

SEPTEMBER EDITION



Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

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**VICE CHAIRPERSON
SUSAN MASTEN**

**Message
From the
Vice Chairperson**

Dear Tribal Members, This column is meant to keep you updated on the activities of the Tribe. Please let me know what type of information you want or concerns you may have about our Tribal government, programs or services. You will also be able to see this column on the Tribes website and Facebook page in an effort to reach out and provide information to you in a timely way.

1. Klamath River: Water temperatures in the river were running around 78 degrees and we are expecting the third largest run of salmon in recent history. These are similar water conditions to those experienced in 2002 when we had a massive fish kill on the lower 20 miles of the Klamath River. This year the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) made the decision to provide water to the River for fish, which resulted in a lawsuit filed against the government by the Central California farmers. The Tribe filed a motion to intervene in the Trinity fall flows case and played a significant role in winning the case.

2. Tribal Council Ordinance: Thank you to all Tribal members who provided comments during the Public Hearing process. We have reviewed them all and have incorporated most and made the clarifications you recommended. You are a critical part of making viable ordinances and laws for the Tribe. We should be adopting this ordinance this month.

3. Annual Meeting: We tried something new this year at the annual meeting it was a big success. We had round table discussions around specific topics which allowed for tribal member input on a variety of issues. We will be publishing this information from Tribal members and answering questions asked during the meeting in the next issue of the Tribal Newsletter so that everyone has a chance to know what was accomplished at the meeting. Staff and Council will be looking at ways to utilize the great information shared with us.

4. Redwood National Park Service: During our first meeting with Superintendent Stephen Prokop I invited him to the Mattz/Brooks Brush Dance last month and surprisingly he and his wife actually came. I recently received a call from him expressing his gratitude for being invited and that it was one of his most memorable events of his life. He also called to let us know that RNP had identified some redwood logs that the Tribe could have. This is a great start and I'm hopeful that we will have a good working relationship with this new Superintendent.

5. Requa Resort: Please join us in welcoming Tribal member Beavi McCovey as the new host for the campground.

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6. Hotel/Casino: Welcome to new Hotel/Casino GM Michael Peters. Construction activities are underway and the framing is completed for the bottom floor and they are working on the second level as I'm writing this article. For employment opportunities call the TERO office at (707)482-1350 ext. 1388.

7. TERO: Welcome Tribal member Don Barnes the new TERO Director. Don has been working hard to update TERO policies, and applications. With all the construction activities occurring this year/summer please make sure your TERO application is filled out and/or updated as this is where subcontractors/contractors and the Tribe goes to look for employees. Recently Don tried to reach 18 tribal members for a job opportunity and 11 phone numbers were not valid. You can't get a job if we don't have your current phone numbers. We need to know your skills, experience, education and your current contact information.

8. Elders Fish: We have already caught the fish for the Elders. Some fish has already been delivered and the rest of the fish will be delivered after the commercial fishery, so if you have not received your fish please call Fisheries secretary Lea Hewett at (707)482-1350 extension 1307.

9. 2013 Commercial Fishery: Fishermen will be paid \$5.00 per pound this year. Please remember your cultural values while fishing this year: no fighting on the River, respect the River and each other while fishing. The estuary is a first come for fishing spots – it is not safe, lawful, or proper to come late and set in front of someone if you are less than 50 feet in front of them. This is a time for everyone to give thanks to the creator for the opportunity to provide for your family. Be safe and take time to enjoy your time on the River.



The second floor goes up on the Yurok Tribe's first hotel and casino.

10. Tribal Dial-a-Ride: The Tribe's Roads and Planning Department received a two-year grant for Dial-a-Ride. Klamath residents can now be picked up and taken anywhere in Klamath for \$1.00 or go to Crescent City for a \$1.00. The van is an eight passenger with wheel chair access and is set up to be self-sufficient after the first two years.

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. I'm sad to report that we lost a good friend and Tribal leader this month, former East District Council Member, Vice Chair and Chairman Howard McConnell, please keep his family in your prayers. We also send our prayers and thoughts to each of you who have lost a loved one. Wok-hlew ✨

“ THIS IS A TIME FOR EVERYONE TO GIVE THANKS TO THE CREATOR. ”

Yurok science drives decision to up river flows

Augmented Klamath River flow will help protect Chinook salmon

KLAMATH, YUROK RESERVATION_ A federal court judge relied heavily on Yurok tribal science in a weighty decision to increase Klamath River flows, rather than send the water to California's Central Valley.

The ruling, announced just after 5p.m. today, acknowledges the biological importance of supplemental flows for Klamath River salmon in a far-reaching legal case between the Bureau of Reclamation, the Yurok Tribe and others, against Central California industrial agricultural interests.

"The Yurok Tribe will always take whatever measures are necessary to protect the Klamath River, which is our lifeline," said Yurok Chairman Thomas P. O'Rourke Sr. "We intervened in this case on behalf the salmon and our people." In the days to come, the Klamath River flows will increase to 2,800 cubic feet per second, which is the same rate the Yurok fisheries experts made a scientific case for in the Fresno courtroom over the past two days.

Originally, the Bureau of Reclamation, at the Yurok Tribe's urging, made additional water available as part of an effort to avert a fish kill. The 2002 fish kill occurred on the Yurok Reservation in a year with river conditions much like this one. The water was low and an abundant run of salmon was predicted to return to the Klamath. More than 33,000 Chinook and coho salmon died prior to reaching the spawning grounds.

In early August, Westlands Water District and the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority, both of which represent a large swath of California's multibillion dollar agricultural industry, filed suit to stop the water from being released. On August 12, a U.S. District Court judge in Fresno, California, issued a Temporary Restraining Order, which halted the delivery of water to the Klamath. Originally, the supplemental flows were slated to begin August 13. All Klamath fish biologists are in agreement that if the water districts' request for a preliminary injunction was successful and flows left at status quo, there would be a significant risk of another large-scale fish kill on the Klamath.

The Yurok Tribe presented key science to the court with the testimony of its two witnesses, Senior Fisheries Biologist Michael Belchik and Dr. Joshua Strange. The key to the decision was the testimony of Dr. Josh Strange, a former tribal fisheries biologist. Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill cited research completed by Dr. Josh Strange for the Yurok Tribe and noted his experience and background regarding the issues.

This year, 272,000 fall-run salmon are expected to return to the river, nearly 1.7 times the number of fish that returned in 2002. The water release will come just before the majority of the Klamath River salmon begin to migrate upriver to spawn.

"The flows, scientifically justified by written declarations and oral testimony from both of the Yurok Tribal expert witnesses, are nearly identical to those initially proposed by the federal government earlier this month," said Yurok Fisheries Manager Dave Hillemeier.

While the chances of a fish kill are not completely eliminated, if signs of a looming kill become evident, there is a contingency plan. If Yurok Tribal monitors, in collaboration with U.S. Fish and Wildlife fish pathologists, start to see significant numbers of diseased fish, the Tribe will seek to have flows doubled for up to seven days. The root cause of the 2002 fish kill was the combination of a low, warm river with inadequate flows and a large run. Two lethal fish diseases were passed between the cramped fish, whose health was already compromised by the overly warm water.

The Klamath River is one of three rivers that produce the majority of the sport and commercial Chinook salmon harvest on the West Coast. The abundance of Klamath fall chinook often determines salmon season along the coast of Oregon and California, as well as throughout the Klamath Basin. A large portion of the water from the Trinity River, the Klamath's largest tributary, is already piped to the Central Valley. Humboldt County has a claim to 50,000 acre-feet of the exported water, which the Yurok Tribe would like to become available for salmon of the basin. ✧

Yurok Tribe mourns the loss of elder

Aawok Howard McConnell helped shape the history of the Tribe

The Yurok Tribe recently lost one of its most influential elders, former Tribal Chairman Aawok Howard McConnell.

Aawok Howard McConnell played a leading role in shaping the Yurok Tribe into what it is today. His enormous contribution as a Tribal Councilman, Klamath River advocate and culture bearer will be forever be a part the Yurok Tribe's history.

Aawok is a Yurok word that is used when speaking of the departed as a measure of respect.

The former Tribal Chairman was born in the Old Indian Hospital in Hoopa in 1937 to Louis and Ardith McConnell. In addition to serving his Tribe, Aawok McConnell was a great gardener, who enjoyed sharing his bounty. He also worked with wild plants to create traditional healing remedies.

From 1955 to 1959, he served in the U.S. Navy and was an active reserve until 1970.

At an All Indian Basketball Tournament in Hoopa, Aawok McConnell met the love of his life Norma Parsons. The inseparable pair stayed married for 52 years and raised three daughters. Denise, Stacy and Lisa gave their proud father 11 grandchildren, who are responsible for five great grandchildren.

The family-centered man, during the historic flood in 1964, walked from Junction City to Orleans, braving overflowing creeks, down bridges and falling trees, he made it – all to reach his wife and girls.

Prior to serving on the Tribal Council, Aawok McConnell, who had an entrepreneurial spirit, worked in mills, repaired radios and televisions, as a commercial fisherman and held many other skilled positions.

Aawok McConnell, coming from a family focused on public services, ran for and was elected to the East District Representative from 1998 to 2000, as Vice Chairperson to 2000 to 2003 and as Chairman of the Yurok Tribe from 2003 to 2006.

The late McConnell was instrumental in securing the Tribe's gaming compact. He travelled from the Yurok Reservation to Sacramento numerous times to negotiate the Tribe's right to open a casino. His persistent effort bore fruit this year. The Tribe procured the funding to build a hotel and casino, which is currently under construction.

During his tenure as Chairman, Mr. McConnell's Council committed the Tribe to co-authoring the historic Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement and Klamath Hydroelectric Agreement. The companion agreements are designed to remove four dams from the Klamath



Aawok Howard McConnell was the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe from 2003 to 2006.

River and balance water use between farmers and fish.

The former Chairman of the Yurok Tribe also worked tirelessly to settle the Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Act, which was released just months after his last term as Chairman.

Aawok Howard's family is in the Tribe's thoughts and in our prayers. ✨

Transfer station saves residents' bucks

The Yurok Tribe Environmental Program is now offering new ways for Reservation residents to save money on solid waste disposal.

The award-winning Program took over the operation of the Weitchpec Transfer station and would like to remind trash haulers that many day-to-day, recyclables and other items can be deposited there at no cost. These common waste items include: cans, bottles, paper and cardboard. The Weitchpec Transfer Station will also take for free several uncommon items, such as the following: appliances, metal, batteries, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, paint, oil, tires, TVs, computers, fax machines, photo scanners and other electronic waste.

Taking the above listed items to the Weitchpec Transfer Station will significantly reduce the cost of dumping trash. All of the waste articles that can be, will be recycled, which cuts down on the overall waste stream. For more information about Solid Waste contact Ray Martell at (707) 482-1822 ext. 1012 or Emery Mattz at (707) 482-1822 ext. 1011. The Yurok Environmental Program Solid Waste Division operates under a handful of grants including a U.S. EPA Tribal Response Grant and Brownfield's Program grant. A Brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant, according to the USEPA.

The Environmental Program is using this funding to perform site assessments of contaminated and illegal dump sites on the Reservation. The finished, environmental site assessments are available at http://yuroktribe.org/departments/ytep_pollutionprevention.htm. Hard copies are available at the Program's headquarters at the Klamath lodge.

The Environmental Program also wants to remind Reservation residents that burn permits must be obtained prior to incinerating, legally acceptable debris. Burning is prohibited during the summer months except for ceremonial fires and fires for cooking food.

Under the Tribe's Air Quality Ordinance, it is not longer legal to burn household trash on the Yurok Reservation. It is also unlawful to burn treated lumber, tires and other items that



create toxic smoke. Burning these chemically laced items has a severe, negative impact on air quality and the fumes from these fires are proven to cause cancer. The ash piles are also toxic, harm wildlife and can kill fish when washed into creeks.

Burn permits are free for Yurok tribal members. To acquire a permit, contact Environmental Program Air Quality Specialist Joe Hostler at (707) 482-1822 ext. 1010 or email him at jhostler@yuroktribe.nsn.us. Permits can be downloaded at http://yuroktribe.org/departments/ytep_applications.htm ✧

Social Services seeks input on plan

The Yurok Tribe is requesting Tribal member input on the DRAFT Yurok Social Services Child Welfare Services Plan including: policies, procedures, revised Children's code, and other required documents. This Plan will be submitted to meet Federal Title IV-E Foster Care, guardianship, and customary adoption requirements. Once the Plan is approved by the Federal government Yurok Social Services will work towards implementing and operating a Yurok based child welfare system in effort to take jurisdiction over Yurok Children within the Tribal Service area. The plan can be found at <http://www.yuroktribe.org/departments/socialservices/socialservices.htm> and hard copies are available at all Tribal office locations.

The plan will be available for review and input until September 20, 2013. **Submit comments and questions to Social Services Interim Director at gshaw@yuroktribe.nsn.us. For more information on Title IV-E see <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/title-ive-foster-care>.**

Yurok Social Services will have the FY 2014 annual Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program Plan available for review at <http://www.yuroktribe.org/departments/socialservices/socialservices.htm>.

Learn more about child support services

Yurok Child Support Services – Compromise of Arrears Program (“COAP”)

Do you owe child support arrears to the State of California and want to compromise the debt? You may be able to enter into an agreement with the State of California to extinguish approximately 90% of the debt and work out a lump sum payment or payment plan for the remaining 10%. Some of the eligibility requirements are:

- Minimum amount of Permanently Assigned Child Support Arrears owed to the government of at least \$501.
- No previous denial of COAP within one year prior to the date of denial letter.
- No rescission of a previous COAP agreement within two years prior to the date of rescission notice.
- No conviction or contempt finding for failure to pay child support within six months prior to the date of application.
- No intentional failure to pay in anticipation of COAP.
- The NCP does not have the ability to pay off all arrears owed, including interest, within three years from the date of application.

- Ability to pay current support, arrears owed that are to be distributed prior to the arrears owed to the government and the arrears repayment amount as provided in the compromise agreement within a three-year period from the date of the Agreement from any source (e.g. gift, loan, income).
- No concealment of any income, assets, or any reasonably anticipated income or assets, and no intentional withholding or falsifying of financial information.

If interested, please contact Yurok Child Support Services at (707) 269-0695 or jmccovey@yuroktribe.nsn.us to request an application for services and a COAP application packet. The Yurok Child Support Services program expects to provide direct services to tribal membership in January 2014. However, COAP applications may be submitted now. ✨

Respect of property is a cultural value

The Yurok Tribal Council would like to remind the membership that respect of personal property is a cultural value.

Yurok landowners on the north and south sides of the Klamath River mouth have experienced an unfortunate amount of trespassing, littering and general misbehavior on their properties.

Both property owners, the Brooks and Williams families, allow people to access their respective properties to fish, eel and enjoy the beautiful beaches. The families allow access because they firmly believe the cultural activities that take place on the beach are important and want to see these traditional activities passed on from one generation to the next.

The Brooks family property, located on the north end of the spit, provides the only walking access to the north side of the mouth. The property is located midway up Requa Hill Road.

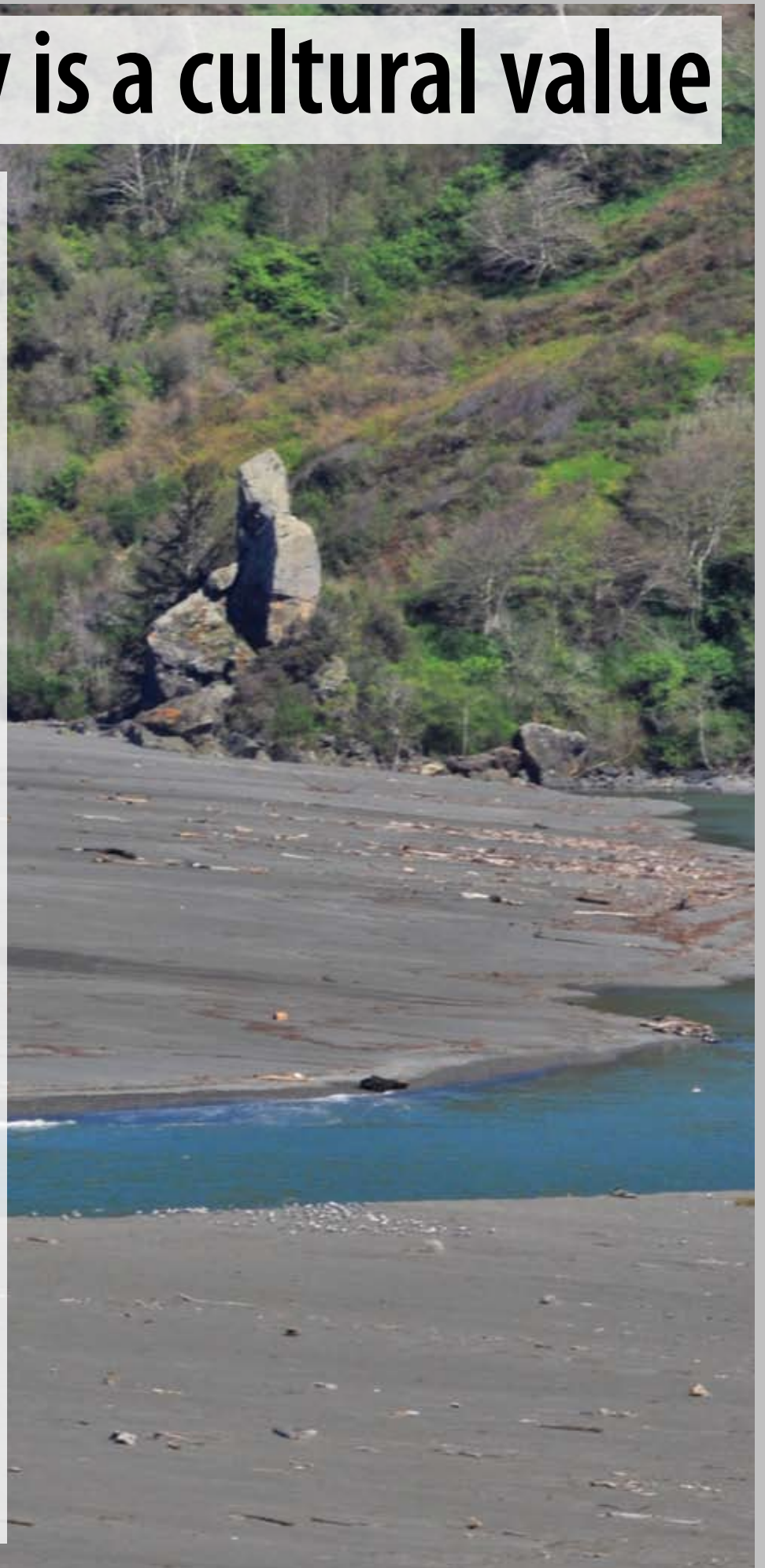
The Williams family property is on south side. Its northern boundary is the edge of the water flowing out from the Klamath River. The parcel is flanked by Redwood National and State Park land.

On these properties, it is requested that tribal members refrain from activities that do not reflect the Tribe's cultural standards. Please do not drink alcohol, use drugs or litter while on either property. Those who do enter the parcels should also exercise the utmost caution while fishing or participating in other acceptable activities.

Additionally, no one is permitted to camp, cut wood or drive vehicles on the south spit.

The north spit access will remain open at night for eeling. The small parking area is very fragile. Please drive slowly so as to not tear up the road and watch out for the ditch.

Please respect the landowners' wishes and stay safe.



Thank you

George and Marla Smoker



Yurok Tribal Member George Smoker and his wife Marla organized the Klamath Salmon Festival's Classic Car show. Each year the dynamic duo volunteer their wealth of experience and time to the popular event. The Classic Car Show, over the past few years, has grown tremendously, which is a testament to the Smoker's desire to put on a great a event. Thank you, Smokers!



The Dean Baker Band debuts at the 51st Klamath Salmon Festival.



Kokonow Kinney won the breakdancing contest at the Salmon Festival.

2013 Yurok Tribal Election information

STATEMENTS FROM EAST, PECWAN AND SOUTH DISTRICT CANDIDATES

East District

LAURA A. BORDEN - EAST DISTRICT



Aiy-yu-kwi' (Hello) from Laura Ann Borden

A little introduction: My parents are ney-chek (mother) Sylvia (Syd) McCovey-Carroll and neyp-sech (father) Albert (Buster) Owen Jr. I grew up in the o'loolekw (village) of Notch-ko. Married for 43 years to nos (husband) Bob Borden; we have two children LaLanee and Bob (Huna) Borden and three grandchildren Taniya,

Talon Borden and Hunter Melvin.

For 20 plus years, I served our people at United Indian Health Service (UIHS) in the Medical, Dental and Social Service Departments and nearly seven years in the Human Resource and Executive Office Departments of the Yurok Tribe. I would like to continue working for our people as the East District Council Member. Previously I have represented the East District as an alternate board member for UIHS and currently I am serving you on the Cultural, Social Services, Natural Resources, NAGPRA, and Education committees for the Yurok Tribe.

As an employee and committee member, I have tried to keep current on tribal issues affecting all of our people. I consider myself a good listener; hard worker and open to new ideas so please contact me with any questions or concerns at (707)496-4274 or email lborden4274@gmail.com.

I am asking for your support and VOTE on October 9, 2013. It would be an honor to continue serving each of you as the newly elected East District Council Member.

Wok-hlaw (Thank you), ✨

LYLE L. MCKINNON, SR. - EAST DISTRICT



Yurok Tribal Members,
My name is Lyle McKinnon Sr and I have had the honor of being voted your East District Representative the last four terms. I have lived in the East District most of my life and my wife, children

and grandchildren are all Yurok Tribal Members and all live in the East District.

During those terms a lot has happened and now our Tribe has finally started building our new Hotel/Casino and also a Fish Processing Plant, once we finish we will see new jobs and can add dollars for funds for our Tribal Members on and off the reservation.

In these last few years we have also bought three R.V. parks and a Jet Boat Tour Guide business located in Klamath. We also purchased land with timber and have trust timber for logging. ALL these bring in revenues for our Tribe!
Our Tribe has also seen growth in building a Veterans Park on Bald Hill and we have a head start program in Eureka and Y.I.H.A. has built student housing apartments also in Eureka.

I want to continue as your representative so I can make sure we use the profits generated by the Casino/Hotel, Fish

Processing Plant and our the our other money making entities on programs to help out Tribal Members with Education, Housing and Elders Assistance to name a few.

I have always been a strong supporter of education and I believe the more we do to help out Yurok children, the more we do for our Tribes future.

Housing both on and off the reservation has always been a great concern and there are programs we need to utilize to create more housing dollars for our off reservation Tribal Members such as B.I.A. Home Improvement Program Funding. I am always looking for more funding to help assist our growing number of elders and every year, I deliver salmon caught by

Tribal Member in the Klamath river to elders living in the East District.

I want to know your needs and concerns and what you want the profits be used for. Please feel free to call me at (707) 296-0076 with any questions.

Again, thank you for voting for me and I hope you again vote for me to be your East District Representative in this up coming election October 9th. ✨

CASEY O'NEILL - EAST DISTRICT

I'm going to dive right in and address our needs, and hope you share my views. My key area of concern as our east district council member, would be to rebuild the line communication between member and council.

- Communication

I will do everything in my power to never leave you feeling like you've wasted my time. Monthly communication is a necessity. Meetings, emails, phone calls, whatever the case may be. I understand that your easiest way of communication is best for your needs. It takes a lot of courage to speak up and ask for help, weather its requesting service or just needing a better understand of information.

Second I intend on closing the gap of both rivers. I don't like the idea of having members waiting for the six o'clock news to here what's happing among their own tribe. I am in supporter of using the media to help get information out to everyone as quick as possible, but it shouldn't be the only way.

- Connect

Our district, The East District is such large area of people who don't always have the time to drive so far to express their concerns or opinions. With a little help from technology each member of the east district can express their views on a more active level, a more involved level, and then they have ever had the chance to be in the past.

- Equivalent Rights

It's become clear that we, the east district are not given equal access to all service that other members are able to acquire. We are by far the largest district. Aproximtitly twenty eight different communities. At this time only about four, or five, are being serviced on a regular basis.

- Services

Some Services available except in certain and /or all parts of the East District include:

1. Trash pickup
2. Yurok TANF
3. DMV exemption
4. \$ 1.00 Transportation

Four basic service's that could make such a huge impact in our widely spread community's. Some can be as easy to fix as, just adding the option to the new grant. Others will take more time to find the founding needed to get these services going in every district. In hopes to one day be able to provide vouchers or discounts to members who don't live on or near any reservation boundaries. I was raised on the rivers in Wietchpec.

I know first and of the many struggles each family has up and down the both rivers. I know our basic needs.

I've lived in the East District for fifteen years with my family.

I currently work in and around Hoopa Elementary. I have

obtained a few certificates over the years ranging from Crisis Management to Food Handlers. Being an Advocate for my children and their peers has been my priority over the years.

Pushing for education for all age's because it is never too late to educate yourself. BE INVOLVED is a quote I've heard since the moment I began my family. In our community, at home, at school, I continue to be caught up in what our community needs. I will fight endlessly to keep our cultural alive, strong, and thriving in all our homes. My promise to you is to Be Involved. Involved in every part of the tribe. To keep our members informed of new and past investments, all comings and goings, and everything in between. When the time comes over the next

few years as our resort grows and begins to profit,

I will support equal per capita payments to all of our members. Assisting with making fair and just decisions to better all of us. No matter the miles between us we will always be one people. We are over 5000 strong. We will always be Pulikla "downriver people". The Yurok Tribe.

Thank you for your consideration

Casey O'Neill

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Pecwan District

DARLENE MAGEE - PECWAN DISTRICT



Scooyen Nataw mare

My name is Darlene Magee, I descend from G.G.F. Robert Poker, G.G.M. Mary Wauteck line, I live at the end of the

State Highway 169 in the Pecwan district. After 22 years as a Librarian, in Eureka, ca. at the Indian Action Council Library; a United Indian Health Services Board Member; and a School Board Member of Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School. Now, I am asking for your vote to represent the Pecwan District on the Yurok Tribal Council.

There are many issues that concern the people living in the district first of all it is a long tiring commute to anywhere: school; work; to the market; to the gas station.

Because most of my life has been spent on the reservation I know where to find resource's also because of my nativeness I have traveled other reservations and know of other methods to further tribal resources. Please vote for me. Thank You. ✨

MINDY NATT - PECWAN DISTRICT



Aiy-yu-quee,

My name is Mindy Marie Natt. I'm a Yurok Tribal member who has lived in Pecwan all my life. I'm running for tribal council member for the Pecwan district. I'm the daughter of Cindy Marie Niles-Moon and the late Donald "G.T" Natt. My ancestors are from Requa, Serper, Kenek, Wahsekw and Sandy bar.

Currently, I'm working for an elder with In Home Support Services, which affords me a flexible schedule.

I graduated from the College of the Redwoods with my Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Behavioral and Social Science, spring 2013. During my attendance, I was on the Presidents Honor List

and maintained a 3.0 GPA or better.

Next year I will continue my studies at Humboldt State University where I will major in Native American Studies and minor in Environmental Planning with an emphasis in green technology. I maintain an interest in traditional conservation practices and the attainment and maintenance of healthy fish populations. I hope to continue the integration of our culture

and traditions throughout our tribal education programs. When elected, I will keep open communications with all tribal members regarding local, state, and national tribal concerns, especially for our district. I will actively promote jobs for tribal members, help sustain a healthy community, and participate in the work that will increase positive tribal opportunities in our district. I appreciate your vote on October 9th 2013. ✨

South District

BONNIE GREEN - SOUTH DISTRICT



respect needed to accomplish the visions and goals we have set for our tribe. My reputation speaks for its self through my consistency and dedication to the tribe.

Thank you for your time I would appreciate your vote this October 2013.

Bonnie Green
(707) 498-3649 ✨

Dear Yurok Tribal Members,

I would like to start out by saying Thank You for your support in past elections. If it wasn't for the South District voters who rallied there votes in support of our recent per cap payments, tribal members may never have received any money.

I am the proud daughter of Elsie McCovey Bacon and granddaughter of Elsie Gray McCovey. As a family we have dedicated our lives to better our people. The historical knowledge I have gained from my elders and the people in the community have guided me throughout my life. The Tribes quality of life is and always has been my first priority which will not stop until the expectations of my people are met. My goal is to protect our resources while making use of them to promote unrestricted dollars through economic development ventures. Grants are not meeting the needs of our tribe. As a growing tribe we must maximize every opportunity to ensure stability for the next generation as well as meeting the needs our elders are now facing.

True to the Yurok way I work with honesty and integrity and can proudly say that's the only way to succeed and get the

2013 Election Schedule

OCTOBER 9, 2013	PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2013	RUNOFF ELECTION

JUNE 17 (6:30AM)	FIRST DAY TO ISSUE NOMINATION PAPERS FOR COUNCIL OFFICE
JULY 10 (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO REGISTER WHEN MOVING INTO A DIFFERENT DISTRICT (90 DAYS)
JULY 19 (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS
AUGUST 9, (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO FILE INITIATIVES
AUGUST 9	PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION (54 DAYS)
AUGUST 14	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THE SAMPLE BALLOT (250 words) AND NEWSLETTER (750 words)
AUGUST 23	LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION (47 DAYS)
AUGUST 26-28	ELECTION BOARD CERTIFICATION OF NEW REGISTRANTS
AUGUST 30	MAIL OUT SAMPLE BALLOTS TO REGISTERED VOTERS (40 DAYS)
SEPTEMBER 13	MATING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS (28 DAYS)
SEPTEMBER 19	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL (14 DAYS)
OCTOBER 2	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE (5 DAYS)
OCTOBER 9, 2013	PRIMARY ELECTION
OCTOBER 18	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL FOR RUN OFF (14 DAYS) <small>ONLY BY 10:00AM NOT REGISTRATION REQUEST FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION</small>
OCTOBER 18	MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUN OFF (18 DAYS)
OCTOBER 30	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE FOR RUN OFF (5 DAYS)
NOVEMBER 6, 2013	RUNOFF ELECTION

THPO, Caltrans update resource plan

The Yurok Tribe Heritage Preservation Office and Caltrans' plan to ensure road work does not harm cultural resources, ceremonial practices and funeral processions is working.

The procedural plan the two groups created last year includes a confidential map of cultural resource locations along State Highways 169 and 96, which is used when Caltrans is conducting regular maintenance and emergency work. The map shows locations, but does not indicate what the resource is.

Crews are instructed in the limitations of the work that can be performed within the boundaries depicted on the map. For example, there are places on the map classified as Environmentally Sensitive Areas. The plan describes what types of activities are and are not acceptable in these culturally significant locations. When Caltrans is working in one of the Sensitive Areas one of the state agency's representative must call the Yurok Tribe Heritage Preservation Office to consult on how to best proceed. Additionally, some of the areas delineated on the plan have a "do not touch" designation, while others state that

actions beyond regular and normal maintenance will need consultation with the Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer.

This map has been used several times over the past year. In one instance, a high rainfall event caused a landslide within one of the identified Environmentally Sensitive Areas. The Caltrans crew working at the site used the map and contacted the Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer Bob McConnell. They were able to quickly execute a plan for clearing the road for traffic, while at the same time ensuring no cultural resources were harmed.

To keep the map current Caltrans and the Yurok Tribe Heritage Preservation Office meet on an annual basis. Both groups affirm the primary function of both Caltrans and the Yurok THPO is to ensure the safest road way possible for the traveling public.

To avoid traffic delays during a funeral, contact Caltrans tribal liaison Kathleen Sartorius at 707-441-5815. ✘

Birth Announcement



Aleyce Marie George - 7/16/13

Aleyce Marie George, was born at St. Joseph hospital on July 16th.

She weighed 8lbs 6oz 21 inches long.

She was welcomed by her parents, Antoinette Risling and Jack George, two big brothers, Jack and Ronin George. Her grandparents are Denise George the late Jack George, and Tony and Jackie Risling all of Hoopa. Great grandpa Athos "Gale" Jackson (papa fish) of Hoopa.



Q and A with Employee of the Month Tribal Court Staff Attorney for the Criminal Legal Assistance Project under the Tribe's nonprofit Corporation the Hoh-kue-moh Corporation **Jolanda Ingram Obie.**

1. **How long have you been working for the Tribe?** Since May 29, 2012 (1 yr and 3 months)
2. **Why did you decide to work for the Tribe?** The Wellness Court Program under the leadership of Judge Abby Abinanti is a top of the line job. I consider it an honor and a blessing to work for Judge Abby and the Yurok Tribe. Jessica Carter is also a top of the line supervisor.
3. **What is the most satisfying part of your job?** Helping people get a second chance to turn their lives around and become a productive and useful member of the Yurok society and society at large.
4. **How does your position serve the tribal membership?** We help Yurok people who are caught up in the legal system and would like to make a change for the better and get out of the system.
5. **What do you like to do outside of work?** Spiritual endeavors, Native events, and spending time with my grandchildren. ✨

Yurok Tribe Child Care Program

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE OCTOBER 1st, 2013 -MARCH 31st, 2014 CYCLE

Serves income eligible parents who are either working or attending school

Families may choose the Yurok Tribal Child Care Centers for children ages 1 - 5 or you can receive a voucher (limited number awarded) for a provider of your choice for children ages 1-12(or 19 with special needs)

*You do not have to live on the reservation to receive this assistance but you must live within **THE CHILD CARE SERVICE AREA of Humboldt and/or Del Norte County***



COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE YUROK TRIBE'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN September 18, 2013

PLEASE NOTE THAT SINCE CHILD CARE FUNDING IS LIMITED A WAITING LIST MAY BE ESTABLISHED

You can also obtain the application on the Yurok Tribe's website: www.yuroktribe.org

To request an application or if you have questions Contact Jeremiah Swain at (707) 465-8305 or Elsie McLaughlin-Feliz at (707) 498-7058

This amendment will be on the upcoming ballot

Amendment Proposed

Pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of the Yurok Constitution, the Yurok Tribal Council proposes an amendment to the Yurok Constitution Article IV, Section 5(h). The purpose of the amendment is to permit the Yurok Tribe to lease property for at least 50 years without requiring a referendum of the voting membership. This will facilitate leases by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority.

The current Article IV, Section 5(g) states:

The Yurok Tribal Council shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Tribe to acquire, lease, assign, and manage all tribal property, but shall not sell any tribal land, nor lease tribal land for a period of 20 years or more, unless approved by a referendum submitted to the voting membership pursuant to Article XI.

Constitutional Amendment

This is a referendum to amend the Yurok Constitution Article IV, Section 5(h) to permit leases up to 50 years, rather than the current 20 years, without requiring a referendum vote. Section 5(h) would be amended as follows:

The Yurok Tribal Council shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Tribe to acquire, lease, assign, and manage all tribal property, but shall not sell any tribal land, nor lease tribal land for a period of more than 50 years, unless approved by a referendum submitted to the voting membership pursuant to Article XI.

Yes _____

No _____



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RESIDENTIAL LAND ASSIGNMENT 30 DAY *PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL YUROK TRIBAL MEMBERS*

The following Tribal Members have applied for a Land Assignment on the Yurok Reservation. Any Tribal Member wishing to comment on any of the following land assignment applications may submit written comments to the Yurok Tribe's Planning & Community Development Department. All comments must be in writing and include the name, address and signature of the person making the comments. Comments must specify which land assignment they are addressing and must be received by the Planning Department by October 7, 2013. If you have any questions please call Samantha Myers at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1361.

- (Category A) New Land Assignment: Sheryle Mabry Yurok Tribe # 533-074-024 WTV-005 Lot 8 in Section 7, Township 11, North Range 3, East HM, CA Located in Wautec Village.
- (Category A) New Land Assignment: Cynthia Henderson Yurok Tribe # 534-132-013-11A MCKH-019 Section 3, Township 10, North Range 3, East HM, CA located on McKinnon Hill.

- (Category A) New Land Assignment: Katherine McLaughlin Yurok Tribe # 530-053-010-54 WNV-001 Tract 54 Section 11, Township 9, North Range 4, East, HM, CA located in Weitchpec New Village.

Submit all written comments by October 7, 2013 to the following address:

Attention: Samantha Myers
Planning & Community Development Department
P.O. Box 1027
190 Klamath Blvd.
Klamath, CA 95548