



**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF  
COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS**  
**TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

1245 Fulton Ave. • Coos Bay, OR 97420 • (541) 888-9577 • 1-888-280-0726  
General Office Fax: (541) 888-2853 • Administration Fax: (541) 888-0302

October 19, 2010

Oregon Environmental Quality Commission  
William Blosser, EQC Chair  
811 SW Sixth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204-1390

Dear Chair Blosser,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the EQC with comments on what Oregon's big environmental issues will be in 20 years and what DEQ's role is in responding to these issues. I greatly value our partnership with the EQC, and look forward to discussing the environmental issues listed below in more detail at a future date.

Looking forward the next twenty years, these are the big environmental issues that we will continue to track and address within our Ancestral Homelands:

- Declining Salmon Runs
- Climate Change
- Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species
- Ocean Issues
  - Development of Marine Reserves and Protected Areas
  - Ocean Acidification
  - Wave Energy Projects
- Development Issues
  - LNG Terminal & Pipeline
  - Increase in Urban Development & Impacts
  - Resource Extraction Impacts
- Estuarine and Fresh Water Quality Issues
  - TMDL Development
  - Toxic Algae Blooms

DEQ will clearly play a big role in addressing many of these identified environmental issues either through permitting, rule-making, and/or conducting research. From a Tribal Nation perspective, it's important that DEQ maintains a direct line of communication with each Tribal Nation that is based on a Government to Government foundation. This will continue to allow Tribal Nations with the opportunity to review and submit comments on tribally selected proposed permits or rules that are issued by DEQ that could have a direct or indirect impact on tribal lands and resources.

The EQC continues to show its commitment to work in partnership with Tribal Nations. We look forward to working with the EQC and DEQ to protect and improve our shared environment for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Robert (Bob) Garcia, CTCLUSI Chair