

CITY OF GARIBALDI

P. O. BOX 708

GARIBALDI, OREGON 97118

August 10, 1987

To: Representative Les AuCoin

My name is Dennis A. Welch, and I am Mayor of Garibaldi. Our City has a population of 1100, and is located in central Tillamook County, on Tillamook Bay, and is approximately one half mile from the ocean.

Our economy is based primarily upon forestry industries, and commercial and sport fishing. Tourism developed from our close proximity, and easy access to Pacific waters has flourished in the last decade.

The City of Garibaldi has voiced strong opposition to the formation of an Indian reservation in this area. I have included a copy of the resolution in opposition, adopted by the City Council, with this testimony. I can restate our City's position in these words:

We are greatly concerned that large portions of public lands will be turned over to a small special interest group. That these lands would then be used to leverage other advantages such as timber export, or milling in direct competition with privately held companies in this area, is also a concern.

Also, special hunting and fishing rights that are not available to the general population are most strongly opposed. The agencies responsible for fish and wildlife enhancement are supported with public tax monies, and therefore, the results of these expenditures should be equally available to each citizen of this State, regardless of race, creed or color.

Thank you for listening,



Dennis A. Welch
Mayor

DAW/sj

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RESOLUTION 87-12

WHEREAS the Tribal Council was recompensed for their land when the tribe disbanded, and

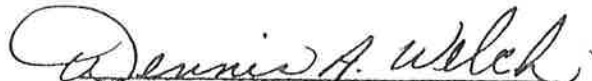
WHEREAS public timberlands in Tillamook County are designated for equal use by all citizens, and

WHEREAS wildlife in Tillamook County is protected and actively enhanced by responsible agencies for equal use by all citizens, and

WHEREAS giving away large portions of public lands to small special interest groups is not in the best interest of the general population.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Garibaldi City Council opposes the formation of a new Indian reservation on lands that, if lost to public use, would detrimentally affect the well-being of the City of Garibaldi.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 13TH day of July, 1987.


DENNIS A. WELCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SAUNDRA JONES, CITY RECORDER