



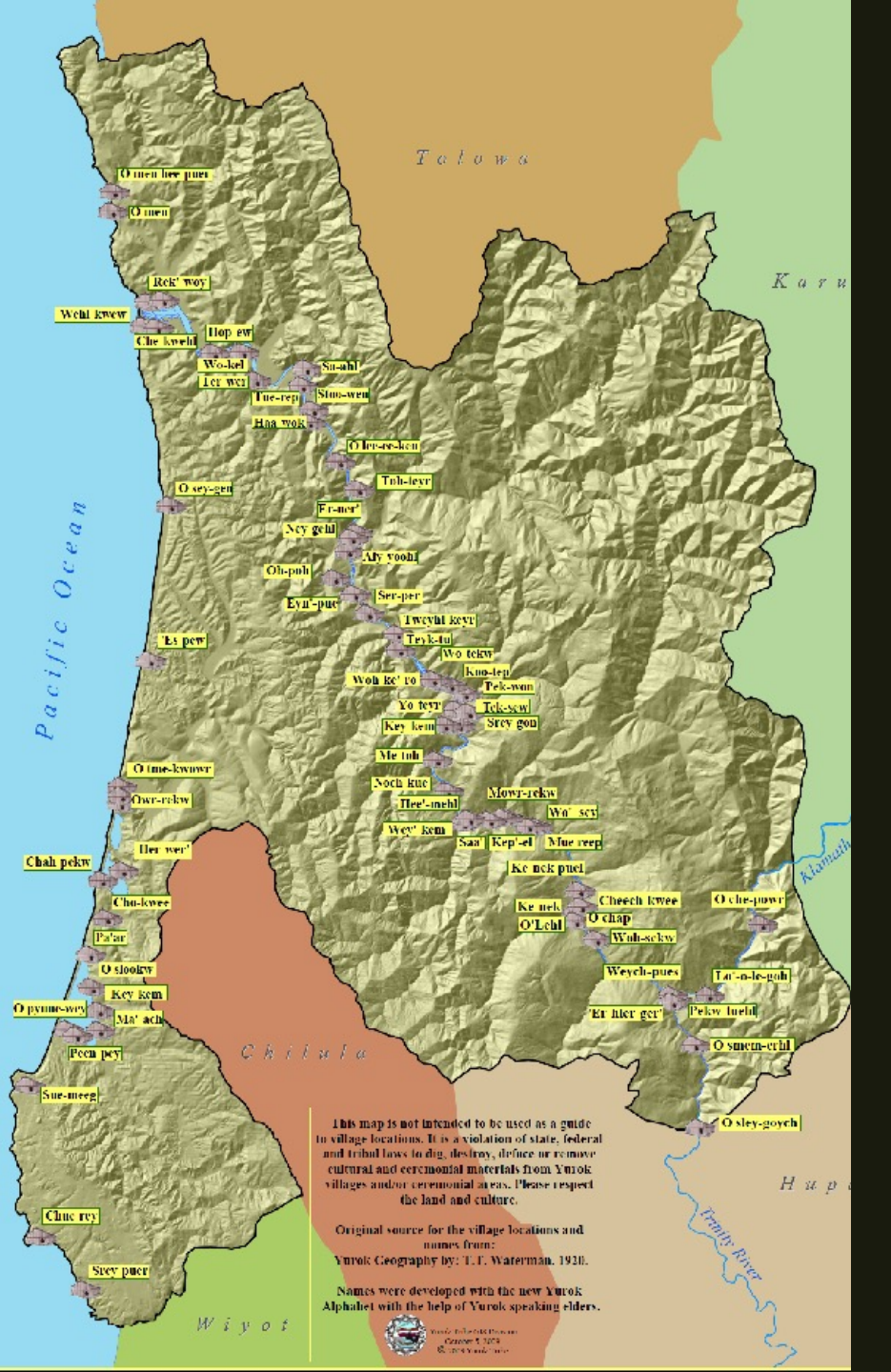
# YUROK TRIBAL COURT

Honorable Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge

Jessica Carter, CEO of Court, Barred in Yurok and California

# Yurok Tribe

- 6,43 Enrolled Tribal Members located in Northern California
- 1978 established as a CFR court to regulate Indian fishing on the lower Klamath River
- 1993 Yurok Tribe formally established with the ratified Yurok Constitution
- 1996 Yurok Tribal Court formalized under the Tribe with establishment of Judicial Ordinance & Fishing Code
- 2008 the Tribe expanded tribal ordinances and laws and developing tribal justice programs





# Yurok Wellness Court

Provides a path to healing for Yuroks affected by drugs and/or alcohol through substance abuse treatment program to improve family, community, and cultural involvement, promote healthy life choices, and reduce criminal recidivism.

- Multidisciplinary case staffing
- Ongoing judicial interaction
- Random and frequent drug and alcohol testing
- Appropriate incentives and sanctions
- Connection to substance abuse treatment and recovery supportive services
- Individual and family support within the justice system





# Yurok Wellness Diversion Court

Yurok Tribal members with qualifying criminal charges or supervision violations may be granted pre-plea diversion

- Determination of eligibility, Wellness Team assessment, YWC judge grants or denies entry to the YWC.
- The Superior Court judge makes the final determination regarding diversion of the criminal charges
- Follows the 10 key components of the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court to provide culturally appropriate, needs-based case planning, support, and supervision.
- Upon successful completion of diversion, the criminal charges are dismissed and/or reduced.



# Yurok Reentry Program

Works with tribal members who are incarcerated or recently released from state and local correctional facilities

- Case management
- Cultural engagement and activities
- Educational and vocational development
- Outreach and ongoing correspondence to incarcerated Tribal members
- Inpatient, outpatient treatment, and sober living
- Family communication support
- Release packages and transportation assistance
- Legal assistance, including expungement of criminal records when eligible
- Tribal Reentry Task Force, including formerly incarcerated, local government, and community partners



**Coming Home House**

# Yurok Veterans Wellness Court



The mission of the Yurok Veteran Wellness Court is to serve the veteran population by providing wellness services addressing the underlying cause of criminal behavior and to reduce recidivism by helping our veterans with recovery support services and giving back to those that have served





# Joint Jurisdiction Court



A Family Wellness Court collaboration between Humboldt Superior Court and Del Norte County Court and the Yurok Tribe to work with families who are struggling with substance abuse and have pending child welfare cases



# Skuy-ech-son' Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP)



The Skuy-ech-son' (Yurok word meaning "to heal oneself") program offers group healing services for individuals who have engaged in physical or emotional abuse within relationships. Our curriculum offers a cultural aspect with a focus on healing trauma. The Program is for court-ordered perpetrators of domestic violence. Yurok has the only tribal program approved by the state judicial system.



# Yurok Legal Access Center

Assists tribal members and their families with various civil legal actions including providing information and assistance with filling out paperwork.

- Child Custody & Visitation
- Divorce & Legal Separation
- Civil & Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- Evictions
- Name Changes
- Tribal Court Adult & Family Law Guardianships
- Return of Property
- Money Actions for Sale of Goods
- Wills
- Referral to Available Community Resources





Community & Cultural Outreach  
“Skue-yech son-ee-nah”  
*We are becoming well*





WOK-HLEW'  
(THANK YOU)