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Ms. Cecile A. Hansen  
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Dear Ms. Hansen:

The petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian tribe of the group known as the Duwamish Tribal Organization (Petitioner #25) has been reviewed under Part 83 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, (25 CFR Part 83), "Procedures for Establishing that an American Indian Tribe Exists as an Indian Tribe." Based on the available evidence, the Department has determined that Petitioner #25 is not entitled to be acknowledged as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law.

This decision is final and will become effective immediately on publication of the *Federal Register* notice. Because this Final Decision is done under Judicial Remand after your group had exhausted the appeals provided under the acknowledgment regulations (§ 83.11), we will not direct you to further appeal under the Interior Board of Indian Appeals. This decision is final for the Department.

When a Final Determination is negative, the regulations direct that the petitioner will be informed of alternatives to this administrative process for achieving the status of a federally recognized tribe, or other means by which the petitioner's members may become eligible for services and benefits as Indians (§ 83.10(n)). In your case, we believe that some members are already enrolled in federally recognized tribes, and other of your individual members may also be eligible for membership in recognized tribes.

Enclosed please find copies of the Summary under the Criteria and the Description and Analysis of the Evidence for the final decision on judicial remand. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS 34B-SIB, Washington, D.C. 20240 or call (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

Enclosures: Summary under the Criteria  
Description and Analysis of the Evidence  
List of interested parties

cc: Interested and Informed Parties