

AUTHORIZATION TIMELINE

The Confederated Tribes of the Siletz is seeking federal authorization under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to construct the Siletz Casino Project in Salem. Once completed, the Siletz Casino Project will be a 4-star entertainment, meeting and hotel facility on the Tribe's trust property in North Salem.

This will be Oregon's first gaming facility to share revenue with eight other federally recognized Tribes, the state of Oregon and local governments. The Tribe is currently seeking a "two-part determination" from the Secretary of the Interior that the project is in the best interest of the Tribe and not detrimental to the surrounding community.

2018 - 2019: ANALYSIS

Siletz Tribe prepared the environmental and economic analysis of the project in Salem and the Section 20 Application.

APRIL 2020: APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

The Tribe submitted its application to the Secretary of Interior. The Secretary's decision is a federal action that requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Tribe also submitted the environmental documentation required by NEPA. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is reviewing the Tribe's application and preparing the environmental documentation. Once that internal review is completed, the BIA will publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). That notice will be widely publicized and provide an opportunity for public comment.

2020 - 2022: SECRETARY OF INTERIOR DECISION (*WE ARE HERE*)

If after reviewing public comment, the BIA determines that an EA is sufficient to comply with NEPA, the Secretary will then make her decision on the two-part determination.

If the BIA determines based on public comment that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed, then the BIA will schedule a public hearing on the proposed action and develop a draft EIS. Once the draft is available, the BIA will publish a notice of availability. Notice will once again be given of the opportunity to review and submit comments. The BIA will then issue a Final EIS.

Once the NEPA compliance is completed, the Secretary will issue her decision.

2022 - 2023: GOVERNOR OF OREGON CONCURRENCE

When the Secretary approves the Siletz Casino Project in Salem, she will provide that decision to the Governor of the State of Oregon for concurrence. The Governor will have one year to concur or reject the project. During that time, all interested stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide input.

2024 - 2025: CONSTRUCTION

When all approvals are met, construction of the Siletz Casino Project could begin in Salem.

Note: There are no hard deadlines or exact timeframes for any of the actions listed above. When the first action is completed, the subsequent ones will be next.

ADDITIONAL PROCESS

STATE OF OREGON COMPACT

The Siletz Tribe will negotiate with the State of Oregon to enter into a new Compact to govern Class III gaming at the proposed Salem Casino, including provisions to share revenue with the State and other Oregon Tribes.

MITIGATION OF LOCAL IMPACTS

The Siletz Tribe will enter into Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with the City of Salem, Marion County and the City of Keizer to mitigate any impacts from the proposed Salem Casino. The IGAs likely include payments by the Siletz Tribe to the City of Salem and Marion County to upgrade infrastructure and provide water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste collection, fire, law enforcement, and other services. The Siletz Tribe has a similar IGA with the City of Lincoln City regarding the Chinook Winds Casino Resort.