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Legislative Commission on Indian Services
167 State Capitol Building
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: 2006 Government-to-Government Annual Report

As outlined in ORS 182.162 to 182.168, this document is used to report on the Department of State Lands' (DSL) activities and programs that promoted and affected Oregon tribes during 2005.

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Programs/Activities/Coordination

The agency continues to be an active participant in the Cultural Resources Cluster and the Natural Resources Cluster.

Agatha Brown, Unclaimed Property Auditor, serves as chair of DSL's Diversity Committee. Agatha represented DSL at the Cultural Resources Cluster in December.

Mike Morales, Wetlands and Waterways Conservation Division Western Region Manager, attended the Natural Resources Cluster meeting in December.

Julie Curtis, the Department's Communications Coordinator, regularly sends pertinent news releases, meeting announcements and other publications to tribal representatives.

Land Management

The Department, Coquille Tribe and the Coquille Economic Development Corporation have entered into a successful partnership to manage the development of tribal and state lands while enhancing public use of lands. During this last year, the Department completed the exchange of state of Oregon's and Coquille Tribal interest in historical filled uplands and tribal lands to resolve a boundary location dispute and to facilitate revitalization and public use of certain tribal and state lands along and on Coos Bay, Coos County. The exchange included the actual exchange of certain lands along the Coos Bay Waterfront and the signing of a Planning and Development Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of State Lands, Coquille Indian Tribe and the Coquille Economic Development Corporation.

The agreement purpose is to further facilitate revitalization and public use of lands through a coordinated planning and development effort. The agreement requires the parties to enter into further separate intergovernmental agreements (IGA): Registration IGA, State Lands Zone Identification IGA, Public Walkway and Short Term Site Development IGA, and the Master Plan and Long-Term Site Development IGA. The Coquille Tribe and the Department have completed the exchange of quitclaim deeds, the Registration IGA, and the State Lands Zone Identification IGA as specified in the agreement.

This agreement allows for the commercial development of the Coquille Tribe's property along Coos Bay for various commercial and public use activities through a coordinated approach to land use planning and development.

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South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR)

Dan Krossman is a representative from the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. He is serving as a tribal representative member of the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR) Management Commission for the present term. Tribal representation on the SSNERR Management Commission became possible when Senate Bill 92 (Chapter 146, 2005 Laws) became effective on January 1, 2006. The DSL advocated the legislation during the 2005 Legislative Session. When the SSNERR was created in 1977, there was not a recognized tribe in the region. There are now recognized tribes who can provide representation in the management of the Reserve. Adding a tribal member is providing more complete representation of all of the interests in the South Slough Reserve.

SSNERR staff, SSNERR Management Commission, and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians are involved in discussions for an agreement to provide for joint research, monitoring, use, education, conservation and protection of the natural resources within the Tribes' ancestral territory.

Sincerely,

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