2 cups water for the raw tomatillos and boil them for 5 minutes until they darken in color. (If the green tomatoes are canned, drain in a strainer and only blend.) In a comal, roast the onion and garlic clove a few minutes to brown the outside. Make sure the garlic is only a little brown; if it burns, it becomes bitter.

Remove tomatillos from the water. Blend tomatillos, onion, garlic, coriander, green serrano pepper (optional), and salt for about 2 minutes. If you have a molcajete, you can make the sauce by hand by crushing the onion, garlic, and

green chili to form a paste, and then adding the tomatillos one by one, along with salt as needed.

Place the sauce in a saucepan over medium heat. When it boils, place the zucchini in small pieces, the chickpeas, the corn kernels, and the optional epazote leaves. Mix well, lower the heat, cover, and boil for 4-6 minutes until the zucchini get soft but not faded.

Taste and add salt, as needed.

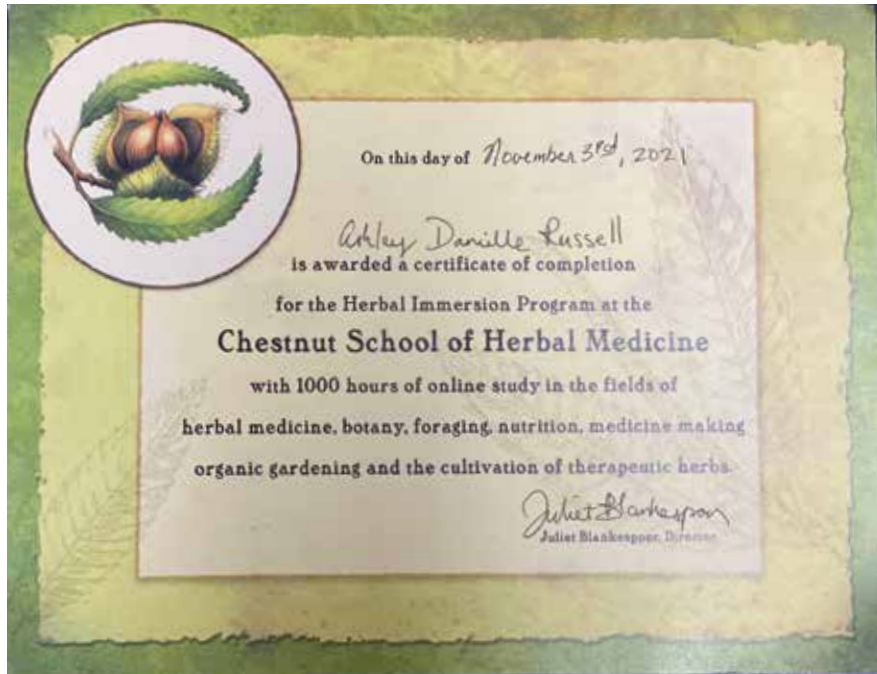
This stew goes well with rice or quinoa, avocado slices, and/or corn tortillas for delicious tacos.





# Tribal Member Achievements

## Tribal Member Ashley Russell Completes Herbal Immersion Program



Please help us in congratulating Tribal Member Ashley Russell in completing her Herbal Immersion Program through the Chestnut School of Herbal Medicine. This 1000 hour, 2.5 year, self-paced course covered a multitude of topics, including medicine making, organic herb collection, medicinal uses of herbs, foraging and wild harvesting of herbs, herbal safety, herbal actions and medical herbalism, herbal livelihoods, and botany and plant identification. *What an accomplishment!*

## Tribal Member Naomi Green Named Miss Clark County's Outstanding Teen

The Miss Clark County competition was held Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, where Naomi Green was named Miss Clark County's Outstanding Teen. She received \$2,700 in scholarships and prizes. Green is a 15-year old sophomore at Skyview High School in Vancouver, WA. She is the daughter of Jason and Meridith Green, granddaughter of Pauline Benson, and great granddaughter of the late Paul Benasco. In addition to claiming the title, Green won the preliminary fitness, preliminary talent, and Patriotism Reigns essay competitions. She is now preparing to compete for the Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen title this May in Seattle, WA, which is a qualifier for the Miss America Outstanding Teen competition.



*Congratulations Naomi!*

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# Post-COVID Conditions

Contributed by Kristy Petrie, Community Health Nurse

Information From: Center for Disease Control and Prevention. (09/16/2021)

## Overview

Although most people with COVID-19 get better within weeks of illness, some people experience post-COVID conditions. **Post-COVID conditions** are a wide range of new, returning, or ongoing health problems people can experience **four or more weeks** after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Even people who did not have COVID-19 symptoms in the days or weeks after they were infected can have post-COVID conditions. These conditions can present as different types and combinations of health problems for different lengths of time.

These post-COVID conditions may also be known as long COVID, long-haul COVID, post-acute COVID-19, long-term effects of COVID, or chronic COVID. CDC and experts around the world are working to learn more about short- and long-term health effects associated with COVID-19, who gets them, and why.

As of July 2021, “long COVID,” also known as post-COVID conditions, can be considered a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

## Types of Post-COVID Conditions

### New or Ongoing Symptoms

Some people experience a range of new or ongoing symptoms that can last weeks or months after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Unlike some of the other types of post-COVID conditions that tend only to occur in people who have had severe illness, these symptoms can happen to anyone who has had COVID-19, even if the illness was mild, or if they had no initial symptoms. People commonly report experiencing different combinations of the following symptoms:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Tiredness or fatigue
- Symptoms that get worse after physical or mental activities (also known as post-exertional malaise)
- Difficulty thinking or concentrating (sometimes referred to as “brain fog”)
- Cough
- Chest or stomach pain
- Headache
- Fast-beating or pounding heart (also known as heart palpitations)
- Joint or muscle pain
- Pins-and-needles feeling
- Diarrhea
- Sleep problems
- Fever
- Dizziness on standing (lightheadedness)
- Rash
- Mood changes
- Change in smell or taste
- Changes in menstrual period cycles

### Multiorgan Effects of COVID-19

Some people who had severe illness with COVID-19 experience multiorgan effects or autoimmune conditions over a longer time with symptoms lasting weeks or months after COVID-19 illness. Multiorgan effects can affect many, if not all, body systems, including heart, lung, kidney, skin, and brain functions. Autoimmune conditions happen when your immune system attacks healthy cells in your body by mistake, causing inflammation (swelling) or tissue damage in the affected parts of the body.

While it is very rare, some people, mostly children, experience multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS) during or immediately after a COVID-19 infection. MIS is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed. MIS can lead to post-COVID conditions if a person continues to experience multiorgan effects or other symptoms.

## Effects of COVID-19 Illness or Hospitalization

Hospitalizations and severe illnesses for lung-related diseases, including COVID-19, can cause health effects like severe weakness and exhaustion during the recovery period.

Effects of hospitalization can also include post-intensive care syndrome (PICS), which refers to health effects that begin when a person is in an intensive care unit (ICU) and can remain after a person returns home. These effects can include severe weakness, problems with thinking and judgment, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). PTSD involves long-term reactions to a very stressful event.

Some symptoms that can occur after hospitalization are similar to some of the symptoms that people with initially mild or no symptoms may experience many weeks after COVID-19. It can be difficult to know whether they are caused by the effects of hospitalization, the long-term effects of the virus, or a combination of both. These conditions might also be complicated by other effects related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including mental health effects from isolation, negative economic situations, and lack of access to healthcare for managing underlying conditions. These factors have affected both people who have experienced COVID-19 and those who have not.

## Children and Adolescents

A person of any age who has had COVID-19 can later develop a post-COVID condition. Although post-COVID conditions appear to be less common in children and adolescents than in adults, long-term effects after COVID-19 do occur in children and adolescents. Studies have reported long-term symptoms in children with both mild and severe COVID-19, including children who previously had multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children. Similar to the symptoms seen in adults, the most common symptoms reported have been tiredness or fatigue, headache, trouble sleeping (insomnia), trouble concentrating, muscle and joint pain, and cough. Young children may have trouble describing the problems they are experiencing; information on post-COVID conditions in children and adolescents is limited. It is possible that other symptoms may be likely in younger age groups.

If your child has a post-COVID condition that impacts their ability to attend school, complete schoolwork, or perform their usual activities, it may be helpful to discuss with your child’s school possible accommodations such as extra time on tests, scheduled rest periods throughout the day, a modified class schedule, etc. School administrators, school counselors, and school nurses can work with families and healthcare professionals to provide learning accommodations for children with post-COVID conditions, particularly those experiencing thinking, concentrating, or physical difficulties. You may also request similar accommodations for activities outside of school, such as day care, tutoring, sports, scouting, etc.

## Prevention

The best way to prevent post-COVID conditions is to prevent COVID-19 illness. For people who are eligible, getting vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as you can is the best way to prevent getting COVID-19 and can also help protect those around you. Stopping a pandemic takes all the tools in our toolbox:

### Important Ways to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don’t live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren’t available.

If you are NOT yet fully vaccinated, prevent long-term complications by protecting yourself and others from COVID-19.



## Education Corner

### Hoping the New Year Brings New Beginnings

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

As we enter the New Year, I hope this message finds you rejuvenated from your time off during winter break if you are a student. Parents, I hope this message finds you in a positive light. When teaching, winter break was one of the hardest times for students. Students were worried about where they would get their meals, having a place to sleep, or having clothes to stay warm. There were always a couple students who I made sure were the first ones I looked for when returning to school. So many children consider the holidays to be a time of sadness, despair and uncertainty. When teaching at a school with 80%+ poverty, creating relationships is vital to having success with students. Many times, students came to school unprepared, but they still showed up. By sharing this, my hope is that everyone takes a minute to appreciate the things they do have. Find something or someone to be thankful for.

Every September, I used to show a TED talk by Rita Pierson. Rita, was a teacher for over 40 years in the public-school system. During her speech, she shares stories of the classroom, students and teachers. Her passion and love for education is contagious. Here is some of the transcript from her presentation. Here is an excerpt from her presentation:

"Both my parents were educators, my maternal grandparents were educators, and for the past 40 years, I've done the same thing. And so, needless to say, over those years I've had a chance to look at education reform from a lot of perspectives. Some of those reforms have been good. Some of them have been not so good. And we know why kids drop out. We know why kids don't learn. It's either poverty, low attendance, negative peer influences... We know why. But one of the things that we never discuss or we rarely discuss is the value and importance of human connection. Relationships. James Comer says that no significant learning can occur

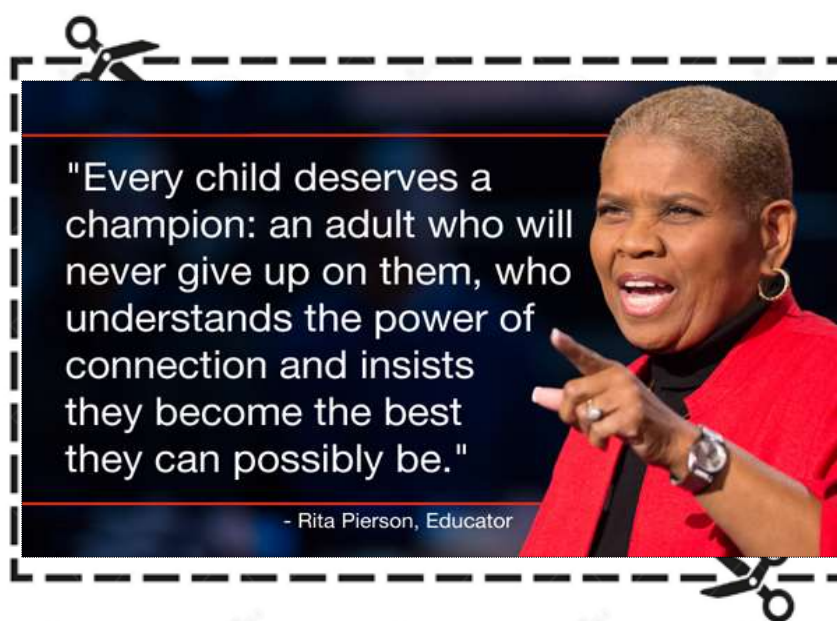
without a significant relationship. George Washington Carver says all learning is understanding relationships. Everyone in this room has been affected by a teacher or an adult. For years, I have watched people teach. I have looked at the best and I've looked at some of the worst... One year I came up with a bright idea. I told all my students, "You were chosen to be in my class because I am the best teacher

those same kids come through and say to her, "You know, Ms. Walker, you made a difference in my life. You made it work for me. You made me feel like I was somebody, when I knew, at the bottom, I wasn't. And I want you to just see what I've become." And when my mama died two years ago at 92, there were so many former students at her funeral, it brought tears to my eyes, not because she was gone, but because she

left a legacy of relationships that could never disappear. Can we stand to have more relationships? Absolutely. Will you like all your children? Of course not. And you know your toughest kids are never absent. Never. You won't like them all, and the tough ones show up for a reason. It's the connection. It's the relationships. So, teachers become great actors and great actresses, and we come to work when we don't feel like it, and we're listening to policy that doesn't make sense, and we teach anyway. We teach anyway, because that's what we

do. Teaching and learning should bring joy. How powerful would our world be if we had kids who were not afraid to take risks, who were not afraid to think, and who had a champion? Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be. Is this job tough? You betcha. Oh God, you betcha. But it is not impossible. We can do this. We're educators. We're born to make a difference."

When going back to school, I hope you at least one nice thing to do each day for yourself, your family, your friends or even an educator. Moving toward a common goal is not always an appreciated task, but it is always nice to hear a thank you or show someone a kind gesture. As the New Year begins, please stay safe and well. The Education Department hopes that your transition back into school goes smoothly. Please reach out to us for any needs. We are here to help.



and you are the best students, they put us all together so we could show everybody else how to do it. One of the students said, "Really?" I said, "Really. We have to show the other classes how to do it, so when we walk down the hall, people will notice us, so you can't make noise. You just have to strut." And I gave them a saying to say: "I am somebody. I was somebody when I came. I'll be a better somebody when I leave. I am powerful, and I am strong. I deserve the education that I get here. I have things to do, people to impress, and places to go." And they said, "Yeah!" You say it long enough, it starts to be a part of you.... For years, I watched my mother take the time at recess to review, go on home visits in the afternoon, buy combs and brushes and peanut butter and crackers to put in her desk drawer for kids that needed to eat, and a washcloth and some soap for the kids who didn't smell so good. See, it's hard to teach kids who stink. And kids can be cruel. And so she kept those things in her desk, and years later, after she retired, I watched some of

### Watch Virtual Cultural Activities Online

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In the Citizen Portal you will find a tab for Virtual Culture Zoom classes.

All previously recorded zoom classes are posted here for you to view. Did you miss any 2021 classes? You can still go watch and enjoy online!

<https://ctclusi.org/youth-services-private/>

Need help registering for the website?

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# Education Corner



## Extended Reality for Cultural Preservation at CTCLUSI

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

The education department has been working on a virtual educational go at your own pace, educational platform (GATHER), with the support of our community and young people. What is extended reality you say? It is an immersive technology that can merge the physical and virtual worlds. An Extended Reality System, or XRS, WILL HELP CTCLUSI get the most out of virtual reality and augmented reality training by giving Tribal members/ Tribe the power to manage their content and users. A computer and internet connection are all your young people will need, no special equipment or extensive training.

The pandemic has hit everyone hard and wanting to participate in after school online programming has become somewhat of a challenge. As indigenous people we are very hands on, our ancestors taught and learned that way. Because of the pandemic we have had to cut back on that quite a bit. Technology can be a bit tricky in that, it can go un-checked and honestly a bit dangerous. With this platform it will be managed by several departments within the tribe. We are in the process of creating the Tribe virtually with Tribal grounds, offices and other special sites. This site will be for Tribal members only, with the option to have expiring guest passes.

Within this platform families will be able to explore virtual CTCLUSI and visit select staff live. Embedded into this platform families and youth will be able to interact with the space to learn more about the tribe with imbedded videos and potentially live tours. Our focus for the moment will be on education. We are creating classrooms within the platform that students will be able to interact with; class's ranging from foraging, drum making, cooking, life skills, Indigenous studies, CTCLUSI History/current events, renewable energy, gardening and soap making; more to come later. These will be 4 weeks long, go at your own pace classes that will be incentive based with prizes that will go through to Sept 2022.

This is a collaborative effort with Education, D & R and some young Tribal members. "Gather" is a conference platform. "Were doing this on gather because quarantine means we are getting creative. We love the kids and they're worth the time to figure out how to bring this benefit home in the most fun, educational and engaging way.

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**Karen Porter Education Specialist 541-888-1315**

**All tutoring services will be virtual at this time due to the COVID Virus.**

**Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times!!**

**TUTORING**

# New Beginnings Grant Update

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

I wanted to extend gratitude for all those that participated either in person or via Zoom for our dinner and round table discussion. Thank you to Jesse Beers for cooking the salmon over the fire, Bessie Joyce and Diana Kaljumagi for attending and representing respective schools. We had a very rich discussion on past experiences of Tribal Members and their journeys through the education system. For those who attended, please be on the lookout for your gift card to arrive in the mail. A reoccurring theme that was brought to light was that we all had struggled throughout our paths. We all

shared similar stories of having to defend our culture, our ethnicity and our Tribes at one point or another. With the movement that is happening in education, I can only dream that one day our future generations will not endure the prejudices that we still are facing today. I am fortunate to sit on the Board of Directors for many educational programs through various agencies. The commonality that is being yelled loudest

is that students of color need to see teachers of colors to build that concept of "I Can". I look forward to meeting with more Tribal Members about this program, and would appreciate any comments on this topic. Please email me at [jdavies@ctclusi.org](mailto:jdavies@ctclusi.org) if you have an shares, concerns, or suggestions on how we can move forward in a positive direction.

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## CTCLUSI Council Members Attend Virtual Tribal Nations Summit

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

On November 15, 2021 through teleconference, President Biden addressed the attendees of the Tribal Nations Summit. Members of our Tribal Council watched virtually during this monumental occasion for Tribes.

President Biden stated “Today, I’m signed — and I’ll shortly sign — a Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal. Everyone knows we’re long overdue to make major investments in infrastructure, but nobody knows that better than Indian Country. Tribal lands have been chronically underfunded for generations. And so I’m very proud to say that when I sign the bill outside on the South Lawn shortly, the single-largest investment in Tribal infrastructure ever is going to occur: more than \$13 billion in direct investments to Indian Country and tens of billions more in grants and future funding opportunities — funding for clean drinking water, high-speed Internet, roads and bridges, environmental cleanups, and so much more.”

He added “I’m about to sign an executive order, in a moment, addressing the crisis of violence against Native Americans. Today, I’m directing federal officials to work with Tribal Nations on a strategy to improve public safety and advance justice. This builds on the work we did together in reauthorizing the Violence Against

Women Act in 2013, when we granted authority to try to exercise jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders who commit violence on Tribal lands. We’re going to reauthorize that again. We’re going

to expand the jurisdiction to include other offenses like sex trafficking, sexual assault, and child abuse

...That’s the foundation of our nation-to-nation partnership. That’s what this summit is all about. So, I want to thank everyone who’s here for participating, and I look forward to continuing to work together. And now it’s my honor to sign an executive order...”

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced in April 2021 the formation of a new Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS) to provide leadership and direction for cross-departmental and interagency work involving missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The signing of this executive order will help move the MMU forward which is a huge step for Tribal people in addressing the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples.

The transcript of President Biden’s speech can be viewed online at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/11/15/remarks-by-president-biden-at-the-tribal-nations-summit/>



Council member Josh Davies, son Jordan, and Chair Debbie Bossley attend the Tribal Nations Summit zoom call and watch remarks by President Biden and his signing of executive order. The title of the legislation is “Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People.”



## EPA Awards Over \$32 Million for Tribal Environmental Programs in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest

News Releases:

### Region 10

December 15, 2021

SEATTLE (December 15, 2021) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced it has recently awarded over \$32 million in Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grants for 257 tribes and tribal consortia in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

“Tribes are on the front lines of protecting public health and the environment in our region,” said Michelle Pirzadeh, EPA Region 10 Acting Regional Administrator. “EPA’s grant funds are critical to helping tribes sustain and grow their environmental programs and protect their communities and natural resources for current and future generations.”

Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) funding helps tribes develop environmental protection programs and make informed decisions about issues that impact the health of tribal members and the quality of their environment. Tribes use GAP grants to develop environmental plans and set priorities, seek technical assistance, conduct research, and provide outreach and education — the building blocks for successful environmental programs.

GAP grants have helped tribes in Alaska

and the Pacific Northwest plan, develop and establish core environmental protection programs. GAP grants have also helped tribes plan for climate change impacts, develop solid waste management plans, and educate and engage local communities in addressing priority environmental projects.

Examples of this work include:

With GAP and other federal funding, Chugach Regional Resources Commission and their Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute are working with tribes in Southcentral Alaska to conduct outreach, provide training, and collect baseline data on ocean water quality, harmful algal blooms, and climate change. Their work is highlighted in an educational video: Community Sampling for Ocean Acidification in South Central Alaska.

GAP funds were instrumental this summer to the Shoshone Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation, which provided timely air quality information as wildfire smoke from California and Oregon drifted towards Idaho. The Tribes disseminate air quality alerts, information on building DIY box fan air filters for healthier indoor air during wildfire smoke events, and other critical information for the Fort Hall community.

EPA Performance Partnership Grants that include GAP funds, supported

the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians in Oregon to receive EPA approval to administer the Clean Water Act’s water quality standards and certification program. The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe in Washington also used the funding to prepare an application for treatment in a similar manner as a state under the Clean Water Act. These approvals will enable these tribes to develop their own water quality goals and standards.

EPA is now inviting proposals from eligible tribes and tribal consortia located in Region 10 for 2023 funding. Details about the application process are available on the EPA Region 10 Tribal Environmental GAP Funding website.

For more information about EPA’s work with tribes in Region 10, check out EPA’s Tribal Programs in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska website. More information about EPA’s GAP program is available on EPA’s Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) website.

EPA’s Region 10 serves communities in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and 271 tribal nations. Learn more about EPA’s work in the Pacific Northwest at: [epa.gov/epa-region-10-pacific-northwest](https://epa.gov/epa-region-10-pacific-northwest). Connect with us on Twitter: [@EPAnorthwest](https://twitter.com/EPAnorthwest) EXIT EXIT EPA WEBSITE and Facebook: [@eparegion10](https://www.facebook.com/eparegion10)

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# Jordan Cove developers abandon plans for pipeline, Coos Bay LNG terminal

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By Carisa Cegavske | The News-Review

The developers that had hoped to build the Pacific Connector Pipeline and Jordan Cove Energy Project have told the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission they do not intend to move forward with the project.

The developers filed a brief with FERC Wednesday that announced the decision.

“Among other considerations, Applicants remain concerned regarding their [ability to obtain the necessary state permits](#) in the immediate future in addition to other external obstacles,” wrote Donald Sullivan, manager and associate general counsel for Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Pipeline in Wednesday’s brief.

FERC had been slated to reconsider its permit due to the project’s failure to secure necessary state permits.

The project would have involved creating a 36-inch pipeline that would cross 229 miles in four southwestern Oregon counties, including Douglas County, to transport natural gas to a Jordan Cove liquefaction plant in Coos Bay. From there, the gas would have been loaded onto ships for export to Asian markets.

This could be the end to a long-running battle between the developers on one hand and a coalition of property owners and environmental groups on the other.

While some landowners with property in the pipeline’s proposed path sold the company easements, others feared eminent domain would be used to force the pipeline onto their properties.

The fight carried on at the county, state and federal level for 17 years.

Developers first filed a notice of intent with the state Department of Energy in 2004, and in 2005 the Port of Coos Bay purchased 1,300 acres of land from Weyerhaeuser for the Jordan Cove terminal. FERC initially approved the project in 2009 and would go on to reverse itself multiple times. Originally billed as a project that would supply natural gas to American consumers, it shifted from import to export in 2012.

Stacey McLaughlin, a Myrtle Creek landowner whose property would have been traversed by the pipeline, said Wednesday she is “extraordinarily relieved” the developers are pulling out.

“I’m feeling an immense amount of relief. It has been a horrific nightmare, not just at the thought of the damage that they would do to our property but the damage they would do to the beautiful state of Oregon. And in the long run the cost to all of humanity for continuing on the path of fossil fuel,” McLaughlin said.

She said she’s hoping the decision is a sign of better things to come for the way the country moves forward on energy and climate issues.

A rendering of the proposed Jordan Cove LNG terminal in Coos Bay. Developers appeared to pull the plug on the project with a federal filing this week.LC- Jordan Cove Energy Project

After FERC announced it would reconsider its decision, Days Creek landowner Sandy Lyon had said she wasn’t yet ready to break out the champagne. Now, she said Wednesday, that champagne’s coming out.

“Why not enjoy each winning,” she said. “We fought so hard, so long. We might as well enjoy what time we have to feel free of this.”

She said she’s glad the developers felt the project couldn’t move forward.

“I’m so glad for the state denying permits. That’s really what changed it, when the state stood up and said no you’re not meeting our Clean Water Act and et cetera. I’m really glad Oregon stood by what Oregon stands for, our clean waters and rivers and our fish,” Lyon said.

She also said she’s glad she didn’t sell the company an easement, despite the fact that some other landowners received tens of thousands of dollars in exchange for easements.

“I’m happy that they don’t even have an easement here and it’s all ours, not theirs,” she said.

She also said she’s grateful for the thousands of people who fought the pipeline alongside the landowners, filing objections and testifying at hearings.

“It wouldn’t have happened without all the people that turned out,” she said.

Hannah Sohl of Rogue Climate said the project’s defeat “shows what communities can accomplish when we insist that public officials put the public interest ahead of the special interest of big corporations.”

“Now we need those same public officials to act with urgency to speed our transition to clean energy jobs and greater energy efficiency,” Sohl said in a press release.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/business/2021/12/jordan-cove-developers-abandon-plans-for-pipeline-coos-bay-lng-terminal.html>

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P.  
Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP

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Docket Nos. CP17-495-004  
CP17-494-004

INITIAL BRIEF OF PACIFIC CONNECTOR GAS PIPELINE, LP  
AND JORDAN COVE ENERGY PROJECT L.P.

Pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“Commission”), Order Establishing Briefing issued in the captioned proceeding on November 18, 2021 (“November 18 Order”),<sup>1</sup> Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P. (“JCEP”) and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP (“PCGP,” and collectively “Applicants”) hereby submit their initial brief. As explained below, Applicants are requesting that the Commission vacate the authorizations issued in this proceeding, which would then moot the question of whether to stay the certificate authorization granted to PCGP.

I.  
BACKGROUND

On March 19, 2020, the Commission issued an order pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA<sup>2</sup> and Part 153 of the Commission’s regulations<sup>3</sup> authorizing JCEP to site, construct, and operate a liquefied natural gas export terminal and associated facilities Coos County, Oregon. The Commission also authorized, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA<sup>4</sup> and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission’s regulations,<sup>5</sup> PCGP to construct and operate a new interstate natural gas pipeline

<sup>1</sup> Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP, et al., 177 FERC ¶ 61,117 (2021).  
<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b (2018).  
<sup>3</sup> 18 C.F.R. Pt. 153 (2020).  
<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717f.  
<sup>5</sup> 18 C.F.R. Pts. 157 and 284.

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system in Klamath, Jackson, Douglas, and Coos Counties, Oregon (together with the terminal, the “Project”). On May 22, 2020, the Commission denied and granted rehearing, in part, of the Authorization Order, and denied requests for stay.<sup>6</sup> Multiple parties appealed the Commission’s orders and, on October 28, 2021, the D.C. Circuit heard oral arguments on those appeals. The D.C. Circuit then issued an order on November 1, 2021, remanding the proceeding to FERC in part “to consider whether the imposition of a stay” of the PCGP certificate order “is appropriate.”<sup>7</sup>

II.  
REQUEST TO VACATE AUTHORIZATIONS

Despite diligent and persistent efforts, Applicants have not been able to obtain the necessary state-issued permits and authorizations from various Oregon state agencies. On January 19, 2021, the Commission issued an order denying Applicants’ petition for declaratory order, determining that Oregon had not waived its Clean Water Act Section 401 certification authority.<sup>8</sup> Subsequently, on February 8, 2021, the Department of Commerce sustained Oregon’s objection under the Coastal Zone Management Act.<sup>9</sup> Since those orders, Applicants have undertaken a review of permitting developments and the prospects for obtaining the permits in the future.

Applicants have now completed this review and have decided not to move forward with the Project. Among other considerations, Applicants remain concerned regarding their ability to obtain the necessary state permits in the immediate future in addition to other external obstacles. Accordingly, JCEP and PCGP hereby respectfully request that the Commission vacate the authorizations issued in the Authorization Order. Applicants appreciate the thorough and

<sup>6</sup> Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P., et al., 171 FERC ¶ 61,136 (2020).  
<sup>7</sup> Evans v. FERC, No. 20-1161 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 1, 2021).  
<sup>8</sup> Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP, et al., 174 FERC ¶ 61,057, PP 1, 35 (2021).  
<sup>9</sup> Decision and Findings in the Consistency Appeal of Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P., and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP, at 2, 35 (Feb. 8, 2021), <https://bit.ly/2QHseDI>.

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professional efforts of the Commission in the processing of these comprehensive authorizations.

If the Commission vacates the authorizations granted to JCEP and PCGP in the Authorization Order, the question of whether to stay PCGP’s certificate authorization would be moot, since there would be no authorization to stay. Applicants respectfully submit that, following the filing of this brief, the Commission need not expend further resources considering the issue of the appropriateness of a stay.

III.  
CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue an order vacating the authorizations issued in the Authorization Order.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP

December 1, 2021

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The Eugene clinic will provide primary medical care, with some capabilities for laboratory testing and pharmaceuticals.

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## United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Washington D.C. 20240



In Reply Refer to:  
FWS/CLE/076043

November 30, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader:

During 2018, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) held several Tribal consultation sessions on potential changes to 50 CFR 22.22 (What are the requirements concerning permits for Indian religious purposes?) regulations. Tribes identified the eagle feather permit process as being confusing and slow. The Service heard you, took action, and in an effort to assist, we changed our policy to streamline the permit process.

Starting on October 1, 2021, the National Eagle Repository (NER) will process all eagle feather permit applications. This includes all new applications, amendments (e.g., name change, contact information), and reorders. Tribal members will no longer need to submit a permit application to regional Migratory Bird Permit Offices and then to the NER. Moving forward, sending applications to the NER is all that is needed.


The Service requests that your Tribal enrollment office please inform Tribal members to apply for the Native American Religious Purposes Permit (Form 3-200-15a) either electronically at ([www.fws.gov/ePermits](http://www.fws.gov/ePermits)) or mail hard copies to:

National Eagle Repository  
6550 Gateway Road, RMA, Bldg. 128  
Commerce City, CO 80022

If submitted electronically, the permit application will go directly to the NER and if there are any issues with the permit, a NER staffer will work directly with the Tribal members to make the necessary corrections. It is the Service's hope that this new process will eliminate an unnecessary step for Tribal applicants applying for Native American Religious Purposes Permits. We are always trying to improve our service to Tribes and their members and welcome feedback.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the NER by calling (303) 287-2110 or emailing at [repository@fws.gov](mailto:repository@fws.gov). Additional information may also be found on the NER's website at [www.fws.gov/eaglerepository](http://www.fws.gov/eaglerepository).

Sincerely,



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Principal Deputy Director  
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