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COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE  
TRUST ACQUISITION AND CASINO PROJECT  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

~ COMMENT ~

These comments of formal Objection to Alternatives A, B, C, D, and E of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Trust Acquisition and Casino Project are proclaimed by Chinook Nation.

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Chinook Nation is a non-profit corporation of the State of Washington charged with the duty to execute the purposes defined in the establishing documents of our Articles of Incorporation found at Article III. In addition to other declared purposes in Article III, these include: "... to research, record, survey and mark the natural and political boundaries of the various Tribal Homelands of the Chinook Nation, to record, research and adapt to the genocide and ethnic cleansing of the existence of certain entire Tribes of the Chinook Nation, to defend the truths of our existence, to seek International Justice, to promote Peace, friendship and the cooperative improvement of international relations."

To best advance the BIA's "Self Determination" policy of promoting the Tribe's self-governance capacity and the establishment of a land base for the Cowlitz Tribe, the Bureau needs to respect human morality, ethics and the rule of law by selecting a location site within the Aboriginal Tribal Homeland of the Cowlitz Tribe of the Salish Nation. Such a location at Toledo, Vader or even Castle Rock, truly within the Aboriginal Tribal Homeland of the Cowlitz Tribe, would establish an honest land base for the Tribe which could be developed to improve the long term economic vitality and self-governance of the Tribe and its members through the creation of a stable, sustainable source of employment and revenue.

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We believe that the Cowlitz Tribe has been driven by a greed for Casino wealth which would be enhanced by locating outside of the aboriginal tribal homeland of the Cowlitz Tribe and closer to the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area. The alternative A, B, C, and D (LaCenter interchange site) as well as the Alternative E (Ridgefield interchange site) are located in the heart of the Aboriginal Tribal Homeland of the Kathlapouthl Tribe of the Chinook Nation.

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Consideration of Truth before God and Justice between all of the Tribes of the Indigenous Peoples of North America best strengthens the position of the United States and its trust responsibilities to the Cowlitz Tribe. To reach a moral and just conclusion in the establishment of a land base for the Tribe greatly enhances the national security of the United States and the tribal security and economic stability for the Cowlitz Tribe. Since time immemorial, the Chinook People, bound together by the speech of the Chinookan Language, have resided on both banks of Yakaitl Wimakl (the Great River) of the West from Celilo Falls and Willamette Falls to the Ocean. All the records of humankind confirm the location of this Chinook National Estate.

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Before the coming of the white man, Nineteen (19) Tribes of the Chinook National lived together on contiguously connected Tribal homelands as a social and economic unity. One of their neighbors to the North has been the Cowlitz Tribe of the Salish Nation. In 1948 the U.S. Congress passed a law directing the President to direct negotiating with the indigenous Tribes of Oregon. By 1871, five (5) of the Nineteen (19) Tribes of the Chinook Nation had consummated ratified land cession agreements with the United States. Fourteen (14) Tribal homelands were left as unfinished business with lands un-ceded, unsold in a government to government sale, and un-forfeited as the spoils of a just war.

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The homeland of the Sahala Cascade Tribe, the Shoto Tribe, the Kathlapouthl Tribe, the Kalama Tribe, the Skilloot Tribe and the Wahkiakum Tribe of the Chinook Nation are among those un-ceded homelands connected along the North banks of Yakaitl Wimakl. The site location for alternatives A, B, C, and D and the site location for alternative E are located on the shoulders along the South side of the Kathlapouthl River now sometimes called the Lewis River wholly within the un-ceded Kathlapouthl Tribal Homeland.

After the passage of the Oregon Donation land claim Act in 1850, settlers began seeking lands upon which to live and the Presidents began writing presidential patents for land that the United States had come to own by way of ratified tribal land cession agreements. There have never been any land cession agreements for the tribal homeland of the Kathlapouthl wherein lie the site locations for alternatives A, B, C, D, and E. In those un-ceded Tribal homelands of the Chinook Nation, in order to satisfy the pioneer desire for property, the presidents acted to give away lands that the United States did not own by signing unlawful presidential land patents to create fraudulent deeds which look just like valid deeds. Only these type of fraudulent deeds, which trace to the unlawful presidential patents where the president gives away or sells un-ceded aboriginal tribal homeland parcels which the United States does not own, are available and utilized in and around the site locations for Alternatives A, B, C, D, and E, as well as throughout the Kathlapouthl homelands.

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This method of stealing and theft by the device of giving away or selling land that you do not own was adopted by the Cowlitz Tribe in imitation of United States behavior. In August of 1946, the United States established the Indian Claims Commission as a means of lessening the cloud over fraudulent land titles and deeds. The Cowlitz Tribe became a plaintiff with Docket 218 and in addition to the identification of the Aboriginal Tribal Homeland of the Cowlitz Tribe, the plaintiffs falsely claimed aboriginal title to considerable portions of the aboriginal tribal homelands of the Wahkiakum Tribe of the Chinook Nation, the Skilloot Tribe of the Chinook Nation, the Kalama Tribe of the Chinook Nation, the Kathlapouthl Tribe of the Chinook Nation, and the Shoto Tribe of the Chinook Nation, all located along the North shore of Yakaitl Wimakl unchanged for thousands of years.

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Both the United States and the Cowlitz Tribe stood to gain by this fraud and collusion. The Cowlitz Tribe was paid vast sums of money, based on a per acre formula, and the United States could claim that they now owned those Chinookan lands because aboriginal title had been relinquished. In order to make a cover-up of this deceit in Docket 218 the Cowlitz Tribe hired an anthropologist to draw a phony map to match the false claim of the Cowlitz. To give it plausibility, they chose Dr. Vern Ray who had published research on the Chinook Proper out on the Pacific Coast.

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Now in 2006, the Cowlitz Tribe again takes advantage of this Docket 218 fraud to choose a location nearer to the main Portland market and will have the decision made by its partner in collusion the United States.

If respect for human morality, government ethics and adherence to the rule of law are to be honored, the Department of Interior must not use fraudulent deeds to place land into trust that is located in un-ceded Indian Country.

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For the aforesaid reasons, Chinook Nation makes a plea to your better judgment to designate Alternative F as the preferred alternative.

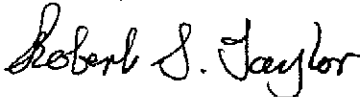
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Alternative F would prevent grave wrongs and serious violations of International Law and U.S. Statute Law.

Alternative F would allow the Cowlitz Tribe to meet the purposes and needs of the Tribe by simply selecting a location well above tidewater in the Cowlitz River Valley.

Alternative F will best serve to improve the long term economic vitality and self-governance of the Cowlitz Tribe and its members by keeping the Tribe and the United States on the right side of the law and thus promoting Peace and harmony among the varied parties of the region.

Sincerely,



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The Cowlitz Indian Tribe has given a shallow, self-serving and inaccurate version of Northwest history. In the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the Amended Fee to Trust Application and the Amended and Reorganized Request for a Reservation Proclamation, the Cowlitz Tribe cites mainly from modern times from in the midst and the later developments of the disruptive force of the joint occupation of Oregon Territory by Great Britain and the United States.

Ancient, longstanding and traditional boundaries between the Tribes of the Chinook People and the surrounding Tribes of other linguistic nationalities were unchanging and stable for dozens of centuries.

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Since time immemorial the Chinook People have lived along the waters and in the valleys of Yakaitl Wimakl (THE GREAT RIVER) which the white man calls Columbia and its tributaries from Celilo Falls and Willamette Falls to the Ocean coast. The boundaries of the Chinook National Estate can be identified by the linguistic maps J. W. POWELL and others.

As other linguistic nationalities of aboriginal people came to locate themselves to the South, to the North and to the East of "Chinook Indian Country", it was natural for territorial friction to crop up between these other nationalities and the Ancient Chinook People. The Calispocia were kept at bay on the upper reaches of the Multnomah River to the South and the Dalish (Cowlitz) were kept at bay well above tide water and the lower rapids of the Cowlitz River to the North. The Cowlitz were sometimes jealous and envious of the great waters of commerce and rich fisheries of Yakaitl Wimakl but for many centuries a peace of defined territorial location and rights of travel prevailed.

An examination of the records of the Lewis and Clark military reconnaissance

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mission identifies the Kathlapouthl Tribe of the Tachinook Nation living in their Redap Chinook Longhouses at the mouth of the Kathlapouthl River in 1805-06

The devastating epidemic of 1829 swept away to death most if not all of the Kathlapouthl population. The Cowlitz Tribe was by and large spared from the deadly diseases which sailed into the navigable waters of Yakskill Wimakl. The Cowlitz were quick, however, to clear the dead bodies from the Chinook longhouses and move in along the shores of "The Great River" where they had long wanted to live and fish.

These interloper Cowlitz indeed greeted John Townsend and other white settlers which flooded into Oregon Territory and helped establish a disruptive environment which allowed for the breakdown of the traditional established tribal boundaries.

The western headquarters of the British Hudson Bay Company was established in the Aboriginal Tribal Homeland of the Skoto Tribe of the Tachinook Nation at Vancouver. They traded with the various tribes of the Tachinook Nation as well as with the Cowlitz Tribe of the Salish Nation.

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The surviving human beings of the various Tribes of the Chinook Nation are the Royal Heirs and successors in interest to the Aboriginal Title to the holy waters and the lands which drain them of the Skoto Tribe, the Kathlapouthl Tribe, the Kalama Tribe and the Skilloot Tribe of the Chinook Nation.

Over the years, the occupying forces and settlers of the United States and the interloper Cowlitz Tribe which moved in to occupy certain Tribal Homelands of the Chinook Nation found a mutual beneficial mechanism in the Indian Claims Commission.

The theft of Chinook Homelands by the device of the Cowlitz Tribe surrendering over to the United States Chinook Homelands along the Kathlapouthl River and Yakaitle Wamak which the Cowlitz Tribe did not have title to nor own was a great favor to the United States.

The United States has used this miscarriage of Justice within the "Indian Claims Commission" to bolster its falsified deeds to interloper pioneers which have come to settle in the various Tribal Homelands of the Chinook Nation.

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The United States has rewarded the Cowlitz Tribe through the Federal Acknowledgment Program by finding that the Cowlitz Tribe exists as an Indian Tribe and that the Chinook Tribe does not legally exist as an Indian Tribe.

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Today the Chinook is a non-recognized tribe with many land fraud programs being waged against its human dignity. The Cowlitz, on the other hand is a newly recognized tribe with the United States poised to establish a land base for the future of the Cowlitz Tribe right smack dab in the heart of the Aboriginal Tribal Homeland of the Kathlapaukht Tribe of the Tahinook Nation. The surviving Chinook still hold the original ultimate fee in title to these homelands of their Tahinook National Estate which have never been ceded by agreement, sold in a government to government sale nor forfeited as the spoils of a just war.

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The Trust acquisition to form a land base for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe MUST be established solely within the boundaries of the Aboriginal Tribal Homeland of the Cowlitz Tribe of the Salish Nation on the upper Cowlitz River above tidewater and not at the I-5 exit 16 in the heart of the Aboriginal Tribal Homeland of the Kathlameth Tribe of the Chinook Nation

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We cry out for justice to God Almighty - - - and we ask Stanley Speaks to speak up for us Chinooks as his fiduciary responsibility might move him.

Sincerely, Robert Stewart Taylor, Tye

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