



The Da'luk

Wiya't halilhit! (Let the Eel River flow!): A Potter Valley Project Update

The Potter Valley Project, a water diversion project in the Upper Mainstem Eel River near Ukiah, has caused significant problems for the Eel River and its ecosystem. The Project, which was built over a century ago, includes two dams: Scott and Cape Horn. These dams cut off hundreds of miles of important spawning and nursery habitat in the Eel River headwaters for fish like salmon, steelhead and Pacific lamprey, reducing their populations and impacting the health of the river.

Figure 1. Cape Horn Dam creating Van Arsdale Reservoir. Fish ladder in foreground with water diversion tunnel to Russian River in background.



The main purpose of the Potter Valley Project (PVP) was to generate hydroelectric power and divert water from the Eel River to the Russian River for agriculture. Scott Dam forms the Lake Pillsbury reservoir and 12 miles downstream, Cape Horn Dam diverts Eel River water into a tunnel and through a mountain to the Russian River where it is used to make a small amount of electricity. Historically the dams took much of the water from the upper Eel River, especially in the summer when fish need it most, but in recent years, federal regulators have forced the owner of the dams PG&E to better manage flows to support Eel River fish populations.

Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Adam Canter

The construction of the dams has had devastating effects on the Upper Eel River's ecosystem. Dams are unnatural structures that impede fish migration to upstream spawning grounds and disrupt and modify the transport of sediments and wood creating unnatural conditions. Pacific lamprey, for example, lack the ability to jump over barriers and migrate in high flows. Lamprey are poor swimmers compared to salmonids. They use their suction disk mouths to help climb over structures, but any structure that is perched, constricts water, and has sharp 90° angles like a concrete dam or fish ladder can impede their passage. The Wiyot Natural Resources Department has studied numerous migration barriers in the Eel River and noted that Pacific lamprey require assistance traversing barriers which can be eased by providing a rounded surface with continuous water flow.

The dams also create an “ecological trap” which results in salmon and lamprey spawning in less productive areas. This means young salmon and lamprey have greater competition for resources in nursery areas as they grow before their journey to the ocean. The dams also result in increased predation risks for adult salmon and lamprey as they are exposed to predators at the dams and can have their migration delayed, missing important high-flow conditions that allow them to move through the river safely. Young lamprey and salmon migrating to the ocean can be confused by the abnormal flows released from the dams and face difficult growing conditions due to increased water temperatures and changes in sediment size.

But there is hope. In recent years, PG&E has made the decision to surrender their license to operate the project and decommission it. The project is unprofitable, losing \$5-10 million per year in operations and maintenance costs. With no party willing to pay for the needed upgrades and continued operation of the project, PG&E is currently developing a plan to decommission the Project.

Decommissioning does not necessarily mean dam removal and water users in the Russian River would prefer for the dams to remain so they can continue to use Eel River water; however, dam removal is clearly what is needed to help restore salmon and lamprey populations. PG&E must be convinced to do the right thing and remove their dams and repair the damage they have caused to the river. A number of feasible alternatives have been identified that could maintain a winter diversion into the Russian River watershed to meet the needs of water users, but water users have yet to develop a plan to pay for the water supply they benefit from.

Many conservation and environmental organizations are advocating for the removal of these dams to restore the Eel River's ecosystem and the species that depend on it. It's clear that the issues related to the Potter Valley Project and dam removal on the Eel River are complex and multifaceted, and will require careful consideration and planning to address.

If you would like to learn more or have any questions, please join the WNRD Community Advisory Committee Meeting on February 7th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the link below. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83562842932?pwd=K3RybVg2UW92Vy8yeGwzcnA1NmRBUT09>

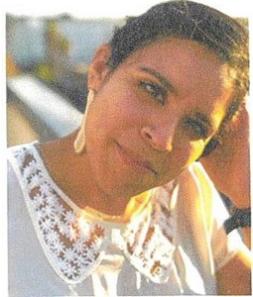


Announcing the Candidate for Council member at Large 2024-2027

◆ **Hazel Garcia**

Announcing the Candidate for Treasurer 2024-2027

◆ **Michelle Hernandez**



Ha'wa'lou, my name is Michelle Hernandez Wenzler. I am currently running for the Treasury position for the Wiyot

Council. I grew up on the Table Bluff Reservation, where I reconnected with our traditions and culture by being part of the revitalization of the Coming of Age and World Renewal Ceremonies. Even though I live in Los Angeles or Tongva Land, I have found different ways to stay connected to our culture by teaching all generations our traditional practices. My education consists of a Bachelor of Arts in both Film and Native American Studies from Cal Poly Humboldt and a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Film and Electronic Media from American University. With the leadership and development skills I have obtained through running my own business and directing, I can implement them to benefit the tribe and the position I seek. I have created and co-founded Sugarbush Hill Productions with my partner, where we develop and showcase diverse stories.

Many of our projects focus on Native themes, and as a Native person, I've always made it my goal to show representation whenever possible and to give voice through our stories. I have been able to accomplish that with my art by telling stories that are rarely heard and can cause an impact on change. Currently, I'm producing an environmental documentary about the Baduwa't River and the reclaiming of the name, and the impact the river has environmentally. I previously held the Treasury position from 2013 to 2014. During my time on the council, I helped to establish a youth program and acquire a building for the program. Creating a space for the youth was vital since they are our future. The skills I learned from my first time on council and the years in between can help strengthen the tribe. If chosen for this position, I want to see us grow through community and economics and focus on continuously revitalizing our language, practice, and culture.

Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

Tsek Houdaqh January Recap

The Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program is back into the full swing of things! This past month we were excited to welcome eight children back to the center and provide them with a safe and engaging learning environment. During our after-school program, we provide children with snack/supper, homework help/tutoring, daily physical-health activities, and fun art/STEM activities. This past month, our kids have been busy practicing their multiplication skills, learning Soulutluk, cooking, and reading daily. They have also been busy playing soccer, capture the flag, and volleyball. Each day the kids have had the opportunity to explore their creativity and imagination as they have created paintings, collages, and other DIY projects. The kids have been most interested in slime making, which opened the door to discussion topics like quantity, texture, and chemical reactions. Their slime making has also provided them with the opportunity to strengthen their collaboration and communication skills, as they helped each other find the perfect combination of glue and "activator".

As we move into the month of February, we hope to be able to continue to promote a culture of kindness, collaboration, and respect throughout our center and community!



Club Members helped create and display our club moto.



The Tsek Houdaqh Art Gallery.

Enrollment Information

Are you interested in enrolling your child in the Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program?

At the Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program, it is our goal to create a high-quality learning environment for all Native American children and their families. It is our mission to promote children's healthy development, support their curiosity, and foster their creativity. Through our partnership with community and family members, we aim to create the foundation to children's future success.

To access our online fillable PDF Membership Packet, scan the QR code below. Once scanned, download, complete, print, and turn into the Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program Manager. If you have any questions or would like a printed copy of the Tsek Houdaqh Membership Packet, call (707) 733-5055 Ext. 117.



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Submitted By: Robert Pitts

Meet Tsek Houdaqh's New Program Assistant



The Tsek Houdaqh program would like to welcome Melinda Ramirez to our team! Melinda is of Wiyot, Yurok, and Karuk decent and lives on the Wiyot Reservation. Melinda first began working with children in 2010/2011 at the Wiyot Boy's & Girl's Club. Melinda enjoys working with children and getting to know them and their interests. She enjoys being able to learn alongside them and hopes to create a safe and engaging learning environment. When Melinda is not working, she enjoys going on walks and spending time with her family.

Tsek Houdaqh's After School Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:00					After School Open
2:15		<i>Closed from 2 pm to 3:00 pm for ECE to After-School Transition</i>			SnackLink!
3:00	After-School Open	After-School Open	After-School Open	After-School Open	Kids in the Kitchen
3:30	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
3:45	Power Hour	Power Hour	Power Hour	Power Hour	Power Hour
4:15	Triple Play	Triple Play	Triple Play	Triple Play	Triple Play
5:00	Art Club	Life Lab	Culture: It's in the Family	Brain Food	Money Matters
5:45	Clean Up/Pick Up	Clean Up/Pick Up	Clean Up/Pick Up	Clean Up/Pick Up	Clean Up/Pick Up
6:00	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed



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Submitted By: Robert Pitts

**Chromebooks available for
school-aged children &
College/vocational students**

20 left!

For more information and application contact

Peggy or Brian at (707) 733-5055.

HEALTH EDUCATION—Influenza (The Flu), COVID-19, RSV

Talk with your medical provider or local pharmacy about getting vaccines against the triple-demic.

- COVID testing is still being provided by UIHS at the Table Bluff Reservation Community Center parking lot at 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta CA 95551, every other Tuesday.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.
- Know your health history & status. If immunocompromised:
 - Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
 - Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
 - Avoid crowds.
 - Avoid poorly ventilated spaces.

For more information on COVID, please visit CDC at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

**CASES ARE RISING.
ACT NOW!**



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS

JOB OPENINGS AT Health & Human Services Department

- **Mental Health Advocate**—We are looking for a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (MFT) or Professional Counselor (LPC) to bring counseling services to support Wiyot Citizens and their families. FT position, starting at \$35/hr, & benefits

Contact Heather Blevins, HR Coordinator, for more information and job application at 707-733-5055 or heather@wiyat.us

—Reminders—

SSI 2023 Notice Reminder

For Wiyot Tribal Citizens who wish to receive LIHEAP this coming year that receive SSI, year 2023 letters will be coming in the mail. Please send a copy to the Health & Human Services Department to add to your file for services in 2023.

SCHOOL CLOTHES & SUPPLIES

Hope the school year is going well. Friendly reminder to send in your child's clothing and school supplies receipt's by April 1st, 2023. You can email them to:

Peggy Orcutt at porcutt@wiyat.us

Brian Bolden at bbolden@wiyat.us

Or mail to us at:

**1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551 or
fax to (707) 733-5601**





2022/23 Winter Natural Disaster Support Application

provide from a Humboldt Area Foundation grant

In response to the December 2022 Rio Dell earthquake and the California cyclone in January 2023, the Wiyot Tribe is pleased to provide support to our Citizens and their families that are not otherwise eligible to receive support from other low-income based programs. Most programs (NCIDC, county, state) available in our area are doing great work assisting vulnerable persons in the area. At the same time, we understand that others may need a little help to get through these difficult times.

Through the generous grant we received from HAF, we can help 40 Wiyot households who do not qualify for other low-income assistance, offering them a household total of \$125.00 to help with any impact from the December 2022 Rio Dell earthquake and/or the California cyclone in January 2023. Program ends when funds are depleted. To be eligible:

- 1) Be an enrolled Wiyot Citizen living in the household (only 1 application per household).
- 2) Have been impacted by the December 2022 Rio Dell earthquake and/or the California cyclone in January 2023;
- 3) Would not qualify for any low-income based program.

Applicant Name:	DOB:	Enrollment #:
Address:		
City.	State.	Zipcode.
Phone #1:		
Phone #2:		
Email:		

Number of People in Household:

Adults (age 18 - 54) -
Elders (age 55+) -
Children (age 17 & under) -

Housing Type (check one) - OWN RENT OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING HOMELESS

Is your assistance request due to the December 2022 Rio Dell earthquake and/or the California cyclone in January 2023? Please describe:

Applicant Signature: 

Application Date:

Return to Peggy Orcutt or Brian Bolden at 1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551 or fax 707-733-5601.
Call at 707 733 5055 for assistance.

Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

Feb 2023 Elder Meal Menu

Dagagawi' (Sunday)	Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	We'sagh dahuluvewi'gurr (Friday)	Dagaseghurr (Saturday)
			1— Veggie Lasagna	2—Meatloaf	3—Pulled Pork Sndw	
						
	6—Baked Chicken	7—Spaghetti	8—Chef Salad	9—Chicken Chili	10—Hamburger	
						
	13—Enchiladas	14—Beef Stew	15—Pork Chop	16—BBQ Chicken	17	
					CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	
	20	21—Swt Sr Chicken	22—Denver Omelet	23—Fish Taco	24—Veg Soup & Egg	
	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY					
	27—Frito Pie	28—Soup & Sandwich				

Laqilh Haluni' "Valued Elders (age 55+)" Meal Program (enrolled Native Americans)

For a Monday through Friday meal delivery within 25 miles from Table Bluff Reservation, please call Alicia at the HHS Dept. for more information at 707-733-5055.

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Health & Human Service Groups Table Bluff Reservation Community Center

Held with COVID-19 precautions, no more than 10 persons in the Conference Room at one time, with masking, and 6-feet social distancing. CALL PEGGY AT THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT AT 707-733-5055 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGNUPS.

GROUP COUNSELING

- Motherhood is Sacred/Fatherhood is Sacred—
ON HOLD
- Women's Talking Circle
- Children's Talking Circle at the Tsek Houdaqh program—ON HOLD



EXERCISE GROUP

- Yil da lal, gouts gou lalh ("I am walking, I feel good again")
Fridays, 1 –1:30 PM, With community garbage pick-up every
3rd Friday.



Contact Peggy or Brian at HHS Dept at (707) 733-5055 for more information about any of these activities and to sign-up.

Tribal Citizen Services

HHS Department offers a variety of services to Wiyot Citizens:

1. Burial Assistance up to \$500.00 (Tribal Citizens)
2. Hunting/ Fishing license reimbursement (one per Wiyot household or for an Wiyot Elder, every 12 months)
3. RSTF loan up to \$200.00 (Tribal Citizens, one every 12 months)
4. Large garbage dump reimbursement (outside Table Bluff Reservation Tribal Citizens, once every 12 months)
5. Chimney Cleaning reimbursement (one per Wiyot household every 12 months)
6. Elders/Disabled wood: Elders/disabled Citizens get one cord per year from Men's Camp

Contact Peggy or Brian at the HHS Dept at (707) 733-5055 or go to www.wiyot.us for application forms.

Higher Education and Vocational Training Scholarships



Important Dates:

FAFSA deadline for 2020-21 School Year: **June 30, 2023**

Wiyot Tribe Scholarship: **August 1, 2023**

BIA Higher Education Scholarship: **2022 Open**

BIA Job Training Program Scholarship: **2022 Open**

Note: You can all application forms on the Tribe's website at www.wiyot.us, or for more information, contact Social Peggy or Brian at the HHS Dept at 707-733-5055.

Gutswurrak da rou da'louy ("There Are a Lot of People Gathered There and They Are Talking") Domestic Violence Advisory Board



We are looking for interested Wiyot Citizens to be a part of a DV Advisory Board. The goal of the committee is to bring forth ideas and solutions to the Health & Human Services Department to increase and improve safety for victim's of domestic violence in your communities

Meetings will be held at the Community Center at Table Bluff Reservation, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551 once a month on a Thursday from 5 PM to 6 PM. Counseling Intern, Jennifer Boak, will be overseeing the meetings. The first meeting date will be determined by interest.

Interested participants will go through an application and background check to ensure the intent of the board and safety of the members.

For more information and to apply, call Peggy or Brian at the HHS Department at 707-733-5055.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**Learn leadership skills and build
relationships with other
youth members**

At the Wiyot Community Tribal Center

1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA

Snacks and Drinks will be provided

Contact Ingrid @ (707) 986-8881 or Rose @ (707) 273-1065 for more info.





Two Spirit Powwow Viewing Party

JOIN THE TWO FEATHERS TEAM IN STREAMING
THE BAAITS TWO SPIRIT POWWOW! CRAFTS,
FUN, AND FOOD PROVIDED

February 4th, 2023
11:30AM-3PM



Location: Two Feathers NAFS
1560 Betty Ct
McKinleyville, CA 95519-4178

Questions? email tai.p@twofeathers-nafs.org

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Da'luk Youth Groups

Live via Zoom

*Join the Da'luk Youth Groups to learn skills
that will help you be a leader in your community
through a culturally centered program focused on wellness.
For Tribal youth residing in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.*



Weekly Groups for 7th–9th Graders: Wednesdays, 4–5:30 pm

Weekly Groups for 10th–12th Graders: Tuesdays, 4–5:30 pm

*Groups scheduled to begin **September 2022**.*

*First 10 youth to sign up for either the Tuesday or Wednesday group
and attend at least 2 meetings, will earn \$50.00 gift card.*

Interested?

For more information contact:

Vincent Feliz, Da'luk Coordinator
(707) 445-8451
vincentf@ncidc.org

*To sign up and Join, please complete the
online registration (with parent/guardian)*

Link: <http://dalukintake.ncidc.org>



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**DA'LUK
YOUTH PROGRAM**



Da'luk Youth Program is
funded by ElevateYouth
California.

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Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

DGRLCC Newsletter Article

In January, we had less visitors to the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center because we had fewer open hours for the public this past month. However, we did host a school group and the presentation and discussion went well with the young people. If you are interested in having your youth or school group visit the DGRLCC, please reach out to Marnie Atkins to schedule a time.

Also in January, we had our front windows replaced! The new windows will help protect our cultural items from the UV rays the sun produces and provide a more temperate environment and reduce humidity in the Cultural Center. This project has been months in progress, and we are thrilled this project has been completed.

Check out our Facebook page for updated open hours at the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center: <https://www.facebook.com/DGRLCC/>. Note that you do not need to have a Facebook account to access the page information. It is open to view by the public.

The Cultural Center will be open for Arts Alive! on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We will host Dishgamu Humboldt in February. If you've ever wanted to learn more about the Tribe's Dishgamu Humboldt endeavor, please stop by the Cultural Center and speak with David Cobb.

Also, continue to watch our monthly Newsletter for ongoing updates about programming that will be offered at the Cultural Center.

For more information, contact Marnie Atkins at **(707) 798-1949** or matkins@wiyot.us. The Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center is located at **417 Second Street, Suite 101, Eureka**.

Jouwaksh (See you later)!

Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



M I D T H U N D E R C A S T I N G

CASTING CALL

A **NETFLIX** FEATURE FILM

"REZ BALL"



From Producers **LEBRON JAMES** / **The SpringHill Company** (*Hustle*)
& **Wise Entertainment** (*East Los High*)
And Writer / Director **SYDNEY FREELAND**
Co-Written by **STERLIN HARJO** (*Reservation Dogs*)

Seeking Actors To Play

NATIVE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYERS

For Speaking Roles ~ Male & Female Players

*Must Be at least 18 or older by April 10, 2023 or a minor who has completed compulsory education or otherwise believes they are exempt from working hours restrictions in all relevant jurisdictions.

Email the following information ASAP to: rezbballcasting@gmail.com

- Name
- Height
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Location (city & state, reservation or community)
- *Optional: Tribal Enrollment or Affiliation
- Basketball Experience
- Your availability: March – June, 2023
- Recent Photos (headshot/cell phone photos - no filters, hats or sunglasses)
- In the SUBJECT LINE write: First & Last Name - Rez Ball Player



> Note: These roles are paid positions. Accordingly, if you currently play, or intend to play NCAA basketball, participation in this film may preclude you from doing so under the NCAA eligibility rules.

> Netflix is committed to inclusive, diverse casting. For every role, please submit qualified performers, without regard to age, sex, ethnicity, disability, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity or any other basis prohibited by law unless otherwise specifically indicated.

> Pay for the foregoing role(s) is governed by the currently effective SAG/AFTRA collective bargaining agreement and thus, will be no less than the minimum set forth therein and up to any "better conditions and terms" negotiated and obtained as expressly provided therein.





Wiyot Tribal Council Meetings

2nd Monday of the month at 4 pm Pacific time

Any Tribal Member can attend live from wherever you are

To receive the link to register email: councilsupport@wiyot.us by Monday @ 12 pm.

All meeting minutes and videos are available to watch on the Wiyot Tribe's website: <http://www.wiyot.us/AgendaCenter>. A recap of the meeting is available in every newsletter.

Tribal Citizens are welcome to submit public comments: You can request to be on the agenda to speak during the public comment section of the agenda by emailing councilsupport@wiyot.us by Monday @ 12 pm. Tribal Members can submit public comments of any length to Tribal Council in writing by mail Attn: Tribal Council, 1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551 or by email to [Councilsupport@wiyot.us](mailto:councilsupport@wiyot.us). We love to hear from you.

Council present: Ted Hernandez, Marnie Atkins, Vanessa Rios, Hazel Garcia and Aaron Stephenson

Staff Present: Michelle Vassel, Fawn Lopez, Marnie Atkins

- The agenda was approved
- The consent calendar was approved
- Public Forum– Madison Flynn
- Council tabled Council stipend to next Tribal Council meeting

Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins



First half of a new window installed.



New windows installation completed!

Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

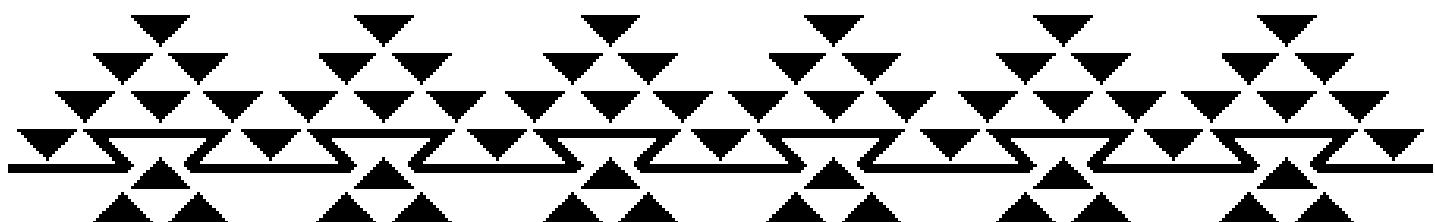
Lhatsik Houmoulu'l (House of traditions)

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We need Elders and Cultural Knowledge Bearers to share their knowledge with other Wiyot people who wish to learn. Do you know how to weave (medallions, baskets, fishing nets, etc.)? Make eel hooks? Do you know how to gather plants for weaving, food, and/or medicines? Are you a storyteller that would like to mentor others in storytelling? Maybe you know some of the history of the Wiyot people and Tribe and want to share it with others? Are you a song maker and would like to mentor other song makers? Have you made regalia, dresses, and other ceremonial and/or dance items and would you like to teach others? Maybe you are an inspired jewelry maker and want to inspire other jewelry makers?

If you answered " HI' " (yes) to any of these questions, the Wiyot Tribe's Cultural Department and Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center needs you and your expertise! We are looking for teachers and mentors who have traditional cultural knowledge and/or traditional ecological knowledge to share with others. All levels of experience and ages will be taught through small workshops. Some workshops will be more intensive than others and may include a series of workshops to better convey the knowledge you wish to share. And some workshops will be videoed to teach future generations of Wiyot people. We offer honorariums for your gift of knowledge and time.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Marnie at matkins@wiyat.us or at (707) 798-1949. Hou' and we look forward to hearing from you!



Soulatuk Hougou' wurruwisugu'l "bringing the Wiyot language back to life"

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

Soulatluk

Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisuqu'l

its again coming to life

Rridutgudaluqh, 2023

February

Ha'wa'lou & Happy Gou Ship Guluvughurruk (new year) everyone!

SOULATLUK VIRTUAL LESSONS

Scan the QR code at right to check out our 15 (and counting) virtual Soulatluk lessons, with 388 total views so far! It's very exciting to see Virtual Lesson 1 with more than 100 views! Hou' to those of you who have watched. Lesson 13 (from November) reviews counting 1-5 (there is more counting in Lesson 3) with words for people (men, women, children) and wayits (dogs). Lesson 14 is a preview of content for a language video that Lynnika is working on about traditional dressmaking, featuring audio from Della Prince describing the dressmaking process, as well as photos of dresses, beads, and Marnie Atkins & Leona Wilkinson working on a new dress. Lesson 15 (January) reviews & adds to the people words (men, women, children, elders, people), & introduces yes/no questions and the words for yes/no/maybe. By the time this article is printed, Lesson 16 (late January) will be posted as well, so come check it out!



Due to scheduling conflicts, virtual Soulatluk lessons have moved from every other Thursday to every other Wednesday. February lessons are planned for **Wednesday, Feb. 8 and Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 4-5 p.m.** Get the Zoom link & check for updates at <http://www.wiyot.us/Search?searchPhrase=calendar>.

SOULATLUK LESSONS AT TSEK HOUDAQH

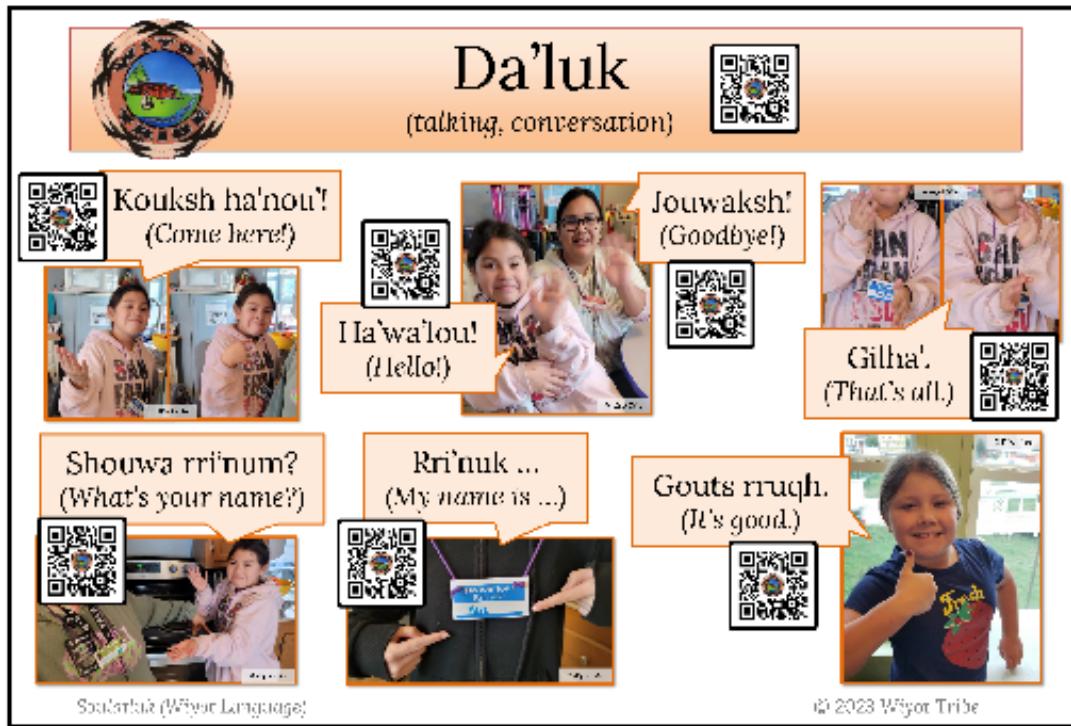
As part of the Tribe's ANA language curriculum development grant, Lynnika & Nina (with assistance from Marnie) have begun teaching weekly Soulatluk lessons to Wiyot youth at Tsek Houdaqh on Fridays at 2:15. We are very excited to offer regular instruction again, now with lessons that build on each other in a more structured way. Our plan under the grant is to develop and improve the Soulatluk content we're introducing at Tsek Houdaqh so that it can eventually become part of the permanent curriculum at local schools.

Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l "bringing the Wiyot language back to life"

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

We'll be sending home a letter to parents/guardians outlining each week's language content, as well as bonus language materials and activities that youth are encouraged to share with their families. Please contact Lynnika at any time with questions, comments, or requests about Soulatluk lessons at Tsek Houdaqh.

Below is a small version of a poster we made for Lesson 1 with greetings and classroom phrases (with lots of assistance from Tsek Houdaqh staff and youth; hou'!):



GET INVOLVED IN LANGUAGE!

In addition to classes for Wiyot youth, we will soon begin developing culture based Soulatluk workshops for all ages. In the meantime, we have a LOT of language self-study materials (flash cards, posters, etc.) that we're happy to share with any and all tribal members, so please contact Lynnika if you would like any printed or digital materials.



We would also love to use YOUR photos for language content! If you have pictures of plants, animals, regalia, traditional foods, cultural activities or items, places in Wiyot territory, or anything else that you'd be willing to share, we would love to use them in our language materials (and we'll be sure to credit you!). Email digital photos to Lynnika, or call/email to set up a time to have print photos scanned and returned to you. Hou' (thank you) in advance!

Rra'dutwas ('I respect/think highly of you' = respectfully),
Lynnika Butler
Linguist
lynnika@wiyat.us
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Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

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Nigilañ, the large oceangoing skinboat of the Unangañ People, is once again being made by Unangañ People, and we're excited to be hosting an important build at Mind's Eye Manufactory! Come in and get involved! Meet Unangañ builders visiting from Alaska's Aleutian Islands and local Native participants whose ancestral land we work and walk upon every day. Learn first-hand about traditional Unangañ boatbuilding technologies, and life in the Aleutians. Be part of this powerful and historic moment!

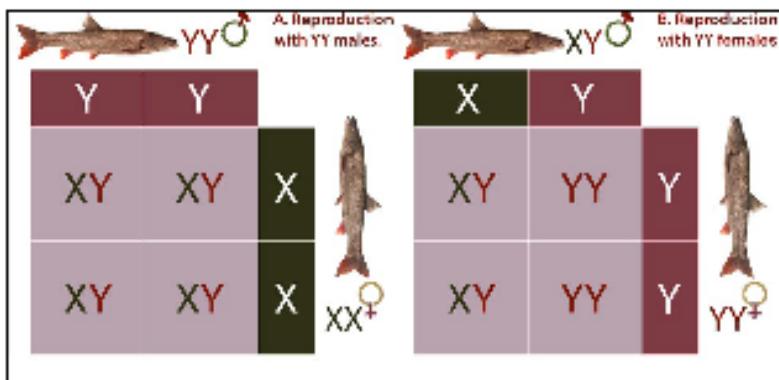
Learn more via the QR code.

Trojan Y – What Is It and How Can It Help Wiya’t?

As some have likely already heard, the Trojan Y Chromosome Strategy (TYC) has been proposed for years now as a way to possibly eliminate invasive Sacramento Pikeminnow from the Wiya’t (Eel River) – but what is it? According to scientific literature, TYC is “an autocidal genetic biocontrol method proposed to eliminate invasive alien species” – but what does that actually mean? Well, as both a fisheries technician for the WNRD and a master’s student working on TYC, I will do my best here to define the technique and describe our current situation as effectively as possible.

The goal of the Trojan Y Chromosome Strategy is to eliminate an invasive fish species by removing all females from the population (with no females left, no more new fish can be born). This is accomplished by stocking special fish which can only make male babies, using some biological trickery - where normal female fish have two X chromosomes (XX) and males have one X and one Y (XY), these fish have two Y chromosomes (YY). Thus, their offspring must have at least one Y chromosome and therefore can only be male. As these fish mate with wild fish, the number of females in the population will gradually decline to zero over multiple generations.

So how close are we to stocking YY Pikeminnow in the Wiya’t? Not very. There are many unknowns, including how difficult YY fish will be to make, how many will be needed to successfully eliminate all Pikeminnow, and how many years it will take. It might even just not be possible with the amount of resources we have. That’s where I come in – my master’s project is to use statistical modeling to figure out whether TYC is a good idea and, if so, how many YY fish we should make and stock. If everything goes well, we could start stocking before 2030, but I think 10-15 years is a more likely timeframe. We have a long way to go!



Whether a YY fish mates with a female fish (XX) or a male fish (XY), it will always produce male offspring

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The Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD) WANTS YOU in 2023!

Ha'wa'lou out there in Wiyot Country and beyond from the WNRD. We hope you and your families safely rode out the earthquakes and storms that brought this year in with a bang! That said, I know all of us are thankful for the life-giving rains and full rivers and hope we are on our way to being pulled out of the historic California drought, and that steady rains continue to bless us throughout the winter and spring seasons. We are excited for the year and the hopes for us to be able to get together again after two years of pandemic lock downs and protections that were made to keep us all healthy and safe. As public Tribal servants, it is our job to both protect natural resources like water, air, wildlife and plants that traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) has taught us are not just resources, but relatives in the more-than-human world deserving care, respect, and stewardship, but also to carry the voice, wishes and environmental concerns of Wiyot citizens forward in the work that we do.



Figure 1. Land clearing and development adjacent to Mouralherwagh, with sediment impacts into Tribal watersheds, which the WNRD will be assessing as part of its Ocean Protection Council Prop 1 grant, which has a focus on water quality protection.

December 15, 2022

This year we have several exciting projects and opportunities we want to encourage Wiyot citizens to participate in, including the drafting of our next 4-year joint United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP), to identify environmental priorities of concern for the

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Wiyot Tribe, assist in defining the goals of the (WNRD), and educate the Tribal and General Council (Tribal Community). Although the majority of Tribal landholdings are situated in rural locations, there are numerous environmental issues that affect the health, safety, and quality of life for Tribal members.

The Wiyot and WNRD also have a stewardship role to play in the protection of the broader ancestral territory from Plhut Gasamuli'm (Little River) to the north, Tsakiuwit (Bear River Ridge) to the south, the Shou'r (Pacific Coast) out to as far as Berry Summit in the northeast and Chalk Mountain in the southeast. Look to keep up on current issues and opportunities to participate in environmental advocacy and planning within Wiyot ancestral territory by attending the WNRD monthly Community Advisory Committee meetings, which occur the first Tuesday of every month, presently on zoom, but we hope to have in person meetings later this year. Tune into our next meeting, this February 7th at 5:30 p.m. where we will be highlighting and getting input on the ETEP and hearing about current movements to remove the Eel River dams and Wiya't halilhit! (Let the Eel River flow!)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83562842932?pwd=K3RybVg2UW92Vy8yeGwzcnA1NmRBUT09>



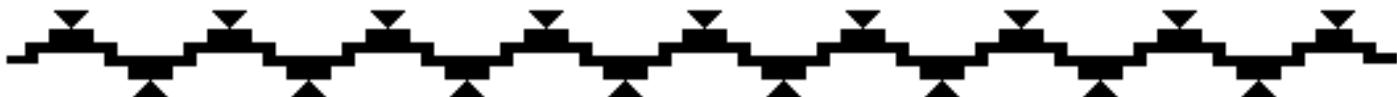
Figure 2. Looking south toward Hikshar'i (Elk River) estuary, and the bluff Jurouk Higuchguk at King Salmon, with the PG&E power plant and Independent Spent (Nuclear) Fuel Storage Installation ("ISFSI"), during the king tide, which along with this important Wiyot site is vulnerable to sea level rise in the coming decades. January 20, 2023. A. Canter

This past month we submitted our Community Engagement Plan for the recent re-acquisition of the Mouralherwaqh cultural property at King Salmon as part of our Ocean Protection Council (OPC) Prop 1 grant and will be announcing future

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opportunities for Tribal citizens to get out and see the property as well as contribute information and hopeful goals for the properties Eco-Cultural Restoration and Management Plan. This month we also had the kickoff meeting for a Wiyot Tribal Cultural Landscape Assessment contract with the Udall Foundation, identifying important Wiyot places for climate adaptation planning as we prepare for impacts related to sea level rise and offshore wind development on the Wiyot coast. As part of our climate change resilience and planning work we will be hiring at Wiyot Youth Intern this summer to assist with documenting resources of importance and preparing for climate adaptation through activities like removing invasive English ivy (*Hedera helix*) from our majestic dap (Sitka spruce) trees at Mouralherwaqh to make them more resilient to high wind events helping to protect the important canopy habitat for birds like the huluqhiyan (great blue heron) and endangered marbled murrelet. If you know a Wiyot youth between 14-25 years of age looking for a job this coming summer who is interested in environmental work and stewardship of their ancestral lands and waters, send them our way! If you would like to participate and contribute in any way to the following WNRD projects, please reach out! It is an honor to serve the Wiyot Nation! Adam Canter, Natural Resource Director, adam@wiyat.us 707-733-5055x105



SAVE THE DATE

13th Cal Poly Humboldt

**California Indian
BIG TIME
& Social Gathering**

Saturday,
April 8, 2023
11:00AM to 6:00PM
HSU West Gym



Bear by Lyn Risling from
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November 2022 - March 2023

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For more information call the California Tribal College (530) 661-5767



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Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Enrollment mtg held by zoom/phone	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 BCM Meeting @ 4pm Held by zoom/phone	14 	15	16	17 Tribal Office closed ob- servance Lincoln Holi- day	18
19	20 Tribal Office closed ob- servance Washington Holiday	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Wiyot Tribal Council meeting scheduled for 02/13/2023 will be held by Tele/video conference or both. To submit public comments for this meeting prior to meeting, please email comments to councilsupport@wiyat.us by 12pm Monday 02/13/2023. All public comments received by 12pm will be read into the record during the regular meeting, also to receive a link for the meeting please request the link before 12pm 02/13/2023. Public comments received after 12pm will not be read into the record but will be included in the official minutes.

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Angell, Lucius
Atwell, Michael
Durazo, Marilyn
Goodson, Carol
Pudnos, Catherine
Woodhurst, Johnny
Wilson, Linda
Krauel, Denise
Madison, Britt Richard
Reyes, Arlene F.
Steen, Denise
Keisner, Glenn Jr.
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Benitez, Michael
Evenson, Franklin
Tompkins, David
Anderson, Sonja
Banks, Summer
Nicholson, Randy
Crummett, Vernon
Rodriguez, April
Thurman, Ralph M. Jr.
Carter, Mathilde
Kitts, John-Morgan A.
Brown, Dylan
Duncan, Tyler
Robblee, Brent A. Rossig
Nicholson, Serena
Atwell, Julieanna



Miller, Jonathan
Zacha, Zyris
Shelledy, Addison
Mager, Charles
Zacha, Zennon
Mallett, Austin
Guyer, Aryana
Buckley, Justin
Black, Eaden A.
Tipton, Joseph
Bigelow, Audrey F.
Leady, Brayleigh

happy
birthday

Wiyot Tribe’s General Council Election will be held April 1st, 2023, held at Wiyot Tribe Community Center 1000 Wiyot Dr. Loleta, CA

Just a friendly reminder...

Did you move and forget to change your address? You can fax 707-733-5601 or email addresschange@wiyat.us This will help in getting your mail to you in a timely manner, if your address isn't up to date then this will slow your RSTF, newsletter and other important Tribal mail in getting to you. Please note there is a \$25.00 charge for a stop payment for RSTF checks, our policy has always been Tribal members need to wait 90 days from the date the checks were mailed out to reissue another RSTF check. It is very important to keep an updated address on file, you can call the Tribal Office to check



Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted HernandezTribal Chairman (2020-2024)
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2022-2026)
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)
VacantTreasurer
Vanessa Rios.....Council Member (2021-2025)
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2019-2023)
Aaron StephensonCouncil Member (2020-2024)

Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together”

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant to TA/Council Clerk
Lisa Stephenson.....Enrollment Clerk
Hazel Garcia.....Receptionist
Heather Blevins.....Operation Manager
Melvin “Junior” Farmer...Building Maintenance Assistant
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper



Hiwechk “Money”

Farzad ForouharFinance Manager
Jack Kennard.....Accounting Manager



Gou'will da lalouluwuk “Taking care of People”

Robert Pitts Jr.....Health & Human Service Director
Vanessa Rios.....Laqilh Haluni Supervisor
Vacant.....ICWA Advocate
Vacant.....Transportation Driver
Peggy Orcutt.....Social Work Advocate
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Marnie Atkins.....Da Gou louwi" Director
Dr. Lynnika ButlerLinguist
Nina Lorence.....Soulatuk curriculum/Data specialist
Ted Hernandez.....THPO

Tsek Houdagh “Where the Children are”

Elizathbeth HernandezYouth Program Manager
Melinda Ramirez...Vacant.....Johnson O’Malley Coordinator
Vacant.....Youth Program Assistant



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Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director
Dr. Bill Matsubu.....Fisheries Biologist
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resources Technician
Zack Erickson.....Forest Resources Specialist
George Buckley.....Water Operator
Brian Mead.....Water Operator in Training

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This is to confirm that my new mailing address is as follows:

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: () _____

Previous Names Used: _____

Children who will be effected (legal name and Date of Birth):

Signature: _____

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