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Historic Agreements Signed- Largest Dam Removal Effort in History

BRING HOME THE SALMON!

Historic agreements signed to enable the largest dam removal and salmon recovery effort in the history of the nation



On April 6, 2016, Oregon Governor Kate Brown, California Governor Jerry Brown, Tribal Leaders, upper Basin water users and other vested stakeholders joined Department of Interior Jewell in signing the agreements at the mouth of the Pacific Ocean in Klamath, California, home of the Yurok Tribe.

**All Photos and information provided by Taylor R. Tupper- Klamath Tribes News Dept.*

The agreement revives a dormant settlement process that died at the end of last year when Congress failed to approve legislation known as SB 133. That original settlement would have removed dams, restored tribal lands and provided more water for farmers and ranchers. By removing the dams without congressional approval, advocates hope the larger deal will become more politically palatable.

Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, announced a final draft of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSa) has been reached. Additionally, a separate, but just as important agreement, called the Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement, is

Save the Dates!

**Tribal Community Meetings for
Klamath Tribal Members Only!**

Monday, May 2nd, 2016 in Portland, OR at
DoubleTree Hotel by Lloyd Center @ 7pm

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 at University of
Oregon Longhouse. Eugene, OR @ 6pm

Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 at Shilo Inn in
Klamath Falls, OR @ 6pm

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each meeting.

For Meeting Agenda see page 6

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also finalized. "These historic agreements are important initial steps to enable the largest dam removal project in the history of our nation and to provide a roadmap for long-term restoration and sustainability for tribes, for fisheries, for agriculture and for water users across the Basin," Jewell said.



Chairman Gentry- Mouth of the Klamath River at the Pacific Ocean- On Yurok Tribal Land, Klamath CA.

Klamath Tribal Chairman Don Gentry said, "The c'iyaa's, which means salmon in the Klamath language, were placed in these waters by our Creator and was essential in sustaining the people for centuries, but when the dams were built we have not seen salmon in the Klamath Basin for almost 100 years. We won't be whole and we won't be complete as a people, until we can once again fish for our c'iyaa's." Chairman Gentry added, "Although the Klamath Tribes have not yet voted in favor of formally supporting the agreements, the Klamath Tribes have always support dam removal and salmon recovery. We recognize there will be much work to do both before and after the dams are removed."

Note: For those who want to read the 2 agreements that were signed April 6th, please go online to the following links:

KLAMATH HYDROELECTRIC SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

February 18, 2010 as amended April 6, 2016

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/KLAMATH%20HYDROELECTRIC%20KHSA%20with%20App%204-6-16.pdf>

2016 KLAMATH POWER AND FACILITIES AGREEMENT

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Klamath%20Power%20%26%20Facilities%20Agrmt%202016.pdf>

Steps forward

As a standalone agreement, the KHSA outlines provisions for removing the Oregon J.C. Boyle Dam, and three California dams, Copco 1 and 2 and Iron Gate Dam. The dams make up four of five that control water along the 263-mile-long Klamath River. They are owned by PacifiCorp, a private utility company that supplies power to much of the West.

Secretary Jewell explained that final approval for the dam removal plan must come from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). She said it would be unlikely for the commission to reject the plan this late in the game. She expects FERC's analysis to result in removing the dams by 2020. Jewell said science has shown that the largest limiting factor to Klamath fisheries is the dams, which are restricting salmon from nearly 300 miles of spawning habitat.



Jewell (pictured left) said together the pacts are intended restore the watershed “in a way that honors people from the headwaters of the Klamath to the mouth of the Klamath.”

“I think pieces have fallen into place since January that had to happen. We couldn’t be happier. It comes down to water quality and fish. All the science points to dam removal making the biggest positive impact to our fishery,” said Karuk Councilman Josh Saxon.

Restoration framework - According to Jewell, the Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement acknowledges the government’s ongoing commitment to helping resolve water conflict in the upper Basin and it re-establishes a framework for an ongoing partnership for restoration in the Basin.

As part of the KHSA, two PacifiCorp-owned dams that regulate flows in the upper Klamath watershed — the Keno Dam and Link River Dam — are slated to be turned over to the Bureau of Reclamation. According to Jewell, the power agreement addresses any regulatory or financial impacts that may result to upper Basin farmers from the KHSA and re-establishing fish runs to the upper Klamath Basin.

Gov. Kate Brown said Wednesday’s ceremony marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Klamath watershed. But, she acknowledged, the chapter is just a first step in a long restoration process. “Healing the Klamath is about much more than removing the dams,” she said. “It’s about restoring lands and healthy watersheds that nurture fish and wildlife and plants. For ranchers and farmers, it’s about building a sustainable, predictable way of using water that is an important part of the region’s economic future.”

"This is a huge exercise of humankind fixing some of the mistakes of the past," said California Governor Jerry Brown.



Yurok Vice Chairman, David Gensaw Sr. welcomed everyone at the opening ceremonies held on Yurok Tribal lands.



Tribal Elders, (left) Raymond Matt and Walt Lara visit about the first days of the Salmon runs and the struggles and victories thru the many years to get to this good day.

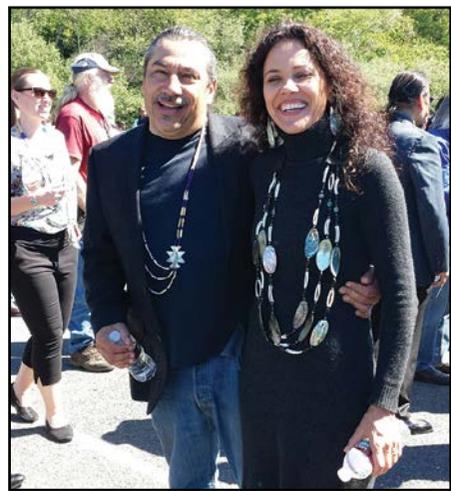


Yurok Spiritual Leader, Walt Lara (left) pictured here with Klamath Tribal Member, Rayson Tupper.

Mr. Lara shared a good story with Mr. Tupper about a time when he was young and spent over a month in Chiloquin, Oregon with his friend Bally Jackson. He first met Mr. Jackson on the river near his home in Klamath, California. He said he was about 20 years old

when his father asked him to drive Bally to Klamath. Mr. Lara laughed and said, "I wondered why my dad gave me \$20 to drive the young man just a few miles to Klamath. But, I soon figured out he was a Klamath Indian from Oregon and needed a ride several hours away." He laughed and added. "It was over a month before I came home. Sure had a good time in Chiloquin and came back with a freezer full of deer meat from my new upriver friends. Today is a good day. Good to meet and see everyone."

Tribal Senior, Rayson has traveled to every Salmon Rally up and down the river since the first water-shut off in 2001. He also had the pleasure of meeting the Gensaw Boys at the signing ceremony. They gifted him with a tribal necklace and invited him and others to come fishing with their family. Rayson gifted them his Salmon Rally jacket in friendship. They are members of the Yurok tribe and fish and practice their cultural ways along the Klamath River.



Leaf Hillman, Director of Natural Resources for the Karuk Tribe, pictured here with his beautiful wife Lisa. Both spent the day smiling and visiting friends and family. Leaf is also a board member on the Klamath River Keeper and Klamath Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission. Both are instrumental in cultural preservation and ecosystem restoration efforts along the Klamath River.

Oregon Governor, Kate Brown, spent the day visiting with tribal members and visitors. She has been a long time ally to these restoration efforts and has worked with the Oregon Tribes Commission on Indian Services for many years. Many thanks and blessings goes to Governor Brown and her Counterpart, Governor Jerry Brown of California.

The Klamath Tribes would like to say a special "thank you" to the Yurok Tribe for their gracious hospitality during the events. The signing ceremony was healing and the day was historic.



Klamath Tribal Chairman Don Gentry, was blessed to share a table with Karuk Chairman Buster Attebery, Secretary Sally Jewell, Oregon Governor Kate Brown, Yurok Chairman Thomas O'Rourke, California Governor Jerry Brown and Yurok Vice Chair David Gensaw Sr. during the dinner banquet.



Words cannot express the deep appreciation and honor felt being in Klamath, Ca., and knowing we are all working diligently to bring the salmon home.

The day was dedicated to our friend, the late Troy Fletcher of the Yurok Tribe. On this day we all remembered his commitment to this effort, to his tribe and family. He was missed, but will never be forgotten.

Ceremony dedicated to the late Troy Fletcher of the Yurok Tribe.

The Klamath Tribes
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President

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Leaf Hillman
Secretary

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Michael Orcutt
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Yurok Tribe
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KLAMATH RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH AND WATER COMMISSION

January 29, 2016

Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dick Pederson, Director
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
811 SW Sixth Ave
Portland, OR 97204-1390

Dear Chair Marcus and Director Pederson:

The Klamath River Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission (KRITFWC) is a federal non-profit organization established by the Yurok, Klamath, Hoopa Valley, and Karuk Tribes to address fisheries, water and related natural resources issues affecting the Klamath River Basin. The Commission implements and contributes to salmon restoration and recovery projects throughout the Basin conducted by our member Tribes.

KRITFWC favors removal of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project dams. As the state 401 certification processes for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project proceed, KRITFWC recommends that the Water Board analyze complete facilities removal, and require actions that provide for long-term solutions for the significant and ongoing water quality problems caused by the Project. The KRITFWC supports Statement of 2nd District Congressman Jared Huffman that "Nothing short of an aggressive approach will do here". Moreover, our Commission generally seeks the quickest route to removing dams on the Klamath River.

Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact the KRITFWC Chair, Vivian Kimbol, at 541-783-2219.

Sincerely, *Thomas Willson Sr.*

Thomas Willson Sr.
KRITFWC Vice Chair

**KLAMATH TRIBES OF OREGON NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- February 2, 2016**



For more information, contact:
Klamath Tribes Chairman, Don Gentry (541) 892-1433 or (541) 783-2219;
Email: don.gentry@klamathtribes.com

Breaking News re DAM REMOVAL!

The Klamath Tribes are pleased to announce that PacifiCorp, the states of Oregon and California, and federal government authorities have signed an Agreement in Principal (AIP) committing to "develop and pursue an administrative path at FERC for facilities removal that preserves the benefits of the KHSA..." That path is intended to lead to the removal of the Irongate, COPCO 1, COPCO 2 and J.C. Boyle dams that have deprived the Klamath Tribes of Treaty resources for a century. Primary among those Treaty resources are salmon and steelhead.

In response to the announcement of the AIP, Chairman Don Gentry said, "This is a good day for our people. Many generations have prayed for this day. It is only a beginning, but we will do everything in our power to make dam removal a reality. It is one thing all of our Tribal members – those who supported the KBRA and UKBCA, and those who did not – can agree on. The salmon and steelhead have waited 100 years to come home. It is our responsibility to help them do so."

The link to the Department of Interior's Press Release
<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/parties-agree-new-path-advance-klamath-agreement>



Statement from the Klamath Tribal Council

For more information contact:
 Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry at (541) 783-2219 ext. 100, Cell: (541) 892-1433

Latest Draft of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement

Attached, please find the Final Draft Amendment of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement which was received by members of the Klamath Tribes Water & Treaty Resource Protection Team this morning. It is anticipated that this document will be adopted by PacifiCorp, the State of Oregon, the State of California, the Department of Interior and multiple other Parties. It will then be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in support of removing four major dams on the mainstem Klamath River. The dams currently prevent salmon and steelhead, Klamath Tribes Treaty resources, from reaching the Upper Basin.

The Klamath Tribes have the option of joining as a Party if we (the General Council) decide that it is in the best interest of the Klamath Tribes to do so. The Klamath Tribes are listed on page 2 of the document because our members voted 770 for and 139 opposed to support the original KHSA (and KBRA) on January 19, 2010 and, by a vote of 508 for and 77 opposed on December 17, 2012, to support a subsequently amended KHSA (and KBRA).

Tribal representatives from the Klamath Tribes, Karuk Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe and Yurok Tribe have attended discussions about this draft amended KHSA in order to protect tribal interests, but neither the other tribes nor the Klamath Tribes are currently parties to the Agreement.

The non-Tribal parties understand and accept that each Tribe has to go through its unique Constitutional process to determine whether to participate as a Party to the Agreement. The amended KHSA does not require any Tribe to participate as a Party.

The dams proposed for removal include the Iron Gate, Copco 1 and Copco 2 dams in northern California and the J.C. Boyle dam in Oregon.

Important Release on future work

For Immediate Release: April 6, 2016
 Contact: Hank Stern (Wyden), 503-326-7539
 Martina McLennan (Merkley), 202-224-3753

Wyden, Merkley Statement on Klamath Agreements Announcement

Washington, D.C. – Oregon's U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, today released the following statement after the announcement that the governors of Oregon and California, along with the Department of the Interior, will begin a process to remove the Klamath River Basin dams in a step forward to address water issues affecting the region.

“These agreements are a major step forward toward implementing the Klamath Basin water agreements. One agreement lays out a path toward a history-making project to remove dams and restore a river that is an Oregon icon, and a second agreement helps protect the water supply for farmers and ranchers and makes sure they won't bear new costs because of dam removal,” the senators said.

“There is certainly more work to be done – to provide long-term certainty over water supply for agriculture, to maintain healthy flows in the river, and to restore land taken from the Klamath Tribes – and Congress will still need to help bring all of these issues to resolution. In the meantime, the tribal officials, irrigators, community leaders, the governors' offices in Oregon and California, and the Department of Interior – who have worked so hard on these difficult issues – deserve our congratulations and support.”

In a signing ceremony that included Oregon Governor Kate Brown, California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, along with tribal leaders, farmers and other stakeholders, the state and federal agency leaders announced they have also agreed to take steps to protect the needs of irrigators in the Keno Dam and Link River Dam, which are not among the four on the list of dams that will be removed.

Did You Know?

Did you know in-between the quarterly tribal newsletter you can stay connected by getting electronic tribal updates:
 Emails, E-News, E-Blasts, and much more!

How?

1. Klamath Tribal Member Emails

Send your email, name and roll# to:
taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com
 *Information emails almost daily!

2. Facebook:

Become our Friend at: www.klamathtribes.org
 "click" the facebook link on the web or find us at:
 "The Official Klamath Tribes Page"

3. "What's Happening" Link on Website

Visit the Website: www.klamathtribes.org
 Click : "What's Happening"
 Dwaa Nee Pqa on the website homepage.

Community Meeting Notice Agenda:

Klamath Tribal Members Only

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Agenda:

I. Section 17: Economic Development Structure

II. Cannabis Presentation

III. Tribal Funds

IV. Water Issues Update (Closed session):

- A. Klamath Basin Adjudication
- B. Klamath Marsh/Upper Williamson River
- C. Agreements

Notice: The meeting will be held in closed session due to sensitive legal matters. During the closed session only enrolled Klamath Tribal Members will be allowed.

Absolutely NO Audio or Video recording will be allowed by unauthorized parties.

For more information contact: Tribal Secretary, Torina Case at 541-783-2219 ext. 170

Section 17 Corporation: The Tribes Future Economic Development Structure

Every Tribe has the unique ability to organize semi-autonomously for Tribal Economic Development through several distinct and separate Tribal structures, including State Chartered Corporations, State Chartered LLC's, Tribally Chartered Corporations, Unincorporated Arms or Entities of the Tribe, and Federally Chartered Corporations (Section 17). A one size fits all Economic Development structure for 500+ Tribes in North America is not practical; each Tribe is challenged by its own unique situation. My analysis suggests that a Section 17 Structure is appropriate for the Klamath Tribes and our future Economic Development goals for the following reasons.

Benefits of Section 17:

1. Centralized and more focused oversight (realignment and centralized processes through consolidation of multiple boards of directors).
2. Resource optimization created through economies of scale, including personnel and business opportunities used for multiple business ventures, making the best use of the limited amount of Economic Development funds that are available for future projects.
3. Dedicated staff for oversight, transparency, and development of all current and future Tribal Enterprises.
4. Segregate the Assets and Liabilities of the Corporation from Tribal Assets and Liabilities.
5. Not subject to State and Federal income tax (40+% Tax Rate for Non-Tribal Businesses).
 - IRS is still considering the taxation of Tribally Owned enterprises. Section 17 Corporations are the only structure a Tribe can choose that guarantees the certainty of Tax immunity for its enterprises.
6. 25 year leasing authority for tribal reservation lands without Section 81 approval by the Secretary of the Interior. The Klamath Tribes can regulate long-term leases through its Corporate Charter and By-Laws. This is a competitive advantage for the Tribes, considering the lengthy process for BIA approval.
7. Insulation from political interference.
8. The ability to build an attractive and secure environment for Investors and future Business Partners (i.e. Energy Development projects and 8(a) Contracting projects).

Other Tribally Owned Section 17 Corporations:

Some of the tribes that currently operate businesses under Section 17 include the Confederated Tribes of the Coos-Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon, Coquille Tribe of Oregon, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians of Oregon, Confederated Salish/Kootenai Tribes, Nana Regional Corp. of Kotzebue (Alaska), and the Ukpeaignik Inupiat Corp. of Barrow (Alaska).

Additional Research:

http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/tribal_business_structure_handbook.pdf
http://www.michiganbusiness.org/cm/Files/Tribal_Business_Development/Tribal%20Business%20Structures%20Guidebook.pdf

For more information: Klamath Tribes Economic Dev. 541-783-2219 x182

NOTICE IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION

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in March 2016

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please provide your email to: taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com
or

Log on daily to the Tribal Website : www.klamathtribes.org

April 15, 2016: Deadline for new members to file application for
2016 per capita distribution.

May 15, 2016: Deadline for Change of Address (COA), forms must
be postmarked or submitted to the Member Benefits Department.

Friday, June 17, 2016: 8:00 am through 5:00 p.m. Per Capita Distri-
bution, Klamath Tribes Administration Building, Chiloquin, Oregon.
Bring photo identification. Not our policy to give your check to others
for you.

Monday, June 20, 2016: All checks NOT picked up by members will
be mailed out to address on file.

December 31, 2016: ALL checks will be VOID after 180 days and
non-negotiable per KTRAP 50.14(l). Please keep check stub for Fed-
eral Income Tax reporting. 1099 tax forms are sent when the income
is over \$599.00.

NAME CHANGES, GUARDIANSHIP, DEATH BENEFITS

It is the responsibility of each member to keep The Klamath Tribes
Member Benefits Department informed regarding your and your mi-
nor children's address, name changes, and custodial appointments. If
you have had any of the following, submit listed documentation to
change name on file or claim death benefits.

Name Change: Submit marriage license, divorce papers, court pa-
pers, adoption records to change name on record. Be sure to update
Social Security Card and submit to Member Benefits Department.

Change in Guardianship: Submit guardianship papers or custody
awards.

Death Benefits: Submit death certificate, copy of will or petition of
personal representation to claim benefits for any member who may
have passed away since the last per capita.

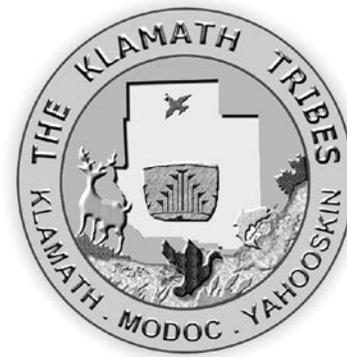
Please call 541-783-2219 and request Change of Address Forms,
Member Benefits Applications, and Deceased Benefits Forms to be
mailed to you or you may come in and pick up forms at The Klamath
Tribes, Administration Building, 501 Chiloquin Blvd. Chiloquin,
Oregon. All forms and applications are on our website www.klamath-tribes.org

**2016 KLAMATH TRIBES ELECTION
TIMEFRAME**

Saturday, February 27	Nominations for Tribal Council and Election Board
Saturday, March 5	Deadline for explanation of absence from General Council Meeting (Need to be received by 3:00 pm)
(To Be Determined)	Orientation of Election Board and review of Explanation of Absence
Friday, March 11	Names of nominees, who have accepted, will be forwarded to the Election Service Company for preparation of Ballot
Friday, March 11	Deadline for submittal of 1-page campaign insert for printing order by Gowans Printing in Modesto
OR	
Friday, March 18	Deadline for submittal of 1-page campaign insert; 4,150 copies mailed directly to company
Friday, March 25	Ballot will be postmarked and mailed out to eligible voters, per the Enrollment Mailing List
Wednesday, April 27	Election Day. Deadline for ballots to be received. Postmaster will be instructed not to place any additional ballots into the post office box after 5:00 pm on this date.
Thursday, April 28	Ballots will be picked up from the post office by the Election Service Company representatives and Board Members and delivered to the facility where ballots will be tabulated. Tribal members interested, may be present.
Saturday, May 7	Deadline for receiving any Claim of Irregularity (Must be by Certified Mail)
Thursday, May 12	Written determination and findings from Election Board on any Claims of Irregularity

Any questions regarding the Election process please
contact Election Clerk, Kathy Rich.

Ms. Kathy Rich
Klamath Tribes Election Clerk
Tribal Administration Office
501 Chiloquin Blvd, Chiloquin, Oregon 97624
email: kathy.rich@klamathtribes.com
Phone: 541-783-2219 ext. 101



Attention Klamath Tribal Members!

The Klamath Tribes will soon secure the repatriation of 18 of our ancestors and some associated funerary objects from the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley.

Please attend an information sharing and planning meeting at the Tribal Administration Building on:

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 --11am to 2pm at Tribal Administration - Auditorium

501 Chiloquin Blvd, Chiloquin, Oregon

Let's come together to plan the next steps in caring for our returning ancestors. Let's also do our best to ensure that elders attend in large numbers and are heard on this important matter.

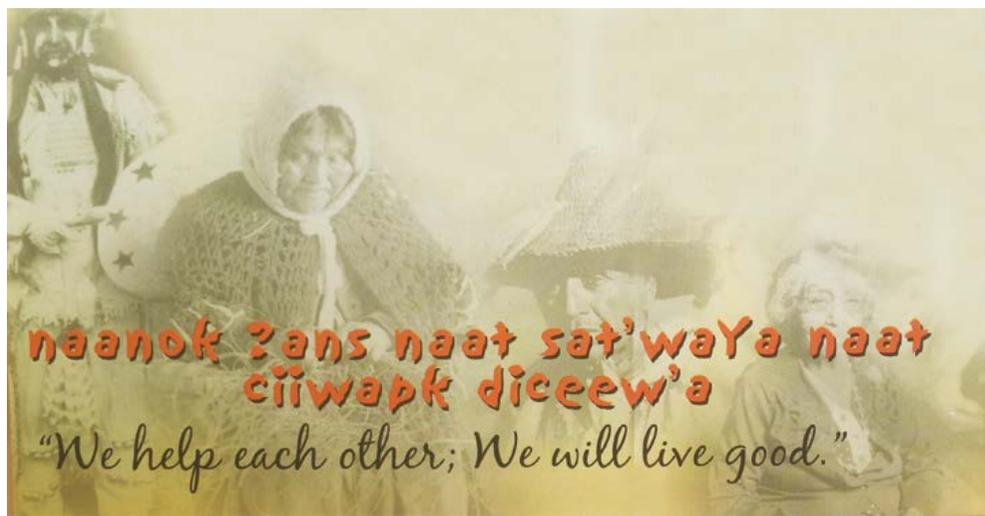
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Clay Dumont cdumont@sfsu.edu; (415) 338-7502 or (925) 671-6954

*This meeting is only for planning for the return of our deceased ancestors. Please save comments about other matters for other meetings. In the spirit of honoring our returning ancestors, we hope for a positive and healthy gathering of our people.



The Klamath Tribes Housing Department Update

Two New Programs

1. The Klamath Tribes Housing Departments **“First Time Homebuyers Down-Payment Assistance Program”**.

The purpose of this program is to provide eligible low-income Native American families with affordable homeownership financing opportunities to help improve their quality of life. This program will provide a loan on favorable terms to eligible homebuyers for down-payment assistance in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of a single family home in standard condition. This program will serve Tribal members in the State of Oregon.

For more information and eligibility requirements call Shari Brown, Rental Assistance Coordinator (541) 783-2219 Ext. 144
shari.brown@klamathtribes.com

2. The Klamath Tribes Housing Department **“Emergency Housing Assistance Program”**.

The Emergency Housing Assistance Program is to provide grant assistance to help Klamath Tribal members facing eviction for non-payment of rent, assist with security deposit payment or help those who are facing foreclosure due to delinquent mortgage payments. This program will serve Tribal members in the State of Oregon.

For more information and eligibility requirements call Jackie Jackson, Low Rent Coordinator. (541) 783-2219 Ext. 193
jackie.jackson@klamathtribes.com

Klamath Tribes Opposition to Dollar General Store in Chiloquin, Oregon



February 26, 2016

The Klamath Tribes Tribal Council

Mayor Joe Hobbs & Chiloquin City Council
City of Chiloquin
PO Box 196
122 South Second Avenue
Chiloquin, OR 97624

Re: Klamath Tribes Opposition to Dollar General Store in Chiloquin

Dear Mayor Hobbs and City Council Members:

I write to you as Chair of the Klamath Tribes and at the direction of the Tribal Council. The Klamath Tribes understands that the Chiloquin City Council is considering the addition of a Dollar General store in Chiloquin. The Tribes expresses its opposition to this store, for several reasons. First, we believe that the Dollar General Corporation does not operate its business in way that reflects the values of our shared community. This letter explains the company's actions and response to a claim that one of its store managers allegedly sexually assaulted a thirteen-year-old boy interning in its store on the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Mississippi. The Tribes also believes that the addition of a Dollar General store would harm, not grow, the local economy.

For over a decade, Dollar General has sought to avoid its legal obligations to the Mississippi Choctaw tribe, and has employed a legal strategy aimed at shielding Dollar General and its employee from accountability in the Tribal Court. The company opened a store on the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Mississippi, and signed a lease agreement with the Tribe in which it agreed to Tribal Court jurisdiction from any claims arising from its lease. In 2003, a claim arose from its lease when a thirteen-year-old intern alleged sexual assault by the store manager on duty.

Rather than take accountability and respond to the claim in Tribal Court, as required by its lease with the tribe, Dollar General instead argued that the Tribal Court had no jurisdiction. The Supreme Court for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the United States Federal District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, and the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit all agreed that Dollar General must abide by its lease agreement, which required the company to respond to the claim in the Tribal Court. Instead, Dollar General continues to try and avoid the Tribal Court proceeding, most recently by appealing to the United States Supreme



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Court. Both the Klamath Tribes and the State of Oregon are supporting the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in the case, which has not yet been decided.

The Klamath Tribes urges you and your colleagues on the Chiloquin City Council to consider Dollar General's actions in this case as an indication of whether the company would be a positive addition to Chiloquin. A company with integrity would not agree to jurisdiction in a lease, and then disregard its legal agreement and spend over decade litigating the issue. Rather, the responsible course of action for a good corporate citizen would be to show up in court and respond to the claim. Rather than prioritizing reconciliation and accountability by honoring its legal responsibilities, Dollar General's response to the alleged sexual assault claim has resulted in increased pain to the community involved.

In addition to opposing a store in Chiloquin based on Dollar General's values, the Klamath Tribes also believes that the store would not aid the local economy. The Klamath Tribes strongly supports responsible economic growth in Chiloquin. Our Economic Development Director has made an assessment of the economic impacts that the addition of a Dollar General store would have on our community. On balance, there are many more reasons to oppose the addition rather than support it.

Locating the store on the property proposed would require the extension of the Chiloquin urban growth boundary along one side of the property. One purpose of the urban growth boundary is to facilitate responsible development. As described in an earlier communication sent to the City Council, the Klamath Tribes understands that the store will not be a community-owned business, joint venture, or franchise opportunity for a local entrepreneur. Instead, the income spent by our community at the store will not benefit the local economy, because the store's profits will likely be reinvested in corporate headquarters in Tennessee rather than within our community.

As a corporation with over 12,000 stores in 43 states and premium buying power, Dollar General is able to undercut the market when mass purchasing. The store would compete for community members' limited discretionary income. In the short-term, many community members would appreciate a slight decrease in product cost. However, the Klamath Tribes does not want to see our local retail and restaurant businesses shuttered and our neighbors unemployed because they cannot compete, as has happened in other rural locations in Oregon.

When weighing the actions of the Dollar General Corporation in response to the alleged sexual assault claim, and also considering the economic impact its store may have on the community, the Klamath Tribes urges you to oppose bringing the store to Chiloquin and providing it with the variances it requests. Thank you for considering our concerns in this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Gentry, Chairman
The Klamath Tribes



Klamath Tribal Culture & Heritage Department Update

Information provided by: Department Director, Perry Chocktoot

Photo by: Klamath News Dept., Rhonda Kruhler



Left to right: Perry Chocktoot, Harold Wright, Mandy Roberson, and Lilliann Watah

The Culture and Heritage Department has four employees:

- The Administrative Assistant – Mandy Roberson
- Cultural Resource Protection Specialist – Lilliann Watah
- Language Instructor – Harold Wright
- Director of the Culture and Heritage - Perry Chocktoot Jr.

Duties:

- Mandy Roberson – Takes care of all clerical duties.
- Lilliann Watah – Provides site protection and consultation for the Department.
- Harold Wright – Teaches the language in the various schools and to the larger tribal public.
- Perry Chocktoot- I oversee the department and do site protection as well as consultation with the various agencies listed below.

The following are some of the obligations of the Department.

- The requisition of Eagle feathers for individual tribal members through the repository in Denver Colorado.
- All Language materials are supplied to the general tribal public which include a Klamath/Modoc Language Book and CD. A Ya-hooskin Language Book and CD.
- A Botanical harvest book is supplied to the general tribal public entitled (Roots and Berries) This book not only shows pictures and drawings of botanicals it also shows location maps for the acquisition of the resource.
- The department distributes an historical text known as the Foot-steps of Gmukamps. This book was created by the National Parks

Service and are free to the tribal public. This book is about two areas in our aboriginal territories that we consider sacred they are the Lava Beds National Monument and the Crater Lake National Park.

- The department distributes any cultural information to the larger Tribal Public.

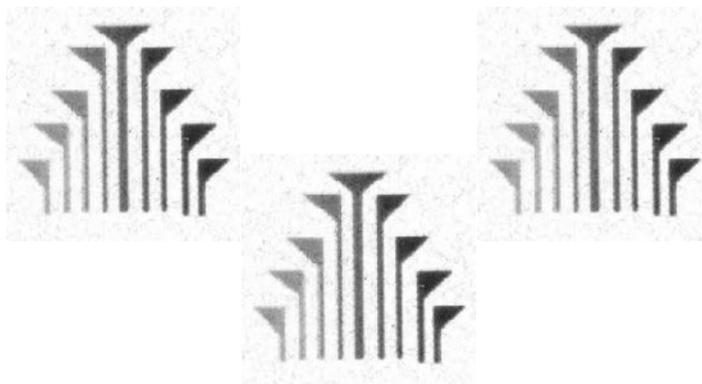
The following are events the department is responsible for on an annual basis:

- C'waam Ceremony - Last part of March
- Root Gathering – End of May first of June
- Culture Camp – Last week of July and the First week of August – children’s ages for the first week 6-12 second week 13- 17

The Culture and Heritage Department is responsible for consultation with the following agencies on projects that may impact cultural resources:

- BLM – Modoc County, Klamath County, Lake County, Jackson County, Deschutes County, Lane County
- Lava Beds National Monument
- Forest Service – Middle Fork District, High Cascades District, Winema/Fremont District, Siverlake District, Paisley District, Lakeview District, Goose Nest District, Bly District, and the Deschutes District.
- Crater Lake National Park
- Klamath County Planning Commission
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- City Parks
- Cultural Clusters - with the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon (Quarterly Meetings)
- State Parks
- Oregon State Police, Various Sherriff’s Departments and various City Police
- The State Historical Preservation Office
- School Presentations
- Public Presentations (Flint Knapping) and (Cultural Presentations which include a Power Point)
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For more information about the Culture & Heritage Department call: 541-783-2219 or 1-800-524-9787



Tribal Self-Governance Update

On January 27, 2016, the Klamath Tribal Council took action and approved the “motion to move forward with a Self-Governance application for 3 programs: Education & Employment, Social Services and Aid to Tribal Government, with the intention of adding additional programs in the future. To meet the deadline of March 1, 2016.”

Tribal Self-Governance recognizes tribal inherent sovereignty by returning decision-making authority and management responsibilities to the Klamath Tribes through the transfer of Federal funding available for programs, functions, services, and activities (PFSA's). Self-Governance allows tribes, as sovereign nations, to exercise their right to be self-governing and to take program funds and manage them in ways that best fit the needs of their citizens and communities with less Federal intrusion and more flexibility while fulfilling the PFSA's. The limited approach to Self-Governance by the Klamath Tribes will provide an opportunity for the Tribal Nation to gain experience, and in the future, have the option of adding additional programs to the Self-Governance Compact.

In the State of Oregon the following Tribes are Self-Governance with the Department of Interior and/or the Indian Health Services.

	DOI	IHS
Coquille Indian Tribe	X	X
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon	X	X
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	X	X
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon	X	X
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	X	X
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	X	
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians		X

The intention of this article is to provide information to the Klamath Tribal community on what Self-Governance means in real terms. This is not an overhaul of each program, but an opportunity to allow additional flexibility to the programs. Programs moving under Self-Governance will not see an increase or decrease in their regular base funding from the BIA. Self-Governance is an opportunity for the Tribes to use added flexibility and develop more efficient strategies to perform the required PFSA's of each program. In other words, each program under a Self-Governance Compact must continue to fulfill the functions outlined in the programs' PFSA's, and, if done more efficiently, the additional funds may be moved from one PFSA area to another without the burden of requesting "permission" from the BIA. Finally, Self-Governance programs require less reporting to the cognizant federal agency but does not eliminate all reports or audits.

The Klamath Tribal Administration has formed a Self-Governance Working Group including the CFO, Social Services Director, Education and Employment Director, Strategic Planner, Administrative Officer and the General Manager. Having the ability to become a Self-Governance Tribe is a testament to the excellent work that has, thus far, been accomplished by the Klamath Tribes. In part, to be eligible for Self-Governance, “tribes must demonstrate, for 3 fiscal years, financial stability and financial management capability”; eligibility is proof of exceptional governance and administration. I am proud to be the new Tribal Administration General Manager and look forward to working with the Tribal Council, employees and Tribal Members to make Self-Governance a reality.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me and if you want to learn more about Tribal Self-Governance please visit the following link: <http://tribalselfgov.org/>

Respectfully,

George B. López, MPA
 Klamath Tribes Administration General Manager
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Course for maqlaqsyaals Language Skills

waq lis ?aad (How are you all?)

gew ?a seesas Joe Dupris
(My name is Joe Dupris)

ni ?a mbosaksawaaskni gi.
(I'm from Flint-Place (Chiloquin, OR))

moowat'aakknii ?an gi, ?ewskni ?an gi, Big Pine Paiute ?an gi,
Mnicoujou Lakota ?an gi.
(I am Modoc, Klamath, Big Pine Paiute and Mnicoujou
Lakota Cheyenne River Sioux)



Right:
Viewing the Klamath-Modoc basket collection at the Arizona State Museum at the University of Arizona.

This summer I will be offering a course titled 'Linguistics for Native American Communities' through the American Indian Language Development Institute in Tucson, Arizona. Through this course we will explore basic language structures in a manner that is intended to allow the student to learn to build original sentences in their own language so that they may more effectively communicate language information. In doing so, we will expand the tools with which community members may use in language revitalization projects in the home, in public and elsewhere.

Hope to see you there!

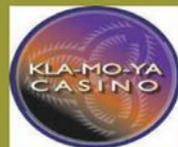
Myself and Christina Newhall (Unan-gam Tunuu) playing conversational language games at AILDI's International Mother Language Day Café 2016. (p/c: American Indian Language Development Institute)



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The Klamath Tribes Earth Day Agenda

10:45 am- Turn off your office lights for the day

(We realize some offices don't have natural light)

11:00 am-Earth Day Presentation in the Auditorium

(Receive garbage bags and gloves for those participating and safety reminders)

11:15 am-Boat Removal from Williamson River & Area Clean-up

(Behind the Tribal Administration and Congregate Building)

11:30 am-Tribal Health's 5K Clean-up Walk

(Route will be marked throughout Chiloquin, gloves and bags provided)

1:00 pm-Refreshments for Participants at Tribal Administration

(Refreshments sponsored by Kla-Mo-Ya Casino & The Klamath Tribes Green Team)

***Open to the Public & Wear Green**

***All children must be supervised by their parent or guardian**

For More information: The Klamath Tribes Green Team (541) 783-2219

APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 13, 2016

**RAINBOW YOUTH GOLF EDUCATION PROGRAM INC.
ANNOUNCES FOR THE 16th YEAR ITS YOUTH GOLF PROGRAM**

Dates: June 15, 2016 to July 27, 2016
Time: Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 09:45 AM
Ages: 7-18, Girls and Boys
Location: Chiloquin, OR, DMOLO Golf Facility 36705 Agency Lake Road

Transportation will be provided from Chiloquin at 8:00 AM. Golf clubs, balls, instruction and green fees will be provided.

The program has 25 openings. Selection for the 25 openings are on a 1st Come, 1st Serve Basis. Priority placement will be extended to the youth who participated in the 2014 and 2015 programs.

If you are interested in learning how to play golf, please fill-out the application and return the completed application to:

William Ray, Jr., Executive Director
Rainbow Youth Golf Education Program Inc.
36563 Agency Lake Road
Chiloquin, Oregon 97624
Telephone Number: (541) 892-3024

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Tribal Enrollment: _____

Legal Guardian Signature: _____

If selected, you will need to make a firm commitment to attend and be an active, respectful participant for the entire program. Your attendance every week is mandatory to learn the game of golf.

Adults: If you would like to volunteer, please contact William Ray, Jr.

The Rainbow Youth Golf Education Program Inc. is a tax-exempt non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.