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YUROK ELECTION BOARD CERTIFIES PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS :

The Yurok Election Board today took formal action on the Primary Election held October 8, 2025 and issued formal certification of the primary results for all Districts.

The Election Board on October 13, 2025, certified the election of the following people:

CHAIRPERSON

Edward "Horse" Aubrey	73	(7.03%)
Jewel Frank	28	(2.69%)
Joseph L. James (Incumbent)	383	(36.86%)
Susan Masten	309	(29.74%)
Thomas P. O'Rourke, Sr.	99	(9.53%)
Phillip L. Williams	147	(14.15%)

PECWAN DISTRICT

Bob "Huna" Borden	18	(41.86%)
Mindy Natt (Incumbent)	25	(58.14%)

EAST DISTRICT

Wes Crawford (Incumbent)	198	(72.00%)
Lori Hodge	77	(28.00%)

SOUTH DISTRICT

Lana M. McCovey (Incumbent)	169	(100.00%)
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CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUMS:

Referendum #1 Orick/South District Boundary Change

Did Not Pass	YES 424 (41.90%)	NO 588 (58.10%)
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Referendum #2 Ocean Territory

Passed	YES 900 (88.76%)	NO 114 (11.24%)
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In order for a Constitutional Referendum to pass:

Amendments to the Constitution:

"In accordance with Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution, an amendment must be adopted by not less than two-thirds of those voting and shall be effective upon certification of the election results by the Election Board."

There will be a Run-Off Election on November 12, 2025 for Chairperson between Joseph L. James and Susan Masten.

Mindy Natt won the position of Pecwan District Representative, Wes Crawford won the position of East District Representative, and Lana M. McCovey won the position of South District Representative for the Primary Election and their installation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 11am at the Main Yurok Tribal Office in Klamath, CA.