

**Tribal Government Services**

JAN 10 1980

Mr. Kenneth Hansen  
Samish Indian Tribe  
Post Office Box 217  
Anacortes, Washington 98221

Dear Mr. Hansen:

This is to acknowledge receipt on October 11 of the documentation of the petition for Federal acknowledgment of the ~~Samish~~ tribe. We have reviewed the petition for obvious deficiencies and significant omissions, as called for under Section 54.9(b) of the acknowledgment regulations. As discussed with you in recent phone conversations with the Acknowledgment staff, the materials received are adequate for the petition to be placed under active consideration except for the genealogical portion.

We have arranged to have the staff at the Puget Sound Agency certify as Samish descendants those individuals who have been determined eligible to share in the Samish judgment fund. This is in accordance with the discussions between yourself and the Acknowledgment staff in advance of your submission of the completed petition. We will, however, need charts and possibly some genealogical documentation for those on the membership roll who did not apply for the judgment funds or are not certified by the Agency.

At our request, the Agency is giving a high priority to completing the Samish judgment roll, so that they can then examine the tribal roll. They expect to complete this by the end of February. Since work cannot begin on your petition until this information is received, we will delay putting the Samish petition under active consideration until that time. Please be assured that this will not delay our actual schedule for consideration of your petition, since we would not be able to begin work on your petition until about that date in any event.

In reviewing your petition we have found some minor deficiencies in the documents submitted that we would like to call to your attention. In the roll submitted in Section VI, Part 54.7(e), page 125A-44 has been omitted. On the copies of the 1953 roll, we cannot read the last name on pages 124D, 124F, and 124K. Several names on page 124G cannot be read. We also need clearer copies of exhibits 3, 5, 9, 67, 87, 131, and 133.

We will keep you informed concerning the work on your tribal roll. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Acknowledgment staff at (703) 235-2360.

Sincerely,

PATRICK A. HAYES

Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services

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