

SKAMANIA COUNTY

Economic Development Council



April 8, 2003

Robert Willoughby, Administrator
City of Cascade Locks
140 S. E. Wa-Na-Pa Street
Cascade Locks, OR 97014

RE: Casino Project

Dear Mr. Willoughby,

The Board of Directors of the Skamania County Economic Development Council would like to express support for developments in the Gorge that provide positive economic impact. The local economic impacts associated with a casino located in Cascade Locks would be significant and widespread.

It has been estimated that 821 jobs would be created by this project with 661 from the local workforce. The 661 jobs that would be created by such a development would address the historically high unemployment rates in the Gorge region. The job and income multipliers would also provide a commanding impact on the local labor force.

As you know, all counties located in the Columbia River Gorge region have been hit especially hard by the recent recession. The current fragility of our regional economy makes the direct, indirect and induced impacts of a project of this magnitude especially beneficial.

Again, we offer our support for new development in the Gorge and would be happy to assist where and when appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Peggy Bryan'.

Peggy Bryan
Executive Director

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