

**(1) Letter of Intent**

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SMALL TRIBES ORGANIZATION of WESTERN WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton  
Secretary of the Interior  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Dear Mr. Rogers C. Morton:

This legal document is a petition of the Snohomish Tribe of Indians for Federal recognition as a recognized tribe. The tribe is not presently recognized as an Indian tribe. The petition contains legal arguments that the Snohomish Tribe of Indians should be Federally recognized, and it also contains legal documents supporting the legal arguments.

The petition generally argues that the Snohomish Tribe is a tribal entity and has been recognized by the Federal government as existing. The petition shows that the Snohomish Tribe has tribal existence and has had and continues to have legal relations with the Federal government.

The Snohomish Tribe wants to be treated like other recognized Indian tribes. It wants to receive Federal services and benefits as a recognized Indian tribe. The tribe also needs to be recognized in order to organize under the Indian Reorganization Act, 48 Stat. 984 (1934). That Act has many provisions potentially beneficial to the tribe.

I hope that you will carefully consider the Snohomish Tribe of Indians' request for Federal recognition. Federal recognition would mean a great deal to them.

Sincerely yours,

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