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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert Lo Bennett today announced preparation of a roll of Upper and Lower Chehalis Indians of Washington State entitled to share in a $754,000 Indian Claims Commission judgment.

An amendment to the Code of Federal Regulations provides that "all persons who were alive on Oct. 24, 1967, who establish that they are descendants of members of the Upper and Lower Chehalis Tribes as they existed in 1855 shall be entitled to be enrolled to share in the distribution of the judgment funds."

All applications for enrollment must be filed with the Superintendent, Western Washington Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 3006 Colby Avenue, Everett, Wash. 98201 no later than Aug. 1, 1968.

The Claims Commission made the award for 838,200 acres of land in Washington State taken from the tribe without compensation in 1855 0 Some of the award will be used to pay attorney's fees, the rest distributed to tribal members. The regulation change is being published in the Federal Register o