

TOLOWA NATION

NON-FEDERAL
RECOGNIZED TRIBE

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Special points of in- terest:

- **Drums On The Beach**
- **Jedediah Smith Red-wood State Park, demo on Dancing, started 1995**
- **Indian Fry Bread Sales**
- **Tolowa Language Summer Camp**
- **Winter Solstice**
- **Dance Practice**
- **Elder's WE-YO Name Given**

TRADITIONAL HISTORY



Tolowa Dancer's provide a demonstration dance

Tolowa Nation, is a "Nation" of bands within their aboriginal lands, consisting of villages and suburbs, sharing common culture of customs and language.

We, the people, of the Tolowa, Tututni, Chetco tribes, and all village clusters within the aboriginal territories, shall be united and known as the Tolowa Nation.

The jurisdiction of the Tolowa Nation shall extend to all aboriginal territories.

The Governing Body of the Tolowa Nation shall be the Tribal Council, consist of four (4) elected Officers and four (4) Council Members.

All members of the Tolowa Nation shall be accorded by the Tribal Council equal rights, equal protection, and equal opportunity to participate in the economic resources and activities of the Nation and no member shall be denied any of the Constitution Rights or guarantees enjoyed by other citizens of the United States, including, but not limited to: freedom of religion and conscience: freedom of speech; the right to orderly association and assembly; the right petition for action for the redress of grievances and due process of law.

Today, Tolowa Nation has a Petition with the United States to become a

REGALIA OF TOLOWA NATION



Women:
Basket cap
Trimmed with
dentalia,
Leather apron
with beads

Both sexes
painted fac-
es for cere-
monies on-
ly, 3 verti-
cal stripes on
chin, 3 hori-

Men:
Upper
part of body
bare,
deerskin kilt

A World Turned Upside Down: 1850

The invasion of Tolowa's land resulted in a massive Tolowa depopulation due to warfare and diseases, the desecration of Tolowa sacred and religious places, and the disruption of their cultural practices.

All of this cumulated in a Tolowa world embroiled in rapid societal change.

Tolowa elders thus referred to the 1850s as "the time the world was turned upside down."

However, Tolowa people sur-

vived the turmoil because of cultural persistence or their desire to maintain and preserve their deep-rooted culture.

AS a result of "gold fever" and the gold rush, whites rapidly invaded the region and quickly incorporated Crescent City in 1854.

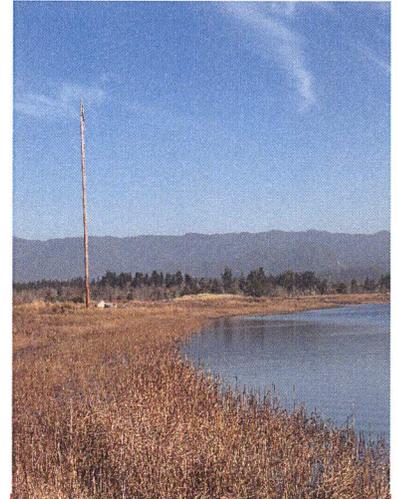
IN 1860, six hundred Tolowa were forced marched to Siletz Reservation in Oregon. The Tolowa were herded onto Battle Rock at Port Oxford and

stayed there for nearly a year.

At this point, Tolowa were scattered in many directions, but many made their way back to their homeland.

May 3, 1862 the federal government created a reservation at Smith River, as well as Camp Lincoln, a military fort in Elk Valley, near Crescent City, to "supervise" this reservation and act as a buffer between the Tolowa and Crescent City white settlers.

Our culture and ceremonies



Lake Earl, Lake Tolowa, Achulet Village to the right of the lake, look-

DEL NORTE INDIAN WELFARE ASSOCIATION 1929

**Al Logan Slagle,
J.D.
Dedicated to all
Tolowa**

Al Logan Slagle, a legal scholar who has focused upon California Indian Legal issues over the years, notes that the organization came into existence in 1929.

One visible aspect of Tolowa history since 1933 has been

tribal politics, and to serve as an all-purpose organization representing the Indian people in the county, primarily Tolowa.

Sam Lopez as Chair, John Richards as Secretary, and Ethel Scott as Treasurer. The

organization was a tribal and intertribal organization consisting of primarily Tolowa with some Yurok. Two reasons they were involved:

- 1) was land claims
- 2) claims matter payment of the land base in Cali-

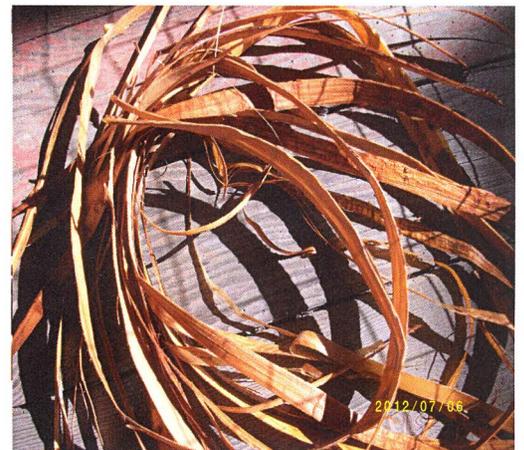
CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

The Tolowa Nation in order to form a representative tribal government, to encourage and promote all movements and efforts to establish equality and justice for our Nation as guaranteed by the Federal Government and by the Constitution of the United States;

to conserve and restore our common ties; to utilized, increase, and protect our tribal resources;

to preserve our tribal traditions and ancestral rights;

to secure the power to exercise our inherent rights of home rule to



Tolowa Nation Tribal Council Oath of Office



Eastern view of the aboriginal territories from Lake Earl and

As the new government official of Tolowa Nation Tribal Council, we do solemnly swear that we will uphold as a tribe as entitled by the Federal Government and by the Constitution of the United States, we will promote order to establish equality and justice, to restore our common ties, protect our tribal resources, to preserve our tribal traditions and ancestral right, we will faithfully and impartially discharge this posi-

Tolowa Nation as We are Today

Tolowa Nation will do their best working for their XUS (People) we have a General Meeting the third week of May, this is the election of officers', an council members. This is a good time to meet the upcoming Council and communicate with fami-

ly and friends. There are a lot of activities to do at the office, documentation, front office work. Tolowa Nation has eight departments: Environment, Enforcement, Education, Health, Culture, Historian, Del Norte Indian Welfare Association, Member-

ship. We also have a Elders Council, elders are age 55 years, and HUSS Business Council, this is the Non-Profit Business. The committees we have are: Membership, Audit, and Election. If you wish to set on any one of these give us a call, your

Learn about your XUS and help the Tribe grow as each generation grows with us.



Necklace a women or girl would wear in every day use



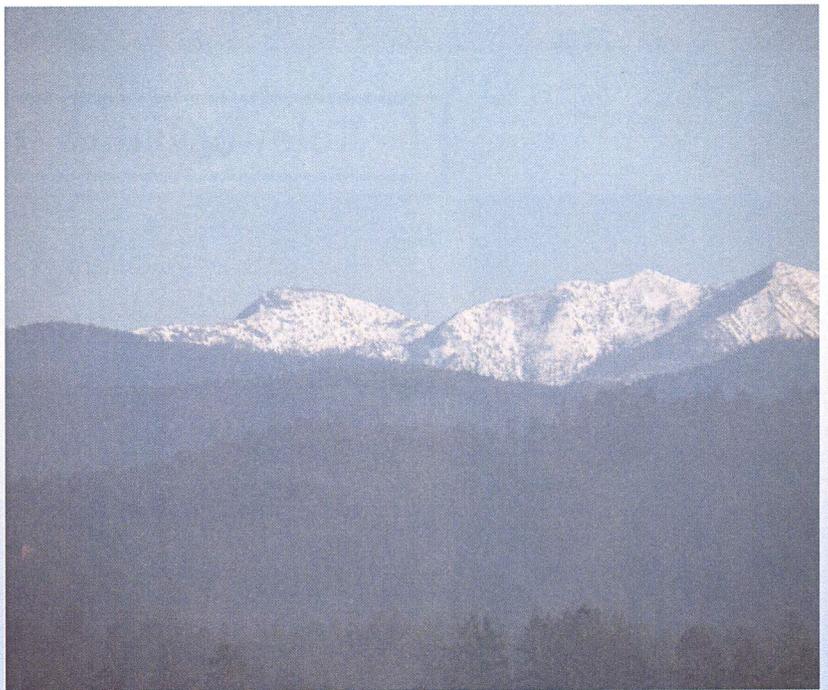
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Tolowa Nation Tribal Council
707-954-9173
2012-2014 Years of Service



Know your Tribal
Council

The Eastern mountains in the aboriginal territory of Tolowa

Tolowa Nation Council



Tolowa Group dedications of the Smith River Bridge in CA

Sonnie Rubio, Headwoman

Ruben Mathews, Vice-Chair

Edith Bowen, Treasurer

Eugena Bradell, Secretary

Maximillian Keyes, Member

Sharon Sligh, Member

Michaelyn Hammons, Member

Michelle Malloroy, Member

They have the power to: administer all funds, expenditures of funds, employ legal counsel,

inter negotiations to acquire land, sell land, tax tribal citizens, tax tribal enterprises, authorize ordinances, approve and receive gifts, donation, set up non-profit corporation, protect and enhance the religious ceremonies grounds and sacred sites, authorize ordinance to regulate hunting, fishing, and gathering rights, and authorize ordinance to establish a court to hunting, fishing, domestic relations,