

## BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE PITT RIVER INDIANS  
OF CALIFORNIA,

Petitioners,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

Docket No. 347

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon the Findings of Fact this day filed herein and which are hereby made a part of this Order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law that the Pitt River Indians of California are an identifiable group of American Indians and entitled to prosecute this action before the Commission; that the Commission has jurisdiction to hear and determine the same; that the Pitt River Indians are comprised of eleven autonomous groups or bands known as Astariwawi, Atwamsini, Hammawi, Herisedawi, Ilmawi, Itsatawi, Kosalektawi, Madesi, Achomawi, Atsuge and Aporige; that said groups or bands are the land-owning, land-holding units of the Pitt River Indians and that each group or band held original Indian title to a separate tract of land as is described in Finding of Fact No. 25 this day entered of record in this Docket; that said eleven bands or groups of Pitt River Indians were each deprived of their land title by the defendant on March 3, 1853, without compensation having been paid therefor; and that each is therefore entitled to compensation for the value of said land as of March 3, 1853,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, That defendant's motion for dismissal of the amended First and Supplemental Petition be and it is hereby denied, and evidence will now be received looking to a determination of the acreage within each of the eleven separate tracts of land as bounded in our Finding of Fact No. 25, and the value of said lands as of March 3, 1853, together with the amount of offsets, if any, which the defendant may be entitled to credit against the same.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 29th day of July, 1959.

Edgar E. Witt  
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Chief Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt  
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Associate Commissioner