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Alsea Watershed Council

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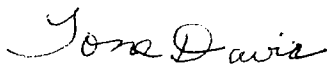
The Alsea Watershed Council is seeking Lane County recognition as the voluntary watershed council representing the Alsea basin watershed.

The Alsea Watershed Council formed in 1998 with an organizational charter and a membership of about 50 people. The current contact list is about 120 people and agencies. The Alsea Watershed Council is an independent watershed council, separated two years ago from an umbrella organization with the goal of better representing the people and landowners of the Alsea basin watershed. The Alsea Watershed Council received IRS recognition of non-profit status effective December 2006. Lincoln County Commissioners recognized the Alsea Watershed Council in December 2007.

Attached to this cover letter is a copy of the IRS recognition letter, the Alsea Watershed Council bylaws and a sample resolution. Also attached is a map showing the geography involved. In Article 1.02 the mission statement of the Alsea Watershed Council is "To maintain or enhance the fauna, flora and water of the Alsea watershed, while also taking into consideration the economic and social needs of the human population, and providing a forum for people to work through differences and come to some common ground."

Wayne Giesy kindly laid the groundwork for this letter with Faye Stewart, and we appreciate the efforts on behalf of the Alsea Watershed Council.

Thank you for your assistance.



Tom Davis
Chairperson
Alsea Watershed Council

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: MAY 10 2007

ALSEA WATERSHED COUNCIL
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Employer Identification Number:
20-3903141
DLN:
17053029031017
Contact Person: SANDRA MAK ID# 95023
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
December 26, 2006
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Advance Ruling Ending Date:
December 31, 2010

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

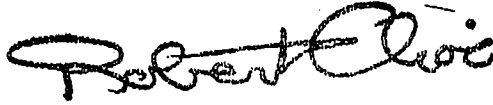
Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

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ALSEA WATERSHED COUNCIL

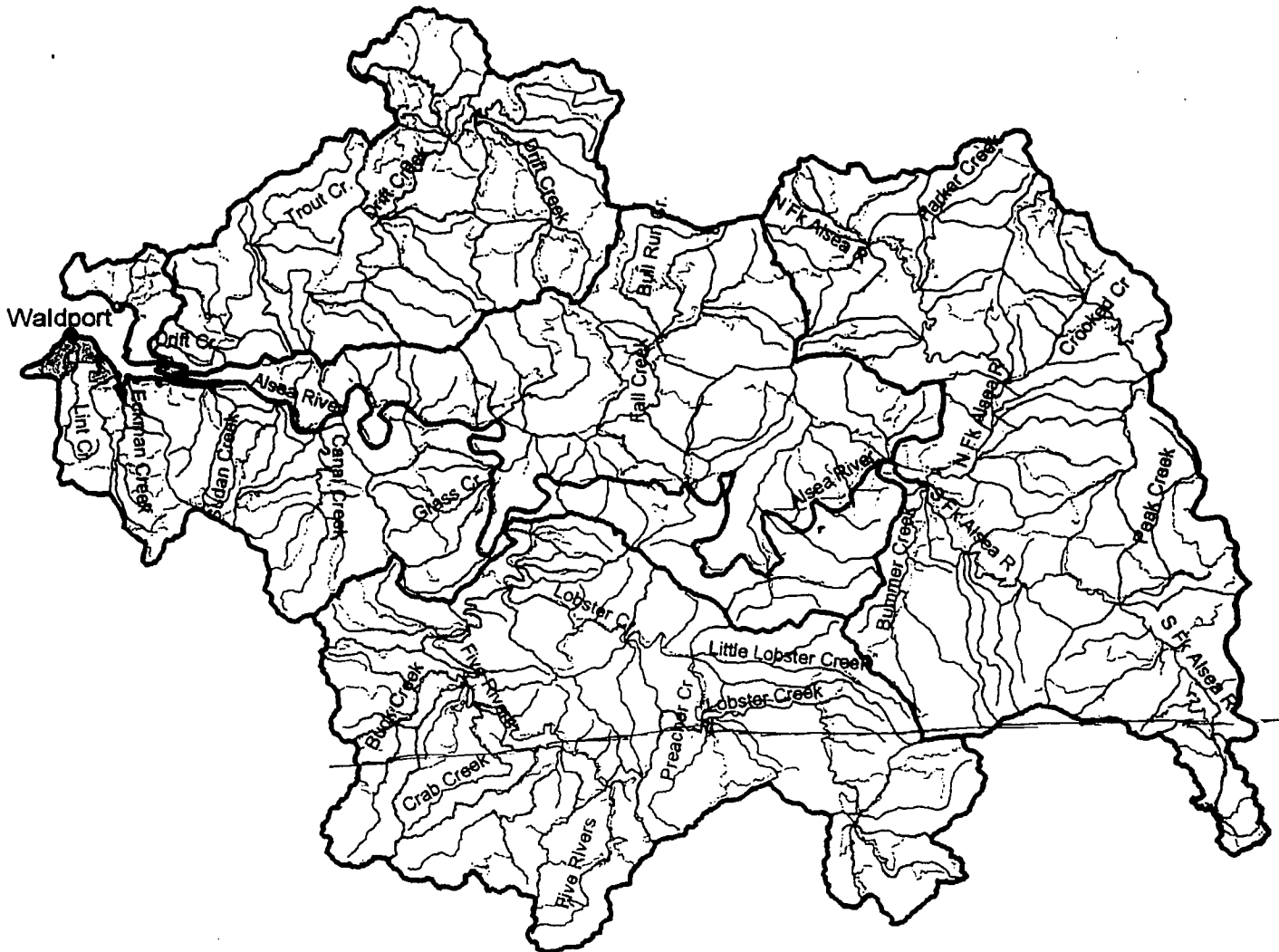
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Choi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)
Statute Extension

Alesea: Locator map



-  5th fields
-  6th fields
-  Streams (1:100k)
-  Creeks/tribs
-  Major rivers
-  Roads
-  City limits
-  Lakes

Lane Co roughly below line

Data used to create this map were compiled from multiple sources and may not meet federal or state mapping accuracy standards. For specific data sources see the accompanying watershed assessment report. This map has no warranties as to its accuracy and is to be used for planning purposes only.

MCWC 6th Field Assessment, 2000

Wetland & Watershed Assessment Group



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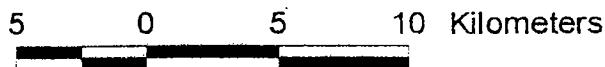
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Universal Transverse Mercator Projection

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION)
TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE ALSEA)
WATERSHED COUNCIL, AS A)
VOLUNTARY WATERSHED COUNCIL)
INTENDED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT) Resolution No. 07-05-12-A
A WATERSHED ACTION PROGRAM TO)
PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL)
RESOURCES OF THE ALSEA RIVER)
WATERSHED)

WHEREAS, ORS 541.347(2)(a) encourages the initiation of voluntary programs at the local level to protect and enhance the quality and stability of watersheds; and

WHEREAS, ORS 541.350(7) defines a watershed council as “voluntary local organization designated by a local government group convened by a county governing body to address the goal of sustaining a natural resource and watershed protection with a water shed;” and

WHEREAS, ORS 541.388(1) encourages local government groups to form voluntary local watershed councils; and

WHEREAS, ORS 541.388(2) states that local watershed councils shall consist of a majority of local residents, including local officials, and that the council represent a balance of interested and affected persons within the watershed and assure a high level of citizen involvement in the development and implementation of a watershed action program; and

WHEREAS, the Alsea Watershed Council began an informational and organizational meeting in December of 1997 and established an organizational charter in June of 1998; and

WHEREAS, after separating from a basin planning team status with the MidCoast Watersheds Council umbrella in June of 2005 and establishing a steering committee, the Alsea Watershed Council adopted bylaws on 28 December 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Alsea Watershed Council received non-profit status in May 2007 with an effective date of 26 December 2006; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Alsea Watershed Council includes landowners in the Alsea River Watershed as well as representatives of local government, public interest groups, and industries, with a mailing list of about 120; and

WHEREAS, article 1.02 of the Alsea Watershed Council bylaws states that “The mission of the Alsea Watershed Council is to maintain or enhance the fauna, flora, and water of the Alsea watershed, while also taking into consideration the economic and social needs of the human population, and providing a forum for people to work through differences and come to some common ground;” and

WHEREAS, membership in the Alsea Watershed Council is open to any individual supporting the purpose and mission of the Alsea Watershed Council, living within the watershed or representing a group or organization active within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and its staff have examined the bylaws and organization activities to date of the Alsea Watershed Council and finds that they are consistent with ORS 541.345 to 541.400;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the Alsea Watershed Council as a watershed council which will serve the entire Alsea River Watershed; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners encourages the Alsea Watershed Council to maintain an organization which represents a balance of interested and affected persons within the watershed; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Commissioners encourages the Alsea Watershed Council to develop and implement watershed action programs intended to protect and enhance the quality of stability of the Alsea River Watershed both for the health of the watershed and for the economic and social betterment of the individuals, organizations, and communities in the watershed; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Commissioners request the Alsea Watershed Council to make progress reports to the Board of Commissioners on at least an annual basis.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2007.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/

BILL HALL, Chair

/s/

TERRY N. THOMPSON, Commissioner

/s/

DON LINDLY, Commissioner