



## PAMUNKEY TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

### **PAMUNKEY INDIAN TRIBE IS FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED; Interior Board of Indian Appeals Dismisses Stand Up for California's Request for Reconsideration of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe's Final Determination**

**February 1, 2016**

On January 28, 2016, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe's July 2, 2015 Final Determination for Federal Acknowledgment (the "Final Determination") became effective as a result of a final dismissal of a request for reconsideration entered by the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (the "IBIA"). *In re Federal Acknowledgment of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe*, 62 IBIA 122 (01/28/2016). The IBIA explained that Stand Up for California! ("Stand Up"), an organization that focuses on gambling issues affecting California, failed to show that it is an "interested party" to the Final Determination within the meaning of the Federal acknowledgment regulations, and therefore the IBIA concluded that Stand Up is not entitled to seek reconsideration of the Final Determination.

The Tribe is proud of the strength of its Petition for Federal Acknowledgment; according to the Final Determination, "the amount and quality of evidence submitted by the petitioner both prior to and after the [Proposed Finding] sets this petition apart as one of the most well documented petitions ever reviewed by OFA and the Department." The Tribe never doubted that its Final Determination would become final and effective, though it is pleased that the IBIA was able to reach final resolution so quickly. The Tribe can now move forward in its new chapter as a federally-recognized Indian Tribe.

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