

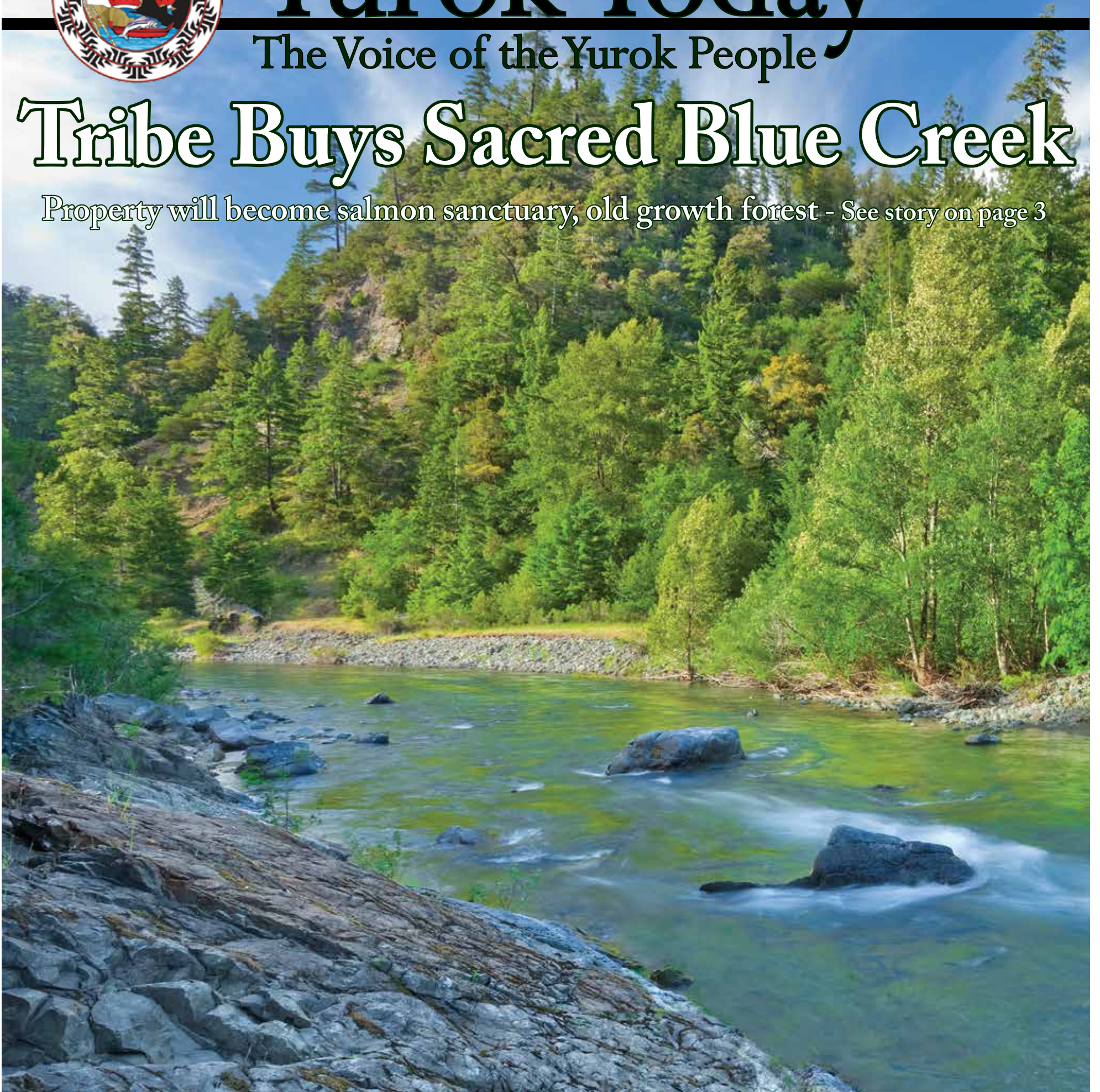


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## Tribe Buys Sacred Blue Creek

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Yurok Indian Reservation

**YUROK TRIBAL COURT**  
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Court File Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Case Type: **FAMILY CODE**  
**FILED**  
YUROK TRIBAL COURT  
FEB 26 2018  
By: *JNB*  
YUROK INDIAN RESERVATION

In re: Trishia Hurn  
(Write current name of person's to be changed)

**NOTICE OF PETITION for Change of Name**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

1. **PETITIONER:** Trishia Hurn has filed a petition with this court for decree changing a name as follows:


a. Present Name: Trishia Hurn  
b. Proposed Name: Trishia Stevens

2. **THE COURT REQUIRES** that all persons interested in this request shall appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any persons objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least three (3) court (business) days before the hearing date and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.


3. **HEARING DATE, TIME AND PLACE** (At least 90 days from filing date):  
a. Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018  
b. Time: 10:00 AM  
c. Location: 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath CA 95548

4. **NOTICE:** A copy of this NOTICE of PETITION for Change of Name shall be published in TWO (2) consecutive issues of the Yurok Tribe Newsletter.

5. **ISSUED:**  
Clerk of the Court: Wendy Bouley  
Date: 2/26/18

  
YUROK TRIBAL COURT

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**United States Department of the Interior**  
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**COMBINED NOTICE OF HEARINGS**

Notice is given that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 372, et seq., as implemented by 43 C.F.R. part 30, hearings will be held, testimony will be taken and evidence received for the purposes of administering the following estates:

Place: Yurok Tribal Office, 190 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548  
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018


Case Number	Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Will Date if Applicable	Time of Hearing
P000101982IP	MARTHA CAMILLE SOVEREIGN	10/30/2011	NONE	09:00 AM
P000127761IP	KATHERYNE BERNICE LIPPINCOTT	01/22/2014	NONE	09:30 AM
P000125712IP	ETHELTYNE ALICE HILLMAN	08/24/2011	5/25/2011	10:00 AM
P000137950IP	VICTOR ANTON DOBREC JR	05/10/2007	NONE	10:30 AM
P000147068IP	CHARLES BENJAMIN DONAHUE SR	11/09/2006	NONE	11:00 AM
P000147106IP	MARION SHANNON KNUDSEN	08/29/2001	NONE	11:30 AM
P000138768IP	KEITH ALEXANDER CHILDS	04/16/2001	NONE	01:00 PM
P000119731IP	FREDERICK HECTOR SIMMS	11/17/2013	NONE	01:30 PM
P000133881IP	OSCAR TAYLOR GENSAW JR	11/08/2012	NONE	02:00 PM
P000133805IP	SARINA MARIE ALFORD	05/27/2008	NONE	02:30 PM

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**John R. Payne**  
INDIAN PROBATE JUDGE

  
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Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018


Case Number	Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Will Date if Applicable	Time of Hearing
P000147571IP	EDNA B EBRIGHT	02/14/1996	07/27/1994	09:00 AM
P000147573IP	IMOGENE KEWIN	10/14/1999	04/23/1996	09:30 AM
P000112377IP	JOYCE MAHALA STARTARE	07/23/2012	NONE	10:00 AM
P000113310IP	KAREN ILENE ARNOLD	12/31/2011	NONE	10:30 AM
P000146504IP	CAROL ANN EVENSON	09/02/1999	NONE	11:00 AM
P000146520IP	RICHARD ALLAN EVENSON	05/20/1992	NONE	11:15 AM
P000146496IP	CHARLES ALBERT EVENSON SR	10/05/1991	NONE	11:30 AM
P000108360IP	DENNIS ROCKY SCOTT	08/26/2011	NONE	01:00 PM
P000146991IP	LOREN EDDIE DOWNS	07/23/2008	NONE	01:30 PM
P000137945IP	BARBARA RENEE JONES	05/27/2004	NONE	02:00 PM

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Place: Hoopa Valley Tribal Court, 12530 State Hwy 96, Hoopa, CA 95546  
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018


Case Number	Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Will Date if Applicable	Time of Hearing
P000147015IP	ERNEST LEWIS III	07/11/2006	NONE	09:00 AM
P000147470IP	HERMAN PETERS	11/15/1976	NONE	09:30 AM
P000121197IP	TERRI JO HARRINGTON	02/23/2013	NONE	10:00 AM
P000111187IP	EILEEN GRANT	02/02/2013	NONE	10:30 AM
P000111693IP	BERTRAM ADOLPH LANE JR	02/19/2013	NONE	11:00 AM
P000104185IP	ALFRED NOLAN COLEGROVE JR	02/28/2012	NONE	11:30 AM
P000109087IP	LAURA ANNETTE PETERS	11/02/2012	NONE	01:00 PM
P000098740IP	FRANKLIN MALCOLM DOOLITTLE	08/13/2011	NONE	01:30 PM
P000105816IP	BENJAMIN OWEN LUTHER BUSSELL SR	05/28/2012	NONE	02:00 PM
P000147862IP	WILLIS CONRAD JR	06/27/2004	04/17/1981	02:30 PM

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Date: Friday, April 13, 2018

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P000101973IP	DIANA M JAMES	01/22/2012	NONE	09:00 AM
P000148319IP	BARBARA JEAN KLIENHANS	12/29/1999	NONE	09:30 AM
P000133896IP	JOANNE CECELIA HOLRICH	08/24/2012	04/26/2007	10:00 AM
P000119674IP	TAMERA LILA HUSTLER	12/30/2013	NONE	10:30 AM

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*Blue Creek, a crucial cultural and natural resource, is now permanently protected. The Tribe has plans to turn it to an old growth forest and salmon sanctuary.*

*Photo Courtesy of the Western Rivers Conservancy*

# Tribe completes Blue Creek purchase

*The entire watershed is now a permanently protected salmon sanctuary*

From the headwaters high in the Klamath Mountains to its aquamarine entry into the Klamath River, Blue Creek is now a permanently protected sanctuary for salmon. The Yurok Tribe, in partnership with Western Rivers Conservancy, recently completed a transaction reacquiring 9,000 acres of land within and adjacent to the Blue Creek watershed, a tributary to the Klamath River. The Tribe will manage the land—heavily logged in the past 100 years—to restore the ecosystem for fish and wildlife and to protect tribal spiritual areas.

The Yurok Tribe is now the primary steward of this important salmon stream and its watershed, which boasts some of the best fish habitat in the Pacific Northwest. The purchase of this vital salmon stream was long ago deemed a top priority because of its importance to salmon populations and its immense cultural value.

“We have much to celebrate in the reacquiring of our land and our natural resource stewardship role in this profoundly sacred place,” said Thomas P. O’Rourke Sr., the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “However, there is still much more work to be done if we are to restore the struggling Klamath salmon runs to which the health of our people is inextricably intertwined.”

Using settlement funds tied to the 1988 Hoopa Yurok Settlement Act, the Tribe worked with Western Rivers Conservancy to purchase this land through the federal New Market Tax Credit program. Over the last ten years, the Tribe has worked with Western Rivers Conservancy to accomplish this and several other land acquisitions. This acquisition marks the final successful piece of an ambitious land recovery plan.

The Blue Creek acquisition also represents a significant portion of an integrated river-restoration initiative.

“The Yurok Tribe’s goal is to heal the Klamath River from its headwater to the Pacific Ocean. This is a step forward toward realizing a bigger vision — restoration of the river’s mighty salmon runs,” said Amy Cordalis, the Yurok Tribe’s General Counsel and traditional salmon fisher.

Blue Creek, the largest tributary on the Yurok Reservation, offers critical habitat for Lower Klamath fish populations as well as thermal refuge for migrating fish from throughout the Klamath Basin. When fall Chinook, the Klamath River’s most abundant



**Blue Creek, a vital salmon stream, enters the Klamath River.**

salmon species, begins the upstream migration during late summer and early fall, Blue Creek provides thermal respite from the warm Klamath River, helping salmon to survive the remainder of the journey to the spawning grounds.

“The late fall run Chinook of Blue Creek are genetically distinct from those of the rest of the Klamath Basin, adding to the diversity and long-term health of Klamath River salmon populations,” said Dave Hillemeier, the Director of the Yurok Tribe’s Fisheries Department and veteran fisheries biologist. “The watershed is rich in biodiversity and home to several special status plants and animals.”

For millennia, the Tribe employed complex natural resource stewardship strategies to maintain massive fish runs on the Klamath River, but this role was forcefully removed from Yurok hands in the mid-nineteenth century. In less than 200 years, non-Indians decimated numerous native fish and wildlife populations in the region. Concurrent with the effort to reacquire land, the Tribe has been engaged in a far-reaching endeavor to reverse the negative impact that historic natural resource extraction industries have had on the Klamath and its fisheries.

Since becoming formally organized in 1993, the Yurok Tribe has worked tirelessly to recover the vast swaths of land that were largely taken, with federal assistance, by participants in the Gold Rush. Even with recent acquisitions, the Yurok people only



control about half of the acreage on the reservation. The loss of traditional fishing and hunting grounds, ceremonial sites and other cultural assets has caused tremendous suffering among Yurok families, a reality that is only just now beginning to turnaround.

Moving forward, the Yurok Tribe plans to use traditional and contemporary forest management practices to rehabilitate damaged habitat in the Blue Creek watershed, an approach the Tribe has applied in other watersheds to improve conditions for fish.

In addition to Blue Creek's importance to fish and wildlife, the watershed's significance to the Tribe's sacred ceremonies, dating back to time immemorial, cannot be overstated. "The Blue Creek watershed is not only a significant salmon stronghold, it contains the path to our spiritual center, a sacred place where our medicine makers have travelled since time immemorial to bring the world back into balance. We would like to thank Westerns Rivers Conservancy for partnering with us to restore a portion of our ancestral lands and the associated Yurok way of life" concluded Chairman O'Rourke. ✘



# Tribe takes on pharmaceutical giants

*Every year, prescription painkillers indiscriminately kill thousands of people*

The Yurok Tribe filed in federal court a RICO case against the pharmaceutical giants that are alleged to be responsible for the surging opioid epidemic in the United States and on the Yurok Reservation.

"Without these pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers, the widespread abuse of prescription pain pills on tribal lands and across the entire US would never have reached the terrifying level it is at today," said Amy Cordalis, the Yurok Tribe's General Counsel and Yurok Tribal member. "The only difference between these companies and drug cartels is the fact that legal purveyors of prescription opioids have protection from law enforcement and seemingly unlimited funds to market and distribute to the masses their highly addictive drugs. There is not a single Yurok family that has not either directly or indirectly experienced the horrors of opiate addiction."

The complaint, filed on behalf of the Tribe by Zwerling, Schachter & Zwerling, LLP and Lieff Cabraser Heimann &

Bernstein, LLP in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, alleges that 20 defendants violated the 1970 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). The defendants, ranging from Purdue Pharma to Johnson & Johnson, include both manufacturers and distributors of opiate-based drugs. The complaint alleges that defendants concealed important facts about the dangers of opioids and the costs to communities, such as that of the Yurok Tribe. Also contained in the complaint are charges of false advertising, public nuisance and participating in unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent business practices. The Tribe decided to pursue the case after Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti, a longtime magistrate and Yurok Tribal member, first identified opiate addiction as a significant health and safety issue on the reservation and she has largely spearheaded this effort to hold the defendants accountable.

The Yurok Reservation, located in one of only a handful of places where the US opioid crisis initially took root, occupies land

in rural Northern California's Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Humboldt County, one of the first counties in the entire nation to see lawfully produced prescription painkillers diverted for clandestine purposes, has had crisis-level overdose rates for over a decade. Much of this so-called medicine has made it to the reservation, which is evidenced by the number of inquiries the Tribe receives from those looking for opioid addiction treatment.

"For too long, the Yurok Tribe has been forced to contend with the deadly aftermath of the proliferation of opioids in society," according to the complaint. "Opioid manufacturing and distributing companies systematically and repeatedly disregarded the health and safety of the public, including the Yurok Tribe."

In the United States, 91 people die every day from opioid overdose and in 2016 opiates killed 42,000 US citizens, including disproportionately high numbers of Native Americans, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In March 2, 2018, the Journal of the American Medical Association announced the results of a yearlong study, which showed that

## #OPIOID CRISIS

commonly prescribed opioids produced less pain relief than over-the-counter, non-opioid drugs in patients suffering from serious back aches as well as hip or knee arthritis.

This filing represents the first step toward a jury trial in federal court, where the corrupt actions of the accused will be presented for the world to see.

"It is clear that we as a nation have been sold a bill of goods as it relates to opiate painkillers. These drugs have caused so much unnecessary heartache as well as the untimely deaths of many Native American and non-Indian people. The companies that produce, market and distribute them need to be held accountable," concluded Cordalis.✘

# Tribes, Caltrans creating pilot project

## *Yurok TERO opens up new employment, contract options for members*

The Yurok Tribal Employment Rights Office is driving the development of a paradigm-shifting project, which aims to increase the quantity of well-paying, road construction jobs that are available to many of the region's Native American individuals and enterprises.

Over a period of 24 months, Yurok TERO Director Don Barnes, a Yurok Tribal member, spearheaded an historic effort to collaborate with Karuk and Hoopa Valley Tribes as well as the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and Caltrans on the creation of a formal process designed to distribute extensive, emergency and planned road construction projects to the four tribes. The monumental plan will soon be memorialized in a memorandum of understanding, which Caltrans will present to the four Tribal Councils for final authorization, the last step before the rubber will meet the road on the first of five pilot projects.

"We still have a long way to go, but there is much to be excited about in this agreement. In the immediate future, we hope to see more labor and contract opportunities for our members and the members of local tribes," said Barnes. "Highway construction is one of the only contracting and employment opportunities in our ancestral territory. We are transforming the climate within the culture of Caltrans, which is also representative of a clear change in

the relationship between the tribe and state."

The Yurok Tribe will be the first tribe in California to form this kind of agreement with Caltrans and will coordinate the first project.

"We believe we can negotiate and mobilize skilled and unskilled Native labor for all construction projects without being a barrier to construction initiation, progress, and completion," said Barnes. "Unfortunately, we need a new emergency road failure to materialize, in order to facilitate the first pilot project. I want to select a significantly sized project, because we want to show that we have the capacity to complete largescale tasks in a timely fashion."

The first four pilot projects will take place within each of the four tribes' traditional land bases and a fifth will occur where there is overlapping, tribal jurisdictions.

"We are going to show that we can apply our labor and TERO rules across the board and it's not going to impede the project's progress," Barnes said. "All four tribes are going to be working collectively on each of the pilot projects, whether it's in Yurok, Karuk, Hoopa Valley, or Tolowa Country."

To streamline the emergency road rehabilitation endeavor, Barnes is developing a database containing the contact information



of every eligible contractor and worker, including each person's specialized skillsets. When positions need to be filled or contract opportunities arise, he and the other tribes' TERO Directors will have at their fingertips this exhaustive index, which will be used to speed up the process of putting people to work on these time-sensitive jobs.

"We will always have an instant, readily available list of tribal contractors and members who are willing to go to work on these projects," Barnes said.

Three state highways, Hwy 101, Hwy 96, and Hwy 169, travel through Yurok lands, where the temperate rain forest climate routinely compromises the integrity of the roads, which constantly require righting. Presently, the tribe and Caltrans have an agreement to apply the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance to projects that originate within the reservation. Previously, Caltrans was unable to apply TERO regulations on emergency road restoration work on and near the reservation. Without an agreement in place, it was too difficult to apply Indian preference, create contracts and negotiate labor costs, while satisfying the demanding deadlines associated with emergency projects. The new MOU covers projects in the Tribes' ancestral territories.

"This is going to be the precedent setting moment that will open the door and normalize the application of TERO to planned and emergency construction, not only on the reservation but also in ancestral territory," said Barnes.

The tribes will be granted access to emergency road repair contracts, based on the project's proximity to their lands. While the four will continue to collaborate, the coordinating tribal organization will be the one that is closest to the actual highway damage.

Barnes would like to acknowledge the hard work of Caltrans' Native American Liaison Kathleen Sartorius and Deputy Director Brad Mettam, who have been instrumental in making this progress possible.

"Kathleen and Brad are putting a tremendous amount of effort into moving this forward," Barnes said. "They've heard us and understand where we are coming from. I am sincerely grateful for their dedication to lifting this project off the ground."

Opening up formerly inaccessible economic opportunities for Tribal members is only one of many benefits that this cooperative undertaking will produce. In the recent past, private contractors have inadvertently harmed cultural and natural resources on the reservation. This would not have happened if Tribal members, who know the true value of these traditional assets, were performing the same work.

"We know how important these resources are because they are part of our identity as Yurok people," Barnes said. "For construction contractors it is just a job. To them, time is money. We look at the



**Don Barnes is the Yurok Tribal Employment Rights Officer and a Yurok tribal member.**

land differently and put more care into protecting it."

According to the new accord the tribes and Caltrans are required to form an additional agreement for each specific emergency project. In the future, the four tribes and Caltrans hope to craft a blanket MOU covering all of the proposals that are made within the calendar year.

The TERO fees generated from these projects will be used to further train Yurok Tribal members in trades related to road improvement.

"We hope to reinvest these dollars into individual tribal members, so that they are better equipped to earn an income. One of TERO's primary objectives is to assist our people in becoming part of the skilled workforce, in which they can make enough money to comfortably raise a family and own their own home," concluded Barnes.

**During the period of two years that it took to develop the pact, the following people contributed to securing crucial support from the California governor's office, California Transportation Commission, and California Federal Highways Administration for the promising new collaboration with the state agency: TERO Director Barnes, Yurok Self Governance Officer Javier Kinney, who is also a Yurok Tribal member, former Transportation Manager, Joe James, who is the current East District Representative on the Yurok Tribal Council. Once that support was offered, the following tribal administrators worked alongside Don Barnes, Yurok TERO Director, to create the process and language for the pilot projects: Karuk TERO Director Dion Wood, Hoopa Valley TERO Director Penny Cordova, Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Chairman Scott Sullivan, and Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation TERO Director Zack Chapman. ✨**

# YTEP puts on spill training in estuary

## *Exercise aims to contain environmental spills on the Klamath*

During a recent training exercise in the Klamath estuary, Yurok Tribal staff members, representing multiple departments, surprised instructors by how fast they learned how to best deploy a 100-foot long boom designed to capture different types of environmental spills.

“Setting a boom is very similar to setting a net for salmon. Our staff members were able to quickly and efficiently position the booms because of their past fishing experience, which requires a nearly identical set of skills, such as being able to expertly operate a jet boat,” said Koiya Tuttle, who is the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program’s Assistant Director, a Yurok Tribal member and one of the training’s organizers. “The only difference between deploying a boom and a net is the heavier weight of the anchors that keep the floating barriers in place. It needs to be heftier, because the booms create significantly more resistance in the water.”

The Yurok Tribe Environmental Program, US Coast Guard and CA Fish & Wildlife put on the much needed environmental spill training on March 13, 2018. In addition to YTEP, the Yurok Fisheries and Forestry Departments, along with members of the Yurok Office of Emergency Services and Yurok Police Department participated in the training. The hands-on skill-building exercise covered oil spill response strategy and the use of specialized environmental spill containment equipment, including the 100-foot long booms, which were used to corral would-be contaminants.

The Klamath River estuary is an extremely environmentally and culturally sensitive location. It is where juvenile salmon acclimate to life in salt water before heading out to sea. It provides critical habitat for local and migratory birds and is home to many other native mammal and avian species. An active ceremonial area also occupies its south western shore.

“The relevance of the Klamath River estuary to fish and wildlife populations, especially our salmon, is substantial. You cannot have a healthy salmon runs without this important transition zone,” said Louisa McCovey, the YTEP Director and Yurok Tribal member. “This training is representative of our commitment to keeping our river and people safe.”

If an environmental spill in the estuary is not swiftly

addressed, it could cause catastrophic consequences for these invaluable natural and cultural resources.

The Yurok Tribe Environmental Program has a trailer in Requa, which is filled with all of the tools needed to rapidly restrain a large spill and is ready to be deployed in the event of an emergency to protect the Klamath River. Given the number of roads that cross over the Klamath and its many tributaries, it is a matter of if not when an oil spill takes place. In addition to working with the equipment, the training provided a valuable opportunity for members of the agencies to work with one another, which is important because these are the organizations that will respond if this type of environmental disaster occurs on the Klamath.

The training is the first of two environmental spill response trainings that will be held this year. The second training is related to protecting the estuary from an offshore oil spill.

In early 2018, the US Department of the Interior announced plans to expand ocean oil drilling in the Pacific. The Draft Proposed National Oil and Gas Program includes the creation of 7 new offshore oil leases along the Pacific coast, including two off the coast of Northern California.

“We hope this insane plan never comes to fruition, because it has a very real potential to further pollute the marine environment. If it is implemented, we will be ready to respond in the event of a repeat of what happened in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, when the failure of an offshore oil rig released millions of gallons of pollutants into the water. Let’s hope this never happens,” concluded McCovey.

**YTEP would like to thank the US Coast Guard’s (USCG) Eleventh District Response Advisory Team member Mark Gregory, the USCG’s Marine Safety Detachment from Humboldt Bay and the California Fish and Wildlife’s Office of Spill Prevention and Response team for facilitating this important training. ✨**

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# YTEP HOSTS ENVIRONMENTAL SPILL C





# CONTAINMENT COURSE ON KLAMATH





# New Yurok PD building almost finished

## *New facility a much better fit for tribal police organization*

The Yurok Police Department will soon be moving into a much-needed new facility, which was principally designed to reflect the professional, culturally appropriate services that the Tribal law enforcement organization provides to the community.

Presently, the YPD is housed in a refurbished, 700 square-foot home that was built in 1966 on Salmon Avenue. The department's current capacity, as it relates to investigative capabilities and strategic infrastructure, is much more advanced than the current building and the small-sized property is able to accommodate. The new facility, located on Klamath Boulevard next to the Tribal Court, will contain the following: a reception area, four offices, a squad room, a meeting hall, secure spaces for evidence and equipment, an interview room, multiple cubicles and a break area.

"This project is a win for the department and a win for the community," said Del Gray, the Chief of the Yurok Police Department. "The new base of operations will allow us to better serve reservation residents and protect the Tribe's resources. It will also enable us to continue to grow the department in terms of personnel and policing duties."

Similar to other law enforcement buildings, the Yurok Police Department's new headquarters will have a two-phase access control system. It is also adorned with additional features related to the protection of police records and sensitive equipment.

The Yurok Planning and Community Development Department is overseeing the construction of the building. The project began in the fall and is expected to be finished in the spring, when there will be a grand opening celebration to commemorate the progress that the headquarters represents to the department and the Tribe as a whole.

"The building's proximity to the Tribal Court will make it more convenient for community members to obtain the many interrelated services offered by the court and the police department," said Sophia Lay, the project's manager and Yurok Tribal member. "The Tribal Court and the Police Department often collaborate on special initiatives together and with outside agencies. Now that they are a few steps away from each other, it will be much easier to streamline these projects."

The Yurok Police Department is comprised of highly qualified, Peace Officer Standards and Training-certified law enforcement



officers and game wardens, as well as equally committed non-commissioned conservation wardens and support staff. Unlike other policing agencies, the department is charged with protecting reservation residents, in addition to cultural and natural resources on Tribal lands.

The Department's new headquarters is more than double the size of the original one, which was never really appropriate for a proper community-oriented policing organization. After it was a family home, a Bureau of Indian Affairs attaché occupied the one-story structure until the 1990s, when it was deemed a surplus property and transferred to the Tribe. Shortly thereafter, it



became the base of operations for the Yurok Police Department. Since that time, the Yurok Planning and Community Development Department has retrofitted the entire building several times to satisfy the YPD's expanding infrastructure needs. The Planning Department also converted the old garage into offices for new officers.

Even though the Planning Department renovated every square inch of the antiquated abode, the building, because of its limited size, is no longer suitable for the ever evolving Tribal law enforcement organization. For example, there is not a proper meeting space or a place to conduct interviews with suspected lawbreakers.

Today, the Yurok Police Department is responsible for many of the roles that were previously performed by the BIA, and

later, the state. Many of its officers are cross-deputized in both Humboldt and Del Norte Counties or are slated to obtain this crucial credential, which authorizes them to enforce Tribal laws and the California penal code. This special status gives them the authority to pursue perpetrators of violent crimes, regardless of their tribal affiliation.

**The Yurok Planning, Social Services and Education Department and Tribal Court collaborated on the application for the highly competitive, \$1.16 million US Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant to fund the construction of the facility. The CTAS program affords Native American tribes the ability to apply for grants intended to improve criminal justice and public safety in Indian Country. ✨**

# Tribe calls for tougher cannabis rules

## *Excessive number of pot grows threatens fish, wildlife & water quality*

On March 20, representatives from the Karuk Tribe, Yurok Tribe, and Friends of the Eel River attended the Humboldt County Supervisors' meeting to demand stronger cannabis regulations to protect Humboldt's fisheries, water, and cultural resources.

"Our fisheries are suffering a death from a thousand cuts," says Yurok Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Frankie Myers. "Our fish simply cannot tolerate further expanding the cannabis industry."

Already, Humboldt County is home to an estimated 15,000 outdoor grows alone. Today, Supervisors will consider approving a Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance which will aim to permit as many as 5,000 grows. According to Friends of the Eel River's Scott Greacen, "Humboldt County has to choose. Do we want an environmentally and economically sustainable pot sector, or do we want an economy dependent on a collapsing black market that's wrecking our watersheds? Does it make sense to issue thousands of additional permits in watersheds where salmon and steelhead are being driven extinct by cultivation-related impacts? The county hasn't done the work needed to understand, much less control, those impacts."

The organizations are urging the county to do a thorough environmental analysis to develop realistic limits for each stream in the County based on sound scientific principles.

"Humboldt's Tribes have had to struggle through the gold rush, then the timber rush, and now the green rush. Each wave of resource extractors deals another critical hit to the fishery resources that are central to Tribal culture and economies. We need our Supervisors to stand up for Humboldt's Tribal people and manage this industry in a sustainable manner. So far, the proposals we have seen fall far short of



that demand," said Karuk Natural Resources Director Leaf Hillman.

Aside from environmental concerns, the groups note that too many grows will lead the 'Green Bubble' to burst. Greacen notes, "Humboldt currently grows enough weed to supply the entire state of California's demand by at least twofold. Permitting too many grows will create a glut of weed on the market, drive prices down, and undermine our own local economy. This will affect everyone whether you are a homeowner, local business owner, or young person looking for economic opportunities." ✨



# YUROK TEACHER CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT

The Yurok Language Program would like to recognize this month's "Teacher Candidate Spotlight", Nicole Peters, for her continued effort and success in the Kee Laa-yo-lue-mehl "They Will Teach" Yurok Language Teacher Program.

The Program started in February 2017 with 10 Teacher Candidates who are responsible for completing a dual track to earn both their Level 3 Yurok language Teaching Credential and their Bachelor's Degree (or higher) alongside state teaching credentials through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

In Year 1 of the program, Nicole completed 100% of all activities either early or on time for both tracks. These activities included: 12 immersion pods, monthly grammar workshops, attendance at the eight-day Yurok Language Summer Institute and the four-day immersion camp, classroom observations, teacher development trainings, pre- and post-assessments, monthly check-ins with YLP staff, submittal of paperwork like monthly attendance verifications for each of her classes, course schedules and final grades. The completion of these requirements demanded hard work, persistence, commitment to her academic goals, and dedication to improving her language skills.

Nicole has completed her education at College of the Redwoods and has moved on to Humboldt State University. In order to achieve these goals and finish her degree in Native American Studies with an emphasis in Environment and Natural Resources, Nicole had to reduce her hours working for the Yurok Tribe's Klamath Head Start so that she could travel to Arcata to attend classes at HSU. where she plans to continue her graduate education and complete her Master's degree.

Nicole has been extremely diligent and consistent in her efforts to complete all tasks in a timely manner and with great scrupulousness. She has completed her Level 1 Credential assessment, submitted all paperwork to the CCTC for review, and is awaiting the issuance of her California state credential in Yurok Language. As we near the end of Year 2, Nicole has continued to excel and is on track to complete all program activities on time and ahead of schedule once again. Notably, she has attended 6 out of 6 monthly Grammar workshops, which require traveling each month to Weitchpec, Klamath, Arcata, or Eureka.

It has been a pleasure to work with Nicole as her language and teaching skills have evolved and we are eager to witness her development as a Yurok Language Teacher. ✨



## Yurok SOC kicks off bold new initiative

*Keep an eye out for and use the #strongyurokminds hashtag*

Skuy' soo hue-nem'-oh, meaning we grow together/we grow strong, is the concept that Yurok Social Services Department's Systems of Care initiative wants for our people to embrace. It is a strength-based approach to building a healthy community together. We can help each other find ways to stay in balance, gain confidence in ourselves, and ultimately fulfill our purpose as Yurok People.

The Yurok Skuy' soo hue-nem'-oh Systems of Care is an initiative, and not a single 'program'; It is a spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports for children and youth, with or at-risk for mental health or other challenges, and their families.

The initiative is organized into a coordinated network, and its goal is to build meaningful

partnerships with families and youth, for the purpose of addressing the cultural and linguistic needs...in order to help families function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life.

In that spirit, in order to promote positive mental health awareness please look for us here in the Yurok Tribe's newsletter and on the Yurok Tribe's facebook/twitter page to find out about positive community-based mental health activities, cultural activities, and youth driven messages/solutions.

**For more information about the Yurok Skuy' soo hue-nem'-oh SOC initiative, please contact Springwind Marshall@ (707)445-2422 or Annelia Hillman @ (530)625-4130. ✨**





# Yurok Obituaries

Glenda Lindgren Campbell of Taylorsville, North Carolina passed away peacefully at her home on 03.02.18. Born in Eureka, CA on 07.27.46, the daughter of Elva Chapman Lindgren and the late Glenn E. Lindgren, Glenda was a 5th generational and lineal descendent of Tsurai Village and proud elder / member of the Yurok Tribe.

She worked for 29 years as a customer service representative for Schneider Mills. She leaves behind in Taylorsville 2 sons, Eric Jennings and James Jackson, several grandchildren and her mother elva, in addition to many cousins and 2 aunts Wilda Gallaci and Roberta (Allie) Lindgren. Glenda (and her beautiful smile) will be missed by us all.



Glenda Lindgren  
Campbell  
07.27.46 - 3.02.2018

Richard (Rich) Whitewater, 5th generation lineal descendent of Tsurai Village, passed away suddenly at home on 04.10.41. Born in Eureka, CA on 04.10.41 Rich was reared by his grandparents Axel Sr. and Georgia Lindgren who became his "Mom & Pop."

A very proud Yurok tribal member, Rich excelled in several careers, all of which he loved: a middle weight boxer, country & western singer with his own band, marathon runner completing 45 races, carpenter and pile-driver.

He leaves behind many cousins, his 3 best friends Frank Grossman of San Carlos CA, Jim Anderson (Big Jim) of Orick and Art Parker of Redding, 2 aunts Wilda Gallacci of Arcata and Roberta (Allie) Lindgren of Trinidad. Rich was truly unique and will be missed by us all.



Richard (Rich)  
Whitewater  
04.10.41 - 04.10.41

## Yurok attorney honored with major award *Cornell University alum acknowledged for exemplary public service*

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Though a recent law school graduate, Cheyenne Sanders has a deep demonstrated commitment to Indian issues. Right after graduation, she started working with the Yurok Tribe, where she has defended the rights of her people in a variety of settings. Her background in American Indian Studies and Federal Indian law allows her to view all issues through the lens of tribal sovereignty and federal trust responsibility. As a Yurok Tribal member, her unique perspective also helps guide her in her day to day work. She was able to secure Yurok's First Amended Gaming Compact. Faced with financial challenge at the Tribe's gaming operation,

Cheyenne facilitated the identification of a solution, a plan to accomplish it and the support needed to pass the ratification of the amendment in the state legislature



within a period of five months. The amendment will provide the tribal gaming operation a significant annual savings. Cheyenne has also worked for the Yurok Tribe in federal appellate litigation protecting Yurok water rights, federal and state legislation drafting, commercial transactions, finance and investments, regulatory compliance, employment/human resources, real estate, and the expansion of Yurok Tribal Court. Cheyenne is the first Yurok attorney to work in the Yurok Office of the Tribal Attorney and the first Yurok to be sworn into the California State Bar at the Yurok Tribal Court by Chief Judge Abby Abinanti. Cheyenne previously interned at the Northwest Justice Project in Seattle, WA where she provided direct services to low-income Native Americans in state civil matters, tribal court and administrative review hearings. With Holland and Knight, LLP, she worked extensively with a pro-bono client in the Indian



Education Field. She created the 2010 Tribal Housing Planning Guide, a tool for tribal housing departments, while interning at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in Seattle. Cheyenne established the first local chapter of the North Coast Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations, and is a Board Member of the California Indian Law Association. She received her Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies and Political Science from the University of Washington.

Cheyenne recently resigned from her position within the Yurok Office of the Tribal Attorney to take a new position with another tribe in Southern California. The Yurok Tribe greatly appreciates all of her many accomplishments and the numerous hours of work she put in while working for in OTA. We wish her the best in all of her future endeavors. ✨

# SAVE THE DATES

- THE YUROK TRIBE'S 56TH ANNUAL KLAMATH SALMON FESTIVAL IS SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018.
- THE YUROK TRIBE'S ANNUAL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018.

## Save the date - Klamath River Clean Up

*The 17th Annual Klamath River Clean Up is on Saturday, April 28*

Spring has sprung and it's time for the 17th Annual Klamath River Clean Up. The Yurok Tribe Environmental Program and the Watershed Stewards Program-sponsored event is on Saturday, April 28th, 2018 from 9:00am to 2:00 pm and is happening in both Weitchpec and Klamath. Volunteers will come together as a community to remove litter and invasive plants from the banks of the beautiful river. This will benefit anadromous fish, their habitat, and the Klamath watershed. All participants will receive the following for their efforts: a t-shirt give away, morning snacks, water, salmon lunch, and raffle at the Yurok Tribe Main Office.

This legacy event has historically drawn over 200 participants. Volunteers will meet and park at the Yurok Tribe Main Office at 9:00am for registration: 190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA 95548. Work gloves, tools, and water will be provided. This event will be occurring up river in Weitchpec and down river in Klamath.

**For up river (Weitchpec) information, contact Richard Myers at (707) 572-0526 or email [rmyers@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:rmyers@yuroktribe.nsn.us). For down river (Klamath) information, contact Koiya Tuttle at (707)482-1822 ext. 1001 or email [ktuttle@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:ktuttle@yuroktribe.nsn.us). ✨**

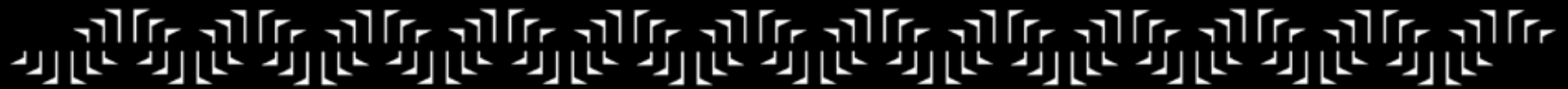




# Festival Art Contest gets underway

## *Yurok artists: Please submit your excellent artwork*

The Yurok Tribe's 56th Annual Klamath Salmon Festival logo contest begins on April 1, 2018. The winning artist will receive \$250. We are looking for artwork that captures the spirit and fundamental elements of the long-running festival. The Salmon Festival committee has selected a carnival theme for this year's event. The winning submission will be put on the poster and other promotional materials. The deadline for entries is Friday, May 11, 2018 at 5pm. The artwork needs to be on paper, a canvas or in a digital form. The dimensions can be no greater than 11 inches by 17 inches. Please note that it can be in horizontal or vertical format. The Salmon Festival Committee will vote on the winning artwork. Please email your submission to [mmas@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:mmais@yuroktribe.nsn.us) or drop it off at the Klamath, Weitchpec offices or the Worthington site. The winning logo art will become property of the Yurok Tribe. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Matt Mais at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1306.



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