

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE CHINOOK TRIBE AND BANDS
OF INDIANS,

Petitioner,

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

Docket No. 234

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon the findings of fact this day filed herein and hereby made a part of this order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law, that the Clatsop Indians had Indian title to the lands described in Finding 29 and the Chinook (proper) Indians had Indian title to the lands described in Finding 30; that the defendant assumed definite control over the lands of the Clatsop Indians as of August 5, 1851, and that the defendant assumed definite control over the lands of the Chinook (proper) tribe as of August 9, 1851; that said Indian tribal groups have the capacity and the right to assert claims for their respective lands described in Findings 29 and 30.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, That said petitioners are authorized to assert the claims herein above referred to and that they respectively were in the possession of and had exclusive use of said lands at the time the defendant took control thereof from said tribal groups.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the case shall now proceed for the determination of compensation, if any, said groups received for their respective lands and the determination of the value of the Clatsop lands as of August 5, 1851, and the value of the Chinook lands as of August 9, 1851, the payment, if any, the defendant may have made to either of such tribal groups and the offsets, including money or property given to or funds expended gratuitously for each of such tribal groups, which may be allowable under the provisions of the Indian Claims Commission Act.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 16th day of April, 1958.

Edgar F. Witt
Chief Commissioner

Louis J. O'Marr
Associate Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt
Associate Commissioner