

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

UPPER CHEHALIS TRIBE, ET AL.,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Docket No. 237
)	
THE UNITED STATES,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

Decided: March 14, 1960

Appearances:

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OPINION OF THE COMMISSION

WITT, Chief Commissioner, delivered the opinion of the Commission.

This case is before the Commission for a second time. When previously considered and dismissed (4 Ind. Cl. Comm. 301) this Commission found that within the area claimed by plaintiffs on the basis of Indian title there was aboriginally a number of autonomous villages, or tribelets, and that there was no evidence of a merger of these village-tribes into a "Chehalis Tribe" or into two tribes -- the "Lower Chehalis" and the "Upper Chehalis." The Commission further found that there was no substantial evidence that the plaintiffs herein

