



*dia sla*, my name is Howard Roy and I am a *hanis* Coos Elder. I am the son of Leona Roy and the grandson of Albina Jordan. I am the father of two sons, Eagle and Cougar.

I spent my youth in Alaska but always had a strong connection with the traditional homelands of the Tribes and often came to Coos Bay to visit family and attend events such as Salmon Ceremony. I attended many meetings and functions of the Tribes prior to Restoration and have continued to be involved during Restoration and into our current time.

I went to college at the University of Hawaii and the University of Alaska, obtaining a degree in Construction Management/Inspection Services. I

have a portable MBA Certificate in Business Administration from the Harvard Darden School of Business. I returned to Coos Bay in 1984 and went to work for our Confederated Tribes as a Journeyman carpenter to work on Tribal Hall. I continued to work for the Tribe and have served the Tribes in many different employment positions, including Housing Director, Tribal Administrator, Director of Security and Maintenance, Economic Development, Planning Administrator and Director of Culture. I implemented the Housing Authority for the Tribes in 1989. I have worked for other Oregon coast Tribes such as the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe and Smith River Rancheria in various roles such as working in the Planning Department, Housing, Assistant to the Administrator, Building and Facilities, Grants Management and Self-Governance and NAHASDA. Additionally, I have worked with Indians Health Services as the Contracting Officer for Water and Sewage Facilities. These roles have contributed to my knowledge and experience in Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Governance.

I am now retired and continue to participate fully in tribal events, ceremonies and celebrations. I regularly attend Tribal Council meetings and Tribal Elder functions. I have supported the Tribes for years with involvement in many committees and boards such as the Ad-Hoc Hunting, Fishing and Gathering the Ad-Hoc Tribal Forestry Committees. I am very proud of the work that we did together and am so pleased that both goals have now come to fruition. I also worked with the State of Oregon to rename the local location, Qochyax Island also known as the Women and Children Island.

As a Tribal Council member, I believe that I am fully qualified to represent everyone, and that our work is not ever done.

Some of my main goals includes the continued push to have our aboriginal treaty rights of the Pacific Ocean to the Continental Shelf recognized. It is our inherent right to these waters, and

we used them daily since time immemorial. I would love to continue to work on this project and be able to develop our ocean resources, such as a fisheries department.

Another goal of mine is renaming local sites in our 5-county service area and to return original names for sites that were changed with colonization. We will be able to do this if the Tribe more fully participates in State committees of the Oregon Geographical Names Board and the Oregon Historical Names Board. Local participation and Tribal representation on these boards will bolster our position in the State and bring us more opportunities to educate communities of our historical and contemporary activities.

In addition to these goals, I want to continue to develop our financial security via the Casino and other business opportunities. Diversification will be the key to both protecting and utilizing our resources. I am firmly committed to the concept of Seven Generations and want to ensure our presence, our culture and our success for our children and our children's children. However, I want to ignite a participation of Tribal members in our meetings and our decision-making activities. Not only would I want to hear from members, moreover I will actively listen to them and advocate for their suggestions. I feel that Tribal members have been shut out of participation, have backed away from involvement and want to see that change. Attendance and participation are sorely needed.

I believe that membership in our Tribes is not only a benefit and a responsibility. I watched us be ushered from Termination to Restoration and want to be a steward to taking our Tribes into the future. I will represent all members without bias based on personalities or politics. I am fully committed to transparency in the processes for making business decisions and implementation of policies and oversight.

If we all pull together and keep standing up, we're going to be okay.

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Howard (Pete) Roy