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Governor Kate Brown
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Dear Governor Brown,

The Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council (the "Council") met via a virtual meeting in May of 2020 and wishes to communicate to you an important policy recommendation that was voted upon during that meeting.

The Council, in its deliberations, supported a motion that Senate confirmation should not be required as is currently required under ORS 196.438, Section 1(f)(H) for Oregon Indian Tribes. Representation to the Council is determined after consultation with the Commission on Indian Services. The Council recognizes the sovereign nation status of Oregon's federally recognized tribal governments, therefore negating the need for Senate confirmation of an individual appointed through consultation with the Commission on Indian Services.

To implement this recommendation, the Council encourages you to assist in drafting a bill for the 2021 session that will correct this requirement in the statute.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chair Walter Chuck and Vice-Chair Jena Carter
The Ocean Policy Advisory Council