



Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

2016 ELECTION EDITION

EAST DISTRICT • PECWAN DISTRICT • SOUTH DISTRICT



Yurok Tribal Elections 2016

The following candidates were certified to run for Tribal Council Seats.

EAST DISTRICT

Laura A. Borden
Joseph L. James

PECWAN DISTRICT

Mindy Marie Natt

SOUTH DISTRICT

Lana M. McCovey
Sarah M. Smoker

Primary Election Day is scheduled for October 12, 2016. All Yurok Tribal Members who will be 18 years of age by Election day, must register to vote by August 26.

For more information regarding the election, call the Election Department at (707) 482-1350 or the tribal website: www.yuroktribe.org.

Yurok Phrase of the Month

Teno' meraa mehl pueleek.

There's a lot of smoke coming from downriver.

Important Dates

Red Road to Recovery - Weitchpec - 11am - Sept 14
Tribal Offices Closed - Jump Dance Finish up - Sept. 16
Basic 32 Training - Weitchpec - September 19
Womens Group - Weitchpec - 12pm - Sept. 19
Tribal Council - Planning- 10am- Klamath - September 21
Tribal Council - Action - 10am - Weitchpec - September 22
Tribal Offices Closed - California Indian Day - September 23
CFMC - Weitchpec - 5pm - Oct. 3
Tribal Council - Finance - 1pm - Klamath - October 4
Tribal Council - Planning - 10am - Klamath - October 5
Tribal Council - Action - 10am - Klamath - October 6
CFMC - Weitchpec - 5pm - Oct. 17
Tribal Council - Planning - 10am - Klamath - October 19
Tribal Council - Action - 10am - Weitchpec - October 20
Violence Against Women Conf. - Klamath - Nov. 7
Violence Against Women Conf. - Klamath - Nov. 8

Yurok Tribe Child Care Program

Funding Cycle October 1st, 2016 - October 1st, 2017

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 for a provider of your choosing 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 15, 2016

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

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION CONTACT JALEA WALKER-ORCUTT AT THE YUROK TRIBE'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT (707) 482-1822 EXT. 1021

SUBMIT A STORY IDEA

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A TOPIC COVERED IN YUROK TODAY? To submit a story idea via email, send a short note describing the topic to mmais@yuroktribe.nsn.us. To suggest subject matter over the phone call (707) 482-1350. Also, please feel free to stop by the Klamath office, during normal business hours, to talk about your idea.

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A traditional canoe sits on the bank of the Klamath River, in the south slough.

2016 Yurok Tribal Election information

STATEMENTS FROM EAST, PECWAN AND SOUTH DISTRICT CANDIDATES

EAST DISTRICT CANDIDATE STATEMENT



Laura Borden

Three years ago, I asked all the East District voters for an opportunity to work hard for all Yurok Tribal Members and I am asking for that same support again in this upcoming election October 12, 2016. I would be honored to continue serving each and every one of you, on the ongoing projects and open issues that I have educated myself and dedicated my time to.

As the council liaison for the United Indian Health Service (UIHS) and California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) board of directors I was elected as the Financial Officer and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. As stated before I had over 20 years of working experience with UIHS. This experience was put to good use in saving health care for all tribal members since several of our council members attempted to stop all Yurok health care funding into UIHS which would have excluded all of our members from receiving all health services provided at UIHS with no alternative. This success brought additional service to the Weitchpec, Klamath and Fortuna sites.

Recently I have heard/read comments about tribal council spending too much money "flying to D.C." or traveling and I wanted the opportunity to state that without those funds I would not have been able to lobby for our land legislation

and health issues with success. Even though I have traveled, I want to assure you that I did not abuse the privilege nor was it wasted money. I was also able to share some of my budgeted travel fund with council approved action items to benefit our membership and help sponsor the 1st annual golf tournament for awok Troy Fletcher. Meaning just because it was budgeted I did not just spend the money for unnecessary travel and with the fiscal year coming to an end I still have funds available.

My prior work experience in Social Services drives my desire to stay on tribal council to continue the restructure of our Social Service Department because I believe we as a government can meet and serve our membership better than what we have been the past several years. Such as providing services to meet the needs of families through mental health services, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and suicide prevention to name a few.

Your continued support would allow me to fulfill my role in the investigation regarding the loss of \$250,000.00 of tribal funds with Del Norte County's District Attorney to insure that justice is served. My east district housing liaison and I have been working with the Yurok Indian Housing Authority to build or acquire housing and daycare in the East District and to define service area on or near the county border lines. Loss of main grocery store has also been a topic in serving our district.

With your vote I would like to see the ordinance changes become constitutional changes. Open issues as lineal descendant, blood quantum, and council background checks to bring our constitution up to date. I believe with the knowledge and experience I have gained in the last three years as your district representative I will be able to serve you more effectively.

If you have any questions or comments regarding issues that I have discussed please contact me via email lborden4274@gmail.com phone (707)496-4274 or at my Laura Borden East District Facebook page. Please exercise your right to vote on October 12, 2016 for continued change. ✨

EAST DISTRICT CANDIDATE STATEMENT



Joe James

Aiy-ye-kwee

My name is Joseph L. James and I am seeking your vote for the upcoming elections for the Yurok Tribal Council East District. My objective if elected is to help our people and continue to advance our tribal government forward. I am currently the Transportation Manager and have been working for the Yurok Tribe since 2009. I have a great deal of experience in managing budgets, developing and overseeing multi-million dollar projects. I have been involved in creating new job opportunities for our local native people, improving roads and transit infrastructure, implementing the Yurok River Ferry and Transit System. I have a strong passion, dedication and vision for the work that I do for the Tribe and if elected I will continue to provide insight and make quality decisions for our tribe.

I am the son of the late Rebecca James, the grandson of the late Jimmie & Josephine James, the nephew of the late Dewey George. I am married to Tiffany James and we have three wonderful children, Joseph Paul, Noo-me-koy and Trever James. Our family comes from a long line of medicine & spiritual leaders, with rooted knowledge in all ceremonial dances, fishing, language, and all cultural resources. We come from the Village of Sregon, the responsibility of the preservation of our culture and

traditions has been passed down to me and my family to manage and preserve for future generations.

Based upon my knowledge and work experience, I feel I am the most qualified candidate for this elected position. I will strive to make informed and quality decisions for the betterment of the district, people and the tribe. I look forward to your support for the Yurok Tribal Election – East District 2016. VOTE FOR JOSEPH L. JAMES. ✨

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2016 VOTING DISTRICTS
EAST, PECWAN AND SOUTH

YOUR VOTE • YOUR CHOICE YOUR VOICE

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PECWAN DISTRICT CANDIDATE STATEMENT



Mindy Natt

Aiy ye kwee'

My name is Mindy Natt, I represent the Pecwan District for Yurok Tribal Council. It is a great honor and privilege to represent the Yurok Tribe and Membership over the past three years. I feel that this experience has provided me with many opportunities to learn and participate in tribal government. I admit, we have weathered many important decision as we continue to move forward for the Yurok Tribe and membership. During this tenure, I was involved in land acquisition for our tribe. Blue creek was expanded by an additional 16,300 acres and recently becoming new owners and adding additional 748 acres. I have attended numerous meeting to advocate on Dam Removal issue to insure removal by 2020. My trip to Washington D.C. allowed me to meet and speak with congressional delegates regarding the Yurok Tribe land legislation Bill. I plan to continue to be a strong voice for the Tribal membership and youth, and seeking job opportunities. The Yurok Tribe for example is getting the youth involved by building the infrasture for the fisheries department, which they will gain the necessary hands on experience. I'm happy to announce that my advocacy for the power line project, continues to provide the Pecwan communities with development. The Yurok Tribe recently submitted the HUD ICDBG grant which is waiting to be approved this will allow for additional electrical safety, renovations, power line hook-ups and renewable energy alternatives for the Pecwan District. In the Future, I would like to have monthly district meetings to

better inform the tribal members, questions or concerns they may have. I will continue to advocate for electricity, cell phone service, and road improvements and jobs at the Wautek Fire station and the Morek Won community center. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Membership for their continued support. **If you have any question or concerns, feel free to call me and leave me a message at 1(707) 499-5379. ***

SOUTH DISTRICT CANDIDATE STATEMENT



Lana McCovey

Aiy-yu-kwee,

My name is Lana McCovey and I want to thank you for allowing me to be your representative for the past 2 ½ years. As Council Member for the South District I make your comments and concerns a priority. To make sure that you have the ability to be heard, I have made myself available by different forms of communication via telephone; e-mail; Facebook; and District Meetings. I try to answer your questions or concerns as quickly as possible. A question or concern is never too little, too big, or undeserving.

During my term, I have tried to ensure that I keep as informed on issues as possible. In doing so, I have also tried to keep Tribal Membership informed. My council actions reflect this. I have insisted that members be made aware of actions or situations via letters, the newsletter, and/or the Tribal website. South District members have always stressed the need to be better informed, and I have tried to meet that need, but there is more work to be done on this area. One of the actions I have submitted is making sure that membership

is informed of any unrestricted funds expenditures over \$150,000. These expenditures are listed in the newsletter.

Being South District members means that some of you live outside of the service area of the Tribe. Being a primarily grant funded Tribe, the service area is usually confined to the reservation or to Humboldt/Del Norte Counties. I continue to work on providing services to all members wherever they may live. This will require proper investment of funds and better economic development. This goal will take time but I do not believe it to be unobtainable. One service that I am currently working on is how to increase funeral funds for Tribal members.

Community investment is important. A sense of belonging is important and a good deal of the time South District members feel left out. I have started two projects to bring community together. The first is the South District Annual Halloween Carnival. The first was last year and the turnout was huge. The South District extends an invitation to all Tribal members in all districts to participate. The second is a Youth School Supplies Drive. This is the first year and we are still working on the logistics. The goal is to raise money and collect supplies to do two things. The first is to provide gift cards to all Youth between the ages of 5-17 (18 if still in school) to be used for clothing or supplies. The second is to collect/purchase school supplies by obtaining donations. At the time of this letter, we were not able to raise the funds needed for gift cards, but have already received numerous donations of supplies to distribute.

The Yurok Tribe deals with many issues on a daily basis, with each one having its own level of need. Tribal Members have their own idea of the issues that should be prioritized but in reality the Tribal Council must be ready, willing, and able to deal with all at once because one problem will not disappear because another one arises. I have faced these challenges by trying to make sure that I am aware of what is happening. Any decisions I make are based on all information available including that from the Tribal membership.

If elected, I will do my best to keep representing you and the Tribe with the knowledge and experience I have acquired over the years. **If you have any questions or comments you would like to share with me, please “like” the Facebook page “Yurok Tribe South District-Lana McCovey”, e-mail me at lamccovey@yuroktribe.nsn.us, or call 707-954-7806. Thank you for your time and I humbly ask for your vote on Election Day, Wednesday, October 12, 2016.**

Sincerely,
Lana M McCovey ❄️

SOUTH DISTRICT CANDIDATE STATEMENT



Sarah Smoker

Ai yee kwee'

My name is Sarah M. Smoker, I am a proud Yurok tribal member. I have three children, one daughter and two sons, one grandson. My grandparents are Edward Smoker Sr.(Hes-Cuch) of Weitchpec and Sarah Smoker (George) of Big Lagoon. My parents are Marvin Smoker Sr. of Eureka and Rose (Tweet) Smoker of Smith River. I was raised on the reservation and I participated in ceremonial dances. It's important to be involved of tribe's progress, I rarely miss our district meetings. We have the largest most populated district together we have the ability to make some positive changes for our children and grandchildren's future at the same time preserving our past by honoring our elders. I would assess the needs of our district and examine the common barriers I would like to speak with the south district tribal members to work together on common short term and long term goals. It is really important to have a good working relationship with the membership and other council members, department directors and staff.

My educational experience includes studying Business at College of the Redwoods, California Tribal College Certification in Tribal leadership program. I have worked in tribal government since 2002 several departments including Finance, Administration, Planning, TERO. Most recently I worked in Council Support for a year. Our council works hard for us, each one of them brings a level of expertise to the table

that the other may not possess. Together they make a great team of council members.

Our district needs attention in a number of ways in which I would like to address;

1. Accountability- As your Council member I am prepared to prepare a progress report to present at district meetings. It's important to know what your representative is voting on or against as it occurs including any proposed actions effecting membership. The report can be emailed or mailed to any member unable to attend meetings.
2. Employment/Educational training- the Worthington site should have a self-service media lab to utilize for online education, job search, job training. A media lab equipped with 5-10 computers and a printer available could help tribal members with online education and training opportunities. The tribe can refurbish any old or unused computers for use. Tribal members can work online independently or with the assistance of a staff member.
3. Social and cultural activities for youth and elders- any number of social activities can be held at the Worthington site, Elders bingo, genealogy, art and craft classes, dance, cultural storytelling, basket making, yoga, sport trainings, musical, fundraisers for tribal community needs and NA/AA meetings, other ideas by membership.
4. Affordable Housing-South district needs affordable housing because we have so many tribal members it is important to express the need for housing. South district is overdue for affordable housing. It's time for struggling families to be represented at the housing board meetings. Currently housing will charge us 1/3 of our income for rent. The district needs affordable housing. We can't afford the to pay the average rate of \$750 1bd with a full time job and a family to support, additional cost of utilities, child care, insurance, groceries etc. It is our goal to end homelessness for Yuroks in south district.

5. Cut excessive spending- When Governor Jerry Brown came into office he cut the states wasteful spending down to save the state money and invest in the future. I would take the example he has given and apply the same concept to our tribes spending habits. The money saved from cutbacks can be utilized in other areas to assist the membership.
6. Connect-As your council member I would welcome any and all tribal member comments. Our district members have the same goals, a better more functional tribe for our families and our family's future. Your comments given via email, skype, written, text or called in should be heard by our council. We should be able to see or at the very least listen to the council meetings live at district office.

As your council member, I realize it can be difficult to go to the Worthington site for meetings. I would personally go out to the further reaches of the district to discuss your concerns and what your ideas are for the tribe. We all come from a good place in that we all want our tribe to do right by their people.

I thank you for your support and look forward to being your South District Council member. ✨

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2016 Klamath Salmon Festival





Tribe declares emergency re: Tulley Fire

Arson blaze burns 3 structures, power poles and nearly 600 acres

On August 24, the Yurok Tribal Council declared a State of Emergency in response to the Tulley Fire. The fast growing fire had forced several local families to evacuate, destroyed three structures and caused a major power outage.

The purpose of the declaration was to mobilize a coordinated Tribal response to the crisis. Thankfully, Cal Fire quickly gained control of the fire, which had the potential to become very large, but is now about 95 percent contained.

In the days following the start of the fire, a team of Tribal staff assisted the families beyond the road closure by bringing food, fuel and water to their homes. Tribal staff and Yurok Public Safety Officers also provided transportation to those in need, went door to door to perform welfare checks and offered information about the evacuation orders. They also gave residents directions to an emergency shelter that was set up by the Red Cross at the Hoopa Neighborhood Facility. Tribal staff continues to provide aid to residents.

“Our hearts go out to all of the people that have been affected by this fire,” said Thomas P. O’Rourke Sr., Chairman of the Yurok Tribe.

The United Indian Health Services, at the request of Pecwan District Representative Mindy Natt gave the Tribe \$28,000 in food vouchers for the residents that live in the fire zone. UIHS also donated 485 particulate masks for adults and children to use if smoke becomes an issue.

“There are many people in the impact area who lost all of the food in their freezers, because the fire burned down electrical poles and caused a prolonged power outage. We are very grateful to UIHS for quickly responding to our request for food aid. It will go a long way as we work to fix the damage brought about by the fire.” There will be a more in-depth story about the response to the fire the October Edition of Yurok Today. Many Tribal staff and local community members contributed to the successful response to the incident. Here is some basic information about the fire.

The Tully Fire started on Monday, August 22, just below Highway 169 on the eastern side of the Yurok Reservation and was comprised of three separate blazes. Fire crews, led by Cal Fire, quickly stopped the spread of two smaller fires. The main fire has burned approximately 600 acres and is now almost completely contained. There were no injuries among local people, and only 5 minor injuries to fire personnel as a result of this incident. The fire burned power poles supplying electricity to residents living near



Ke’pel Creek. As soon as it was safe, PG&E fixed all of the power poles and restored electricity within the footprint of the fire in a very timely manner.

In addition to the emergency declaration, the Yurok Tribal Council passed a resolution to provide direct assistance, such as food, water, fuel and temporary housing to those forced to flee the fire or shelter in place.

The Tulley Fire primarily burned upslope from Highway 169, near Upper Ke’pel Road. For the first few days of the incident the state route was closed from Martins Ferry Bridge to McKinnon Hill Road. Hwy 169 is now open, but those who drive it are encouraged to be aware that fire trucks are still using the road. There were approximately 1,500 fire fighters on site at the peak of the fire.

“We would like to sincerely thank all of the fire personnel that rapidly responded to the reservation to help us,” said Chairman O’Rourke.

The Tully Fire is the largest fire on the Yurok Reservation in about 20 years. Fire investigators confirmed that arson is the cause of this wildfire.

“The individual or individuals responsible for starting this fire must be held accountable,” concluded Chairman O’Rourke.

The BIA teamed up with WeTip to create a 100 percent anonymous tip system for providing information about suspected arsonists. Those who submit information through the WeTip line will never have to testify in court and will be awarded up to \$10,000. The tip hotline is 1-800-472-7766. ✨



CULTURE CORNER

The July Culture Committee meeting featured a captivating exchange of ideas about the role of prayer in the day-to-day lives of Yurok people.

But before the detailed discussion about this important spiritual practice began, the Committee tackled an agenda item about a research project conducted by Colleen Rossier, a UC Davis PhD candidate.

Rossier is working with the Yurok and Karuk Tribes on a study to learn how the Tribe manages forests to enhance evergreen huckleberries and associated understory plants and mushrooms. Her research area includes dozens of plots, where she will be identifying different factors associated with huckleberry plant health, including: canopy cover, PH, aspect, slope, berry quality, quantity and other plants in the immediate area.

She will be interviewing members of the Culture Committee to document the Tribal forest management techniques used to maintain optimally productive berry patches. Huckleberries, high in vitamin C and other antioxidants, have always been an important food source for both tribes.

Committee member Allen McCovey reported to Rossier that there used to be huge stands of huckleberries that supported prolific harvests in an area near Mettah, where speckled robins would winter in large numbers and feast on the small fruits.

“With Green Diamond spraying there aren’t many berries on those bushes anymore,” McCovey explained, adding that there are far fewer robins, too.

Rossier said that she heard similar reports from the Karuks who provided information for her project.

Richard Myers, a member of the Committee stated that Rossier should be required to provide the Tribe with a finished copy of her report, something she said she will do.

“I want to support the revitalization of the use of traditional foods,” Rossier said.

Tiana Williams from the Yurok Wildlife Program and condor recovery project presented the second agenda item. The Yurok Tribal member was back in front of the Committee to fine tune a proposed hunting ordinance and talk about the potential components of a short film about the traditional and proposed modern law.

In addition to providing feedback on the verbiage in the ordinance, the Committee favored Williams’ idea to make a video that shows the underlying need for such a law and puts hunting in a cultural context.

“Deer have the potential to dance in the ceremonies. That’s what we need to instill in our youth,” said Committee member Richard Myers.

Mel Brooks, also a Committee member, said that prayers was an

instrumental part of any successful hunt. He said if Yurok hunters take the time to do this “it will make them stronger.”

“Everything Yuroks did traditionally was through prayer,” Brooks explained. “Just because a person doesn’t speak Yurok does not mean they are not obligated to pray.”

The quick-minded Tribal elder also talked about the power intrinsic to traditional Yurok prayers. This practice was a part of each person’s daily routine. Performing a short prayer is especially essential when a person is working to overcome a difficult challenge, whether it is stalking an animal or coping with a tragic loss.

“It can set your mind at ease, make you more confident in your abilities and get you into a positive frame of thought. It’s really important,” Brooks said. “It is also our right to pray.”

The Committee agreed with the statement. Brooks then shared with Williams a story about a Yurok sucking doctor, who made songs, which greatly benefited the people she served.

“What she wanted to do was have that power and she did. She had that power in her mind and transferred it to the people she worked with. You’ve got to get them thinking about those kinds of things,” Brooks said.

The dialogue then turned back to deer and hunting for food. There are many Yuroks that continue to subsist in large part from traditional foods found in the forest, river and ocean in the Tribe’s ancestral territory. The recent closure of Ray’s Food Place in Hoopa, the grocery store closest to the upper reservation, has increased Tribal members’ reliance on native animals, plants, fish and fungi.

Committee member Betty Jackson, who lived in the up river before Ray’s even existed, shared how her family obtained a diverse array of healthy foods, none of which came from the market.

“There’s always something that we can gather,” Jackson said.

Living in the Pecwan area, her family collected acorns, hunted and fished. They maintained a big garden full of fresh vegetables and fruits, which they canned for the cold months, along with venison, salmon and other meats. Each of her siblings pitched in to raise cattle and pigs.

“We pretty much lived off the land, the river and the garden,” Jackson posited. “My parents maybe went to the store once a month for sugar and flour. When the salmon were running we left the deer alone.”

Bertha Peters, another member of the advisory board, expressed a need for an educational component in the film that teaches Tribal hunters how to use all of each harvested animal. Yuroks have dozens of different uses for particular deer parts. For example, the brain matter was employed to tan hides and the bones were used to make a savory broth, she said.

Incoming Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer, Frankie Myers, encouraged Williams to seek input from Tribal youth who practice their traditional right to hunt. Later that same month, Myers and Williams facilitated a meeting in Weitchpec, where young Yuroks expressed their perspective on the proposed ordinance. ✨

Deadly fish disease found in lower river

Outbreak possible when fall run enters Klamath River

Yurok Fisheries crews conducting routine fish disease monitoring have found that salmon in the Klamath River on the Yurok Reservation are infected with a potentially deadly disease. *Ichthyophthirius multifiliis*, which is known as ich (pronounced “ick”), is capable of causing large fish kill events.

Ich was the primary pathogen that caused the 2002 fish kill in the Klamath River and killed more than 35,000 adult Chinook salmon and steelhead. Ich was found at relatively low severity in the Klamath River last year, but is back this year at concerning levels.

“It appears that a small number of adult salmon migrated upriver in extremely warm water temperatures and then became stuck in a relatively small thermal refuge where they are getting infected with the pathogen. What this means for the health of the fall Chinook run that is yet to migrate upstream is unclear” said Michael Belchik, Senior Fisheries Biologist for the Yurok Tribal Fisheries Department.

Fish diseases such as Ich are exacerbated by low flows and water temperatures that currently exist in the Lower Klamath and Trinity Rivers.

The Yurok Tribe will be working closely with federal, state, and Tribal partners to determine what management actions are necessary to prevent further spread of Ich and protect the main portion of the fall Chinook salmon run which has not entered the river as of yet.

“We take this threat to our fish very seriously, and we’re looking at every option to protect our fish. We don’t want to go through another catastrophe like the fish kill in 2002, and we will do anything we can to avoid that outcome this year.” said Thomas P. O’Rourke, Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. ✨

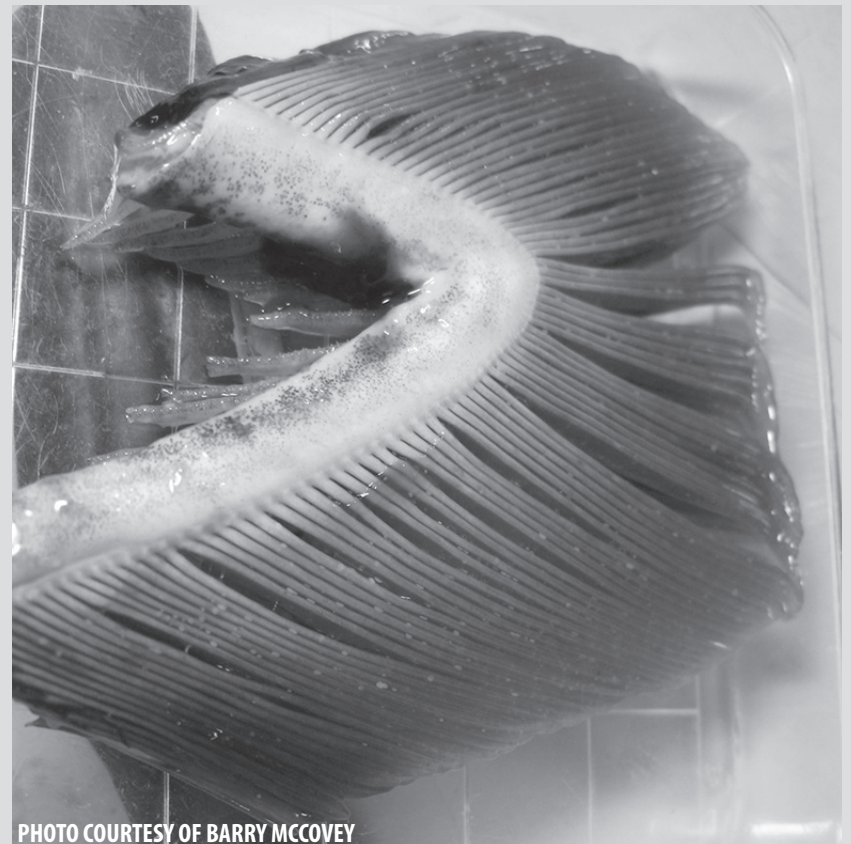


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This salmon gill is infested with Ich, a tiny but deadly pathogen.

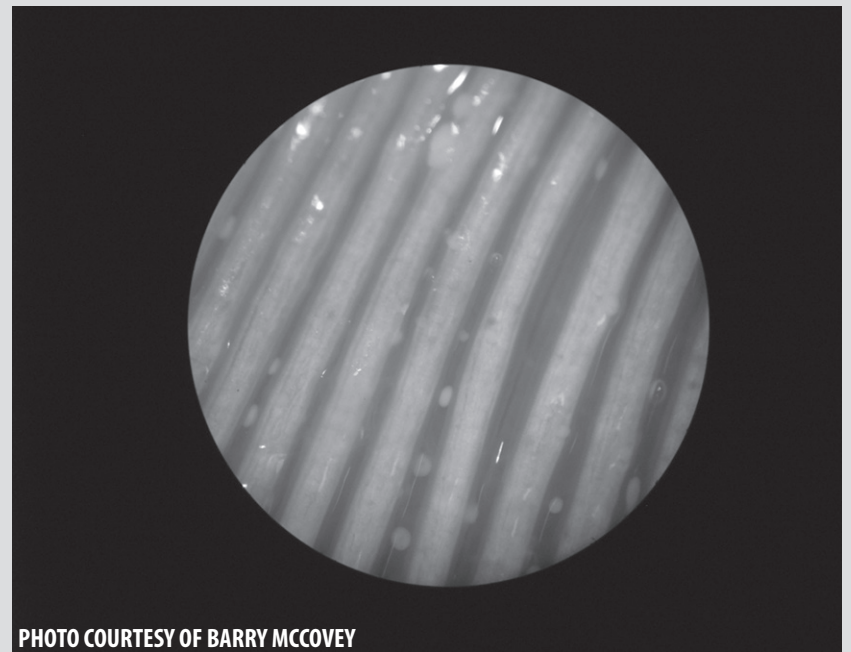


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This is what an Ich-infected salmon gill looks like under a microscope.

Tribe supports Standing Rock Comment on water plan



YUROK TRIBE

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August 25, 2016

Sent via electronic mail to ssittingbear@standingrock.org

Dave Archambault II, Chairman
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Fort Yates, North Dakota 58538

RE: Yurok Tribe Solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Aiy-ye-kwee' Chairman Archambault:

The Yurok Tribe stands in strong support of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation in their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The Yurok Tribe is the largest federally recognized Indian tribe in California, and has a long history of fighting to protect the preservation of our water, lands, and way of life. We recognize that the construction and operation of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline threatens sites of great historic, cultural, and spiritual significance as it crosses the ancestral lands of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. All tribes have the inherent sovereign right and responsibility to protect their natural resources.

We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters from the Sioux Nation in opposing this threat to the sacred water which sustains our livelihood. The potential for an oil spill from the Dakota Access Pipeline poses an unacceptable risk to the natural resources of the region that are critical to the survival and life ways of the surrounding Tribal Communities. We urge the Secretary of Interior to take all steps necessary to protect the environment and water resources of the tribes within the Great Plains region, including Standing Rock Reservation, the Cheyenne River Reservation, the Oglala, Rosebud and Lower Brule Tribes.

Most Sincerely,

Thomas P. O'Rourke, Sr.
Chairman

cc: Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior

Phone: (707) 482-1350 • Fax: (707) 482-1377

water plan

The Tribal Consortium is seeking input on Upper Klamath Water Quality Improvement Plan. The Klamath Tribal Water Quality Consortium has released its non-regulatory Upper Klamath Basin Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment and Management Program Plan for public comment. Comments are due September 18, 2016. See plan here: www.klamathwaterquality.com

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Serves income eligible parents who are either working or attending school

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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 13, 2016

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

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION CONTACT
JALEA WALKER-ORCUTT AT THE YUROK TRIBE'S EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT AT (707) 482-1822 EXT. 1021



Statistics show that.. "Only 5% of teens are willing to call phone crisis lines, but they're more willing to text. Text 741741 to text anonymously with a crisis counselor."

Please share this information!

Yurok awarded Morongo scholarship

Ty'ithreeha Allen, a sophomore at HSU, earns \$10,000 award

MORONGO INDIAN RESERVATION – Three Native American students from across California have each received a \$10,000 scholarship from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians as part of the 12th Annual Rodney T. Mathews Jr. Scholarship program.

“The Rodney T. Mathews Jr. Scholarship at Morongo was launched specifically to help reverse the trends that have left Native Americans as the most underrepresented group in colleges and universities,” Morongo Tribal Chairman Robert Martin said. “Students like this year’s recipients will be the tribal leaders of the future, and we are pleased to be helping them acquire the education and skills they need to guide and improve tribal communities for the next generation.”

In the 12 years since the Mathews Scholarship was launched, Morongo has provided \$410,000 to 43 Native American students. The scholarship program is unique in that it is open to enrolled members of any of the more than 100 federally recognized tribes in California. The 2016 recipients are:

- Ty'ithreeha Allen, of the Yurok Tribe attends Humboldt State University where she is a sophomore studying Child Development and American Indian Education. Raised in McKinleyville, CA., she hopes to launch a tribal preschool and youth programs that integrate traditional tribal practices, beliefs, and values, and to create educational programs utilizing Native language and culture.

“I couldn’t tell you how excited and happy I was when I received the award,” said Allen, who is not the first in her family to receive a Mathews Scholarship.” I remember my auntie getting the scholarship when I was a young girl and I looked up to her. I saved as much as I could for college but this obviously will allow me to pursue my educational goals.”

comprise less than 1% of the nation’s college students, the lowest college enrollment rate of any ethnic group, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Similarly, only 15% of American Indians hold bachelor’s degrees, fewer than any ethnic group in the U.S., according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The scholarship program honors the late Rodney T. Mathews Jr., a Morongo tribal member and Hastings Law School graduate who passed away in 2004 after serving as a judge pro tem for more than a decade.



Scholarship applicants are considered based on their academic success and community service.

Candidates must be full-time students at an accredited college or university; complete 60 hours with a designated California Indian agency; and be actively involved in the Native American community. ✨

YUROK PUBLIC SAFETY - CALL LOG

- 7/13 – Disorderly conduct on Salmon Ave at 3pm.
7/13 – Traffic stop on Peine Rd. at 5:02pm
7/13 – Report of larceny on Minor Creek Rd at 5:06pm
7/13 – Report of property stolen on Minor Creek Rd at 1:55pm
7/15 – Report of a traffic hazard on Klamath Blvd
7/15 – Report of domestic violence on Klamath Blvd at Noon
7/15 – Report of an animal in the highway on Hwy 101 at 2:30pm
7/15 – Public Safety recovered a stolen vehicle on Salmon Ave at 3:10
7/16 – Report of a forest fire on Hwy 169 at 12am
7/16 – Traffic hazard on Bald Hills Rd at 2:30pm
7/17 – Report of a missing boater on Klamath River at 12:04pm
7/18 – Report related to illegal drugs in Weitchpec at 5:30am
7/18 – Report related to illegal drugs on Lower Ke'pel Rd at 7am
7/19 – Report related to illegal drugs in Weitchpec at 5:30am
7/19 – Report related to illegal drugs on Iron Gate Rd at 7am
7/20 – Report related to illegal drugs in Weitchpec at 5:30am
7/20 – Report related to illegal drugs on Lewis Rd at 7am
7/21 – Report related to illegal drugs in Weitchpec at 5:30am
7/21 – Report related to illegal drugs on Telecom Site Rd at 7am
7/21 – An assault was reported on Ehlers Way at 6:35pm
7/22 – Report related to illegal drugs on Telecom Site Rd at 7am
7/22 Report related to illegal drugs in Weitchpec at 6:15am
7/23 - Report related to illegal drugs on Ada Frank Rd at 7am
7/24 – Report of a suspicious person on Klamath Blvd at 7am
7/24 – Request for extra patrol on Salmon Ave 8:30am
7/24 – Report of disorderly conduct on Starwein Rd at 12:25pm
7/25 – Report related to illegal drugs in Weitchpec at 7:00am
7/25 – Report related to illegal drugs on Lower Ke'pel Rd at 7:00am
7/26 – Person arrested for warrant on Mitchell Rd at 7am
7/26 – Report related to illegal drugs on Miller St at 7:45am
7/26 – Report of a wanted person on Klamath Blvd at 3:30pm
7/27 – Report related to illegal drugs on Mitchell Rd at 7am
7/28 – Animal in the road on Hwy 101 at 7:30am.
7/28 – Animal in the road on Hwy 101 at 9:15am.
7/28 – Report of a suspicious person on Klamath Circle at 7:55am
7/28 – Officer performed a welfare check on Gensaw Rd at 1:30pm
8/1 – A report of threats being made on Salmon Ave at 11:10am
8/2 – Disorderly conduct on Salmon Ave at 11:10am
8/2 – Disorderly conduct on Klamath Blvd at 11:53am
8/2 – Search and rescue on the Klamath River at 4pm
8/2 – Burglary on Debacker Rd at 4:55pm
8/3 – Trespassing on Ehlers Way at 9:30am
8/3 – Civil papers issued on Salmon Ave at 9:45am
8/3 – Report of harassment on Ehlers Way at 1:37pm
8/3 – Welfare check on Salmon Ave at 2:55am
8/3 – Stolen vehicle recovered on Klamath Blvd at 3:10pm
8/3 – Disorderly conduct on Silverside Circle at 4:25pm
8/8 – Report of environmental damage on Klamath Beach Rd at 10:35am
8/8 – Animal in the road on Silverside Circle at 11:11am
8/8 – Citizen assist on Starwein Rd at 3:13pm
8/9 – Report of wanted person on Klamath Blvd at 12:05pm
8/10 – Report of a stolen vehicle Terwer Riffle Rd at 3:10pm
8/15 – Report of an electrical hazard on Hwy 169 at 11:30am
8/15 – Report of a suspicious vehicle on Klamath Beach Rd at 10:30am
8/16 – Stolen property reported Hwy 169 at 1:25pm
8/20 – Fight on Klamath Blvd at 12:35pm
8/20 – Vandalism on Requa Rd at 1:35pm
8/20 – Citizen assist on Klamath Blvd at 1:45pm
8/20 – Fight near Hwy 169 at 9:30pm
8/20 – Disorderly conduct on Hwy 101 at 11:04am
8/22 – Child neglect on Salmon Ave at 4:50pm
8/30 – Abandoned vehicle on Klamath Blvd. at 2:10
8/30 – Vandalism on Klamath Blvd at 2:55pm

** Some calls are answered, but do not appear on the log.
The Yurok Public Safety Department can be reached at (707)
482-8185. In case of emergency call 911. ✘*



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