

Federal law. This notice is based on a determination, following a review of public comment on the proposed findings, that the group does not meet four of the criteria set forth in 25 CFR 83.7 and, therefore, does not meet the requirements necessary for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

Notice of the proposed findings to decline to acknowledge the group was published on page 51652 of the *Federal Register* on October 21, 1981. Interested parties were given 120 days in which to submit factual or legal arguments to rebut evidence used to support the findings that the Munsee-Thames River Delaware do not exist as an Indian tribe. There were no rebuttals submitted pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(g) to challenge the proposed findings. The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Colorado wrote a letter to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs supporting the findings.

In accordance with § 83.9(j) of the Acknowledgment regulations, an analysis was made to determine what, if any, options other than acknowledgement are available under which the Munsee-Thames River Delaware Indian Nation could make application as a tribe for services and other benefits available to recognized Indian tribes. No alternatives could be found due to the group's doubtful Indian ancestry, lack of social and political organization, and inability to establish any historical connection with the Delaware tribe. This conclusion is based on independent research conducted by the acknowledgment staff and on the factual arguments and evidence presented in the Munsee-Thames River Delaware petition.

Requests for copies of the proposed findings published earlier should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20245, Attention: Branch of Federal Acknowledgment.

This determination is final and will become effective 60 days from the date of publication, unless the Secretary of the Interior requests the determination be reconsidered pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10(a-c).

Kenneth Smith,

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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### Samish Indian Tribe; Proposed Finding Against Federal Acknowledgment

October 29, 1982.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the

Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(f) (formerly 25 CFR 54.9), notice is hereby given that the Assistant Secretary proposes to decline to acknowledge that the Samish Indian Tribe, c/o Mr. Kenneth C. Hansen, P.O. Box 217, Anacortes, Washington 98221, exists as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the group does not meet three of the criteria set forth in 25 CFR 83.7 and, therefore, does not meet the requirements necessary for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

Under § 83.9(f) of the Federal regulations, a report summarizing the evidence for the proposed decision is available to the petitioner and interested parties upon written request.

Section 83.9(g) of the regulations provides that any individual or organization wishing to challenge the proposed findings may submit factual or legal arguments and evidence to rebut the evidence relied upon. This material must be submitted within 120 days of the publication of this notice. Comments and requests for a copy of the report should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20245, Attention: Branch of Federal Acknowledgment.

After consideration of the written arguments and evidence rebutting the proposed findings and within 60 days after the expiration of the response period, the Assistant Secretary will publish his determination regarding the petitioner's status in the *Federal Register* as provided in § 83.9(h).

Ken Smith,

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

The purpose of this decision is to modify the Decision to Issue Conveyance (DIC) of lands to Kuugpik Corporation, Inc. dated September 30, 1982, as published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 47, No. 191, on pages 43436 through 43439, October 1, 1982.

Portions of the land descriptions in Parts I and II of the DIC have been revised to assure that all of those lands which are or may be involved in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) boundary dispute (*State of Alaska v. Warner et al.*, Civil Action No.

75-13, United States District Court for the District of Alaska) are included in Part II. Lands described in Part I of the DIC of September 30, 1982, which are not revised herein remain unchanged.

These descriptions are revised as follows:

#### Part I.—Lands Outside Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4

*Umiat Meridian, Alaska (Surveyed)*

T. 10 N., R. 4 E.

Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 1, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Sec. 12, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark northeasterly of the northeasterly bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 555 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 4 E.

Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 1 and 2, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 11, 12, and 13, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 24 and 36, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 2,687 acres.

T. 12 N., R. 4 E.

Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 2 and 3, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 10 and 11, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotment F-11949;

Sec. 14, excluding Native allotments F-11951 and F-11949;

Sec. 15, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotments F-11949 and F-11951;

Secs. 22 and 23, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 26 and 35, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 3,406 acres.

T. 10 N., R. 5 E.

Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 7, all land lying above the highest high water mark east of the east bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;