



YUROK TRIBAL COURT
Yurok Indian Reservation
Klamath, California

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YUROK INDIAN RESERVATION

STANDING ORDER OF THE COURT

Standing Order No.: **15-01**

**STANDING ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS OF US DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR, OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS FOR JESSIE SHORT
PLAINTIFFS AND HEIRS**

The Yurok Tribal Court recognizes that the fair and efficient administration of justice and timely distribution of Jessie Short funds require that all probates that come before the Yurok Tribal Court in this case receive the timely attention necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of each claim. This Court recognizes that the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Hearings and Appeals (“OHA”) has previously conducted hearings to determine the heirs and settle the trust and restricted property estate of Jessie Short plaintiffs and heirs. OHA no longer probates Jessie Short interests. OHA does however conduct a hearing and issues findings concerning whom a decedent’s heirs would be if the Jessie Short interest were probated by OHA, even in the case of a Jessie Short plaintiff or heir who does not own any Indian trust real property or have funds in an Individual Indian Money account.

ACCORDINGLY,

1. This Standing Order applies to all Yurok Tribal Court probates in which the following conditions are satisfied: a) OHA has been notified that the decedent is an heir of someone who was a plaintiff in *Jessie Short, et al. v. United States of America*, No. 102-63 (U.S. Court of Federal Claims); b) OHA held a hearing and determined

who the decedent's heirs would be if decedent's Jessie Short interest were to be considered trust property; and c) OHA issues findings setting forth the decedent's heirs and proportionate distribution of decedent's estate.

2. The Yurok Tribal Court hereby adopts the OHA's findings in each individual case satisfying the above conditions as its own.
3. The Court orders distribution of Jessie Short funds to the heirs and in the proportionate share so identified in OHA findings.
4. The Office of the Tribal Attorney shall file with the Yurok Tribal Court a copy of this Standing Order and the OHA Probate Decision for each decedent whose heirs are identified pursuant to this Standing Order prior to making any distribution.
5. This Standing Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 3/4/2015



ABBY ABINANTI, CHIEF JUDGE