

## BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

UPPER CHEHALIS TRIBE, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

Docket No. 237

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon the findings of fact this day filed herein and which are made a part of this order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law:

1. That the plaintiff known as The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the individually named plaintiffs have the right to maintain this action for and on behalf of the members and descendants of members of the tribes or identifiable groups existing in 1855 which were known as The Upper Chehalis and The Lower Chehalis Tribes or identifiable groups.

2. That the plaintiffs have proven Indian title of the Lower Chehalis Tribe or identifiable group to the lands described in Finding 23; and of the Upper Chehalis Tribe or identifiable group to the lands described in Finding 24, and

3. That the Indian title of each of these tribes or identifiable groups of Chehalis Indians was acquired by the defendant from said Indians on March 3, 1855, without their consent and without the payment of compensation therefor.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, That the case proceed for the determination of the acreage in each of the two areas involved and the value of said areas as of March 3, 1855, the question of what offsets, if any, to which defendant may be entitled, being deferred to a future hearing.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 14th day of March, 1960.

Edgar E. Witt  
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 Chief Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt  
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 Associate Commissioner