

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS,)
)
 Petitioner,)
)
 v.) Docket No. 203
)
 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
 Defendant.)

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon the findings of fact and the 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 area described in Finding 16 was exclusively used and occupied by the petitioner herein, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, from time immemorial or, for a long time prior thereto, and petitioner held original or Indian title to said land on March 3, 1855, the date of ratification of said treaty of cession.
3. The petitioner herein has not established Indian title to any of the remaining area claimed by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case now proceed to a determination of the acreage described in Finding 16, the value of said acreage as of March 3, 1855, the amount of consideration paid by the United States to the Puyallup 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 25th day of April, 1966,

Arthur V. Watkins
Chief Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt
Associate Commissioner

T. Harold Scott
Associate Commissioner