

## BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE OF INDIANS,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Docket No. 207
	)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

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

1. The petitioner herein, as described in Finding 1, is an identifiable group of American Indians authorized to present and maintain its claim as asserted.
2. The defendant's defense of res judicata must be denied.
3. The area described in Finding 18 was exclusively used and occupied by the petitioner herein, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians from time immemorial or, for a long time prior to the bringing of this action, and petitioner held original title to said land.
4. The petitioner herein has not established Indian title to any of the remaining area claimed by the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that this case now proceed to a determination of the acreage described in Finding 18, the value of said acreage as of March 8, 1859, the amount of consideration paid by the United States to the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians for their lands, and all other matters bearing upon the question of liability of the United States to those Indians represented by the petitioner herein.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 26th day of February, 1965.

/s/ Arthur V. Watkins  
Chief Commissioner

/s/ Wm. M. Holt  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ T. Harold Scott  
Associate Commissioner