



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

Indian Leadership for Indian Health

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING **EVENT GUIDE**

Hosted by:
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Chinook Winds Casino Resort
1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City, OR 97367

July 21-23, 2026

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OUR HOSTS: CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is a federally recognized confederation of over 30 bands, originating from Northern California to Southern Washington. In 1992, the Siletz Tribe achieved self-governance, which allows the Tribe to enter into compacts directly with the U.S. Government. This gives the Tribe control and accountability over Tribal programs and funding. They occupy and manage a 3,666-acre reservation located in Lincoln County, Oregon.

Their ancestors spoke ten completely different languages, each with multiple dialects. Their ancestors brought with them deep connections to more than 20 million acres of ancestral territory, including all of Western Oregon from the summit of the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific, and extending into what's now southwest Washington State and northern California.

They were promised 1.1 million acres of the Siletz Reservation as their permanent home, but following massive reservation reductions, Congress passed the Western Oregon Termination Act in 1954 (which took effect in 1956), and their federally recognized status as a Tribe was also revoked. In 1977, their lobbying of Congress to repeal their termination was successful, and they became the second formerly terminated Tribe to regain federal recognition.



1. <https://ctsi.nsn.us>

2. <https://ctsi.nsn.us/historical-photo-gallery/>



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ABOUT NPAIHB

Established in 1972, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a Tribal organization under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L. 93-638, advocating on behalf of the 43 Federally recognized Indian Tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington on specific health care issues. Each Member Tribe appoints a Delegate via Tribal resolution and meets quarterly to direct and oversee all activities of NPAIHB.

NPAIHB is engaged in many areas of Indian health, including legislation, health promotion, and data surveillance and research. As an active Board, talented staff, and a forward-thinking organization, we know that there is much work to be done to improve the health status in Indian Country, but we do not shy away from the challenge.

NPAIHB Delegates create and update a strategic plan, which contains four main functional areas:

- Health promotion and disease prevention
- Legislative and policy analysis
- Training and technical assistance
- Surveillance and research

NPAIHB houses a Tribal epidemiology center (NWTEC), several health promotion and disease prevention projects, and is active in Indian health policy.

The mission statement of NPAIHB is:

To eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of American Indians and Alaska Natives by supporting the 43 Federally Recognized Tribes in the States of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington (Northwest Tribes) in their delivery of culturally appropriate, high-quality healthcare.

This guides every aspect of NPAIHB's work.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The NPAIHB Executive Committee is comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The Executive Committee approves the Quarterly Board Meeting agendas, approves Executive Committee resolutions, develops and refers policy issues to the entire delegation for approval, reviews and monitors NPAIHB financial matters, represents NPAIHB at regional and national meetings, and is the direct supervisor to the Executive Director.



Aaron Hines

*Confederated Tribes of the
Umatilla Indian Reservation*
Chair



Greg Abrahamson

Spokane Tribe of Indians
Vice-Chair



Alison Boyd-Ball

*Confederated Tribes of the
Colville Reservation*
Treasurer



Dr. Sharon Stanphill

*Cow Creek Band of Umpqua
Indians*
Sergeant-at-Arms

VACANT - Secretary

Elections will be held July 21, 2026

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director (E.D.) is responsible for all staff and programs at NPAIHB and answers directly to a five-person Executive Committee, composed of the elected officers of the Board.

The Management Team consists of the Executive Director, Director of Operations and IT, Director of Legal & Government Affairs, Director of Programs and Development, Director of Human Resources, Director of Tribal Healthcare Systems and Education, Director of Environmental Public Health, Director of Finance, Director of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, and the Director of Strategic Communications.

The Team acts in an advisory capacity to the E.D., assists in the research and development of organizational policy and practices, and is a liaison between the E.D. and staff. NPAIHB's Strategic Plan maps its priorities, organizational values, mission, and health issues and concerns.

NPAIHB collaborates with the Indian Health Service (IHS), federal and state agencies, universities, and private organizations.



Laura Platero, J.D.

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Executive Director

MANAGEMENT TEAM



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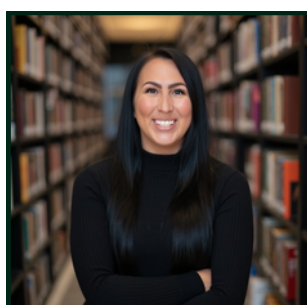
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EVENT OVERVIEW

The July QBM will be hosted from July 21–23, 2026, by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, at the Chinook Winds Casino, in Lincoln City, OR.

Pre-QBM Meetings will be hosted on July 20, 2026, at the Siletz Tribal Health Clinic.

For assistance, please contact our team at QBM@NPAIHB.org.

**Attendees are kindly asked to register online,
no later than Friday, July 10, 2026**



Scan to Register!

<https://www.npaihb.org/july2026qbm/>

HOTEL INFORMATION



CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT

1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City, OR 97367

(888) 244-6665

Chinook Winds Hotel will be under construction beginning April 2026. Please be aware of the following impacts on hotel operations:

- The main pool entrance will be closed. Guests may enter via the door on the southern side of the pool house.
- Parking spots will be impacted by the construction.

We apologize for any inconvenience while we work to improve our property and the guest experience!

– From Venue Management

VENUE FAQs

Front Desk Hours:

Sun-Thu: 8:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

Fri-Sat: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m.

Pool Hours:

7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Daily

Hotel FAQ:

- Oceanfront Deluxe rooms and Casino View Compact rooms are Stair Access only.
- Pet-friendly rooms are available. Service Animals must be registered at check-in.
- Chinook's Seafood Grill is a full-service hotel restaurant.

Amenities:

- Free WiFi
- Minifridge
- Coffee Maker in the room
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Hairdryer
- Alarm Clock
- Bathtub
- TV
- Microwave
- For cribs and rollaway beds, contact the front desk for more information

Check in: 4:00 p.m.

Check out: 11:00 a.m.

Security Deposit or Incidental Hold:

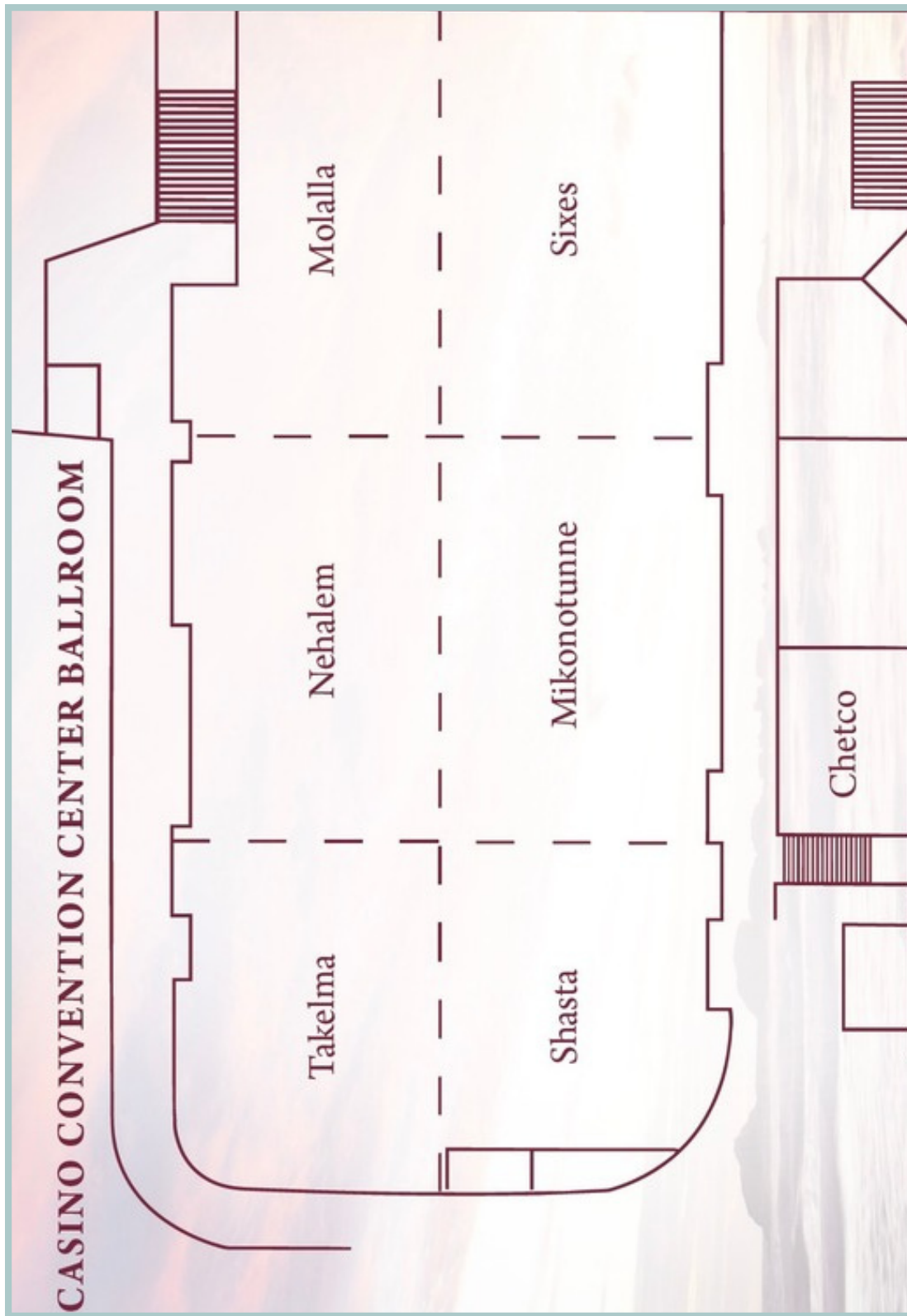
\$50.00 - one-night stay

\$100.00 - any stay longer than one night

Cancellation:

Please cancel at least 24 hours before arrival to avoid a one-night charge.

EVENT CENTER MAP



View the full venue map here:

https://uploads.chinookwindscasino.com/2016/04/27232455/CWCR_Casino_Map_WEB.pdf

MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

PRE-QBM Meetings

Welcome/Lunch

Tribal Health Directors' Meeting (THD)

Tribal Health Directors' Dinner

Executive Committee Dinner Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

QBM Day I

Breakfast

General Session:

- Executive Committee Secretary Elections

Lunch

General Session

Breakout Committees I

Breakout Committees II

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Lincoln City Clinic Tour

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

1:45 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

QBM Day II

Breakfast

General Session

Lunch

General Session

Breakout Committees III

Recess

Culture Night

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

QBM Day III

Breakfast

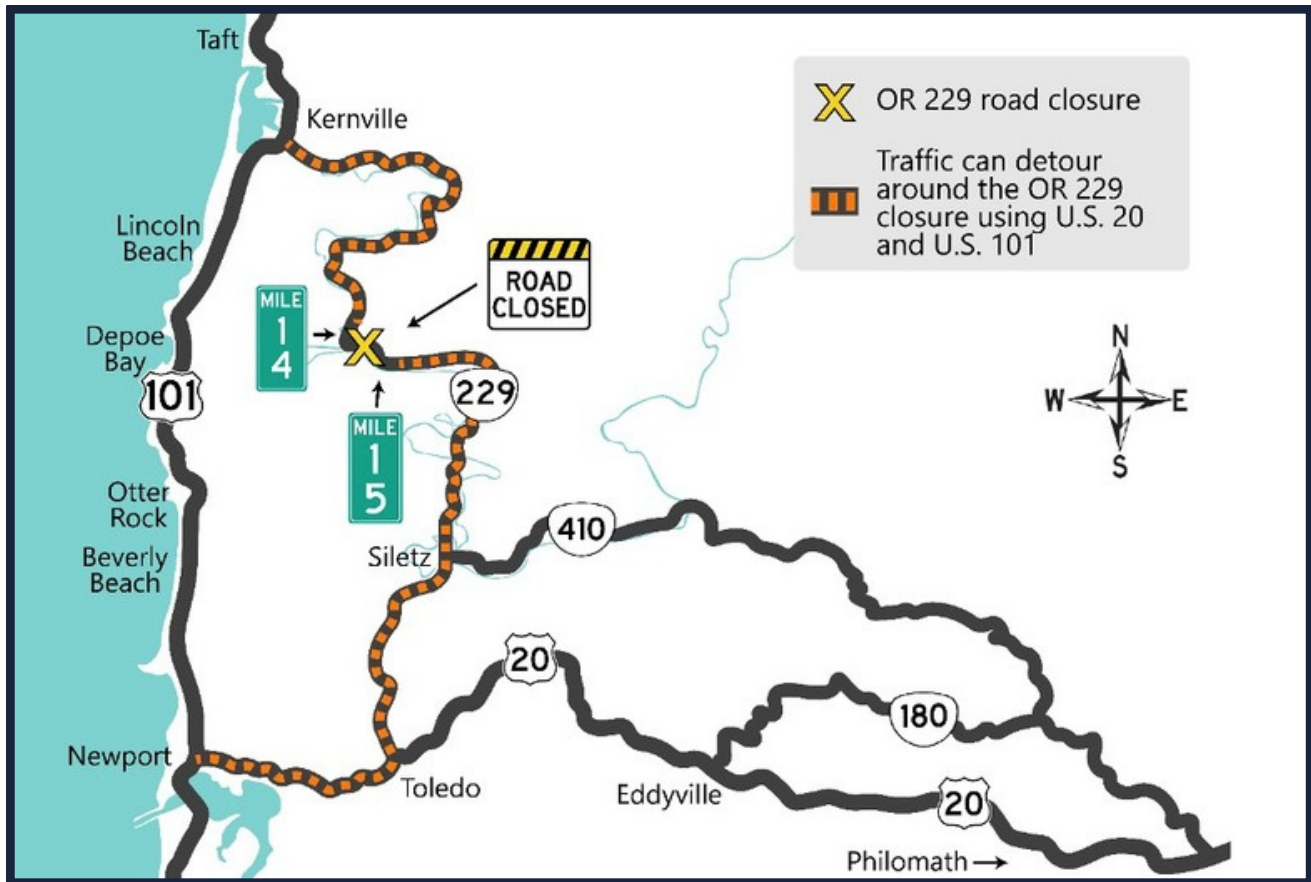
General Session

Adjourn

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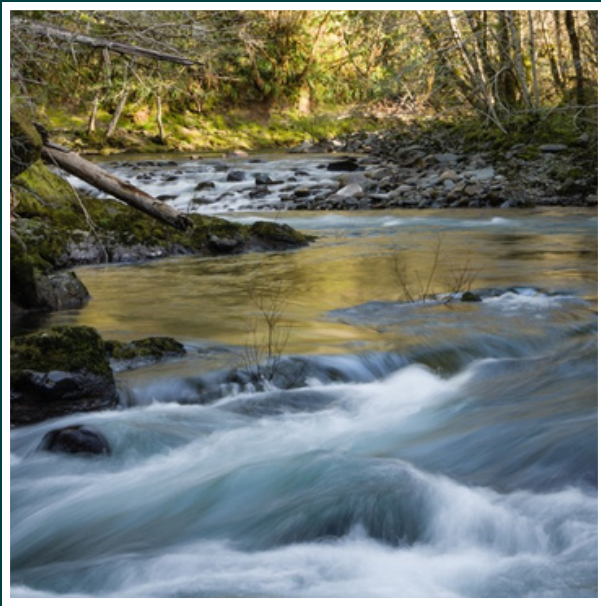
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TRAVEL ADVISORY



- OR 229 remains closed between milepost 14 and 15, from Kernville to Siletz, following a large landslide that occurred on Dec. 12, 2025. The slide destroyed the road, and the highway remains closed to all traffic. Based on what is known right now, fully rebuilding OR 229 is expected to take years.
- Travelers will need to use U.S. 101 to get around the closure. Travelers should plan for longer travel times and use caution on alternate routes.

For more information, visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/regions/pages/or229.aspx>



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