

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 05/01/18 **Approx. Start Time:** 10:30 a.m. **Approx. Length:** 60 mins.
Presentation Title: Joint Meeting of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Tribal Council and Clackamas County Commissioners
Department: Public and Government Affairs
Presenters: Gary Schmidt; Stacia Hernandez, Tribal Council Chief of Staff
Other Invitees: Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

This is an informational update provided by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is meeting with local governments throughout Oregon to build partnerships and collaborate on public policy conversations of mutual impact. Today's meeting will include an overview of tribal history and connections to Clackamas County, cover policy areas of involvement in Clackamas County, and allow for discussion on opportunities to work together on key issues.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has historic ties to much of Western Oregon. Their membership includes more than 27 Native American tribes and bands.

In 1856, members of these tribes were relocated to the Grand Ronde Reservation in the southern Yamhill valley as a result of five treaties, one of which was the Kalapuya Treaty - sometimes called the Willamette Valley Treaty. Then in 1954, Congress passed the Western Oregon Termination Act, which terminated the reservation as well as the 1856 treaty, resulting in displacement of families and workers.

After many years of a dedicated restoration efforts by tribal members, on November 22, 1983, Congress passed the Grand Ronde Restoration Act, deeming the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community as one tribal entity for purposes of recognition and eligibility for Federal benefits, self-government, and the establishment of a tribal reservation. In 1988, Congress passed the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, which restored over 9,800 acres of the original reservation, much of it timberland, established under the Kalapuya Treaty.

Through its economic endeavors, today the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is able to provide a variety of services to its membership, and opened Spirit Mountain Casino in 1996 after negotiating a gaming compact with the State of Oregon.

Not unlike a county government, the Tribal Council is elected by the membership and oversees tribal operations and a budget that funds departments and programs including their Health Clinic, Housing, Education, Police, Forestry and Natural Resources, Economic Development, Veteran and Elders programs, Cultural Preservation, and Member Records.

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund is the philanthropic arm of the Tribe. It was created in 1997 to give back to Oregon communities through large and small grant programs. To date, Spirit Mountain Community Fund has awarded more than \$77 million to non-profits in 11 Oregon counties, including Clackamas County. All grant funds come directly from Spirit Mountain Casino profits.

Clackamas County and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde currently share goals on projects related to Willamette Falls, including the Heritage Area, the Legacy Project Riverwalk, and the Locks. The entire area was once an important travel and trading route – well known in the region by Native communities. Additionally, tribal involvement in Clackamas County includes the First Salmon Ceremony, the Annual Salmon and Lamprey Harvests, and a connection to Canemah Bluffs.

Tribal Council members are:

- Cheryle A. Kennedy, Tribal Council Chairwoman
- Chris Mercier, Tribal Council Vice Chairman
- Jon A. George, Tribal Council Secretary
- Kathleen George, Tribal Council
- Jack Giffen Jr., Tribal Council
- Denise Harvey, Tribal Council
- Michael Langley, Tribal Council
- Lisa Leno, Tribal Council
- Brenda Tuomi, Tribal Council

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- This item aligns with the Public and Government Affairs Strategic Business Plan goals to provide intergovernmental connections and relationship building, strategic policy development and messaging, legislative, advocacy, and outreach services to county elected officials and departments so they can build key partnerships to achieve policy goals important to Clackamas County, with special emphasis on the strategic results in the BCC Strategic Plan.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Today is an opportunity to strengthen and enhance collaboration and professional relationships with other elected officials and partner jurisdictions.

OPTIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENT:

- Willamette Valley Treaty Area Infographic

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval s/Gary Schmidt

County Administrator Approval _____

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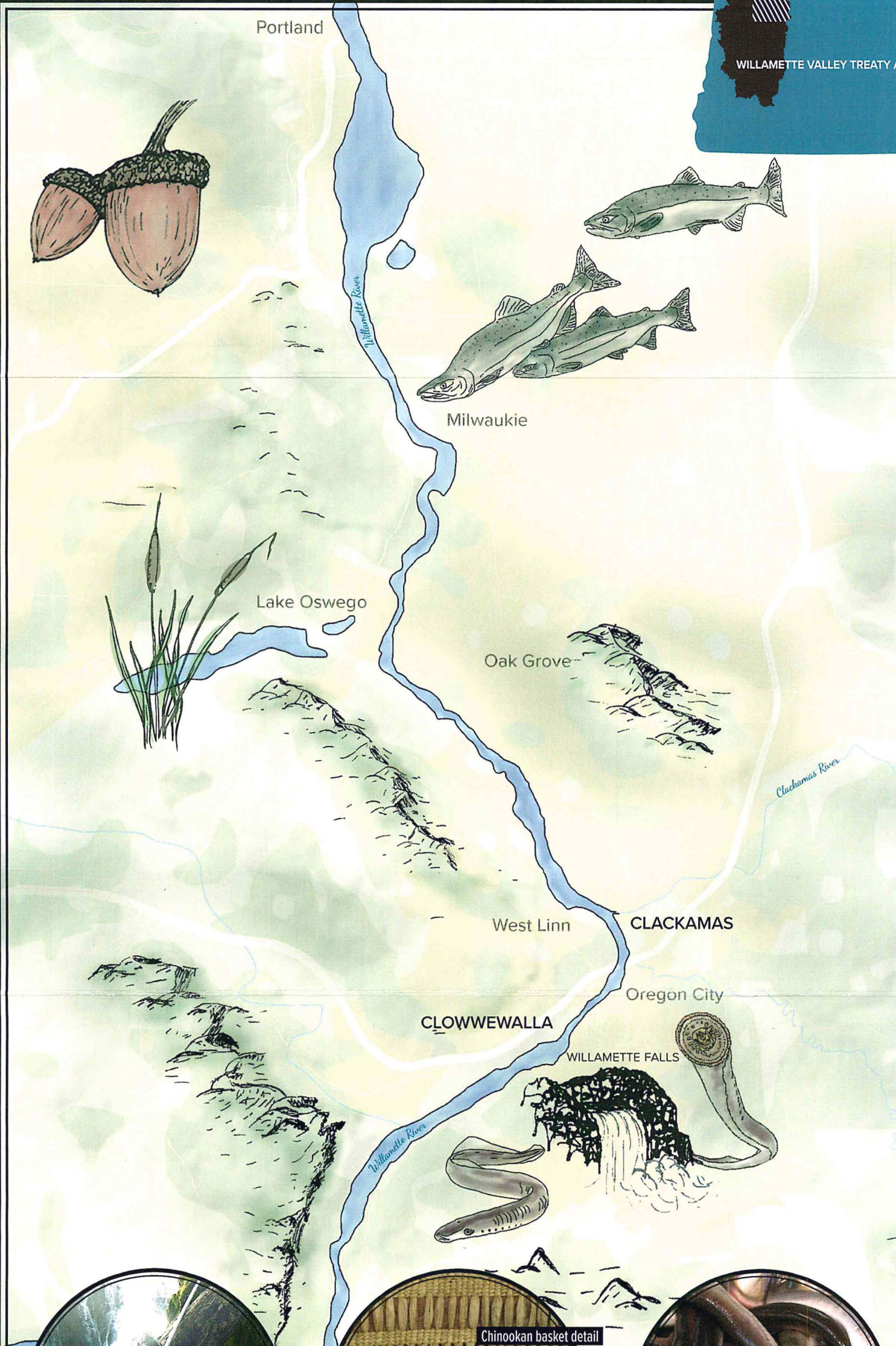
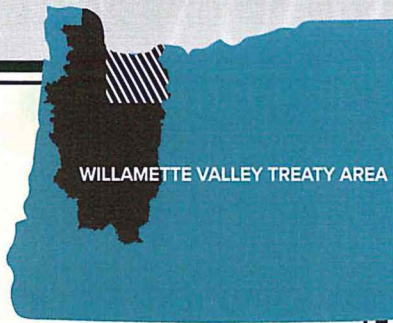
WILLAMETTE FALLS

—Willamette Valley Treaty—

Jan. 22, 1855

Ratified, Mar. 3, 1855 | Proclaimed, Apr. 10, 1855

Tribes & Bands | Tualatin, Yamhill, Luckiamute, Mary's River, Muddy River, Long Tom, Calapooia, Winnefelly, Mohawk, Tekopa, Chefan, Santiam, Pudding River, Northern Molalla, Clackamas, Cascades, Clowwewalla, Multnomah, Cathlamet, Skilloot.



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