

THE PIONEER COURTHOUSE



NAEGELI
DEPOSITION & TRIAL

(800) 528 - 3335

NAEGELIUSA.COM

Nationwide

COURT REPORTING

LEGAL VIDEOGRAPHY

REMOTE DEPOSITIONS

TRIAL PRESENTATION

LEGAL TRANSCRIPTION

COPYING AND SCANNING

LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Powerful
LITIGATION SUPPORT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, OFFICE OF REGULATORY
AFFAIRS

25 CFR PART 83 PROPOSED RULE ON RE-PETITIONING FOR
FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE

LISTENING SESSION

HELD VIA ZOOM ON

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

3:05 P.M.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(800) 528-3335

NAEGELI
DEPOSITION & TRIAL
Established 1980

NAEGELIUSA.COM

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, OFFICE OF REGULATORY
AFFAIRS

25 CFR PART 83 PROPOSED RULE ON RE-PETITIONING FOR
FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE

LISTENING SESSION

HELD VIA ZOOM ON

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

3:05 P.M.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

1 REMOTE APPEARANCES

2
3 J. Michael Harty, Facilitator, Kearns & West

4 Madeline Kane, Facilitator, Kearns & West

5 Keely Driscoll, Hayiitka, LLC

6 Derrick Beetso, Hayiitka, LLC

7 Oliver Whaley, Office of Regulatory Affairs and
8 Collaborative Action

9 Stephen Adkins, Chief of the Chickahominy Indian
10 Tribe

11
12 DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS:

13 Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian
14 Affairs

15 Kathryn Isom-Clause, Deputy Assistant Secretary for
16 Policy & Economic Development

17 Stephanie Sfiridis, Senior Counselor, Office of
18 Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

19 K. Denise Litz, Acting Director, Office of Federal
20 Acknowledgment

21 Sam Ennis, Assistant Solicitor, Tribal Government
22 Services, Office of the Solicitor

23 John-Michael Partesotti, Attorney-Advisor, Tribal
24 Government Services, Office of the Solicitor

1 REMOTE APPEARANCES

2
3 PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

4 Nancy Carnley, Vice Chief of Ma-Chis Lower Creek
5 Indian Tribe of Alabama

6 Brian Buchanan, Principal Chief of the Miami Nation
7 of Indians of the State of Indiana

8 La'tasha Maddox, Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation
9 Councilor

10 Bart Stupak, Counsel for Burt Lake Band

11 Rachel Cushman, Secretary/Treasurer of Chinook
12 Indian Nation

13 Colin Hampson, Counsel for Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of
14 the San Francisco Bay

15 Matthew Ricchiazzi, Chief of Staff to the Tribal
16 Chairwoman of Muwekma Ohlone Tribe

17 Charlene Nijmeh, Tribal Chairwoman of Muwekma
18 Ohlone Tribe

19 James Coon, Counsel for the Chinook Indian Nation

20 Ariel Hart, aka Ariel Thundering Sparrow, council
21 member of the Setalcott Nation from Long Island,
22 New York

23 Lillie Steiner, Executive Director for MOWA Band
24 of Choctaw Indians

25 Lebaron Byrd, Chief of MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians

1 Brenda Greer, Vice Chairwoman of the Eastern Pequot
2 Tribal Nation
3 Aisha Almond, Communication Committee of the Eastern
4 Pequot Tribal Nation
5 Vincent Mann, Turtle Clan Chief of the Ramapough
6 Lenape Nation
7 Auereilius H. Piper, aka "Bear Eagle," Traditional
8 Chief of the Golden Hill Paugussett Indian Nation
9 Lawrence Wilson, Chairman of the Eastern Pequot
10 Tribal Nation
11 Darby Weaver, Chief of Choctaw Nation of Indians
12 Tony Johnson, Chairman of Chinook Indian Nation

13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

1 LISTENING SESSION

2 HELD VIA ZOOM ON

3 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

4 3:05 P.M.

5
6 MR. HARTY: Good afternoon, and welcome to
7 today's Listening Session on the 25 CFR Part 83
8 Proposed Rule on Re-petitioning for Federal
9 Acknowledgement as an American Indian Tribe.

10 First off, I want to let you know that
11 today's Listening Session is being recorded.

12 My name is Michael Harty, and I'll be
13 facilitating today's session.

14 My colleague, Madeline, and I are
15 contractors to the Department of the Interior.

16 We're supporting the Department's team for
17 the Part 83 consultation process.

18 Derrick Beetso and Keely Driscoll, from
19 Hayiitka, are also part of our contractor team and
20 are tracking today's input.

21 This is the third of three opportunities
22 to provide input virtually on the Part 83 proposed
23 rule.

24 Just a few items about today's Listening
25 Session you'll see on the next slide here. This

1 session today is open to present, former, and
2 prospective petitioners.

3 Close captioning is available. For
4 closed-captioning services, go to the bottom of your
5 screen, click on the up arrow next to "Closed
6 Caption, and choose "Show Subtitle" or use the link
7 that will be pasted into the chat box. And I see
8 it's in there now.

9 We have a court reporter capturing your
10 input today so that a complete transcript can be
11 prepared. His name is Jeanpaul Pineda.

12 Later in today's session we'll invite
13 designated representatives of petitioners to provide
14 comments.

15 If you choose to comment, please state
16 your name, title, and group affiliation. This
17 information will assist our court reporter.

18 And now I'm going to turn it over to Bryan
19 Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

20 MR. NEWLAND: All right. Thank you,
21 Michael. (Speaking Ojibwemowin.)

22 Good afternoon, everybody. My name is
23 Bryan Newland. I have the privilege of serving as
24 Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

25 And I am Ojibwe from Bay Mills Indian

1 community in northern Michigan. I'm really pleased
2 and honored to be with all of you today for this
3 Listening Session on our proposed Part 83 regulation
4 amendments.

5 We have styled this as a Listening Session
6 because this is not intended as a government-to-
7 government consultation between recognized tribes
8 and the Department.

9 That said, I do want to say right off the
10 bat that because of the nature of these regulations
11 and the nature and interest of entities that are
12 petitioning or re-petitioning for federal
13 recognition, we do want to make sure that we have
14 this unique conversation.

15 And this will very much factor into our
16 rulemaking process, and your comments in this
17 session, as well as your written comments, will have
18 a direct impact on our consideration of options
19 moving forward.

20 That's my bureaucratic way of saying that
21 this conversation is meaningful, it matters, and
22 you've got decision-making officials from the
23 Department here to listen to you.

24 Before we go any further, we always try to
25 make sure that these conversations are conducted in

1 a good way and in a good spirit. And from time to
2 time we're able to have tribal leaders and
3 representatives offer us a blessing or a prayer.

4 And so today I'm going to have Chief
5 Adkins come to the mic and give us a blessing so we
6 can begin this Listening Session.

7 MR. ADKINS: Good afternoon. My name is
8 Stephen Adkins. I'm Chief of the Chickahominy, a
9 new tribe, and I welcome any of you to express
10 prayers to -- in the faith of your choice. So let's
11 proceed.

12 (Speaking in Native Algonquian language.)

13 MR. ADKINS: Great spirit and loving
14 father of all nations, we come to you today just as
15 surely as you have ordered creation, where the sun
16 rises in the east, so, Father, we pray that you
17 would illuminate this process, you'll shed light in
18 the darkest corners, and open up hearts and minds of
19 people in the decision-making process.

20 I pray that you will provide oversight and
21 spiritual guidance to those that are gathered here
22 today for this very, very important discussion. So,
23 Father, we ask your peace, your grace, your mercy on
24 everyone who is assembled.

25 For those who traveled, we ask for

1 traveling grace as they return to their respective
2 homes and places that they live. So with that, we
3 acknowledge you sovereign creator, lord of all. And
4 we come to you in the name of your son. Amen.

5 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you, Chief Adkins.
6 And thank you for taking your time away from your
7 busy schedule to offer this blessing and prayer for
8 us today.

9 So before we get into this Listening
10 Session, you know, the most important part of today
11 is for me and for our team to hear from those of you
12 who've come to speak. We have two hours, I believe,
13 that have been set aside for this Listening Session.

14 And so we'll take as long as we need up
15 until five o'clock Eastern Time to do that. I'm
16 going to run through a very short overview of why
17 we're here and how we got here, and then we'll open
18 the floor up and do the listening.

19 First I want to make sure I introduce
20 folks from our team who are on the line here with us
21 today as part of this Listening Session.

22 In addition to myself, you have our Deputy
23 Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic
24 Development, Kathryn Isom-Clause; Stephanie
25 Sfiridis, our senior policy counselor here in the

1 Office of the Assistant Secretary.

2 We have Denise Litz, who's the Acting
3 Director of the Office of Federal Acknowledgement
4 joining us.

5 From the Solicitor's Office we have Sam
6 Ennis, he is the Assistant Solicitor for Tribal
7 Government Services, as well as John-Michael
8 Partesotti from the Office of the Solicitor.

9 And then behind-the-scenes with us today
10 we have Oliver Whaley. Oliver leads our Office of
11 Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action. And
12 really what Oliver's job is is to shepherd all of
13 our regulations through the rulemaking process and
14 facilitate that process, as well as to organize and
15 help us conduct these tribal consultations and
16 listening sessions.

17 So thank you for being here to our team.
18 These are all the folks involved in this rulemaking
19 process. And, as I mentioned, we're here to listen
20 to each of you.

21 Can we go to the next slide, please,
22 Oliver?

23 So this is just an overview of what I'm
24 going to discuss in the next few minutes before
25 turning it over to you. Just a little bit of

1 background on our Part 83 regulations -- a brief
2 mention of litigation that brought us to this point,
3 and then talking about the rule itself.

4 Next slide, please.

5 So as background, the Department of the
6 Interior first published the recognition regulations
7 back in 1978. Prior to that, for two centuries the
8 federal government did not have a regulatory or a
9 statutory process to recognize tribes for purposes
10 of a government-to-government relationship.

11 Once a tribe goes through this process and
12 is acknowledged, the federal government -- the
13 Department of the Interior, actually, places that
14 tribe on the annual list of federally-recognized
15 tribes that we publish based on Congress's 1994
16 Federally Recognized Tribes List Act.

17 Next slide.

18 As many of you are familiar with, our Part
19 83 regulations have seven mandatory criteria in
20 order to successfully complete the federal
21 recognition process. The first mandatory criteria
22 is identification as an Indian entity.

23 The second mandatory criteria is
24 community -- being a distinct Indian community.

25 The third mandatory criteria is political

1 authority.

2 And we also have the mandatory criteria
3 for governing document, and that each petitioner, in
4 order to be recognized, must descend from a
5 historical Indian tribe, and that the membership of
6 the petitioning tribe is unique, and that the tribe
7 has not been terminated by Congress.

8 For folks who are on this call who don't
9 have a legal background, Congress has plenary
10 authority within the federal government to set
11 Indian policy.

12 And so if Congress has exercised its
13 authority to terminate an Indian tribe, the
14 Department of the Interior acting alone does not
15 have the legal authority to override that
16 determination. So that's why it's one of the seven
17 mandatory criteria.

18 Next slide, please.

19 We're here to talk about our proposed rule
20 to allow limited re-petitioning. Since 1994 our
21 federal -- our regulations have explicitly banned or
22 prohibited groups from re-petitioning once they have
23 received a final determination to not recognize
24 them.

25 In 2014, ten years ago, we published a

1 proposed rule that would have allowed re-petitioning
2 on a limited basis. In 2015, however, the final
3 rule did not include that provision and instead
4 maintained the 20-year-old policy prohibiting re-
5 petitioning.

6 Let's go to the next slide, please.

7 After 2015, in the publication of the
8 final rule, the Department was sued by two
9 petitioners that had previously been denied federal
10 acknowledgement -- the Chinook Indian Nation and the
11 Burt Lake Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians.

12 And in 2020 two separate federal courts
13 ruled in their favor that the Department's 2015
14 final rule was arbitrary and capricious and remanded
15 the rule back to the Department of the Interior for
16 reconsideration.

17 Next slide.

18 So we have the timeline here up on our
19 screen. For those of you who are joining us by
20 phone or are not able to see, we lay out in this
21 timeline that the Chinook decision was issued in
22 January. The Burt Lake decision was issued in March
23 of 2020.

24 And that in December of 2020 the
25 Department of the Interior announced its intent to

1 reconsider this prohibition and solicited written
2 comments. Those of you who recall, that was during
3 a transition of administrations.

4 And so after the inauguration of President
5 Biden in February of '21, we held a consultation
6 with federally recognized tribes on that, and then
7 closed the comment period in March of that year.

8 Following that comment period, we were
9 considering three different options -- maintaining
10 the prohibition on re-petitioning, allowing groups
11 to re-petition on a limited basis, or, three,
12 allowing open-ended re-petitioning.

13 And in 2022 we proposed a rule that would
14 have maintained the prohibition against petitioning
15 again for federal recognition.

16 Next slide, please.

17 We made that proposed rule based on
18 several different arguments. One was that the
19 previous decisions were substantively sound and also
20 that we wanted to make sure that folks had an
21 interest and finality of the Department's decision.

22 Next slide, please.

23 And so we went out to tribal consultation.
24 We heard from many of you in a listening session,
25 reviewed the comments we received, and then

1 deliberated on whether to move forward with a final
2 rule or whether to reconsider the policy of
3 prohibiting re-petitioning.

4 And after much deliberation and reviewing
5 comments, including comments submitted by many of
6 you, we made the decision to actually move forward
7 with the option to allow limited re-petitioning.

8 Because we did not want to get ourselves
9 back into a position like the 2015 rule, and also
10 because our policy approach was markedly different
11 than what was in the 2022 proposed rule, we did not
12 go to a final rule but instead went back out to a
13 proposed rulemaking.

14 Next slide.

15 So here on this slide we are laying out
16 for you our justification to allow re-petitioning on
17 a limited basis. One is to promote fairness and
18 equity to petitioners that were not successful.

19 The second is we wanted to be responsive
20 to the Courts' decisions and what we have heard from
21 the judges in the Chinook and Burt Lake decisions.

22 The third was advancements in technology
23 available to many of you.

24 The fourth justification is to protect
25 from wide-ranging re-litigation of decisions that

1 were previously made.

2 And the last one is again recognizing the
3 interests of the Department and the public in
4 finality of our decisions.

5 Next slide, please.

6 So our new proposed rule would allow re-
7 petitioning on a limited basis subject to a
8 threshold review.

9 So in order to go back into the Part 83
10 process, a re-petitioning entity would first have to
11 make a plausible allegation that our prior negative
12 determination would be changed to a positive
13 decision on reconsideration based on one or both of
14 the following criteria.

15 The first one is that a change in the Part
16 83 regulations would lead to that different outcome
17 and/or new evidence not available would make -- not
18 previously available would lead to a different
19 outcome.

20 Next slide, please.

21 So under our proposed rule, unsuccessful
22 petitioners would have five years to submit a
23 re-petitioning request. And that clock would begin
24 either on the effective date of a final rule at the
25 conclusion of this rulemaking process or five years

1 from the date of a negative determination, and so --
2 whichever one is later.

3 So if you received a negative
4 determination in 1998, you would have five years
5 from the completion of this rulemaking.

6 If you were to receive a negative
7 determination in 2028, you would have five years
8 from that negative determination to submit a new
9 petition. And that clock would be tolled during any
10 period of judicial review involving the negative
11 determination.

12 If a petitioner is denied the ability to
13 re-petition under this standard, they would not be
14 allowed to submit a new request unless we revised
15 the Part 83 regulations in the future.

16 Next slide.

17 So our proposed rule at Sections 83.50 to
18 83.61 describe the procedure that would apply to a
19 re-petitioning request. And that would mirror the
20 process for a documented petition review.

21 And it would include publication of notice
22 in the Federal Register, posting of certain portions
23 of the submission to OFA on our OFA website, notice
24 to certain third parties, and an opportunity for the
25 public to comment on the request, and an opportunity

1 to respond to those comments.

2 Next slide, please.

3 Our proposed rule also clarifies how the
4 Department would prioritize review of documented
5 petitions and re-petitioning requests. So petitions
6 that are already under review would receive the
7 highest priority, followed by petitions awaiting
8 review.

9 New petitions would have priority over a
10 re-petitioning request initially. OFA would
11 maintain a list of re-petitioning requests ready for
12 active consideration, and any re-petitioning request
13 pending on the list for more than two years would
14 have priority over a later-filed petition.

15 So let me try to repeat that because it
16 sounds convoluted.

17 Any re-petitioning request that has been
18 pending for more than two years would receive
19 priority over any subsequently filed new petition
20 for recognition.

21 Next slide, please.

22 Within 180 days -- so the date where we
23 notify a petitioner that we've begun review -- the
24 Assistant Secretary would issue a decision on the
25 re-petitioning request.

1 And that decision would either grant the
2 ability to re-petition if the regulatory provisions
3 are met -- and that decision to allow an entity to
4 move forward would not be considered final agency
5 action. Instead, it would just simply allow that
6 petitioner to submit a new petition.

7 However, if after 180 days the Assistant
8 Secretary denies the authorization to re-petitioning
9 or re-petition, that would be final agency action
10 and subject to judicial review.

11 Next.

12 Our proposed rule would give any
13 petitioner currently proceeding under the prior
14 version of Part 83 the ability or the choice to
15 switch over to the 2020 -- 2015 version of these
16 regulations.

17 We believe that this promotes efficiency
18 because without this choice those petitioners that
19 are moving forward under the old version of Part 83
20 would have to wait for a final determination and, if
21 it's negative, file a request to re-petition in
22 order to use the 2015 regulations.

23 And so we heard from folks, and we
24 considered that, you know, it makes the most sense
25 to simply allow folks the option to move under the

1 2015 regulations if they want.

2 Next slide.

3 This is the part now where we're going to
4 move into why we're really here, which is to hear
5 from all of you. We are going to take comments in
6 the order that we see them in the queue.

7 If you wish to make a comment, please use
8 the "raise my hand" function. So at the bottom of
9 your screen you'll see a react button or you'll see
10 a raise hand button. You press that. And we will
11 see in the queue who wishes to speak.

12 Those of you who are on the phone will
13 need to press star nine to raise your hand. I will
14 call on you by the last four digits of your phone
15 number. And when I do, you will have to press star
16 six to unmute yourself.

17 Because we have a lot of folks here and we
18 have limited time today, I will ask that you please
19 be mindful of the time. I would encourage you to
20 try to keep your comments to sevenish minutes.

21 You don't have a time limit, but we want
22 to make sure we get as many people as possible to
23 hear from. And please do not come back in the queue
24 until I invite folks to do after those who've
25 already had a chance to speak.

1 And lastly, before we open this up, we'll
2 note that we are taking written comments as well.
3 You can send your written comments to us at
4 consultation@bia.gov by midnight on September the
5 13th. So that's next Friday. Please include Part
6 83 in the subject line, and we will consider your
7 comments in this process.

8 As I call on you, please identify your
9 name for your court reporter here, as well as who
10 you are here to represent.

11 I'm going to start with Nancy Carnley and
12 then move to Brian Buchanan, La'Tasha Maddox, and
13 Bart Stupak in that order.

14 Nancy?

15 MS. CARNLEY: Hello. My name's Nancy
16 Carnley. And it's spelled C-A-R-N-L-E-Y. I am the
17 Vice Chief of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe
18 of Alabama. We were one of the tribes that had been
19 denied. We were denied it for the 1900 -- 1990s.

20 And my question is since we were one of
21 the earlier ones that were denied, the way the rule
22 is written, majority of the southeast tribes will
23 not be able to go through because we were all pretty
24 much denied within a five to ten-year period.

25 What would we be able to do to be able to

1 re-petition? Because in our case, we had a person
2 who did our research via -- of the federal
3 acknowledgement that had written books saying that
4 they had discovered the lost tribe of Alabama when
5 actually he had not interviewed or even considered
6 us.

7 And I feel like that was very biased. I
8 feel like that was very unethical. And we have
9 protested and have spoken out very loudly against
10 this. And I feel like this is an unfair catch for
11 the tribes denied before the 2000s because you're
12 saying a five-year period.

13 And secondly, I want to know have there
14 ever been any tribes that have been allowed to re-
15 petition for federal acknowledgement? And if so,
16 who are those tribes?

17 And with the court system, who is going to
18 be doing the court system? Is it going to be like
19 it's been in the past or is it going to be a
20 different system hearing it? Thank you.

21 THE REPORTER: Ms. Carnley, this is the
22 court reporter. If you could please repeat just
23 that last part? You got cut off a little bit. Just
24 the --

25 MS. CARNLEY: Okay.

1 THE REPORTER: -- very last part of what
2 you said.

3 MS. CARNLEY: I said I want to know if
4 anybody in the past has been allowed re-petitioning.
5 And if so, what tribes are they?

6 And in addition, since the most majority
7 of the southeast tribes in Alabama and Georgia and
8 Florida was denied in the early 90s, what can we do
9 to re-petition? If this rule is being put in
10 effect, it's still going to deny a large amount of
11 tribes.

12 And what court system will be the one that
13 hears it? Will it be like it's normally been, or it
14 will be an actual circuit court, or what? Thank
15 you.

16 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you. Ms. Carnley,
17 what I will add -- I don't want to get into a lot of
18 Q&A in this discussion because I want to make sure
19 we're capturing.

20 I just want to clarify to make sure that
21 folks understand this proposed rule as it's drafted
22 would allow tribes that were previously denied
23 federal recognition at any point in our process --
24 even in the 1990s -- an opportunity to file a re-
25 petitioning request. That request would have to

1 come within five years.

2 And so in your case that would allow
3 tribes that -- or entities that were denied in the
4 1990s five years from the date these rules are
5 finalized. So thank you.

6 MS. CARNLEY: Thank you.

7 MR. NEWLAND: Next I'm going to go to
8 Brian Buchanan, then La'Tasha Maddox, Bart Stupak,
9 and Rachel Cushman.

10 MR. BUCHANAN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
11 First off, my name is Chief Brian Buchanan. I am
12 the principal chief of the Miami Nation of Indians
13 of the State of Indiana.

14 I want to thank you, Assistant Secretary,
15 for allowing us to have this session. And I just
16 have a few things I want to comment on.

17 This proposed re-petitioning petition has
18 been a good one. We're in support of it. The Miami
19 Nation strongly supports this. We're happy to
20 report that our Indiana Senators Young and Braun
21 have indicated their support for the proposed rule
22 as well.

23 Number two issue I wanted to say is this
24 rule has been under consideration in one form or
25 another by the Department for almost ten years now.

1 It's time to wrap it up, do the right thing, and
2 finalize the ruling.

3 This administration is coming to an end.
4 If this rule isn't finalized quickly, we're going to
5 face another long delay with a new administration
6 coming in. And we just ask and pray that you don't
7 leave us in that position. And that's basically all
8 I've got to say.

9 (Speaking in native language.)

10 Thank you very much.

11 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you. Thank you for
12 that.

13 Next we will go to La'Tasha Maddox, then
14 Bart Stupak, Rachel Cushman, and Colin Hampson.

15 La'Tasha?

16 MS. MADDOX: Good afternoon. Hi. So I'm
17 La'Tasha Maddox. I am one of the Eastern Pequot
18 Tribal Nation tribal councilors. So thank you for
19 having me on.

20 I do have concerns because if we were
21 already granted a yes, and then we were granted a
22 no, where do we stand then?

23 Because we shouldn't have to re-petition.
24 We were already granted a yes in the finals, and
25 then you guys overturned it and gave us a no. So I

1 don't think it's fair that we'd have to go through
2 the same process as everybody else. What's your
3 views on that?

4 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you, Ms. Maddox. You
5 know, that is a question that I would prefer to
6 answer in a different setting. I don't have all the
7 facts in front of me regarding Eastern Pequot and
8 the history.

9 I do know that there were several tribes
10 or several groups that had been, you know, received
11 preliminary decisions and then final determinations
12 that were negative.

13 What I do want to invite you to do is
14 either submit comments in writing here or offer
15 comments now on the proposed rule itself and ways
16 that you think we can refine it and move it forward.
17 Do you have any other comments you wish to add, Ms.
18 Maddox?

19 MS. MADDUX: No. I just would say that, I
20 mean, the process -- I think that we should be not
21 able to reapply again. It should be just a final
22 determination as a yes of what we got preliminarily
23 in the very beginning because that's what you guys
24 had decided. So it's not fair that we have to go
25 and re-petition again.

1 MR. NEWLAND: Okay.

2 MS. MADDOX: So, yes, we will add comments
3 as time goes on. Thank you.

4 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you.

5 Mr. Stupak and then Ms. Cushman.

6 MR. STUPAK: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

7 I'm Bart Stupak, attorney for the Burt Lake Band.

8 Two questions.

9 First of all, the slides you've had
10 available to us today -- will they'll be open to
11 everyone? Will they be posted on your website or
12 someplace where we can see them?

13 MR. NEWLAND: Yes, we can make those
14 available.

15 MR. STUPAK: And --

16 MR. ADKINS: They are on the website,
17 right on the conversation website right now.

18 MR. NEWLAND: All right.

19 MR. STUPAK: Okay. Great. And my
20 question is the way I understand this -- if you re-
21 petition and if the Assistant Secretary grants your
22 presumption that you can re-petition, your petition
23 will not be considered until all of the pending
24 petitions -- not re-petitions but petitions -- are
25 decided; correct?

1 MR. NEWLAND: As it's presently drafted
2 that's how we have to prioritize our workflow. Open
3 to comments on ways that you think we could improve
4 upon that.

5 MR. STUPAK: How many petitions are
6 pending right now? Not including re-petition, just
7 petitions.

8 MR. NEWLAND: Yeah, I don't have that
9 answer handy, Mr. Stupak, but would be happy to get
10 that to you.

11 MR. STUPAK: Because if you're re-
12 petitioning on a narrow grounds, there's only maybe
13 one or two grounds you can re-petition on, as your
14 slide showed us.

15 To go then to the back of the queue after
16 all the pending petitions when you have a limited
17 opportunity, I think it's going to, you know, it's
18 going to take years before a re-petition is ever
19 even heard.

20 You make it a two-year priority only for
21 subsequently-filed petitions. But there's ten
22 petitions ahead of me. And if you're only putting
23 out one or two decisions a year, it's going to be
24 years before you ever have a chance to address a re-
25 petition, which Burt Lake will be filing of course.

1 All right. I'll go back to your website
2 and try to figure out how many petitions are
3 pending. If someone could answer that for me -- Mr.
4 Harty or someone, that would be helpful. Thank you.

5 MR. NEWLAND: Sure. If we have that
6 information available, you know, we often try to
7 update in the chat, you know, information that we
8 are able to make public. But I appreciate you
9 taking time with us today.

10 MR. STUPAK: Thank you.

11 MR. NEWLAND: We'll go to Rachel Cushman,
12 then Colin Hampson, then Matthew Ricchiazzi, and
13 James Coon in that order.

14 MS. CUSHMAN: I'm Rachel Cushman, Chinook
15 Indian Nation Secretary/Treasurer.

16 (Speaking in a native language.)

17 Hello, and thank you for allowing the most
18 vulnerable sovereign nations within the US settler
19 state to testify.

20 Relatives, folks of status, and friends,
21 my name is Rachel Cushman. I'm a hereditary leader
22 and an elected secretary/treasurer of the Chinook
23 Indian Nation.

24 I'm also here as an indigenous scholar and
25 doctoral candidate at the University of Oregon

1 working towards a PhD in indigenous race and ethnic
2 studies. The focus of my scholarship is on
3 recognition politics.

4 I'm also an Indian collective changemaker
5 fellow, a mother tirelessly working to protect
6 Chinook and all indigenous lands, rights, and
7 sovereignty. I was raised to do this work.

8 I was hand-selected by my people and voted
9 on unanimously by the voting body of Chinook's
10 3,000-plus tribal members to hold the positions that
11 I do.

12 Our community is made up of the five
13 westernmost Chinookan-speaking tribes at the mouth
14 of the Columbia River in northeast -- or northwest
15 Oregon and north -- and southwest Washington.

16 We are the Clatsop and Cathlamet of
17 present-day Oregon, the lower Chinook Wahkiakum and
18 Willapa of what is now Washington state. The
19 Chinook Indian Nation constitution codifies who we
20 are and identifies our five constituent tribes and
21 their associated aboriginal territories.

22 This constitution, first written in the
23 1920s, was reaffirmed in the 1950s after
24 congressional approval to file a case before the
25 Indian Claims Commission. We won that case --

1 Docket 234 -- in the 1970s. And the funds were
2 adjudicated this year.

3 Our constitution is one of the oldest
4 living tribal constitutions in the Pacific
5 Northwest. Our aboriginal territory spans from Oak
6 Point on the Columbia River to the mouth of the
7 river, and from Tillamook Head to the North Shore of
8 the Willapa.

9 Today our Chinook Indian Nation community
10 is not federally recognized expressly because we
11 refuse to leave our aboriginal lands during the
12 course of two separate treaty negotiations -- the
13 Anson Dart treaties of 1851 and the Chehalis River
14 Treaty Council of 1855.

15 We never left the bones of our ancestors,
16 and we continue to defend these lands and our rights
17 to them to this day. We are a sovereign nation
18 regardless of federal acknowledgement. Sovereignty
19 is inherent.

20 The federal government does not have the
21 authority to bestow sovereignty. The federal
22 government and the Department of the Interior does
23 have the authority to acknowledge that sovereignty
24 and do the right thing.

25 For 173 years the people of what is now

1 the Chinook Indian Nation have been struggling with
2 the United States Government over their
3 unwillingness to do the right thing and honor the
4 treaties that were signed at Tansy Point, Oregon in
5 1851.

6 My direct ancestor, Chief Wasilta, known
7 by his pen name Washington, was one of two primary
8 negotiators and signers of those treaties on behalf
9 of the Clatsop tribe of Chinooks.

10 In fact, in 1899 the Chinook Indian Nation
11 hereditary leaders sued the federal government for
12 taking our five tribes' lands illegally and won. In
13 1912, our people won annuity payments for lands
14 taken unlawfully.

15 Topmost Indian law experts that reviewed
16 our Office of Federal Acknowledgement petition for
17 federal acknowledgement said that the 1899 lawsuit
18 litigation, which resulted in the 1912 legislation,
19 constructively ratified those treaties.

20 I know this hearing is not about Chinook
21 specifically. It's about fixing a mistake of a
22 broken system -- a system that has caused
23 immeasurable harm to the most vulnerable indigenous
24 communities.

25 The Chinook Indian Nation will be

1 submitting a formal written comment. However, it's
2 integral that you hear my story. Know that this
3 broken system has impacted real people.

4 I was born in 1987, when the Chinook
5 Indian Nation submitted more evidence for our
6 application per the OFA request.

7 I was almost 13 years old when Assistant
8 Secretary Kevin Gover submitted our final positive
9 determination to the federal registrar and promised
10 my nation's leaders the main Interior Office would
11 always be a home for the Chinook people.

12 He then apologized for the harms that had
13 been committed against us. Gover saw that Chinook's
14 application was not getting a fair read and pulled
15 it for external review by Indian law experts.

16 I was 15 years old working for the
17 Northwest Region Office of the BIA when recognition
18 was rescinded -- when politics and an engineer
19 determined that a renowned expert in Indian law had
20 made a decision, quote, "based upon inappropriate
21 interpretation of important evidence." Really it
22 was because a third-party intervened.

23 My nation and I support limited re-
24 petition. But Chinook's case is wholly unique, and
25 there should be a way to address this uniqueness in

1 the process.

2 My question is how has the Department
3 fixed the problems with the process? How will you
4 ensure that politics and third parties don't get in
5 the way of our merits?

6 (Speaking in a native language.)

7 Thank you.

8 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you very much. Look
9 for your comments, and I appreciate the powerful
10 background and history.

11 Our next speaker will be Colin Hampson,
12 then Matthew Ricchiazzi, and James Coon and Ariel
13 Thundering Sparrow.

14 Colin?

15 MR. HAMPSON: Good afternoon. Can you
16 hear me now?

17 My name's Colin Hampson. I am counsel for
18 the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay.

19 Following my presentation, Chairwoman
20 Charlene Nijmeh will speak on behalf of the tribe.
21 The way that we went with the raising of the hands,
22 I ended up first in the queue -- or before her in
23 the queue.

24 The Muwekma Ohlone Tribe intends to submit
25 comments regarding the proposed rule. At a

1 substantive level, the tribe supports the proposal
2 to allow re-petitioning in order to ensure the
3 integrity of the recognition process and its rule in
4 assuring fairness, that historical wrongs are made
5 right, and the fulfillment of the federal trust
6 responsibility.

7 Respectfully, the importance of
8 recognition to unrecognized tribes and to this
9 nation's honor outweighs concerns about third-party
10 interest and finality and administrative burdens.

11 Permitting re-petitioning based on the
12 effect of the 2015 amendments to Part 83 in the
13 tribe's view is appropriate. Those 2015 amendments
14 made substantial and positive improvements in the
15 criteria that could be outcome determinative for
16 previously unsuccessful petitioners.

17 Re-petitioning on this basis is important
18 for ensuring the tribes have a fair and equal
19 opportunity to benefit from these positive reforms.
20 Petitioning based on newly-discovered evidence or
21 evidence not considered by the Department in an
22 initial determination is also proper.

23 A tribe should not be denied recognition,
24 and the nation, the United States, should not
25 prevent itself from the benefits of a government-to-

1 government relationship when the evidence supports
2 it whenever that evidence becomes available or comes
3 to the Department's attention.

4 Also, as noted in the proposed rule,
5 changes in technology, more sophisticated research
6 techniques, and other developments can produce
7 important evidence not available to tribes at the
8 time of the tribe's first petition.

9 Now the tribe also proposes additional
10 grounds for re-petition. First, it should be
11 permitted when the tribe can show the reasonable
12 likelihood standard was misapplied in the initial
13 decision. This exception was contemplated in the
14 2014 proposed rule but not included in the final
15 rule with little explanation.

16 This basis in the tribe's view should be
17 included. The Department has a responsibility to
18 administer the recognition process fairly and in
19 accordance with the law.

20 The Department should correct its own
21 legal errors when discovered. This is consistent
22 with the Department's own precedent and prior
23 practice of correcting those errors when the
24 Department becomes aware of them.

25 Similarly, re-petitioning should be

1 permitted based on an intervening change of law, a
2 subsequent statute, judicial decision, or
3 solicitor's opinion that alters how the Department
4 evaluates evidence that it previously found
5 insufficient should be a cause for reconsideration.

6 An important point here is that a tribe's
7 interest and recognition and the nation's interest
8 in correcting an error outweigh finality concerns.

9 We think that the recognition process is a
10 means for the federal government to correct historic
11 wrongs and reduce the stain on this nation's honor
12 caused by its mistreatment of native communities,
13 including through denial of a government-to-
14 government relationship that in fact does or should
15 exist.

16 Allowing re-petitioning based on a change
17 in law ensures that such changes are implemented
18 broadly, and including with respect to decisions on
19 prior petitions and correcting historic errors.

20 Finally, the tribe proposes a -- that the
21 five-year timeframe for seeking authorization to re-
22 petition be greater -- at least 10 or 15 years.

23 And the reason for this is that
24 unrecognized tribes lack resources, and five years
25 is not enough time for some, maybe many tribes, to

1 prepare an adequate request for authorization, which
2 under the proposed rule is fairly complicated and
3 requires a fulsome presentation of evidence and
4 documentation.

5 Petitions are developed, presented, and
6 acted on in terms of decades -- not single years.
7 So a reauthorization request should also be on a
8 similar time scale -- one that is consistent with
9 the decades-long process.

10 So that concludes my technical remarks on
11 behalf of the Ohlone -- Muwekma Ohlone Tribe.

12 I'm pleased to introduce the Chairwoman of
13 the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay --

14 MR. NEWLAND: Colin, before we do that, I
15 just --

16 MR. HAMPSON: Yeah?

17 MR. NEWLAND: I have a question about your
18 comments. I want to make sure I understand --

19 MR. HAMPSON: Yeah.

20 MR. NEWLAND: -- and invite you to clarify
21 in a written statement if you wish. You had
22 mentioned, you know, the regulation should include
23 an ability to allow re-petitioning to correct the
24 Department's own legal error -- a misapplication of
25 the reasonable likelihood standard.

1 You know, one of the things that has been
2 guiding us is to try to make this -- I'm going to
3 make up a word I think -- an "administratable"
4 process or an administrable process -- something
5 that we can actually manage efficiently. Efficient
6 is all relative here, I understand.

7 So you know, that caught my ear when you
8 just said that. But I would be interested to get
9 some more specifics around that.

10 MR. HAMPSON: More specifics around how to
11 achieve -- sort of manage administration concerns
12 while providing a process for reconsidering
13 application of the reasonable likelihood standard?

14 MR. NEWLAND: Correct.

15 MR. HAMPSON: Okay. I mean, my initial
16 thought is we understand those concerns, and
17 certainly those are explained in the preamble. You
18 know, we think they should be balanced differently.
19 But we appreciate the opportunity to explain in
20 greater detail in the written comments why.

21 MR. NEWLAND: Okay. Thank you. So I
22 know, Colin, you wanted your client to have an
23 opportunity to speak. I also see Matthew Ricchiazzi
24 in the queue, and we've got others in the queue.

25 MR. HAMPSON: Matthew's position is -- the

1 Chairwoman is under Matthew's registration. So that
2 should be --

3 MR. NEWLAND: Okay.

4 MR. HAMPSON: -- the Chairwoman. You can
5 just proceed in the line, please.

6 MR. NEWLAND: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. HAMPSON: We're out of order, but we
8 happen to be right next to each other.

9 MR. NEWLAND: Well, he was next. Thanks.
10 Go ahead, Matt.

11 MR. RICCHIAZZI: That should actually be
12 Charlene. I think Charlene's on mute. I went and
13 registered for the link. I'm her assistant. But if
14 you could unmute the screen with the hand up, she
15 should be there now.

16 MR. NEWLAND: I think, Charlene, you're
17 going to have to unmute yourself. I don't have that
18 authority here. There you go.

19 MS. NIJMEH: Thank you. Sorry about that.
20 I was trying to figure it out on my phone.

21 Good to see you again, Assistant Bryan
22 Newland.

23 And thank you to the BIA Affairs
24 administrators, you know, for taking this
25 opportunity to address our issues and speak with you

1 today. I wrote something out for you guys, so I
2 want -- I would like to read that.

3 I speak to you feeling the heavy burden of
4 responsibility that's been placed on me by my
5 people, but there's no greater honor than being able
6 and chosen to serve my people.

7 I hope to honor my ancestors and tribal
8 members by being worthy to represent my people as
9 the Chairwoman of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the
10 San Francisco Bay area. Our journey to be restored
11 as a recognized tribe has been a generational
12 struggle for my people.

13 In the '80s I witnessed my mother,
14 Rosemary Cambra, along with aunties and uncles,
15 fight to stop the desecration of our relatives who
16 were being uncovered at a mass rate in the Bay area,
17 only to be told that the Ohlone people were no
18 longer -- they no longer existed, and that we had no
19 rights to claim our relatives, our dead relatives,
20 because we were not placed on the government's first
21 list of recognized tribes in 1978.

22 This pivotal event was what started us
23 down this road of attempting to clarify our status.
24 It was our ancestors. And it wasn't about casinos.

25 Today they tell us we are not a recognized

1 American Indian tribe, even though the BIA has
2 already conceded we were previously unambiguously
3 federally recognized from 1906 to 1927, when
4 Congress mandated land be purchased for our tribe,
5 which the Agency called Barona Band of Alameda
6 County.

7 And even though the BIA has conceded our
8 status has never been terminated by Congress or any
9 other means, and even though our children attended
10 Indian boarding schools and are members enrolled
11 with the BIA and were approved to be under their
12 jurisdiction in the 30s, in the 50s, and in the 60s.

13 And recently a federal judge in 2022 ruled
14 that the Muwekma Ohlone tribe still retains
15 sovereign immunity despite not being on a federal
16 government's list. I'm no lawyer, but I think
17 sovereign immunity comes from being sovereign.

18 And in 2020, Stanford University and
19 Illinois researchers released a seven-year genomic
20 study that connected all ten core lineages of our
21 tribe to a 2,500-year-old burial site in our 10,000-
22 year aboriginal homeland.

23 Now I understand that DNA alone doesn't
24 prove tribal community or continuity, but this
25 evidence is important in its context of our origins.

1 Because not only did all ten core lineages
2 connect to that 2,500 burial site, those same
3 families can trace their origins to the same village
4 sites, and they can show their interactions and
5 kinship ties with each other. And they all end up
6 staying together on their homeland today --
7 connected.

8 There is no doubt that the Muwekma Ohlone
9 tribe is a legitimate tribal nation. Today you are
10 considering a small window for tribes to be able to
11 re-petition if there is new evidence that would
12 change a final negative determination.

13 But I wonder, who decides whether that new
14 evidence would affect the final determination? I
15 hope it's not the same people who made that
16 determination in the first place.

17 The Muwekma Ohlone tribe is currently --
18 we are currently traveling across Turtle Island
19 today. We started in San Francisco, and we're going
20 to DC with our spirit horses. We call it the Trail
21 of Truth.

22 And I pledge to speak the truth no matter
23 how uncomfortable it is. And I will -- and I am
24 going to be blunt. The federal acknowledgement
25 process is and has been broken.

1 It is influenced by special interests who
2 don't want any more tribes recognized, especially in
3 California. Everyone in the Indian country and in
4 Washington knows this. If anyone says otherwise, is
5 either ill-informed, misinformed, in denial, or just
6 plainly lying.

7 In Muwekma's case, OFA refused to consider
8 evidence prior to 1927 and after 1985. The fact
9 that they specifically told us not to submit this
10 evidence and that the Agency would not even look at
11 this material was a mistake.

12 Not only did the FAP regulations not
13 preclude us from submitting such background
14 information, but the earlier historical information
15 is directly material as to why Muwekma tribal
16 members were living where they were in the early
17 1900s and how they interacted during this period as
18 well afterwards.

19 All these pieces of evidence must be
20 considered in its totality. How do you expect us to
21 prove continuity when you only look at the middle
22 part of our story?

23 OFA's refusal to review all the evidence
24 fatally flawed our petition because it stripped all
25 of the evidence that we provided from 1927 to '85

1 from any historic or contemporary context.

2 We were set up to fail. That's what I
3 see. This historical information pre-1927 and post-
4 1985 evidences all new evidence in Muwekma's case
5 because OFA refused to look at it.

6 Add the 2020 DNA evidence, the 2022
7 federal judge determination of sovereignty, and a
8 150-page report submitted by Dr. Christine Koprowski
9 titled "The Origins and Continuity of the Muwekma
10 Ohlone Tribe" all contain new evidence that make it
11 clear that the Muwekma Ohlone people have been
12 denied justice for far too long.

13 And on this issue of a change in law,
14 which I believe should be one of the criteria to
15 allow the tribes to re-petition, OFA refused to
16 accept as evidence Muwekma Ohlone's children
17 attending Indian boarding schools as evidence.

18 Since the BIA's position has changed and
19 they now consider Indian boarding school attendance
20 as evidence of tribes being under federal
21 jurisdiction, this will materially impact a
22 reevaluation of Muwekma's petition that gives its
23 push for our federal recognition to 1947.

24 After reviewing all of Muwekma's evidence
25 in its entirety, including the new evidence and

1 change of law on the Indian boarding school
2 evidence, it becomes clear that Muwekma Ohlone tribe
3 should be restored.

4 We seek your support in approving this
5 rule change. For far too long the recognition
6 process has been broken, and it has led to deeply
7 unjust determinations that are not rooted in
8 fairness or even public -- or even in the public's
9 interest.

10 It has left many of our indigenous
11 brothers and sisters -- and my people included --
12 without the benefits and protections that accompany
13 federal recognition despite our deep-rooted ties to
14 our aboriginal lands. This rule change will make it
15 just a little bit fairer, creating a narrow window
16 for justice.

17 I have thought long and hard about what
18 words to use to convince you that this is not only
19 your obligation as government officials to ensure a
20 fair and just process for the first nations of these
21 lands, but it is a moral imperative that you do so.

22 This country has taken so much from us,
23 and a simple acknowledgement of our sovereignty is
24 not too much to ask. But in the spirit of speaking
25 the truth, those of you who have lived in the

1 struggle, who have been here before, this is not for
2 the -- this is not new for us Muwekma Ohlone people.

3 This is not a promise of hope for us
4 because in the end it always seems that justice
5 gives way to politics; that evidence is meaningless
6 in the face of special interests, money, and
7 politics.

8 I pray that this time it will be
9 different. But either way, the Muwekma Ohlone is a
10 sovereign nation, and we will continue to be one.

11 And finally, I have one message to all
12 those who continue to lobby against us, who donate
13 millions of dollars in an effort to obstruct our
14 path. My message to those people -- you will get
15 tired. You will grow old. You will retire, or you
16 will die off.

17 Our spirit, however, our Muwekma Ohlone
18 spirit will never die because it lives in our
19 people, in our children, and in our community. Our
20 tribal nation has stood against the most powerful
21 forces of three empires, and we are still here
22 today.

23 And we will be here together in the
24 future. You will blow with the wind, and we Muwekma
25 stand rooted in our 10,000-year homeland. Thank you

1 for your time, and we will see you all in DC October
2 14th on Indigenous People's Day. Because that day
3 we will celebrate together because that's our day.

4 (Speaking in native language.)

5 Thank you.

6 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you. Thank you for
7 taking time and for your eloquent and forceful
8 comments today. I appreciate hearing from you and
9 the points you've raised.

10 Our next speakers in the queue -- and just
11 for a time check, we are at one hour. So we have
12 one hour remaining -- left in our scheduled
13 listening session. We have James Coon. Then we
14 have Ariel Thundering Sparrow, Lillie Steiner, and
15 Brenda Geer.

16 James?

17 MR. COON: Thank you, Mr. Assistant
18 Secretary.

19 My name is James Coon. I am counsel for
20 the Chinook Indian Nation. I have one technical
21 question.

22 That is does the 180-day period for the
23 Assistant Secretary to decide on a request for re-
24 petition -- if it expires without a decision does
25 that mean the request is denied or is accepted?

1 What is the effect if the ASIA does not make that
2 decision within 180 days?

3 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you. I appreciate
4 that question. I don't have an answer for you on
5 that question, James, but that's something that I
6 want to make sure we're cognizant of as we develop
7 this rule.

8 MR. COON: Yeah, it would be great to have
9 that clarified in the next version.

10 Second, I guess I'd like to second the
11 request of Mr. Hampson on behalf of the Muwekma
12 Ohlone and his client that not just any change in
13 the regulations but any change in court decisions,
14 obviously a congressional enactment, or any change
15 in the Agency's practice.

16 For example, as the Chair of Muwekma
17 Ohlone said, should different evidence become
18 acceptable, whether that's actually put into Chapter
19 25 Part 83 or not explicitly, if there's a change in
20 the Agency's practice that should be grounds for a
21 new petition because it's a change in the standards.

22 And the Agency, of course, has articulated
23 throughout this process that consistency in Agency
24 decision-making is, in fact, its first priority.

25 And so I would second those comments of Mr. Hampson

1 and his client.

2 Third, the -- also to second somebody
3 else's comments, Chief Buchanan from the Miami
4 tribe, this -- we're fast on an election here and
5 the change of the administration, at least in some
6 respects, in January.

7 And obviously if the election goes one way
8 this whole thing can disappear. And this, I want to
9 say, my client believes this is a very positive
10 development in the process. We believe the Agency
11 is doing its best to make a process that is fairer
12 and more consistent and recognizing those who
13 deserve recognition.

14 But if this gets to November or January
15 and the election goes the way I think probably
16 everybody on this call does not want it to go, that
17 would, I think, be the end of it. So we very much
18 urge the process to move quickly.

19 It is clear from not only the decision in
20 our case, the Chinook case, but also the Burt Lake
21 case that if the Agency were to come out with a
22 final rule that is against re-petitioning it would
23 have a very steep climb.

24 And given the history of what its
25 justifications have been so far so that it should be

1 pretty clear, I think, to the Agency -- and I assume
2 it is -- that re-petitioning does need to happen.

3 And it would be a shame if the details
4 hung it up until it became extinct. So we do urge,
5 as did the Miami tribe, that this process move as
6 quickly as possible. And we appreciate the Agency's
7 efforts to do that.

8 Finally, on third-party interests, I think
9 one of the ways that this process needs to improve
10 from the way it was before is that, again as Muwekma
11 Ohlone pointed out, third parties with political
12 influence and money and their ability to change
13 results as they did for the Chinook back at the turn
14 of this century is an unjust result.

15 We are not talking about ordinary politics
16 here. We're talking about the national existence of
17 people who have existed far longer than this
18 government ever has. That's not an issue that
19 should be allowed to bend to others, whether they be
20 tribes or other interests, who are powerful and who
21 have the money to make it happen.

22 I believe that ex parte contacts should
23 not be allowed in this process. Somebody from an
24 already-recognized tribe should not be able to pick
25 up the phone, get a hold of somebody on the

1 government staff, and change a result.

2 So we would like the -- if the process
3 were one that it's not a full judicial process, it's
4 not a full -- it's not a court process, but it needs
5 to be fair and not allow subterranean pressures from
6 entrenched interests to interference.

7 Again, we thank you very much. We think
8 this is a very positive process. And we are
9 privileged to be part of it. Thank you.

10 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you.

11 All right. In our speakers queue we have
12 Ariel Thundering Sparrow, Lillie Steiner, Brenda
13 Geer, and Aisha Almond.

14 Ariel?

15 MS. THUNDERING SPARROW: Speaking. Hi.
16 This is Ariel Thundering Sparrow, council member of
17 the Setalcott Nation from Long Island, New York.

18 I'm asking a quick question, relatively.

19 I have a question about the petitions that
20 were acknowledged in the BIA. Because I'm one of
21 the younger nation members -- a lot of our nation
22 that used to be on council have passed. So some of
23 records have been lost.

24 How do we find out if we already have
25 applied and were negatively impacted? All I know is

1 that we went for a seat originally. And I don't
2 know exactly how that went. But I do know that we
3 are trying as a tribe to move forward and get the
4 recognition that is deserved for our tribe.

5 We do have our graveyard and everything
6 else, but we do not have our land anymore. We are a
7 tribe that is displaced. And I'm trying to figure
8 out how we can rectify that.

9 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you, Ariel. I hope
10 you don't mind if I -- Ms. Thundering Sparrow, you
11 can call the Office of Federal Acknowledgement, and
12 they should be able to tell you if they have any
13 documented petitions or prior engagement with your
14 organization.

15 MS. THUNDERING SPARROW: Thank you. I
16 appreciate it.

17 MR. NEWLAND: All right. Any other
18 comments? Okay.

19 Next we have Lillie Steiner and then
20 Brenda Geer.

21 Go ahead, Lillie. You have to unmute.

22 MS. STEINER: Lillie Steiner with MOWA
23 Band of Choctaw Indians. I have Dr. Lebaron Byrd,
24 Chief of the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians. He would
25 like to comment.

1 Can you hear me?

2 MR. NEWLAND: Yes, it's a little bit
3 difficult, but I think we can. If you could speak
4 up, that would help.

5 Okay, Chief.

6 MR. BYRD: My name is Lebaron Byrd. I'm
7 the Chief of the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians. I'd
8 like to thank you, Assistant Secretary Newland, for
9 your support on this proposed re-petitioning route.

10 We strongly support this re-petitioning
11 route in that we've waited 25 -- approximately 25
12 years for something like this to occur so that we'd
13 be given an opportunity to get our name back out
14 there and get our recognition. Thank you.

15 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you very much for your
16 comments and for taking time to join us today.

17 THE REPORTER: This is the court reporter.
18 What was the name of the chief, please?

19 MR. NEWLAND: Lebaron Byrd, I think.

20 MR. BYRD: Yeah. Yeah, Byrd. B-Y-R-D.

21 THE REPORTER: Thank you. Thank you.

22 MR. NEWLAND: And just a reminder for
23 folks, as I call on you, please speak up and state
24 your name and who you are representing.

25 Next we'll go to Brenda Geer, and then

1 Aisha Almond, and then Chief Vincent Mann.

2 MS. GEER: Good afternoon, Assistant
3 Secretary Newland.

4 This is Brenda Geer. I'm the Vice
5 Chairwoman of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation. I
6 appreciate the opportunity to take this time with
7 you and to provide some comments.

8 You heard earlier from our councilor
9 La'Tasha Maddox. This tribe is -- has gone through
10 a lot over the years. Our first petition was
11 submitted in 1978, and we never got a response until
12 around 2002 when BIA did recognize us.

13 And then in 2005, due to political
14 pressure, it was taken away -- wrongfully, I might
15 add. We have one of the oldest reservations in the
16 country that's been continuously occupied. Hello?
17 Can you hear me?

18 THE REPORTER: Yes, ma'am.

19 MR. NEWLAND: Yes. Ms. Geer, we can hear
20 you. You just went back on mute.

21 MS. GEER: Hello?

22 MR. NEWLAND: Yes.

23 MS. GEER: Okay. You can hear me now.
24 I'm sorry. My computer just, like, froze. I'm so
25 sorry.

1 MR. NEWLAND: It's okay.

2 MS. GEER: As I was saying, we have one of
3 the oldest continuously occupied reservations in the
4 country. It was deeded to us in 1683. And we
5 currently still, you know, occupy this land. And,
6 you know, we've been here for a very long time.

7 And, you know, I have to agree with a
8 gentleman that spoke earlier about the political
9 influence over this process. That directly affected
10 the Eastern Pequot's petition.

11 We have two of, you know, the largest
12 casinos in the country I believe -- two Indian
13 casinos -- that are right here in Connecticut. One
14 of them is two miles down the road from us, who we
15 also have close ties with as far as lineage and
16 genealogy.

17 And, you know, it's that political
18 pressure and the state of Connecticut politicians
19 that did not want a third casino in the state of
20 Connecticut. And that's exactly what influenced our
21 petition. And it was pretty shocking how much the
22 State of Connecticut had influence over the BIA and
23 the process.

24 So if none of you that are on this call
25 that are familiar with what this tribe has been

1 through, I would encourage you to look up
2 EasternPequotTribalNation.org and there's, you know,
3 a bunch of history and information that you can find
4 there.

5 This tribe has been fighting for a very,
6 very long time. And it's amazing how some of the
7 stories that I've heard just tonight -- whether it
8 be from Rachel or -- I'm sorry, I didn't catch the
9 other lady that spoke -- our stories are so similar.

10 And it's incredibly sad. We are a people.
11 We are a people that only us -- we have to identify
12 -- we have to be identified as to who we are as
13 people. No other body has to do that.

14 And it's just such an unfair process when
15 you talk about political pressure, you talk about
16 the amount of money that it takes to get through the
17 process. It's just an unfair process.

18 So, I mean, I commend the BIA to recognize
19 and to stand up and say, "You know what? We do need
20 to make some changes because this process is not
21 fair."

22 And to omit -- I totally agree with what
23 the last person spoken said -- the political
24 pressure needs to be out of this process. The State
25 should not have any influence over the federal

1 government and its power to be able to recognize
2 these tribes that deserve it.

3 We were here long before any of these non-
4 natives were here. And it's almost like we have to,
5 you know, cut ourselves to bleed. There's not much
6 more else that we can do to get through this
7 process.

8 We submitted 70,000 pages of
9 documentation. That's our petition -- 70,000. We
10 should not have to re-petition. The BIA in 2002
11 already said, "You guys are federally recognized.
12 You met the seven criteria."

13 And then because of political pressure and
14 the politicians in Connecticut, because they didn't
15 want a third casino, took that away in 2005. Do you
16 know how much that devastated our community?

17 But all we could do is pick up our heads
18 -- us leaders -- and just keep going and pushing and
19 trying and trying and trying. Well, by then all the
20 backers left; all the money left. We lost our long
21 house. You know, it's just incredibly sad.

22 And I hear all these stories. They're all
23 the same. So I really hope that the BIA is going to
24 take this time and really, really put some serious
25 thought into making some big changes because there

1 are tribes like Eastern Pequot that deserve to be
2 recognized.

3 I have a 1,200-member tribe. And you know
4 what it's like when they took our recognition away
5 in 2005 to look at your members and see them crying?
6 You know how many elders that we have lost that have
7 fought so hard to get this tribe recognized?

8 We can't provide housing for them. We
9 can't provide medical for them, education for them.
10 That's the reality. This is serious.

11 And even in today's age, you know, I try
12 to tell my people, "Keep your head up. Walk
13 straight. Go strong. Listen to the heartbeat of
14 our people and that's the drum. That's what's going
15 to lead us there."

16 And I just hope and I pray, like everybody
17 else on this call, that the BIA's going to get it
18 right this time. There are natives out there that
19 deserve to be recognized, and Eastern Pequot is not
20 the only one. There are many.

21 And like I said, I do sincerely appreciate
22 the opportunity. And we will be making comments
23 because I do think that, you know, this is
24 hopefully, you know, this will be the last shot and
25 this process will be made so that it's fair to

1 everybody.

2 And those that have been in this process
3 for too long -- way, way, way, way too long -- will
4 get the justice that's due to them. Thank you so
5 much for your time.

6 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you, Ms. Geer, for
7 your comments, for your time today.

8 Just by time check, we have about 40
9 minutes left in today's listening session. I'm
10 going to keep my own comments to a minimum on the
11 back end to try to allow as many speakers as
12 possible.

13 We'll go to Aisha Almond, to Vincent Mann,
14 and then Chief Bear Eagle.

15 MS. ALMOND: Hi, good afternoon, everyone.
16 This is Dr. Aisha Almond. I am a member of Eastern
17 Pequot Tribal Nation. I appreciate the opportunity
18 for citizens of the United States to be heard and to
19 begin to influence the policies and practices of our
20 government.

21 Also wanting to acknowledge the tribal
22 leaders and members who have taken the time to share
23 their stories and to explain to the government what
24 troubles these policies have brought onto them. I
25 had a couple of technical questions if you'd be able

1 to answer.

2 I think that might help me as a younger
3 member of Eastern Pequot as our Councilwoman Ms.
4 Geer shared and council member Ms. Maddox shared --
5 that there have been various phases of this work
6 over the generations. And so as I'm coming in as a
7 younger person, these questions would be helpful.

8 So the first question that I would have is
9 coming from listening to the stories of people
10 speaking about sovereignty, sovereignty immunity,
11 and federal recognition. I hear these words used
12 interchangeably, but as I read the policy it seems
13 as though they're not interchangeable.

14 And so I was wondering if someone would be
15 able to speak on the differences. The reason why I
16 say that is because -- please forgive me for not
17 capturing the tribal leaders names -- but as the one
18 that was in California, the tribe in California,
19 when she shared the story of the government coming
20 in to sovereign land to disrupt burial grounds.

21 When I think of sovereign that means that
22 the government should not and cannot come onto
23 someone's land to enact rules of the American
24 government or the United Staes government as that
25 tribe has been sovereign -- been considered

1 sovereign.

2 So my question is what is the difference
3 between sovereign, sovereign immunity, and federal
4 recognition? The next question that I would -- that
5 I have is that if a tribe is considered federally
6 recognized, does that mean that they are no longer
7 sovereign or can you be both sovereign and federally
8 recognized?

9 And then the last question that I have --
10 if these definitions or the description of what
11 these various labels would -- that are given to
12 tribes, would it be considered by the government
13 that there are different practices/policies/laws for
14 groups, tribes that are considered sovereign versus
15 federally recognized?

16 It sounds to me that tribes are using them
17 interchangeably but reading -- and this is my bit of
18 information understanding -- that it seems as though
19 that tribes who are sovereign already have a
20 government, already are able to enact certain
21 policies on their own whether they're federally
22 recognized or not.

23 So if you could just clarify that -- I
24 know that might be a lot. I might be rambling. But
25 I hope that that was clear.

1 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you, Ms. Almond.
2 Appreciate that. Look, you know, in a different
3 context, perhaps when I was an adjunct law
4 instructor, I would love to expound upon that.

5 Just the short version with all the
6 speakers we have is that federal recognition is the
7 federal government's recognition of the sovereignty
8 of a tribe. We don't create it. It's a recognition
9 that it exists and begins a government-to-government
10 relationship.

11 I apologize I can't answer specifically a
12 lot of your questions that you posed here because I
13 want to make sure we're getting to everybody else
14 who's in the queue. But thank you for your time.

15 MS. ALMOND: Thank you.

16 MR. NEWLAND: I'm going to go to Vincent
17 Mann and then Chief Bear Eagle and Lawrence Wilson
18 in that order.

19 MR. MANN: Can you hear me?

20 MR. NEWLAND: You're breaking up, Mr.
21 Mann.

22 MR. MANN: How about now?

23 MR. NEWLAND: I mean, that's better.

24 MR. MANN: Okay. My name is Chief --

25 MR. NEWLAND: Mr. Bear Eagle --

1 MR. MANN: -- someone else --

2 MR. NEWLAND: Mr. Bear Eagle, we need you
3 to mute, please. Thank you.

4 Go ahead, Mr. Mann.

5 MR. MANN: Okay. My name is Chief Vincent
6 Mann. I'm the Turtle Clan Chief of the state-
7 recognized Ramapough Munsee Lenape Nation. I
8 mistakenly was on the last session. Well, maybe not
9 the last, but the one before when it was for
10 federally recognized tribes if you remember.

11 I see going through the people who are on
12 the screen that I recognize, you know, several names
13 and several relatives. And I share, you know, the
14 struggle of their people jus as I had expressed
15 before the struggle of the Ramapough, you know,
16 Munsee people.

17 Being here in the northeast, you know --
18 for us to attain the recognition and a government-
19 to-government relationship that we all deserve. In
20 our particular case we were denied in 1994 where the
21 BIA had stated that we were not Native American
22 whatsoever.

23 And we fought that all the way until 2000,
24 when we decided that we needed to take the BIA to
25 court. They had put an impossible burden of proof

1 on us Ramapoughs due to political pressures of the
2 former President of the United States as well as two
3 former congressional people from the state of New
4 Jersey.

5 We too have 80,000 pieces of paper
6 documenting who we are. I should add -- eventually
7 left the -- to the Ramapough --

8 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, sir, this is the
9 court reporter. I apologize, sir. This is the
10 court reporter.

11 MR. MANN: Yes?

12 THE REPORTER: You were just cutting off
13 on that last part. If you can please repeat that, I
14 would appreciate it. Thank you.

15 MR. MANN: Yeah, I came -- BIA and began
16 to -- and wrote that letter to --

17 MR. NEWLAND: Mr. Mann --

18 MR. MANN: -- wrote back a letter to the
19 --

20 MR. NEWLAND: Mr. Mann, I apologize. Your
21 connection is not very good. If you want to log off
22 and come back on I can put you right back at the top
23 of the speakers queue. Or if you want to attempt to
24 dial in by phone, we can do that.

25 If you choose to dial in by phone, please

1 before you log out enter your phone number in the
2 chat so when I see the hand raised I can call on you
3 and put you back at the top of the queue.

4 MR. MANN: Okay.

5 MR. NEWLAND: I apologize. We're having a
6 very difficult time hearing you, and I want to make
7 sure we're getting to everybody who's got their hand
8 raised right now. But I will make sure if you are
9 able to reconnect that I will call on you.

10 MR. MANN: Okay. Yeah. Go to the next
11 one and I'll put my number in the chat.

12 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you. We'll go to
13 Chief Bear Eagle and then Lawrence Wilson and then
14 Chief Darby Weaver.

15 MR. BEAR EAGLE: Good afternoon. I have a
16 question. I'm aligned with Brenda Geer on this and
17 a lot of the other natives. We all have
18 similarities. And it's horrifying.

19 I don't understand how the government know
20 these tribes has been identified -- some of us down
21 to the 1600s. We met all the qualifications, but
22 yet the government allows a political party to
23 destroy what they was trying to do.

24 And I feel like what are you going to do
25 next? Is this going to be a fair determination or

1 is it going to be a political determination?

2 There's five tribes in the state of Connecticut.

3 Each one of them have a history.

4 And all of them is recognized by the
5 State. And all you got to do is look at how long
6 the State has recognized them. They should have
7 been recognized -- each and every one of them. But
8 yet there was rules made -- put in place to stop the
9 recognition.

10 And like Brenda Geer said, they was
11 recognized and then snatched. Then you used some of
12 us to recognize other people who couldn't get
13 recognized but you recognized.

14 Then my other question is -- the
15 government don't do enough to protect us. We have
16 people coming in saying they natives and they're not
17 natives. If you've come from a bloodline, a feel
18 that the BIA should take DNA to make sure that they
19 know who they talking to to help protect us.

20 You got a lot of people out there saying
21 they this and that, but there's no proof. You all
22 just take them face-value because they got money or
23 they got a political party in their pocket, which is
24 unfair to us -- all of us.

25 So I'm asking is this going to be fair or

1 is it going to be done by the politicians of
2 Connecticut? And I really would like to know how
3 you meet the qualifications and then get denied like
4 the Pequots. They met it. We met it. Golden Hill
5 met it.

6 I don't understand how we getting denied
7 when we don't -- we shouldn't have to prove who we
8 are because you all already told us who we are. You
9 got five tribes in Connecticut recognized by the
10 State.

11 They've been recognized for centuries --
12 not ten years ago, five years ago when you all just
13 found us. But we recognized for centuries, but yet
14 we still have to play the name game.

15 My question to you -- is it going to be
16 fair, or is it going to be governmental? Because we
17 state-recognized tribes and we can't get nothing
18 done. All of us is so poor and you forcing us --
19 the young people, they don't want to live here
20 because there's no place to live.

21 And every one of us has a treaty with the
22 United States government, but yet the government
23 does nothing for us and the State does nothing for
24 us. We have to beg you for a penny, and that turn
25 out to be a half. So what are we doing?

1 MR. NEWLAND: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Bear
2 Eagle. I appreciate it -- your comments. In terms
3 of just the fairness, our goal here with this
4 proposed rule is to make this process fair and
5 equitable.

6 In the interest of moving forward, I'd be
7 happy to hear any specific comments on the rule
8 itself. If not, I'm going to go back to Chief Mann,
9 who's joined us by telephone.

10 MR. BEAR EAGLE: -- sir.

11 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you. And then after
12 Chief Mann we'll go to Lawrence Wilson and then
13 Darby Weaver.

14 Mr. Mann, if you're on by phone, you have
15 to press star six to unmute it.

16 MR. MANN: Thank you. And I hope you can
17 hear me a lot clearer now.

18 MR. NEWLAND: Much better. Thank you.

19 MR. MANN: Oh no, thank you.

20 So I'll go back to Bud Shapard. Bud
21 Shapard, who worked at the BIA, decided that he was
22 going to leave the BIA to come to assist the
23 Ramapough Munsee people.

24 And I would like to believe that the
25 reasoning for that was because he saw the efforts --

1 the extreme efforts that were actually made to deny
2 our petition by utilizing a student from Rutgers
3 University and his thesis that he wrote, which he
4 turned into a book.

5 And utilizing that book, right, the BIA
6 actually utilized that book to deny us who we were
7 as a people. And so Bud Shapard left the BIA.

8 He came to the assistance of the Ramapough
9 Munsee people, along with our genealogist, Roger
10 Joslyn, who was ranked second in the United States
11 and 50th in the world and whose work was also backed
12 up, supported, and verified by the African American
13 top genealogist out of New York City.

14 And Bud sent a letter back to the BIA
15 stating that the Ramapough Munsee people had
16 provided more documentation than 80 percent of the
17 people who were -- already went through this process
18 to become federally recognized.

19 And so we got another denial. And then we
20 decided that we were going to sue the BIA because
21 the BIA was insisting that we were not Native
22 Americans, not had one drop of Native American
23 blood.

24 And in 2000 when we sued the BIA, our
25 lawyers, the judge, and the lawyer for the BIA

1 underneath Ada Deere -- Baugh, who's no longer with
2 us -- proceeded forward.

3 And the judge repeatedly asked --
4 repeatedly -- to the BIA's lawyer, "What is the
5 problem with the Ramapough Munsee people? Are they
6 natives or are they not?" And the judge repeatedly
7 did this for measurable terms of minutes -- five
8 minutes, ten minutes, fifteen minutes.

9 And the BIA's lawyer at that time felt the
10 pressure from the Third Circuit Cour Judge and
11 stated, "Your Honor, it's never been a question of
12 whether or not the Ramapough are Native Americans or
13 not."

14 That right there is just pure perjury
15 because in 1994 on the federal docket they stated
16 that we were not Native Americans -- that we had no
17 Native American blood. It is just a continuation to
18 take away -- paper genocide the native people of
19 these lands.

20 We didn't leave. And because we didn't
21 leave we had to struggle since the 1600s. Not since
22 last week; not since the federal government became
23 what it is today.

24 Our people helped those who were fighting
25 against Britain because they wanted to be free. And

1 our people understood that fight of those European
2 descendants who wanted to be free of that tyranny.

3 But that's not what happened afterwards.
4 What happened afterwards was the fact that
5 everything that was done was done purposely to make
6 it so that there was no indigenous people left in
7 their homeland here.

8 300 years went by before the progression
9 of what became the United States pushed west. 300
10 years. We look different. We talk different. Some
11 of us retained some of our language; some of us lost
12 all of our language. Some of us have control over
13 our homeland; some of us don't. Some have state
14 recognition; some don't have state recognition.

15 The Ramapough have people who are
16 federally recognized on the White Oaks Reservation
17 by the name Dagrotte. All of the signs are there.
18 The BIA needs to take back, you know, this process.

19 The BIA needs to actually stand on its
20 feet with a straight backbone and defend these
21 state-recognized tribes and unrecognized people and
22 give them what they deserve. This should not be
23 about capitalism.

24 Just because there's only 600 and
25 something million dollars, that makes federally-

1 recognized tribal chairmen or chiefs go to the BIA,
2 create these fictitious groups of people who go around
3 basically headhunting Native Americans who are
4 struggling to be recognized by the government so the
5 government can actually do what it's supposed to do,
6 right, to have a government-to-government
7 relationship, to give us health -- access to
8 healthcare, to give us access to education, to give
9 us the housing.

10 We're not asking for a handout. We're all
11 asking for a hand up. I see Ms. Locklear is on here
12 as well. She also has come to the side of the
13 Ramapough Munsee people. I heard Christine
14 Koprowski's name mentioned. She came to the side of
15 the Ramapough people.

16 We have to make sure that this process is
17 not a political process. If we're going to be
18 talking about records and proving who we are and we
19 show all of that documentation, then we deserve the
20 right to continue and have the federal government
21 recognize our sovereignty as a people. I --

22 MR. NEWLAND: Mr. Mann, I'm going to
23 interject here just to ask you if you could wrap it
24 up. We have several folks in the queue I want to
25 call upon in the remaining 17 minutes we've got.

1 MR. MANN: Yeah. Thank you.

2 MR. NEWLAND: So if you -- if there's a
3 final comment or thought you want to share, I
4 welcome that.

5 MR. MANN: Yes. The Ramapough Lenape
6 Nation's Turtle Clan lives in a federal superfund
7 site, where there's a corporation and a state and a
8 town that did this dumping. Our people have been
9 living there for 60 years in this toxic mess.

10 Federal recognition for us means our life.
11 It means putting hope back where it deserves to be.
12 It means giving the unborn children and the next
13 seven generations a chance at actually living.
14 Thank you.

15 (Speaking in native language.)

16 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you so much. Again I
17 apologize for interjecting. I'm trying to be
18 mindful of others who wish to speak who have
19 attended today as well.

20 So we've got about 16, 17 minutes left
21 before we have to close down this consultation. We
22 have three folks in the queue. I'm going to make
23 them our final speakers today -- Lawrence Wilson,
24 Chief Darby Weaver, and Tony Johnson.

25 Mr. Wilson?

1 MR. WILSON: Thank you for letting me
2 speak. And thank you so much to my native brethren
3 for your honest and open and passionate feelings
4 about where we stand today.

5 My vice chairman -- I'm Lawrence Wilson.
6 I'm Chairman of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation.
7 And my vice chairman said it so well that -- Brenda
8 Geer said it so well that so many of us are telling
9 the same story because we're feeling the same pain.

10 And quite honestly, you know, I could
11 scribble a few notes together to what am I going to
12 say, and I'll try to be most articulate and whatnot.
13 But when I get with my people, passion takes over
14 and honesty takes over.

15 So thank you all for being here. I do
16 want to say a special thanks to Chief Steve Adkins
17 who gave the prayer this afternoon. Steve and I
18 served on -- have served for 12 years on the Board
19 of Trustees of Bacone College in Oklahoma. So it
20 was great to hear his voice and great to feel his
21 passion again.

22 I also give kudos to my vice chairman
23 Brenda Geer for her comments. She spoke so
24 eloquently about the trials and tribulations that we
25 have gone through as a nation. And the same with

1 La'Tasha Maddox, our tribal councilor.

2 Both of them talked about how we have as a
3 tribe experienced a favorable determination and yet
4 that favorable determination was taken away from us.
5 We're grateful to Kevin Gover because he was the one
6 that actually gave us the positive determination.

7 And to hear the Chinooks talk about a
8 similar experience with him -- how their
9 determination was overturned and against him -- my
10 heart bleeds for all of us, everybody. It does.

11 And I think as we get close to the end of
12 our time together today the question really has to
13 be where do we go from here. And I'm going to tell
14 you very honestly. I mean, sometimes we Native
15 Americans can be a bit too polite when we're dealing
16 with the Europeans and whatnot who have -- many of
17 whom have taken much away from us.

18 I'm not going to be very polite now. I'm
19 going to tell you that -- and someone brought this
20 up before. It might have been Mr. Mann. It might
21 have been the gentleman who talked on behalf of the
22 Chinooks. It could be Chief Bear Eagle.

23 But the fact of the matter is that we are
24 being forced to determine who we are. No other race
25 has to do that. No other group of people have to do

1 that. You know, we're in an era called diversity,
2 equity, inclusion, and social justice. LGBTQ folks
3 don't have to define who they are.

4 So what gives the federal government and
5 the BIA the right to say, "Prove to us who you
6 are"? And what we're all feeling is "No, no, no, we
7 were here before you ever came. So you tell us who
8 you are."

9 Somebody raised the question when we say
10 where do we go from here -- is this going to be a --
11 is this going to be just one more exercise that is
12 so politically influenced? I hope not.

13 You know, one of the local papers
14 interviewed me the other day. And they said, "Well,
15 how do you feel about this re-petitioning?" And I
16 said, "I am optimistic, but I am very skeptical."

17 You see, in Connecticut let it be known
18 that there is a lot of opposition. And it comes
19 down to such issues as race, as color. You know, I
20 don't look like Sitting Bull. I'm better-looking
21 than Sitting Bull. But the fact of the matter is
22 that's how we get judged.

23 We have people in our government in
24 Connecticut that were behind the reversal that this
25 tribe went through in the early 2000s. One of them

1 still is in place. And that's Senator Blumenthal.
2 He is not a friend.

3 And we may try to be polite around him.
4 But you know what? You know, the gloves are off,
5 Senator. We know that you're anti-Indian. We know
6 because you've said it. And that's what will
7 encumber and threaten the success of any program the
8 BIA wants to do.

9 And so that question of where do we go
10 from here is such a legitimate question. We
11 strongly support -- I want you to know that Eastern
12 Pequot strongly supports your effort to do this re-
13 petitioning.

14 MR. NEWLAND: Mr. Wilson, please --

15 MR. WILSON: And I will --

16 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you. I just want to
17 make sure -- I want to invite you to maybe --

18 MR. WILSON: Well, let me give a closing
19 --

20 MR. NEWLAND: -- your thoughts --

21 MR. WILSON: Let me just give a closing
22 remark.

23 Thank you for having us here. Thank you
24 for recognizing that we are tribe just like all the
25 other tribes in this room or on this Zoom and are

1 deserving for more than what we have experienced,
2 more than what we have been given -- because we've
3 been given very little.

4 Thank you for at least cracking open the
5 door to opportunity. And may we go forth with the
6 grace of the holy spirit and with the great spirit.
7 Our hope and amen.

8 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you very much, Mr.
9 Wilson. We appreciate you taking time with us today
10 and sharing your comments.

11 Our final two speakers in order will be
12 Chief Darby Weaver and Mr. Tony Johnson.

13 I will call on you, Ms. Weaver. Just
14 before you begin, please be mindful that we've got
15 about ten minutes and one other speaker behind you.

16 MR. WEAVER: (Speaking in native
17 language.)

18 And thank you very much for having me. I
19 would also like to say I'm going to be very swift to
20 answer here. The Chevron deference is no longer in
21 effect.

22 Many tribes have been turned down through
23 the court system based upon the Chevron deference
24 more so than on the actual facts of the matter
25 because it's been predetermined.

1 I would like to know -- or I'd like to
2 have included into the federal regulations as they
3 go forth, if they are promulgated from this
4 exercise, that it should include that once this is
5 done, whether it -- if a petitioner has been denied
6 and continues to be denied, that they now be free
7 and actually allowed to continue through the court
8 system for judicial review because that right now
9 currently does not happen all the time.

10 And I've watched one of the Committees of
11 Indian Affairs with yourself present. And I watched
12 it very carefully. And what I noted was that -- is
13 that I didn't understand why the tribes that were
14 denied already could not be considered by Congress
15 and once the BIA had already had a say in the matter
16 and the ASIA -- AI, excuse me.

17 Should not the Congress then have the
18 ability to proceed underneath 25 United State Code
19 -- I think it's 5131 now? It was formally 479A --
20 the federally-recognized Indian Tribes list -- is
21 what I'd really like to have added to the
22 regulations if you would. Thank you.

23 And, oh, I must say that you're -- I've
24 read through just about every petition by now. And
25 I appreciate your professionalism in your

1 department. You guys have really worked a lot.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. NEWLAND: Thank you so much, Chief
4 Weaver. I appreciate that.

5 Our last speaker is Tony Johnson.

6 MR. JOHNSON: (Speaking in native
7 language.)

8 I will try to be efficient, and am really
9 appreciative of the, well, of our secretary/
10 treasurer, Rachel Cushman, who spoke earlier and our
11 attorney, Jim Coon.

12 And you will, as you might expect, see
13 written comments from us before or on the due date.

14 Just felt compelled to say a few things.
15 Also want to acknowledge the really strong and
16 appreciated voices that spoke today as well.

17 I'm not going to rehash this, but just to
18 be clear, folks, Chinook did -- well, went 21 years
19 in this system, received federal acknowledgement
20 under the Clinton administration, had it announced
21 in the federal register.

22 I did not know, by the way, about Eastern
23 Pequot's similar experience with Kevin Gover. And
24 that's both moving -- and I'll have another comment
25 about it in a moment.

1 But the bottom line is Chinook went 18
2 months listed as a federally recognized tribe -- had
3 that rescinded again 18 months later in 2002.

4 That happened expressly through the
5 intervention of another tribal community that has
6 plenty to -- or had plenty to gain from keeping --
7 or continues to really have plenty to gain from
8 keeping Chinook unrecognized.

9 And just for folks' clarity, this was a
10 small reservation community by treaty that was
11 expanded over 200,000 acres here in Washington state
12 for the tribes of the coast to get given allotments.

13 Our Chinook Indian Nation community ended
14 up being the majority landholder on that reservation
15 alongside seven other -- well, nine tribes total.

16 But, you know, when I talk about the
17 motivation of this other community to keep Chinook
18 unrecognized -- they have through effect and
19 regulation begun to really substantially take our
20 allotments.

21 You know, the federal government gave us
22 those allotments and have a trust responsibility to
23 us. But that responsibility is just not being acted
24 upon at all. I mean, in almost all cases we're just
25 losing these lands.

1 And that community has also expressed an
2 interest in coming south past another tribe and into
3 our territory to access the resources of our place
4 at the mouth of the Columbia River.

5 I'm saying that primarily because I just
6 want to reiterate that we have got to either
7 deprioritize or I would just say eliminate the input
8 of other entities. You know, we have to be able to
9 be judged on our own merits.

10 On our own merits Chinook was recognized
11 under this system. And, yeah, an appeal by this
12 other community managed to have it rescinded. You
13 know, somebody said there's real ramifications for
14 this. I'm not going to go into the details.

15 But I will tell you that since our
16 recognition was taken away, I've lost an entire
17 branch of my family tree to suicide.

18 And I know 100 percent that if Chinook had
19 maintained its recognition that -- again, not that
20 we don't have tragedies in native country -- of
21 course we do. But I know for a fact that I would
22 not have lost every one of those people. It's my
23 first cousin, his two daughters, and their mother.
24 Forgive me here.

25 You know, I feel really strongly after

1 hearing Eastern Pequot that there really should be
2 some consideration in what you're doing for tribes
3 in the very unique situation of Chinook and Eastern
4 Pequot who received federal acknowledgement, had it
5 announced in the federal register, and then
6 rescinded later.

7 So I would just ask you to consider what
8 that might look like. And we will think about that
9 with our written comments as well.

10 I want to also just say that the five-year
11 rule -- while Chinook's prepared to meet that rule
12 -- you know, any rule or any aspect of a rule that
13 leaves anybody out is just -- in my mind can't be
14 justified.

15 So I would just ask us to really consider
16 how onerous it really would be to leave the door
17 open beyond the five years. And again, we will
18 comment on that in our written material.

19 I'll try to leave you a few moments,
20 Newland. And thank you for what you've done here.
21 To be clear, we are generally supportive of this
22 effort. I will also say Chinook has no interest at
23 all in participating in a re-petition except that of
24 course will, right?

25 We are doing everything in our power and

1 all means, you know, by all means necessary and all
2 avenues available to us to clarify our status and,
3 you know, want it done tomorrow.

4 (Speaking in native language.)

5 Thank you.

6 MR. NEWLAND: (Speaking in native
7 language.)

8 Mr. Johnson, thank you for sharing today
9 and for your comments. And my deepest sympathy for
10 what you and your family and your people have gone
11 through.

12 I want to thank all of you who took time
13 to join us today to share your thoughts. Typically
14 at the end of our tribal consultations I give a
15 brief recap of some of the big themes I heard. I
16 think I'll do my best here in about 60 seconds.

17 You know, we heard general support for
18 allowing re-petitioning, different levels of concern
19 about the deadlines and the order of review, and I -
20 - implied in some of that was our ability to
21 consider re-petitions on a timely basis.

22 Heard a number of comments during our
23 session today regarding, you know, special
24 consideration for groups and tribes that have gone
25 through this process, received some form of positive

1 determination, and where they should fit.

2 Heard a lot of comments about just the
3 unique facts and circumstances behind a number of
4 your communities, and, you know, also folks
5 expressing skepticism and frustration with the
6 recognition process overall.

7 I'm monitoring the chat as well. I want
8 to make one housekeeping thing.

9 So when we do tribal
10 consultation -- public notice and comment on our
11 consultation website -- we do make the transcripts
12 available publicly for our tribal consultations as
13 well as a report of our consultations.

14 And as part of the rulemaking process we
15 also have to account for the comments we receive in
16 the rulemaking process, which is all to say that
17 there will be a number of opportunities for folks to
18 receive materials related to this session, this
19 process overall, and free to see how we've responded
20 to comments we've received in this process.

21 I do want to leave you just with a final
22 thought. Nobody here from the Department of the
23 Interior, and certainly not me, are going to stand
24 here and look any of you in the eye or any American
25 in the eye and tell you that this is a process that

1 is efficient and that works well and it is
2 respectful of the dignity -- or has been respectful
3 of the dignity of Indian people.

4 Secretary Holland and I and our teams have
5 found ourselves in this position to work with what
6 we have to make it better. This proposed rule is an
7 attempt to improve the Part 83 process.

8 And so I certainly understand and
9 recognize and hear the frustration many of you have
10 voiced today.

11 In my prior tenure at the Department of
12 the Interior, I testified before Congress and said
13 the same thing prior to the 2015 regulations -- that
14 this is a process that has become very difficult and
15 frustrating to navigate and doesn't work for a lot
16 of people.

17 It's our goal to make this process better.
18 And your skepticism is well-earned. Or your
19 skepticism about us -- we have earned that well.

20 So we are attempting to always make sure
21 that we are fulfilling our trust responsibilities to
22 all Indian people, that we are complying with the
23 law, and that we are doing so in a way that we can
24 carry out efficiently and respectfully of the
25 humanity and dignity of everybody we serve.

1 And so I want to thank you all today for
2 taking time to join us, for your comments. I look
3 forward to your written comments as well. And I do
4 again want to acknowledge our team at the Department
5 of the Interior, our contractors who are supporting
6 us today for the hard work that they do every day.

7 Thank you all. We will adjourn this
8 consultation -- or this Listening Session, and I
9 look forward to your written comments. Take care.

10 (WHEREUPON, the Listening Session was
11 concluded at 5:01 p.m.)

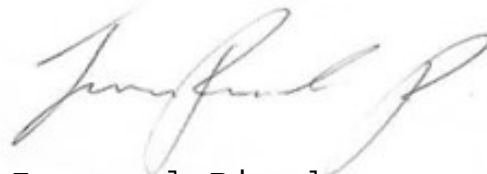
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

CERTIFICATE

I, JeanPaul Pineda, do hereby certify that I reported all proceedings adduced in the foregoing matter and that the foregoing transcript pages constitutes a full, true and accurate record of said proceedings to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am neither related to counsel or any party to the proceedings nor have any interest in the outcome of the proceedings.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of September, 2024.



Jeanpaul Pineda

1	1927 42:3 44:8,25 1947 45:23 1950s 30:23 1970s 31:1 1978 11:7 41:21 55:11 1985 44:8 45:4 1987 33:4 1990s 21:19 23:24 24:4 1994 11:15 12:20 64:20 71:15 1998 17:4	2022 14:13 15:11 42:13 45:6 2028 17:7 21 14:5 81:18 234 31:1 25 5:7 49:19 54:11 80:18	8	
1,200-member 59:3 10 37:22 10,000- 42:21 10,000-year 47:25 100 83:18 12 75:18 13 33:7 13th 21:5 14th 48:2 15 33:16 37:22 150-page 45:8 16 74:20 1600s 66:21 71:21 1683 56:4 17 73:25 74:20 173 31:25 18 82:1,3 180 18:22 19:7 49:2 180-day 48:22 1851 31:13 32:5 1855 31:14 1899 32:10,17 1900 21:19 1900s 44:17 1906 42:3 1912 32:13,18 1920s 30:23	2	3	80 70:16 80,000 65:5 80s 41:13 83 5:7,17,22 7:3 11:1,19 16:9,16 17:15 19:14,19 21:6 35:12 49:19 87:7 83.50 17:17 83.61 17:18 85 44:25	
		4	9	
	2,500 43:2 2,500-year-old 42:21 20-year-old 13:4 200,000 82:11 2000 64:23 70:24 2000s 22:11 77:25 2002 55:12 58:10 82:3 2005 55:13 58:15 59:5 2014 12:25 36:14 2015 13:2,7,13 15:9 19:15,22 20:1 35:12,13 87:13 2020 13:12,23,24 19:15 42:18 45:6	3,000-plus 30:10 300 72:8,9 30s 42:12	40 60:8 479A 80:19	A
		5	ability 17:12 19:2, 14 38:23 51:12 80:18 85:20 aboriginal 30:21 31:5,11 42:22 46:14 accept 45:16 acceptable 49:18 accepted 48:25 access 73:7,8 83:3 accompany 46:12 accordance 36:19 account 86:15	
		6		
		7		
		60 74:9 85:16 600 72:24 60s 42:12 70,000 58:8,9		

<p>achieve 39:11</p> <p>acknowledge 9:3 31:23 60:21 81:15 88:4</p> <p>acknowledged 11:12 52:20</p> <p>acknowledgement 5:9 10:3 13:10 22:3,15 31:18 32:16,17 43:24 46:23 53:11 81:19 84:4</p> <p>acres 82:11</p> <p>Act 11:16</p> <p>acted 38:6 82:23</p> <p>acting 10:2 12:14</p> <p>action 10:11 19:5, 9</p> <p>active 18:12</p> <p>actual 23:14 79:24</p> <p>Ada 71:1</p> <p>add 23:17 26:17 27:2 45:6 55:15 65:6</p> <p>added 80:21</p> <p>addition 9:22 23:6</p> <p>additional 36:9</p> <p>address 28:24 33:25 40:25</p> <p>adequate 38:1</p> <p>adjourn 88:7</p> <p>adjudicated 31:2</p> <p>adjunct 63:3</p>	<p>Adkins 8:5,7,8,13 9:5 27:16 75:16</p> <p>administer 36:18</p> <p>administrable 39:4</p> <p>administratable 39:3</p> <p>administration 25:3,5 39:11 50:5 81:20</p> <p>administrations 14:3</p> <p>administrative 35:10</p> <p>administrators 40:24</p> <p>advancements 15:22</p> <p>Affairs 6:19,24 10:11 40:23 80:11</p> <p>affect 43:14</p> <p>affected 56:9</p> <p>affiliation 6:16</p> <p>African 70:12</p> <p>afternoon 5:6 6:22 8:7 25:16 34:15 55:2 60:15 66:15 75:17</p> <p>age 59:11</p> <p>agency 19:4,9 42:5 44:10 49:22, 23 50:10,21 51:1</p> <p>Agency's 49:15, 20 51:6</p> <p>agree 56:7 57:22</p>	<p>ahead 28:22 40:10 53:21 64:4</p> <p>AI 80:16</p> <p>Aisha 52:13 55:1 60:13,16</p> <p>Alabama 21:18 22:4 23:7</p> <p>Alameda 42:5</p> <p>Algonquian 8:12</p> <p>aligned 66:16</p> <p>allegation 16:11</p> <p>allotments 82:12, 20,22</p> <p>allowed 13:1 17:14 22:14 23:4 51:19,23 80:7</p> <p>allowing 14:10,12 24:15 29:17 37:16 85:18</p> <p>Almond 52:13 55:1 60:13,15,16 63:1,15</p> <p>alongside 82:15</p> <p>already-recognized 51:24</p> <p>alters 37:3</p> <p>amazing 57:6</p> <p>amen 9:4 79:7</p> <p>amendments 7:4 35:12,13</p> <p>American 5:9 42:1 61:23 64:21 70:12,22 71:17 86:24</p> <p>Americans 70:22 71:12,16 73:3</p>	<p>76:15</p> <p>amount 23:10 57:16</p> <p>ancestor 32:6</p> <p>ancestors 31:15 41:7,24</p> <p>and/or 16:17</p> <p>announced 13:25 81:20 84:5</p> <p>annual 11:14</p> <p>annuity 32:13</p> <p>Anson 31:13</p> <p>anti-indian 78:5</p> <p>anymore 53:6</p> <p>apologize 63:11 65:9,20 66:5 74:17</p> <p>apologized 33:12</p> <p>appeal 83:11</p> <p>application 33:6, 14 39:13</p> <p>applied 52:25</p> <p>apply 17:18</p> <p>appreciated 81:16</p> <p>appreciative 81:9</p> <p>approach 15:10</p> <p>approval 30:24</p> <p>approved 42:11</p> <p>approving 46:4</p> <p>approximately 54:11</p> <p>arbitrary 13:14</p>
--	---	--	--

area 41:10,16	13,15 31:21,23 40:18	37:1,16 79:23	BIA 33:17 40:23 42:1,7,11 52:20 55:12 56:22 57:18 58:10,23 64:21,24 65:15 67:18 69:21,22 70:5,7,14,20,21, 24,25 72:18,19 73:1 77:5 78:8 80:15
arguments 14:18	authorization 19:8 37:21 38:1	basically 25:7 73:3	BIA's 45:18 59:17 71:4,9
Ariel 34:12 48:14 52:12,14,16 53:9	avenues 85:2	basis 13:2 14:11 15:17 16:7 35:17 36:16 85:21	biased 22:7
arrow 6:5	awaiting 18:7	bat 7:10	Biden 14:5
articulate 75:12	aware 36:24	Baugh 71:1	big 58:25 85:15
articulated 49:22		Bay 6:25 34:18 38:13 41:10,16	bit 10:25 22:23 46:15 54:2 62:17 76:15
ASIA 49:1 80:16	B	Bear 60:14 63:17, 25 64:2 66:13,15 69:1,10 76:22	bleed 58:5
aspect 84:12	B-Y-R-D 54:20	Beetso 5:18	bleeds 76:10
assembled 8:24	back 11:7 13:15 15:9,12 16:9 20:23 28:15 29:1 51:13 54:13 55:20 60:11 65:18,22 66:3 69:8,20 70:14 72:18 74:11	beg 68:24	blending 8:3,5 9:7
assist 6:17 69:22	backbone 72:20	began 65:15	blood 70:23 71:17
assistance 70:8	backed 70:11	begin 8:6 16:23 60:19 79:14	bloodline 67:17
assistant 6:19,24 9:23 10:1,6 18:24 19:7 24:14 27:21 33:7 40:13,21 48:17,23 54:8 55:2	backers 58:20	beginning 26:23	blow 47:24
assume 51:1	background 11:1, 5 12:9 34:10 44:13	begins 63:9	Blumenthal 78:1
assuring 35:4	Bacone 75:19	begun 18:23 82:19	blunt 43:24
attain 64:18	balanced 39:18	behalf 32:8 34:20 38:11 49:11 76:21	Board 75:18
attempt 65:23 87:7	Band 13:11 27:7 42:5 53:23,24 54:7	behind-the- scenes 10:9	boarding 42:10 45:17,19 46:1
attempting 41:23 87:20	banned 12:21	believes 50:9	body 30:9 57:13
attendance 45:19	Barona 42:5	bend 51:19	bones 31:15
attended 42:9 74:19	Bart 21:13 24:8 25:14 27:7	benefit 35:19	book 70:4,5,6
attending 45:17	based 11:15 14:17 16:13 33:20 35:11,20	benefits 35:25 46:12	books 22:3
attention 36:3		bestow 31:21	born 33:4
attorney 27:7 81:11		better-looking 77:20	
aunties 41:14			
authority 12:1,10,			

<p>bottom 6:4 20:8 82:1</p> <p>box 6:7</p> <p>branch 83:17</p> <p>Braun 24:20</p> <p>breaking 63:20</p> <p>Brenda 48:15 52:12 53:20 54:25 55:4 66:16 67:10 75:7,23</p> <p>brethren 75:2</p> <p>Brian 21:12 24:8, 11</p> <p>Britain 71:25</p> <p>broadly 37:18</p> <p>broken 32:22 33:3 43:25 46:6</p> <p>brothers 46:11</p> <p>brought 11:2 60:24 76:19</p> <p>Bryan 6:18,23 40:21</p> <p>Buchanan 21:12 24:8,10,11 50:3</p> <p>Bud 69:20 70:7, 14</p> <p>Bull 77:20,21</p> <p>bunch 57:3</p> <p>burden 41:3 64:25</p> <p>burdens 35:10</p> <p>bureaucratic 7:20</p> <p>burial 42:21 43:2 61:20</p>	<p>Burt 13:11,22 15:21 27:7 28:25 50:20</p> <p>busy 9:7</p> <p>button 20:9,10</p> <p>Byrd 53:23 54:6, 19,20</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <hr/> <p>C-A-R-N-L-E-Y 21:16</p> <p>California 44:3 61:18</p> <p>call 12:8 20:14 21:8 43:20 50:16 53:11 54:23 56:24 59:17 66:2, 9 73:25 79:13</p> <p>called 42:5 77:1</p> <p>Cambra 41:14</p> <p>candidate 29:25</p> <p>capitalism 72:23</p> <p>capricious 13:14</p> <p>Caption 6:6</p> <p>captioning 6:3</p> <p>capturing 6:9 23:19 61:17</p> <p>care 88:9</p> <p>carefully 80:12</p> <p>Carnley 21:11,15, 16 22:21,25 23:3, 16 24:6</p> <p>carry 87:24</p> <p>case 22:1 24:2 30:24,25 33:24</p>	<p>44:7 45:4 50:20, 21 64:20</p> <p>cases 82:24</p> <p>casino 56:19 58:15</p> <p>casinos 41:24 56:12,13</p> <p>catch 22:10 57:8</p> <p>Cathlamet 30:16</p> <p>caught 39:7</p> <p>caused 32:22 37:12</p> <p>celebrate 48:3</p> <p>centuries 11:7 68:11,13</p> <p>century 51:14</p> <p>CFR 5:7</p> <p>Chair 49:16</p> <p>chairman 75:5,6, 7,22</p> <p>chairmen 73:1</p> <p>Chairwoman 34:19 38:12 40:1, 4 41:9 55:5</p> <p>chance 20:25 28:24 74:13</p> <p>change 16:15 37:1,16 43:12 45:13 46:1,5,14 49:12,13,14,19, 21 50:5 51:12 52:1</p> <p>changed 16:12 45:18</p> <p>changemaker 30:4</p>	<p>Chapter 49:18</p> <p>Charlene 34:20 40:12,16</p> <p>Charlene's 40:12</p> <p>chat 6:7 29:7 66:2,11 86:7</p> <p>check 48:11 60:8</p> <p>Chehalis 31:13</p> <p>Chevron 79:20,23</p> <p>Chickahominy 8:8</p> <p>chief 8:4,8 9:5 21:17 24:11,12 32:6 50:3 53:24 54:5,7,18 55:1 60:14 63:17,24 64:5,6 66:13,14 69:8,12 74:24 75:16 76:22 79:12 81:3</p> <p>chiefs 73:1</p> <p>children 42:9 45:16 47:19 74:12</p> <p>Chinook 13:10,21 15:21 29:14,22 30:6,17,19 31:9 32:1,10,20,25 33:4,11 48:20 50:20 51:13 81:18 82:1,8,13, 17 83:10,18 84:3, 22</p> <p>Chinook's 30:9 33:13,24 84:11</p> <p>Chinookan- speaking 30:13</p> <p>Chinooks 32:9</p>
---	---	--	---

76:7,22	climb 50:23	39:20 48:8 49:25	12 42:4,8 80:14, 17 87:12
Chippewa 13:11	Clinton 81:20	50:3 53:18 54:16	Congress's 11:15
Choctaw 53:23, 24 54:7	clock 16:23 17:9	55:7 59:22 60:7, 10 69:2,7 75:23	congressional 30:24 49:14 65:3
choice 8:10 19:14,18	close 6:3 56:15 74:21 76:11	79:10 81:13 84:9	connect 43:2
choose 6:6,15 65:25	closed 6:5 14:7	85:9,22 86:2,15, 20 88:2,3,9	connected 42:20 43:7
chosen 41:6	closed- captioning 6:4	Commission 30:25	Connecticut 56:13,18,20,22 58:14 67:2 68:2,9 77:17,24
Christine 45:8 73:13	closing 78:18,21	committed 33:13	connection 65:21
circuit 23:14 71:10	coast 82:12	Committees 80:10	consideration 7:18 18:12 24:24 84:2 85:24
circumstances 86:3	Code 80:18	communities 32:24 37:12 86:4	considered 19:4, 24 22:5 27:23 35:21 44:20 61:25 62:5,12,14 80:14
citizens 60:18	codifies 30:19	community 7:1 11:24 30:12 31:9 42:24 47:19 58:16 82:5,10,13, 17 83:1,12	consistency 49:23
City 70:13	cognizant 49:6	compelled 81:14	consistent 36:21 38:8 50:12
claim 41:19	Colin 25:14 29:12 34:11,14,17 38:14 39:22	complete 6:10 11:20	constituent 30:20
Claims 30:25	Collaborative 10:11	completion 17:5	constitution 30:19,22 31:3
Clan 64:6 74:6	colleague 5:14	complete 6:10 11:20	constitutions 31:4
clarified 49:9	collective 30:4	completion 17:5	constructively 32:19
clarifies 18:3	College 75:19	complicated 38:2	consultation 5:17 7:7 14:5,23 74:21 86:10,11 88:8
clarify 23:20 38:20 41:23 62:23 85:2	color 77:19	complying 87:22	consultation@ bia.gov 21:4
clarity 82:9	Columbia 30:14 31:6 83:4	computer 55:24	
Clatsop 30:16 32:9	commend 57:18	conceded 42:2,7	
clear 45:11 46:2 50:19 51:1 62:25 81:18 84:21	comment 6:15 14:7,8 17:25 20:7 24:16 33:1 53:25 74:3 81:24 84:18 86:10	concern 85:18	
clearer 69:17	comments 6:14 7:16,17 14:2,25 15:5 18:1 20:5,20 21:2,3,7 26:14, 15,17 27:2 28:3 34:9,25 38:18	concerns 25:20 35:9 37:8 39:11, 16	
click 6:5		concludes 38:10	
client 39:22 49:12 50:1,9		conclusion 16:25	
		conduct 10:15	
		conducted 7:25	
		Congress 12:7,9,	

<p>consultations 10:15 85:14 86:12,13</p> <p>contacts 51:22</p> <p>contemplated 36:13</p> <p>contemporary 45:1</p> <p>context 42:25 45:1 63:3</p> <p>continuation 71:17</p> <p>continue 31:16 47:10,12 73:20 80:7</p> <p>continues 80:6 82:7</p> <p>continuity 42:24 44:21 45:9</p> <p>continuously 55:16 56:3</p> <p>contractor 5:19</p> <p>contractors 5:15 88:5</p> <p>control 72:12</p> <p>conversation 7:14,21 27:17</p> <p>conversations 7:25</p> <p>convince 46:18</p> <p>convoluted 18:16</p> <p>Coon 29:13 34:12 48:13,17,19 49:8 81:11</p> <p>core 42:20 43:1</p> <p>corners 8:18</p>	<p>corporation 74:7</p> <p>correct 27:25 36:20 37:10 38:23 39:14</p> <p>correcting 36:23 37:8,19</p> <p>council 31:14 52:16,22 61:4</p> <p>councilor 55:8 76:1</p> <p>councilors 25:18</p> <p>Councilwoman 61:3</p> <p>counsel 34:17 48:19</p> <p>counselor 9:25</p> <p>country 44:3 46:22 55:16 56:4, 12 83:20</p> <p>County 42:6</p> <p>couple 60:25</p> <p>Cour 71:10</p> <p>court 6:9,17 21:9 22:17,18,22 23:12,14 49:13 52:4 54:17 64:25 65:9,10 79:23 80:7</p> <p>courts 13:12</p> <p>Courts' 15:20</p> <p>cousin 83:23</p> <p>cracking 79:4</p> <p>create 63:8 73:2</p> <p>creating 46:15</p> <p>creation 8:15</p>	<p>creator 9:3</p> <p>Creek 21:17</p> <p>criteria 11:19,21, 23,25 12:2,17 16:14 35:15 45:14 58:12</p> <p>crying 59:5</p> <p>Cushman 24:9 25:14 27:5 29:11, 14,21 81:10</p> <p>cut 22:23 58:5</p> <p>cutting 65:12</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <hr/> <p>Dagrotte 72:17</p> <p>Darby 66:14 69:13 74:24 79:12</p> <p>darkest 8:18</p> <p>Dart 31:13</p> <p>date 16:24 17:1 18:22 24:4 81:13</p> <p>daughters 83:23</p> <p>day 31:17 48:2,3 77:14 88:6</p> <p>days 18:22 19:7 49:2</p> <p>DC 43:20 48:1</p> <p>dead 41:19</p> <p>deadlines 85:19</p> <p>dealing 76:15</p> <p>decades 38:6</p> <p>decades-long 38:9</p>	<p>December 13:24</p> <p>decide 48:23</p> <p>decided 26:24 27:25 64:24 69:21 70:20</p> <p>decides 43:13</p> <p>decision 13:21,22 14:21 15:6 16:13 18:24 19:1,3 33:20 36:13 37:2 48:24 49:2 50:19</p> <p>decision-making 7:22 8:19 49:24</p> <p>decisions 14:19 15:20,21,25 16:4 26:11 28:23 37:18 49:13</p> <p>deeded 56:4</p> <p>deep-rooted 46:13</p> <p>deepest 85:9</p> <p>deeply 46:6</p> <p>Deere 71:1</p> <p>defend 31:16 72:20</p> <p>deference 79:20, 23</p> <p>define 77:3</p> <p>definitions 62:10</p> <p>delay 25:5</p> <p>deliberated 15:1</p> <p>deliberation 15:4</p> <p>denial 37:13 44:5 70:19</p> <p>denied 13:9 17:12 21:19,21,24</p>
---	--	---	---

<p>22:11 23:8,22 24:3 35:23 45:12 48:25 64:20 68:3, 6 80:5,6,14</p> <p>denies 19:8</p> <p>Denise 10:2</p> <p>deny 23:10 70:1,6</p> <p>department 5:15 7:8,23 11:5,13 12:14 13:8,15,25 16:3 18:4 24:25 31:22 34:2 35:21 36:17,20,24 37:3 81:1 86:22 87:11 88:4</p> <p>Department's 5:16 13:13 14:21 36:3,22 38:24</p> <p>deprioritize 83:7</p> <p>Deputy 9:22</p> <p>Derrick 5:18</p> <p>descend 12:4</p> <p>descendants 72:2</p> <p>describe 17:18</p> <p>description 62:10</p> <p>desecration 41:15</p> <p>deserve 50:13 58:2 59:1,19 64:19 72:22 73:19</p> <p>deserved 53:4</p> <p>deserves 74:11</p> <p>deserving 79:1</p> <p>designated 6:13</p>	<p>destroy 66:23</p> <p>detail 39:20</p> <p>details 51:3 83:14</p> <p>determination 12:16,23 16:12 17:1,4,7,8,11 19:20 26:22 33:9 35:22 43:12,14, 16 45:7 66:25 67:1 76:3,4,6,9 86:1</p> <p>determinations 26:11 46:7</p> <p>determinative 35:15</p> <p>determine 76:24</p> <p>determined 33:19</p> <p>devastated 58:16</p> <p>develop 49:6</p> <p>developed 38:5</p> <p>development 9:24 50:10</p> <p>developments 36:6</p> <p>dial 65:24,25</p> <p>die 47:16,18</p> <p>difference 62:2</p> <p>differences 61:15</p> <p>differently 39:18</p> <p>difficult 54:3 66:6 87:14</p> <p>digits 20:14</p> <p>dignity 87:2,3,25</p> <p>direct 7:18 32:6</p>	<p>directly 44:15 56:9</p> <p>Director 10:3</p> <p>disappear 50:8</p> <p>discovered 22:4 36:21</p> <p>discuss 10:24</p> <p>discussion 8:22 23:18</p> <p>displaced 53:7</p> <p>disrupt 61:20</p> <p>distinct 11:24</p> <p>diversity 77:1</p> <p>DNA 42:23 45:6 67:18</p> <p>docket 31:1 71:15</p> <p>doctoral 29:25</p> <p>document 12:3</p> <p>documentation 38:4 58:9 70:16 73:19</p> <p>documented 17:20 18:4 53:13</p> <p>documenting 65:6</p> <p>dollars 47:13 72:25</p> <p>donate 47:12</p> <p>door 79:5 84:16</p> <p>doubt 43:8</p> <p>drafted 23:21 28:1</p> <p>Driscoll 5:18</p> <p>drop 70:22</p>	<p>drum 59:14</p> <p>due 55:13 60:4 65:1 81:13</p> <p>dumping 74:8</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p> <hr/> <p>Eagle 60:14 63:17,25 64:2 66:13,15 69:2,10 76:22</p> <p>ear 39:7</p> <p>earlier 21:21 44:14 55:8 56:8 81:10</p> <p>early 23:8 44:16 77:25</p> <p>earned 87:19</p> <p>east 8:16</p> <p>Eastern 9:15 25:17 26:7 55:5 56:10 59:1,19 60:16 61:3 75:6 78:11 81:22 84:1, 3</p> <p>Easternpequottri balnation.org 57:2</p> <p>Economic 9:23</p> <p>education 59:9 73:8</p> <p>effect 23:10 35:12 49:1 79:21 82:18</p> <p>effective 16:24</p> <p>efficiency 19:17</p> <p>efficient 39:5 81:8 87:1</p>
--	--	--	--

<p>efficiently 39:5 87:24</p> <p>effort 47:13 78:12 84:22</p> <p>efforts 51:7 69:25 70:1</p> <p>elders 59:6</p> <p>elected 29:22</p> <p>election 50:4,7,15</p> <p>eliminate 83:7</p> <p>eloquent 48:7</p> <p>eloquently 75:24</p> <p>else's 50:3</p> <p>empires 47:21</p> <p>enact 61:23 62:20</p> <p>enactment 49:14</p> <p>encourage 20:19 57:1</p> <p>encumber 78:7</p> <p>end 25:3 43:5 47:4 50:17 60:11 76:11 85:14</p> <p>ended 34:22 82:13</p> <p>engagement 53:13</p> <p>engineer 33:18</p> <p>Ennis 10:6</p> <p>enrolled 42:10</p> <p>ensure 34:4 35:2 46:19</p> <p>ensures 37:17</p> <p>ensuring 35:18</p> <p>enter 66:1</p>	<p>entire 83:16</p> <p>entirety 45:25</p> <p>entities 7:11 24:3 83:8</p> <p>entity 11:22 16:10 19:3</p> <p>entrenched 52:6</p> <p>equal 35:18</p> <p>equitable 69:5</p> <p>equity 15:18 77:2</p> <p>era 77:1</p> <p>error 37:8 38:24</p> <p>errors 36:21,23 37:19</p> <p>ethnic 30:1</p> <p>European 72:1</p> <p>Europeans 76:16</p> <p>evaluates 37:4</p> <p>event 41:22</p> <p>eventually 65:6</p> <p>evidence 16:17 33:5,21 35:20,21 36:1,2,7 37:4 38:3 42:25 43:11, 14 44:8,10,19,23, 25 45:4,6,10,16, 17,20,24,25 46:2 47:5 49:17</p> <p>evidences 45:4</p> <p>exception 36:13</p> <p>excuse 80:16</p> <p>exercise 77:11 80:4</p> <p>exercised 12:12</p>	<p>exist 37:15</p> <p>existed 41:18 51:17</p> <p>existence 51:16</p> <p>exists 63:9</p> <p>expanded 82:11</p> <p>expect 44:20 81:12</p> <p>experience 76:8 81:23</p> <p>experienced 76:3 79:1</p> <p>expert 33:19</p> <p>experts 32:15 33:15</p> <p>expires 48:24</p> <p>explain 39:19 60:23</p> <p>explained 39:17</p> <p>explanation 36:15</p> <p>explicitly 12:21 49:19</p> <p>expound 63:4</p> <p>express 8:9</p> <p>expressed 64:14 83:1</p> <p>expressing 86:5</p> <p>expressly 31:10 82:4</p> <p>external 33:15</p> <p>extinct 51:4</p> <p>extreme 70:1</p> <p>eye 86:24,25</p>	<hr/> <p>F</p> <hr/> <p>face 25:5 47:6</p> <p>face-value 67:22</p> <p>facilitate 10:14</p> <p>facilitating 5:13</p> <p>fact 32:10 37:14 44:8 49:24 72:4 76:23 77:21 83:21</p> <p>factor 7:15</p> <p>facts 26:7 79:24 86:3</p> <p>fail 45:2</p> <p>fair 26:1,24 33:14 35:18 46:20 52:5 57:21 59:25 66:25 67:25 68:16 69:4</p> <p>fairer 46:15 50:11</p> <p>fairly 36:18 38:2</p> <p>fairness 15:17 35:4 46:8 69:3</p> <p>faith 8:10</p> <p>familiar 11:18 56:25</p> <p>families 43:3</p> <p>family 83:17 85:10</p> <p>FAP 44:12</p> <p>fast 50:4</p> <p>fatally 44:24</p> <p>father 8:14,16,23</p> <p>favor 13:13</p>
---	--	--	--

<p>favorable 76:3,4 February 14:5 federal 5:8 7:12 10:3 11:8,12,20 12:10,21 13:9,12 14:15 17:22 22:2, 15 23:23 31:18, 20,21 32:11,16, 17 33:9 35:5 37:10 42:13,15 43:24 45:7,20,23 46:13 53:11 57:25 61:11 62:3 63:6,7 71:15,22 73:20 74:6,10 77:4 80:2 81:19, 21 82:21 84:4,5 federally 11:16 14:6 31:10 42:3 58:11 62:5,7,15, 21 64:10 70:18 72:16 82:2 federally- 72:25 federally- recognized 11:14 80:20 feel 22:7,8,10 66:24 67:17 75:20 77:15 83:25 feeling 41:3 75:9 77:6 feelings 75:3 feet 72:20 fellow 30:5 felt 71:9 81:14 fictious 73:2 fifteen 71:8</p>	<p>fight 41:15 72:1 fighting 57:5 71:24 figure 29:2 40:20 53:7 file 19:21 23:24 30:24 filed 18:19 filing 28:25 final 12:23 13:2,8, 14 15:1,12 16:24 19:4,9,20 26:11, 21 33:8 36:14 43:12,14 50:22 74:3,23 79:11 86:21 finality 14:21 16:4 35:10 37:8 finalize 25:2 finalized 24:5 25:4 finally 37:20 47:11 51:8 finals 25:24 find 52:24 57:3 fit 86:1 five-year 22:12 37:21 84:10 fixed 34:3 fixing 32:21 flawed 44:24 floor 9:18 Florida 23:8 focus 30:2 folks 9:20 10:18</p>	<p>12:8 14:20 19:23, 25 20:17,24 23:21 29:20 54:23 73:24 74:22 77:2 81:18 86:4,17 folks' 82:9 forced 76:24 forceful 48:7 forces 47:21 forcing 68:18 forgive 61:16 83:24 form 24:24 85:25 formal 33:1 formally 80:19 forward 7:19 15:1,6 19:4,19 26:16 53:3 69:6 71:2 88:3,9 fought 59:7 64:23 found 37:4 68:13 87:5 fourth 15:24 Francisco 34:18 38:13 41:10 43:19 free 71:25 72:2 80:6 86:19 Friday 21:5 friend 78:2 friends 29:20 front 26:7 froze 55:24 frustrating 87:15</p>	<p>frustration 86:5 87:9 fulfilling 87:21 fulfillment 35:5 full 52:3,4 fulsome 38:3 function 20:8 funds 31:1 future 17:15 47:24</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">G</p> <hr/> <p>gain 82:6,7 game 68:14 gathered 8:21 gave 25:25 75:17 76:6 82:21 Geer 48:15 52:13 53:20 54:25 55:2, 4,19,21,23 56:2 60:6 61:4 66:16 67:10 75:8,23 genealogist 70:9, 13 genealogy 56:16 general 85:17 generally 84:21 generational 41:11 generations 61:6 74:13 genocide 71:18 genomic 42:19 gentleman 56:8</p>
--	--	---	---

76:21	11:10 63:9 73:6	hand 20:8,10,13 40:14 66:2,7 73:11	hearing 22:20 32:20 48:8 66:6 84:1
Georgia 23:7	governmental 68:16	hand-selected 30:8	hears 23:13
give 8:5 19:12 72:22 73:7,8 75:22 78:18,21 85:14	grace 8:23 9:1 79:6	handout 73:10	heart 76:10
giving 74:12	grant 19:1	hands 34:21	heartbeat 59:13
gloves 78:4	granted 25:21,24	handy 28:9	hearts 8:18
goal 69:3 87:17	grants 27:21	happen 40:8 51:2,21 80:9	heavy 41:3
Golden 68:4	grateful 76:5	happened 72:3,4 82:4	held 14:5
good 5:6 6:22 8:1,7 24:18 25:16 34:15 40:21 55:2 60:15 65:21 66:15	graveyard 53:5	happy 24:19 28:9 69:7	helped 71:24
Gover 33:8,13 76:5 81:23	great 8:13 27:19 49:8 75:20 79:6	hard 46:17 59:7 88:6	helpful 29:4 61:7
governing 12:3	greater 37:22 39:20 41:5	harm 32:23	hereditary 29:21 32:11
government 7:7 10:7 11:8,12 12:10 31:20,22 32:2,11 36:1 37:10,14 46:19 51:18 52:1 58:1 60:20,23 61:19, 22,24 62:12,20 66:19,22 67:15 68:22 71:22 73:4, 5,20 77:4,23 82:21	grounds 28:12,13 36:10 49:20 61:20	harms 33:12	highest 18:7
government's 41:20 42:16 63:7	group 6:16 76:25	Harty 5:6,12 29:4	Hill 68:4
government- 64:18	groups 12:22 14:10 26:10 62:14 73:2 85:24	Hayiitka 5:19	historic 37:10,19 45:1
government-to- 7:6 35:25 37:13	grow 47:15	head 31:7 59:12	historical 12:5 35:4 44:14 45:3
government-to- government	guess 49:10	headhunting 73:3	history 26:8 34:10 50:24 57:3 67:3
	guidance 8:21	heads 58:17	hold 30:10 51:25
	guiding 39:2	health 73:7	Holland 87:4
	guys 25:25 26:23 41:1 58:11 81:1	healthcare 73:8	holy 79:6
	H	hear 9:11 20:4,23 33:2 34:16 54:1 55:17,19,23 58:22 61:11 63:19 69:7,17 75:20 76:7 87:9	home 33:11
	half 68:25	heard 14:24 15:20 19:23 28:19 55:8 57:7 60:18 73:13 85:15,17,22 86:2	homeland 42:22 43:6 47:25 72:7, 13
	Hampson 25:14 29:12 34:11,15, 17 38:16,19 39:10,15,25 40:4, 7 49:11,25		homes 9:2
			honest 75:3
			honestly 75:10 76:14
			honesty 75:14

honor 32:3 35:9 37:11 41:5,7 71:11	immunity 42:15, 17 61:10 62:3	21:17 29:15,23 30:4,19,25 31:9 32:1,10,15,25 33:5,15,19 42:1, 10 44:3 45:17,19 46:1 48:20 56:12 80:11,20 82:13 87:3,22	intent 13:25
honored 7:2	impact 7:18 45:21		interacted 44:17
hope 41:7 43:15 47:3 53:9 58:23 59:16 62:25 69:16 74:11 77:12 79:7	impacted 33:3 52:25		interactions 43:4
horrifying 66:18	imperative 46:21		interchangeable 61:13
horses 43:20	implemented 37:17	Indiana 24:13,20	interchangeably 61:12 62:17
hour 48:11,12	implied 85:20	Indians 13:11 24:12 53:23,24 54:7	interest 7:11 14:21 35:10 37:7 46:9 69:6 83:2 84:22
hours 9:12	importance 35:7	indigenous 29:24 30:1,6 32:23 46:10 48:2 72:6	interested 39:8
house 58:21	important 8:22 9:10 33:21 35:17 36:7 37:6 42:25	influence 51:12 56:9,22 57:25 60:19	interests 16:3 44:1 47:6 51:8,20 52:6
housekeeping 86:8	impossible 64:25	influenced 44:1 56:20 77:12	interference 52:6
housing 59:8 73:9	improve 28:3 51:9 87:7	information 6:17 29:6,7 44:14 45:3 57:3 62:18	Interior 5:15 11:6, 13 12:14 13:15, 25 31:22 33:10 86:23 87:12 88:5
humanity 87:25	improvements 35:14	inherent 31:19	interject 73:23
hung 51:4	inappropriate 33:20	initial 35:22 36:12 39:15	interjecting 74:17
<hr/> I <hr/>	inauguration 14:4	initially 18:10	interpretation 33:21
identification 11:22	include 13:3 17:21 21:5 38:22 80:4	input 5:20,22 6:10 83:7	intervened 33:22
identified 57:12 66:20	included 36:14, 17 46:11 80:2	insisting 70:21	intervening 37:1
identifies 30:20	including 15:5 28:6 37:13,18 45:25	instructor 63:4	intervention 82:5
identify 21:8 57:11	inclusion 77:2	insufficient 37:5	interviewed 22:5 77:14
ill-informed 44:5	incredibly 57:10 58:21	integral 33:2	introduce 9:19 38:12
illegally 32:12	Indian 5:9 6:19, 24,25 11:22,24 12:5,11,13 13:10	integrity 35:3	invite 6:12 20:24 26:13 38:20 78:17
Illinois 42:19		intended 7:6	involved 10:18
illuminate 8:17		intends 34:24	
immeasurable 32:23			

<p>involving 17:10</p> <p>Island 43:18 52:17</p> <p>Isom-clause 9:24</p> <p>issue 18:24 24:23 45:13 51:18</p> <p>issued 13:21,22</p> <p>issues 40:25 77:19</p> <p>items 5:24</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">J</p> <hr/> <p>James 29:13 34:12 48:13,16, 19 49:5</p> <p>January 13:22 50:6,14</p> <p>Jeanpaul 6:11</p> <p>Jersey 65:4</p> <p>Jim 81:11</p> <p>job 10:12</p> <p>John-michael 10:7</p> <p>Johnson 74:24 79:12 81:5,6 85:8</p> <p>join 54:16 85:13 88:2</p> <p>joined 69:9</p> <p>joining 10:4 13:19</p> <p>Joslyn 70:10</p> <p>journey 41:10</p> <p>judge 42:13 45:7 70:25 71:3,6,10</p>	<p>judged 77:22 83:9</p> <p>judges 15:21</p> <p>judicial 17:10 19:10 37:2 52:3 80:8</p> <p>jurisdiction 42:12 45:21</p> <p>jus 64:14</p> <p>justice 45:12 46:16 47:4 60:4 77:2</p> <p>justification 15:16,24</p> <p>justifications 50:25</p> <p>justified 84:14</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">K</p> <hr/> <p>Kathyrn 9:24</p> <p>Keely 5:18</p> <p>keeping 82:6,8</p> <p>Kevin 33:8 76:5 81:23</p> <p>kinship 43:5</p> <p>Koprowski 45:8</p> <p>Koprowski's 73:14</p> <p>kudos 75:22</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">L</p> <hr/> <p>La'tasha 21:12 24:8 25:13,15,17 55:9 76:1</p>	<p>labels 62:11</p> <p>lack 37:24</p> <p>lady 57:9</p> <p>Lake 13:11,22 15:21 27:7 28:25 50:20</p> <p>land 42:4 53:6 56:5 61:20,23</p> <p>landholder 82:14</p> <p>lands 30:6 31:11, 16 32:12,13 46:14,21 71:19 82:25</p> <p>language 8:12 25:9 29:16 34:6 48:4 72:11,12 74:15 79:17 81:7 85:4,7</p> <p>large 23:10</p> <p>largest 56:11</p> <p>lastly 21:1</p> <p>later-filed 18:14</p> <p>law 32:15 33:15, 19 36:19 37:1,17 45:13 46:1 63:3 87:23</p> <p>Lawrence 63:17 66:13 69:12 74:23 75:5</p> <p>lawsuit 32:17</p> <p>lawyer 42:16 70:25 71:4,9</p> <p>lawyers 70:25</p> <p>lay 13:20</p> <p>laying 15:15</p> <p>lead 16:16,18</p>	<p>59:15</p> <p>leader 29:21</p> <p>leaders 8:2 32:11 33:10 58:18 60:22 61:17</p> <p>leads 10:10</p> <p>leave 25:7 31:11 69:22 71:20,21 84:16,19 86:21</p> <p>leaves 84:13</p> <p>Lebaron 53:23 54:6,19</p> <p>led 46:6</p> <p>left 31:15 46:10 48:12 58:20 60:9 65:7 70:7 72:6 74:20</p> <p>legal 12:9,15 36:21 38:24</p> <p>legislation 32:18</p> <p>legitimate 43:9 78:10</p> <p>Lenape 64:7 74:5</p> <p>letter 65:16,18 70:14</p> <p>letting 75:1</p> <p>level 35:1</p> <p>levels 85:18</p> <p>LGBTQ 77:2</p> <p>life 74:10</p> <p>light 8:17</p> <p>likelihood 36:12 38:25 39:13</p> <p>Lillie 48:14 52:12 53:19,21,22</p>
--	---	--	--

<p>limit 20:21</p> <p>limited 12:20 13:2 14:11 15:7,17 16:7 20:18 28:16 33:23</p> <p>lineage 56:15</p> <p>lineages 42:20 43:1</p> <p>link 6:6 40:13</p> <p>list 11:14,16 18:11,13 41:21 42:16 80:20</p> <p>listed 82:2</p> <p>listen 7:23 10:19 59:13</p> <p>listening 5:7,11, 24 7:3,5 8:6 9:9, 13,18,21 10:16 14:24 48:13 60:9 61:9 88:8</p> <p>litigation 11:2 32:18</p> <p>Litz 10:2</p> <p>live 9:2 68:19,20</p> <p>lived 46:25</p> <p>lives 47:18 74:6</p> <p>living 31:4 44:16 74:9,13</p> <p>lobby 47:12</p> <p>local 77:13</p> <p>Locklear 73:11</p> <p>log 65:21 66:1</p> <p>long 9:14 25:5 45:12 46:5,17 52:17 56:6 57:6 58:3,20 60:3 67:5</p>	<p>longer 41:18 51:17 62:6 71:1 79:20</p> <p>lord 9:3</p> <p>losing 82:25</p> <p>lost 22:4 52:23 58:20 59:6 72:11 83:16,22</p> <p>lot 20:17 23:17 52:21 55:10 62:24 63:12 66:17 67:20 69:17 77:18 81:1 86:2 87:15</p> <p>loudly 22:9</p> <p>love 63:4</p> <p>loving 8:13</p> <p>lower 21:17 30:17</p> <p>lying 44:6</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">M</p> <hr/> <p>Ma-chis 21:17</p> <p>Maddox 21:12 24:8 25:13,16,17 26:4,18,19 27:2 55:9 61:4 76:1</p> <p>made 14:17 15:6 16:1 30:12 33:20 35:4,14 43:15 59:25 67:8 70:1</p> <p>Madeline 5:14</p> <p>main 33:10</p> <p>maintain 18:11</p> <p>maintained 13:4 14:14 83:19</p>	<p>maintaining 14:9</p> <p>majority 21:22 23:6 82:14</p> <p>make 7:13,25 9:19 14:20 16:11, 17 20:7,22 23:18, 20 27:13 28:20 29:8 38:18 39:2,3 45:10 46:14 49:1, 6 50:11 51:21 57:20 63:13 66:6, 8 67:18 69:4 72:5 73:16 74:22 78:17 86:8,11 87:6,17,20</p> <p>makes 19:24 72:25</p> <p>making 58:25 59:22</p> <p>manage 39:5,11</p> <p>managed 83:12</p> <p>mandated 42:4</p> <p>mandatory 11:19, 21,23,25 12:2,17</p> <p>Mann 55:1 60:13 63:17,19,21,22, 24 64:1,4,5,6 65:11,15,17,18, 20 66:4,10 69:8, 12,14,16,19 73:22 74:1,5 76:20</p> <p>March 13:22 14:7</p> <p>markedly 15:10</p> <p>mass 41:16</p> <p>material 44:11,15 84:18</p> <p>materially 45:21</p>	<p>materials 86:18</p> <p>Matt 40:10</p> <p>matter 43:22 76:23 77:21 79:24 80:15</p> <p>matters 7:21</p> <p>Matthew 29:12 34:12 39:23</p> <p>Matthew's 39:25 40:1</p> <p>meaningful 7:21</p> <p>meaningless 47:5</p> <p>means 37:10 42:9 61:21 74:10,11, 12 85:1</p> <p>measurable 71:7</p> <p>medical 59:9</p> <p>meet 68:3 84:11</p> <p>member 52:16 60:16 61:3,4</p> <p>members 30:10 41:8 42:10 44:16 52:21 59:5 60:22</p> <p>membership 12:5</p> <p>mention 11:2</p> <p>mentioned 10:19 38:22 73:14</p> <p>mercy 8:23</p> <p>merits 34:5 83:9, 10</p> <p>mess 74:9</p> <p>message 47:11, 14</p> <p>met 19:3 58:12</p>
---	---	---	--

68:4,5	moments 84:19	names 61:17 64:12	negotiations 31:12
met all 66:21	money 47:6 51:12,21 57:16 58:20 67:22	Nancy 21:11,14, 15	negotiators 32:8
Miami 24:12,18 50:3 51:5	monitoring 86:7	narrow 28:12 46:15	Newland 6:19,20, 23 9:5 23:16 24:7 25:11 26:4 27:1, 4,13,18 28:1,8 29:5,11 34:8 38:14,17,20 39:14,21 40:3,6, 9,16,22 48:6 49:3 52:10 53:9,17 54:2,8,15,19,22 55:3,19,22 56:1 60:6 63:1,16,20, 23,25 64:2 65:17, 20 66:5,12 69:1, 11,18 73:22 74:2, 16 78:14,16,20 79:8 81:3 84:20 85:6
mic 8:5	months 82:2,3	nation 13:10 24:12,19 25:18 29:15,23 30:19 31:9,17 32:1,10, 25 33:5,23 35:24 43:9 47:10,20 48:20 52:17,21 55:5 60:17 64:7 75:6,25 82:13	newly-discovered 35:20
Michael 5:12 6:21	moral 46:21	nation's 33:10 35:9 37:7,11 74:6	Nijmeh 34:20 40:19
Michigan 7:1	mother 30:5 41:13 83:23	national 51:16	non- 58:3
middle 44:21	motivation 82:17	nations 8:14 29:18 46:20	north 30:15 31:7
midnight 21:4	mouth 30:13 31:6 83:4	native 8:12 25:9 29:16 34:6 37:12 48:4 64:21 70:21, 22 71:12,16,17, 18 73:3 74:15 75:2 76:14 79:16 81:6 83:20 85:4,6	northeast 30:14 64:17
miles 56:14	move 15:1,6 19:4, 25 20:4 21:12 26:16 50:18 51:5 53:3	natives 58:4 59:18 66:17 67:16,17 71:6	northern 7:1
million 72:25	moving 7:19 19:19 69:6 81:24	nature 7:10,11	northwest 30:14 31:5 33:17
millions 47:13	MOWA 53:22,24 54:7	navigate 87:15	note 21:2
Mills 6:25	Munsee 64:7,16 69:23 70:9,15 71:5 73:13	needed 64:24	noted 36:4 80:12
mind 53:10 84:13	mute 40:12 55:20 64:3	negative 16:11 17:1,3,6,8,10 19:21 26:12 43:12	notes 75:11
mindful 20:19 74:18 79:14	Muwekma 34:18, 24 38:11,13 41:9 42:14 43:8,17 44:15 45:9,11,16 46:2 47:2,9,17,24 49:11,16 51:10	negatively 52:25	notice 17:21,23 86:10
minds 8:18	Muwekma's 44:7 45:4,22,24		notify 18:23
minimum 60:10	N		
minutes 10:24 20:20 60:9 71:7,8 73:25 74:20 79:15	name's 21:15 34:17		
mirror 17:19			
misapplication 38:24			
misapplied 36:12			
misinformed 44:5			
mistake 32:21 44:11			
mistakenly 64:8			
mistreatment 37:12			
moment 81:25			

<p>November 50:14</p> <p>number 20:15 24:23 66:1,11 85:22 86:3,17</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">O</p> <hr/> <p>Oak 31:5</p> <p>Oaks 72:16</p> <p>obligation 46:19</p> <p>obstruct 47:13</p> <p>occupied 55:16 56:3</p> <p>occupy 56:5</p> <p>occur 54:12</p> <p>October 48:1</p> <p>OFA 17:23 18:10 33:6 44:7 45:5,15</p> <p>OFA's 44:23</p> <p>offer 8:3 9:7 26:14</p> <p>Office 10:1,3,5,8, 10 32:16 33:10, 17 53:11</p> <p>officials 7:22 46:19</p> <p>Ohlone 34:18,24 38:11,13 41:9,17 42:14 43:8,17 45:10,11 46:2 47:2,9,17 49:12, 17 51:11</p> <p>Ohlone's 45:16</p> <p>Ojibwe 6:25</p> <p>Ojibwemowin 6:21</p>	<p>Oklahoma 75:19</p> <p>oldest 31:3 55:15 56:3</p> <p>Oliver 10:10,22</p> <p>Oliver's 10:12</p> <p>omit 57:22</p> <p>onerous 84:16</p> <p>open 6:1 8:18 9:17 21:1 27:10 28:2 75:3 79:4 84:17</p> <p>open-ended 14:12</p> <p>opinion 37:3</p> <p>opportunities 5:21 86:17</p> <p>opportunity 17:24,25 23:24 28:17 35:19 39:19,23 40:25 54:13 55:6 59:22 60:17 79:5</p> <p>opposition 77:18</p> <p>optimistic 77:16</p> <p>option 15:7 19:25</p> <p>options 7:18 14:9</p> <p>order 11:20 12:4 16:9 19:22 20:6 21:13 29:13 35:2 40:7 63:18 79:11 85:19</p> <p>ordered 8:15</p> <p>ordinary 51:15</p> <p>Oregon 29:25 30:15,17 32:4</p> <p>organization</p>	<p>53:14</p> <p>organize 10:14</p> <p>originally 53:1</p> <p>origins 42:25 43:3 45:9</p> <p>Ottawa 13:11</p> <p>outcome 16:16, 19 35:15</p> <p>outweigh 37:8</p> <p>outweighs 35:9</p> <p>override 12:15</p> <p>oversight 8:20</p> <p>overturned 25:25 76:9</p> <p>overview 9:16 10:23</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <hr/> <p>Pacific 31:4</p> <p>pages 58:8</p> <p>pain 75:9</p> <p>paper 65:5 71:18</p> <p>papers 77:13</p> <p>part 5:7,17,19,22 7:3 9:10,21 11:1, 18 16:9,15 17:15 19:14,19 20:3 21:5 22:23 23:1 35:12 44:22 49:19 52:9 65:13 86:14 87:7</p> <p>parte 51:22</p> <p>Partesotti 10:8</p> <p>participating 84:23</p>	<p>parties 17:24 34:4 51:11</p> <p>party 66:22 67:23</p> <p>passed 52:22</p> <p>passion 75:13,21</p> <p>passionate 75:3</p> <p>past 22:19 23:4 83:2</p> <p>pasted 6:7</p> <p>path 47:14</p> <p>payments 32:13</p> <p>peace 8:23</p> <p>pen 32:7</p> <p>pending 18:13,18 27:23 28:6,16 29:3</p> <p>penny 68:24</p> <p>people 8:19 20:22 30:8 31:25 32:13 33:3,11 41:5,6,8, 12,17 43:15 45:11 46:11 47:2, 14,19 51:17 57:10,11,13 59:12,14 61:9 64:11,14,16 65:3 67:12,16,20 68:19 69:23 70:7, 9,15,17 71:5,18, 24 72:1,6,15,21 73:2,13,15,21 74:8 75:13 76:25 77:23 83:22 85:10 87:3,16,22</p> <p>People's 48:2</p> <p>Pequot 25:17 26:7 55:5 59:1,19 60:17 61:3 75:6</p>
--	--	--	--

78:12 84:1,4	21,22 29:2 37:19 38:5 52:19 53:13	political 11:25 51:11 55:13 56:8, 17 57:15,23 58:13 65:1 66:22 67:1,23 73:17	prayer 8:3 9:7 75:17
Pequot's 56:10 81:23	phases 61:5	politically 77:12	prayers 8:10
Pequots 68:4	Phd 30:1	politicians 56:18 58:14 68:1	pre-1927 45:3
percent 70:16 83:18	phone 13:20 20:12,14 40:20 51:25 65:24,25 66:1 69:14	politics 30:3 33:18 34:4 47:5,7 51:15	preamble 39:17
period 14:7,8 17:10 21:24 22:12 44:17 48:22	pick 51:24 58:17	poor 68:18	precedent 36:22
perjury 71:14	pieces 44:19 65:5	portions 17:22	preclude 44:13
permitted 36:11 37:1	Pineda 6:11	posed 63:12	predetermined 79:25
Permitting 35:11	pivotal 41:22	position 15:9 25:7 39:25 45:18 87:5	prefer 26:5
person 22:1 57:23 61:7	place 43:16 67:8 68:20 78:1 83:3	positions 30:10	preliminarily 26:22
petition 17:9,20 18:14,19 19:6 22:15 24:17 27:21,22 28:25 32:16 33:24 36:8 37:22 44:24 45:22 48:24 49:21 55:10 56:10,21 58:9 70:2 80:24	places 9:2 11:13	positive 16:12 33:8 35:14,19 50:9 52:8 76:6 85:25	preliminary 26:11
petitioner 12:3 17:12 18:23 19:6, 13 80:5	plainly 44:6	post- 45:3	prepare 38:1
petitioners 6:2,13 13:9 15:18 16:22 19:18 35:16	plausible 16:11	posted 27:11	prepared 6:11 84:11
petitioning 7:12 12:6 13:5 14:14 16:7 23:25 28:12 35:20 78:13	play 68:14	posting 17:22	present 6:1 80:11
petitions 18:5,7,9 27:24 28:5,7,16,	pledged 7:1 38:12	power 58:1 84:25	present-day 30:17
	pledge 43:22	powerful 34:9 47:20 51:20	presentation 34:19 38:3
	plenary 12:9	practice 36:23 49:15,20	presented 38:5
	plenty 82:6,7	practices 60:19	presently 28:1
	pocket 67:23	practices/ policies/laws 62:13	President 14:4 65:2
	point 11:2 23:23 31:6 32:4 37:6	prayer 8:16,20 25:6 47:8 59:16	press 20:10,13,15 69:15
	pointed 51:11		pressure 55:14 56:18 57:15,24 58:13 71:10
	points 48:9		pressures 52:5 65:1
	policies 60:19,24 62:21		presumption 27:22
	policy 9:23,25 12:11 13:4 15:2, 10 61:12		
	polite 76:15,18 78:3		

pretty 21:23 51:1 56:21	49:23 50:10,11, 18 51:5,9,23 52:2,3,4,8 56:9, 23 57:14,17,20, 24 58:7 59:25 60:2 69:4 70:17 72:18 73:16,17 85:25 86:6,14,16, 19,20,25 87:7,14, 17	87:6	pushed 72:9
prevent 35:25	produce 36:6	proposes 36:9 37:20	pushing 58:18
previous 14:19	professionalism 80:25	prospective 6:2	put 23:9 49:18 58:24 64:25 65:22 66:3,11 67:8
previously 13:9 16:1,18 23:22 35:16 37:4 42:2	program 78:7	protect 15:24 30:5 67:15,19	putting 28:22 74:11
primarily 83:5	progression 72:8	protections 46:12	<hr/> Q <hr/>
primary 32:7	prohibited 12:22	protested 22:9	Q&a 23:18
principal 24:12	prohibiting 13:4 15:3	prove 42:24 44:21 68:7 77:5	qualifications 66:21 68:3
prior 11:7 16:11 19:13 36:22 37:19 44:8 53:13 87:11,13	prohibition 14:1, 10,14	provide 5:22 6:13 8:20 55:7 59:8,9	question 21:20 26:5 27:20 34:2 38:17 48:21 49:4, 5 52:18,19 61:8 62:2,4,9 66:16 67:14 68:15 71:11 76:12 77:9 78:9,10
prioritize 18:4 28:2	promise 47:3	provided 44:25 70:16	questions 27:8 60:25 61:7 63:12
priority 18:7,9,14, 19 28:20 49:24	promised 33:9	providing 39:12	queue 20:6,11,23 28:15 34:22,23 39:24 48:10 52:11 63:14 65:23 66:3 73:24 74:22
privilege 6:23	promote 15:17	proving 73:18	quick 52:18
privileged 52:9	promotes 19:17	provision 13:3	quickly 25:4 50:18 51:6
problem 71:5	promulgated 80:3	provisions 19:2	quote 33:20
problems 34:3	proof 64:25 67:21	public 16:3 17:25 29:8 46:8 86:10	<hr/> R <hr/>
procedure 17:18	proper 35:22	public's 46:8	race 30:1 76:24 77:19
proceed 8:11 40:5 80:18	proposal 35:1	publication 13:7 17:21	
proceeded 71:2	proposed 5:8,22 7:3 12:19 13:1 14:13,17 15:11, 13 16:6,21 17:17 18:3 19:12 23:21 24:17,21 26:15 34:25 36:4,14 38:2 54:9 69:4	publicly 86:12	
proceeding 19:13		publish 11:15	
process 5:17 7:16 8:17,19 10:13,14,19 11:9, 11,21 16:10,25 17:20 21:7 23:23 26:2,20 34:1,3 35:3 36:18 37:9 38:9 39:4,12 43:25 46:6,20		published 11:6 12:25	
		pulled 33:14	
		purchased 42:4	
		pure 71:14	
		purposely 72:5	
		purposes 11:9	
		push 45:23	

Rachel 24:9 25:14 29:11,14, 21 57:8 81:10	11,12,17,25 19:8 23:4 24:17 35:2, 11,17 36:25 37:16 38:23 50:22 51:2 54:9, 10 77:15 85:18	33:17 35:3,8,23 36:18 37:7,9 45:23 46:5,13 50:13 53:4 54:14 59:4 61:11 62:4 63:6,7,8 64:18 67:9 72:14 74:10 83:16,19 86:6	refine 26:16 reforms 35:19 refusal 44:23 refuse 31:11 refused 44:7 45:5,15 Region 33:17 register 17:22 81:21 84:5 registered 40:13 registrar 33:9 registration 40:1 regulation 7:3 38:22 82:19 regulations 7:10 10:13 11:1,6,19 12:21 16:16 17:15 19:16,22 20:1 44:12 49:13 80:2,22 87:13 regulatory 10:11 11:8 19:2 rehash 81:17 reiterate 83:6 related 86:18 relationship 11:10 36:1 37:14 63:10 64:19 73:7 relative 39:6 relatives 29:20 41:15,19 64:13 released 42:19 remaining 48:12 73:25 remanded 13:14
raise 20:8,10,13 raised 30:7 48:9 66:2,8 77:9 raising 34:21 Ramapough 64:7,15 65:7 69:23 70:8,15 71:5,12 72:15 73:13,15 74:5 Ramapoughs 65:1 rambling 62:24 ramifications 83:13 ranked 70:10 rate 41:16 ratified 32:19 re- 13:4 16:6 22:14 23:24 27:20 28:11,24 33:23 37:21 48:23 78:12 re-litigation 15:25 re-petition 14:11 17:13 19:2,9,21 22:1 23:9 25:23 26:25 27:22 28:6, 13,18 36:10 43:11 45:15 58:10 84:23 re-petitioning 5:8 7:12 12:20,22 13:1 14:10,12 15:3,7,16 16:10, 23 17:19 18:5,10,	re-petitions 27:24 85:21 react 20:9 read 33:14 41:2 61:12 80:24 reading 62:17 ready 18:11 reaffirmed 30:23 real 33:3 83:13 reality 59:10 reapply 26:21 reason 37:23 61:15 reasonable 36:11 38:25 39:13 reasoning 69:25 reauthorization 38:7 recall 14:2 recap 85:15 receive 17:6 18:6, 18 86:15,18 received 12:23 14:25 17:3 26:10 81:19 84:4 85:25 86:20 recently 42:13 recognition 7:13 11:6,21 14:15 18:20 23:23 30:3	recognize 11:9 12:23 55:12 57:18 58:1 64:12 67:12 73:21 87:9 recognized 7:7 11:16 12:4 14:6 31:10 41:11,21, 25 42:3 44:2 58:11 59:2,7,19 62:6,8,15,22 64:7,10 67:4,6,7, 11,13 68:9,11,13 70:18 72:16 73:1, 4 82:2 83:10 recognizing 16:2 50:12 78:24 reconnect 66:9 reconsider 14:1 15:2 reconsideration 13:16 16:13 37:5 reconsidering 39:12 recorded 5:11 records 52:23 73:18 rectify 53:8 reduce 37:11 reevaluation 45:22	

remark 78:22	reservation 72:16 82:10,14	44:23 80:8 85:19	rules 24:4 61:23 67:8
remarks 38:10	reservations 55:15 56:3	reviewed 14:25 32:15	ruling 25:2
remember 64:10	resources 37:24 83:3	reviewing 15:4 45:24	run 9:16
reminder 54:22	respect 37:18	revised 17:14	Rutgers 70:2
renowned 33:19	respectful 87:2	Ricchiazzi 29:12 34:12 39:23 40:11	<hr/> S <hr/>
repeat 18:15 22:22 65:13	respectfully 35:7 87:24	rights 30:6 31:16 41:19	sad 57:10 58:21
repeatedly 71:3, 4,6	respective 9:1	rises 8:16	Sam 10:5
report 24:20 45:8 86:13	respects 50:6	river 30:14 31:6, 7,13 83:4	San 34:18 38:13 41:10 43:19
reporter 6:9,17 21:9 22:21,22 23:1 54:17,21 55:18 65:8,9,10, 12	respond 18:1	road 41:23 56:14	scale 38:8
represent 21:10 41:8	responded 86:19	Roger 70:9	schedule 9:7
representatives 6:13 8:3	response 55:11	room 78:25	scheduled 48:12
representing 54:24	responsibilities 87:21	rooted 46:7 47:25	scholar 29:24
request 16:23 17:14,19,25 18:10,12,17,25 19:21 23:25 33:6 38:1,7 48:23,25 49:11	responsibility 35:6 36:17 41:4 82:22,23	Rosemary 41:14	scholarship 30:2
requests 18:5,11	responsive 15:19	route 54:9,11	school 45:19 46:1
requires 38:3	restored 41:10 46:3	rule 5:8,23 11:3 12:19 13:1,3,8, 14,15 14:13,17 15:2,9,11,12 16:6,21,24 17:17 18:3 19:12 21:21 23:9,21 24:21,24 25:4 26:15 34:25 35:3 36:4,14,15 38:2 46:5,14 49:7 50:22 69:4,7 84:11,12 87:6	schools 42:10 45:17
rescinded 33:18 82:3 83:12 84:6	result 51:14 52:1	ruled 13:13 42:13	screen 6:5 13:19 20:9 40:14 64:12
research 22:2 36:5	resulted 32:18	rulemaking 7:16 10:13,18 15:13 16:25 17:5 86:14, 16	scribble 75:11
researchers 42:19	results 51:13		seat 53:1
	retained 72:11		seconds 85:16
	retains 42:14		secretary 6:19,24 9:23 10:1 18:24 19:8 24:10,14 27:6,21 33:8 48:18,23 54:8 55:3 81:9 87:4
	retire 47:15		secretary/ treasurer 29:15, 22
	return 9:1		Sections 17:17
	reversal 77:24		
	review 16:8 17:10,20 18:4,6, 8,23 19:10 33:15		

seek 46:4	shared 61:4,19	skepticism 86:5 87:18,19	46:23 61:10 63:7 73:21
seeking 37:21	sharing 79:10 85:8	slide 5:25 10:21 11:4,17 12:18 13:6,17 14:16,22 15:14,15 16:5,20 17:16 18:2,21 20:2 28:14	spans 31:5
Senator 78:1,5	shed 8:17	slides 27:9	Sparrow 34:13 48:14 52:12,15, 16 53:10,15
Senators 24:20	shepherd 10:12	small 43:10 82:10	speak 9:12 20:11, 25 34:20 39:23 40:25 41:3 43:22 54:3,23 61:15 74:18 75:2
send 21:3	shocking 56:21	snatched 67:11	speaker 34:11 79:15 81:5
senior 9:25	Shore 31:7	social 77:2	speakers 48:10 52:11 60:11 63:6 65:23 74:23 79:11
sense 19:24	short 9:16 63:5	solicited 14:1	speaking 6:21 8:12 25:9 29:16 34:6 46:24 48:4 52:15 61:10 74:15 79:16 81:6 85:4,6
separate 13:12 31:12	shot 59:24	Solicitor 10:6,8	special 44:1 47:6 75:16 85:23
September 21:4	show 6:6 36:11 43:4 73:19	solicitor's 10:5 37:3	specific 69:7
serve 41:6 87:25	showed 28:14	someone's 61:23	specifically 32:21 44:9 63:11
served 75:18	side 73:12,14	someplace 27:12	specifics 39:9,10
services 6:4 10:7	signed 32:4	son 9:4	spelled 21:16
servicing 6:23	signers 32:8	sophisticated 36:5	spirit 8:1,13 43:20 46:24 47:17,18 79:6
session 5:7,11, 13,25 6:1,12 7:3, 5,17 8:6 9:10,13, 21 14:24 24:15 48:13 60:9 64:8 85:23 86:18 88:8	signs 72:17	sort 39:11	spiritual 8:21
sessions 10:16	similar 38:8 57:9 76:8 81:23	sound 14:19	spoke 56:8 57:9 75:23 81:10,16
set 9:13 12:10 45:2	similarities 66:18	sounds 18:16 62:16	spoken 22:9 57:23
Setalcott 52:17	Similarly 36:25	south 83:2	
setting 26:6	simple 46:23	southeast 21:22 23:7	
settler 29:18	simply 19:5,25	southwest 30:15	
seven-year 42:19	sincerely 59:21	sovereign 9:3 29:18 31:17 42:15,17 47:10 61:20,21,25 62:1, 3,7,14,19	
sevenish 20:20	single 38:6	sovereignty 30:7 31:18,21,23 45:7	
Sfiridis 9:25	sir 65:8,9 69:10		
shame 51:3	sisters 46:11		
Shapard 69:20,21 70:7	site 42:21 43:2 74:7		
share 60:22 64:13 74:3 85:13	sites 43:4		
	Sitting 77:20,21		
	situation 84:3		
	skeptical 77:16		

Staes 61:24	statutory 11:9	subject 16:7 19:10 21:6	superfund 74:6
staff 52:1	staying 43:6	submission 17:23	support 24:18,21 33:23 46:4 54:9, 10 78:11 85:17
stain 37:11	steep 50:23	submit 16:22 17:8,14 19:6 26:14 34:24 44:9	supported 70:12
stand 25:22 47:25 57:19 72:19 75:4 86:23	Steiner 48:14 52:12 53:19,22	submitted 15:5 33:5,8 45:8 55:11 58:8	supporting 5:16 88:5
standard 17:13 36:12 38:25 39:13	Stephanie 9:24	submitting 33:1 44:13	supportive 84:21
standards 49:21	Stephen 8:8	subsequent 37:2	supports 24:19 35:1 36:1 78:12
Standford 42:18	Steve 75:16,17	subsequently 18:19	supposed 73:5
star 20:13,15 69:15	stood 47:20	subsequently- filed 28:21	surely 8:15
start 21:11	stop 41:15 67:8	substantial 35:14	swift 79:19
started 41:22 43:19	stories 57:7,9 58:22 60:23 61:9	substantially 82:19	switch 19:15
state 6:15 24:13 29:19 30:18 54:23 56:18,19, 22 57:24 65:3 67:2,5,6 68:10,23 72:13,14 74:7 80:18 82:11	story 33:2 44:22 61:19 75:9	substantive 35:1	sympathy 85:9
state- 64:6	straight 59:13 72:20	substantively 14:19	system 22:17,18, 20 23:12 32:22 33:3 79:23 80:8 81:19 83:11
state-recognized 68:17 72:21	stripped 44:24	subterranean 52:5	T
stated 64:21 71:11,15	strong 59:13 81:15	Subtitle 6:6	takes 57:16 75:13,14
statement 38:21	strongly 24:19 54:10 78:11,12 83:25	success 78:7	taking 9:6 21:2 29:9 32:12 40:24 48:7 54:16 79:9 88:2
States 32:2 35:24 60:18 65:2 68:22 70:10 72:9	struggle 41:12 47:1 64:14,15 71:21	successful 15:18	talk 12:19 57:15 72:10 76:7 82:16
stating 70:15	struggling 32:1 73:4	successfully 11:20	talked 76:2,21
status 29:20 41:23 42:8 85:2	student 70:2	sue 70:20	talking 11:3 51:15,16 67:19 73:18
statute 37:2	studies 30:2	sued 13:8 32:11 70:24	Tansy 32:4
	study 42:20	suicide 83:17	team 5:16,19 9:11,20 10:17
	Stupak 21:13 24:8 25:14 27:5, 6,7,15,19 28:5,9, 11 29:10	sun 8:15	
	styled 7:5		

88:4	86:22	60:7 71:23 74:19, 23 75:4 76:12 79:9 81:16 85:8, 13,23 87:10 88:1, 6	treaties 31:13 32:4,8,19
teams 87:4	thoughts 78:20 85:13	today's 5:7,11,13, 20,24 6:12 59:11 60:9	treaty 31:12,14 68:21 82:10
technical 38:10 48:20 60:25	threaten 78:7	told 41:17 44:9 68:8	tree 83:17
techniques 36:6	threshold 16:8	tolled 17:9	trials 75:24
technology 15:22 36:5	Thundering 34:13 48:14 52:12,15,16 53:10,15	tomorrow 85:3	tribal 8:2 10:6,15 14:23 25:18 30:10 31:4 41:7 42:24 43:9 44:15 47:20 55:5 60:17, 21 61:17 73:1 75:6 76:1 82:5 85:14 86:9,12
telephone 69:9	ties 43:5 46:13 56:15	tonight 57:7	tribe 5:9 8:9 11:11,14 12:5,6, 13 21:17 22:4 32:9 34:18,20,24 35:1,23 36:9,11 37:20 38:11,13 41:9,11 42:1,4, 14,21 43:9,17 45:10 46:2 50:4 51:5,24 53:3,4,7 55:9 56:25 57:5 59:3,7 61:18,25 62:5 63:8 76:3 77:25 78:24 82:2 83:2
telling 75:8	Tillamook 31:7	Tony 74:24 79:12 81:5	tribe's 35:13 36:8,16 37:6
ten 12:25 24:25 28:21 42:20 43:1 68:12 71:8 79:15	time 8:1,2 9:6,15 20:18,19,21 25:1 27:3 29:9 36:8 37:25 38:8 47:8 48:1,7,11 54:16 55:6 56:6 57:6 58:24 59:18 60:5, 7,8,22 63:14 66:6 71:9 76:12 79:9 80:9 85:12 88:2	top 65:22 66:3 70:13	tribes 7:7 11:9, 15,16 14:6 21:18, 22 22:11,14,16 23:5,7,11,22 24:3 26:9 30:13,20 35:8,18 36:7 37:24,25 41:21 43:10 44:2 45:15, 20 51:20 58:2 59:1 62:12,14,16,
ten-year 21:24	timeframe 37:21	Topmost 32:15	
tenure 87:11	timeline 13:18,21	total 82:15	
terminate 12:13	timely 85:21	totality 44:20	
terminated 12:7 42:8	tired 47:15	totally 57:22	
terms 38:6 69:2 71:7	tirelessly 30:5	town 74:8	
territories 30:21	title 6:16	toxic 74:9	
territory 31:5 83:3	titled 45:9	trace 43:3	
testified 87:12	to-government 64:19	tracking 5:20	
testify 29:19	today 6:1,10 7:2 8:4,14,22 9:8,10, 21 10:9 20:18 27:10 29:9 31:9 41:1,25 43:6,9,19 47:22 48:8 54:16	tragedies 83:20	
themes 85:15		Trail 43:20	
thesis 70:3		transcript 6:10	
thing 25:1 31:24 32:3 50:8 86:8 87:13		transcripts 86:11	
things 24:16 39:1 81:14		transition 14:3	
third-party 33:22 35:9 51:8		traveled 8:25	
thought 39:16 46:17 58:25 74:3		traveling 9:1 43:18	
		treasurer 81:10	

19 64:10 66:20 67:2 68:9,17 72:21 78:25 79:22 80:13,20 82:12,15 84:2 85:24	underneath 71:1 80:18	utilized 70:6	wanting 60:21
tribes' 32:12	understand 23:21 27:20 38:18 39:6, 16 42:23 66:19 68:6 80:13 87:8	utilizing 70:2,5	Washington 30:15,18 32:7 44:4 82:11
tribulations 75:24	understanding 62:18	<hr/> V <hr/>	Wasilta 32:6
troubles 60:24	understood 72:1	verified 70:12	watched 80:10,11
trust 35:5 82:22 87:21	unethical 22:8	version 19:14,15, 19 49:9 63:5	ways 26:15 28:3 51:9
Trustees 75:19	unfair 22:10 57:14,17 67:24	versus 62:14	Weaver 66:14 69:13 74:24 79:12,13,16 81:4
truth 43:21,22 46:25	unique 7:14 12:6 33:24 84:3 86:3	view 35:13 36:16	website 17:23 27:11,16,17 29:1 86:11
turn 6:18 51:13 68:24	uniqueness 33:25	views 26:3	week 71:22
turned 70:4 79:22	United 32:2 35:24 60:18 61:24 65:2 68:22 70:10 72:9 80:18	village 43:3	well-earned 87:18
turning 10:25	University 29:25 42:18 70:3	Vincent 55:1 60:13 63:16 64:5	west 72:9
Turtle 43:18 64:6 74:6	unjust 46:7 51:14	virtually 5:22	westernmost 30:13
two-year 28:20	unlawfully 32:14	voice 75:20	Whaley 10:10
Typically 85:13	unmute 20:16 40:14,17 53:21 69:15	voiced 87:10	whatnot 75:12 76:16
tyranny 72:2	unrecognized 35:8 37:24 72:21 82:8,18	voices 81:16	whatsoever 64:22
<hr/> U <hr/>	unsuccessful 16:21 35:16	voted 30:8	whichever 17:2
unambiguously 42:2	unwillingness 32:3	voting 30:9	White 72:16
unanimously 30:9	update 29:7	vulnerable 29:18 32:23	who've 9:12 20:24
unborn 74:12	urge 50:18 51:4	<hr/> W <hr/>	wholly 33:24
uncles 41:14		Wahkiakum 30:17	wide-ranging 15:25
uncomfortable 43:23		wait 19:20	Willapa 30:18 31:8
uncovered 41:16		waited 54:11	Wilson 63:17 66:13 69:12
		Walk 59:12	
		wanted 14:20 15:19 24:23 39:22 71:25 72:2	

74:23,25 75:1,5 78:14,15,18,21 79:9	wrote 41:1 65:16, 18 70:3	
wind 47:24	<hr/> Y <hr/>	
window 43:10 46:15	year 14:7 28:23 31:2 42:22	
wishes 20:11	years 12:25	
witnessed 41:13	16:22,25 17:4,7 18:13,18 24:1,4, 25 28:18,24 31:25 33:7,16 37:22,24 38:6 54:12 55:10 68:12 72:8,10 74:9 75:18 81:18 84:17	
won 30:25 32:12, 13	York 52:17 70:13	
wondering 61:14	young 24:20 68:19	
word 39:3	younger 52:21 61:2,7	
words 46:18 61:11	<hr/> Z <hr/>	
work 30:7 61:5 70:11 87:5,15 88:6	Zoom 78:25	
worked 69:21 81:1		
workflow 28:2		
working 30:1,5 33:16		
works 87:1		
world 70:11		
worthy 41:8		
wrap 25:1 73:23		
writing 26:14		
written 7:17 14:1 21:2,3,22 22:3 30:22 33:1 38:21 39:20 81:13 84:9, 18 88:3,9		
wrongfully 55:14		
wrongs 35:4 37:11		