

Tribal Government Services

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Dear Ms. McKenzie:

In response to your letter of January 18 concerning the status of the Tehinook petition for Federal acknowledgment, we have examined the materials submitted in your previous letters and can offer the following conclusions which may be helpful to you in finishing the documentation of your petition. Although the new materials submitted are helpful, there are still substantial areas that need documentation. Most of the questions in our original letter to you of February 26, 1981, still need to be answered. Based on an examination of your latest submissions, we have also included in this letter some further advice and questions.

In order for us to better understand the Tehinook case, we suggest that you include a short descriptive narrative of the group's history from treaty times to the present and a discussion of the current character of the group. This should explain the specific history of the present Tehinook group and how it is connected with the Chinook groups listed in the historical documents submitted.

The materials submitted indicate group members at one time had trust allotments and were served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs from one or another agency. It would be useful to us to have additional information and documentation about this.

We would like to acknowledge receipt of the rough draft listing of the Tehinook Tribal membership, which bears the notation "needs to be made firm." We would appreciate clarification of what this means. We note from your letter of April 29, 1981, that this has been your listing since October 31, 1975, when your enrollment was closed. It is especially important that the group's membership list include all those persons who are considered to be members since, if acknowledged, this list may be considered to be the group's base roll and may be binding on the group for some time to come. A statement certifying that the roll submitted is the group's membership roll should be submitted, signed by the members of the group's governing body.

The format used in the draft listing is quite satisfactory; however, the list should be updated to show any changes in residence which have occurred since 1975. Please note that a detailed statement is needed of how the group determines who is eligible for membership.

Family tree charts of some type are needed to show how members are related to one another and how they descend from their Indian ancestors. We note from your letter that such charts are available in the Tehinook Tribal Office, but that funding was not available to provide them. We suggest that you submit copies of a few of the charts to give the Acknowledgment staff an opportunity to determine whether they provide the information needed to complete the genealogical review of the Tehinook petition. If they can be used in their present format or with only minor

➤additions, we will try to help you find assistance in getting the charts to the Acknowledgment offices. If for some reason they cannot be used, we will work with you to secure the necessary information.

The information submitted to the American Indian Policy Review Commission is, unfortunately, not available to us. The Commission no longer exists, and we have been unable to locate its files. We have only the very limited information included in the report of the Commission's task force on unrecognized groups.

Petitions are considered in order, based on the chronology of dates that initial requests for acknowledgment were made. Your petition, dated May 16, 1979, is number 52 in the chronology. As the work schedule permits, completed, documented petitions are placed under active consideration, based on the order of initial filing of a group's request.

Listed below are several organizations which have provided assistance to Indian groups that are seeking Federal acknowledgment. You may wish to contact them for further information. The top two groups listed are both attempting to provide training and technical assistance to petitioners, to locate professional research assistance, and to assist groups in obtaining funding.

National Indian Lutheran Board
35 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1847
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Attn: Mr. Eugene Crawford

Native American Research Institute
1026 Westdale Road
Lawrence, Kansas 66044
Toll Free # 1-800-255-6317

Campaign for Human Development
United States Catholic Conference
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

If you have further questions, please write or contact the Branch of Federal Acknowledgment on (703) 235-2360.

Sincerely,

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