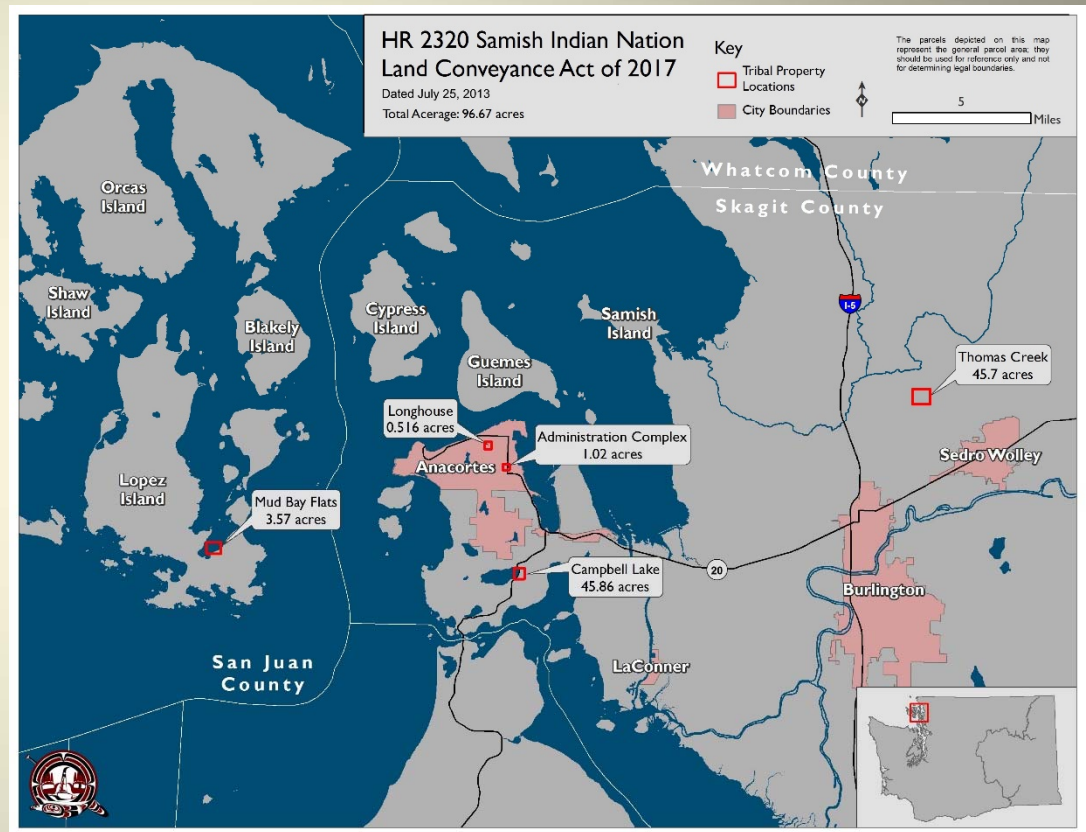


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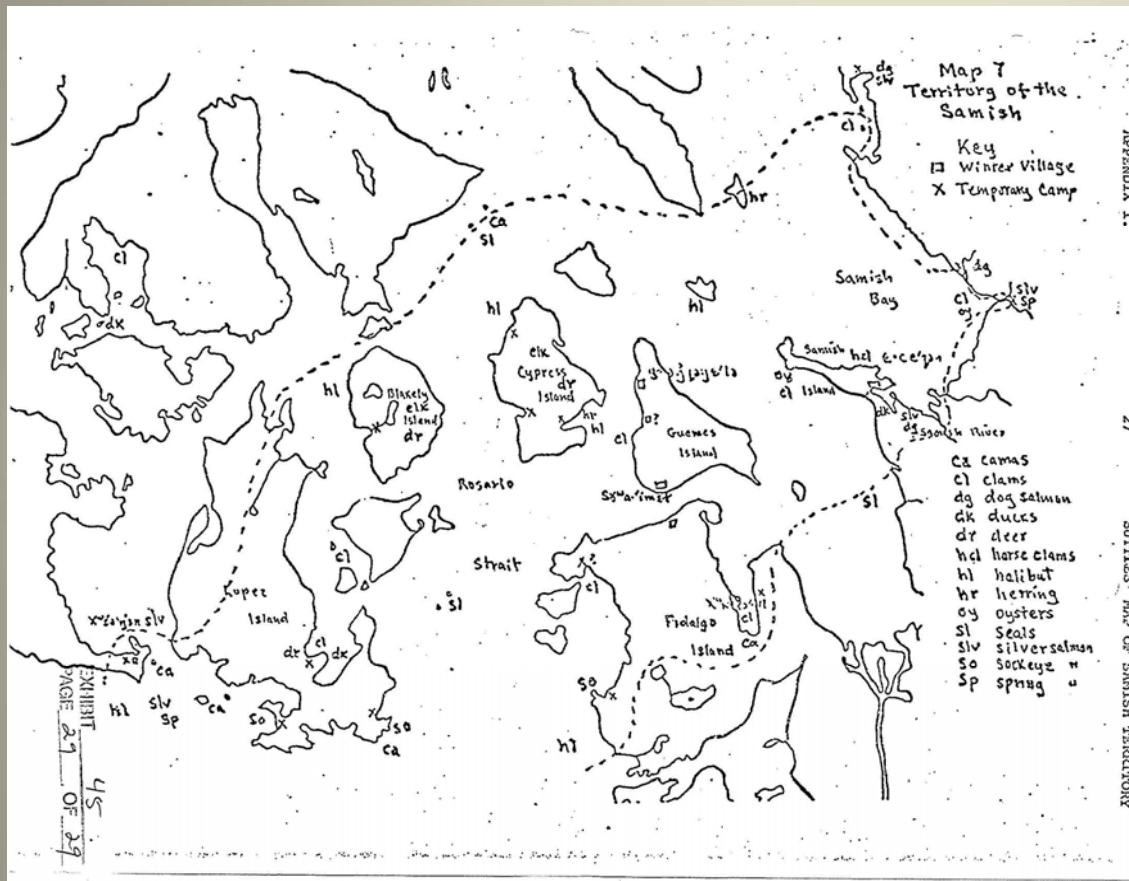
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Samish Territory

The Tribe's traditional territory stretches over a four-county region of Northwest Washington, which ranges from the Cascades to the western shores of the San Juan Islands.



1958 Indian Land Claims Finding:



“The Samish held Samish Island, Guemes Island, Eastern Lopez Island, Cypress Island, and Fidalgo Island.”

1969 BIA Clerical Error

- A simple error left the Samish Indian Nation off of a list of federally recognized Indian tribes.
- For the next 27 years, the Samish Indian Nation fought to regain recognition as a federally recognized Indian tribe.
- In October 1996, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington issued an order reinstating the Samish Indian Nation as a federally recognized tribe.

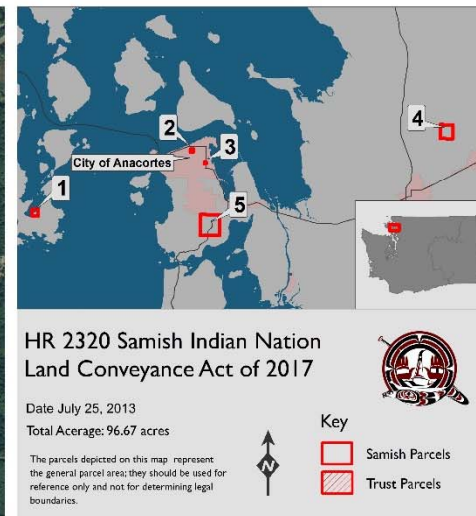
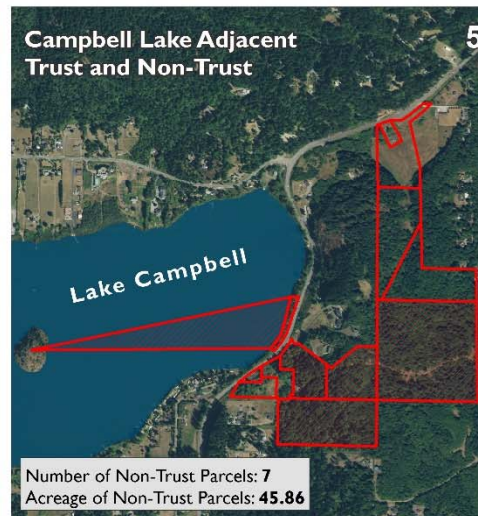
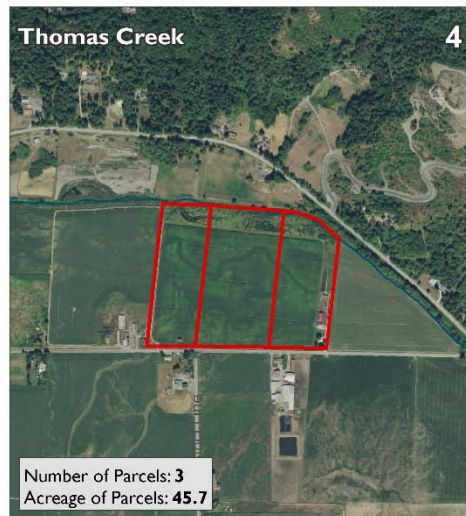
BIA Fee to Trust Process Doesn't Work

- In 2000, the Tribe sought to restore its homelands through the BIA's 25 C.F.R. 151 land into trust process by seeking conversion of the Tribe's Campbell Lake property into trust status.
- The Tribe obtained Campbell Lake in trust status after an **eight** year administrative process.
- The BIA took final action on this property only days before the Samish Tribe was about to testify before Congress on how the fee-to-trust process did not work for the Tribe.

Mandatory Trust Legislation

Samish Nation seeks Congressional action to direct the Secretary of the Interior to place 17 parcels totaling 96.67 acres of land currently owned by Samish in fee simple into trust for non-gaming purposes for the benefit of the Tribe.

Summary Map of Parcels



Parcels and Needs

These properties will, once placed into trust status, allow the Tribe to address basic tribal services and needs.

- Mud Bay Flats – Natural Resources
- Tribal Administration Complex – Tribal Operations
- Longhouse – Preschool & Elders
- Thomas Creek – Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Campbell Lake Adjacent – Agriculture & Natural Resources

Mud Bay Flats



- Preservation of Natural Resources
- Marine Agriculture
- Lopez Island
- San Juan County
- 3.47 Mud Bay Flats only accessible by water

Administration



- Tribal Admin Complex
 - Natural Resources
 - Archives
 - Accounting
 - IT & Records
 - Administration
- 2918 Commercial Avenue, within Anacortes
- Skagit County
- 1.02 acres

Samish Longhouse

- Head Start and Early Learning Center for Preschool & Toddlers
- Elders Meals
- 1618 D Avenue, within Anacortes
- Skagit County
- .516 acres



Thomas Creek

- Natural Resource conservation project
- Salmon habitat enhancement
- Agricultural use
- 21109 Kelleher Road
- Outside Sedro-Woolley
- Skagit County
- 45.7 acres



Campbell Lake Adjacent to Trust

- Agricultural open space
- Future community development
- Bordering Campbell Lake and SR 20
- Outside Anacortes
- Skagit County
- 45.86 acres contiguous to the 78 acres already held in Trust



Prohibition of Future Use for Gaming



Key language within this legislation will **prohibit** any future use of any portion of these properties for gaming purposes once it is taken into Trust.

Thank You For Your Support

The Tribe is hoping for your support for HR 2320 Samish Land Conveyance Act and has enclosed a copy of the bill and summary of the parcels for your consideration.

