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Plans for the use of funds awarded by the Indian Claims Commission to the Barnish and Swinomish tribes of Indians are being published in the Federal Register, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The Samish Indians were awarded \$5,754 and the Swinomish \$29,000 as additional compensation for land taken as a result of the Point Elliot Treaty ratified in 1859. Both tribes were located in the Western Washington area.

The plans, approved by Congress and made effective December 10, 1975, call for per capita distributions of the funds to the lineal descendants of members of the tribes as they existed in 1859.

Regulations governing the preparation of the rolls of descendants will be published in the Federal Register.
