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CERTIFIED MAIL—RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Laurie Gere, Mayor
City of Anacortes
Post Office Box 547
Anacortes, Washington 98201-3528

Dear Mayor Gere:

Pursuant to the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 25, INDIANS, Part 151.10, notice is given of the application filed by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community to have real property accepted “in trust” for said applicant by the United States of America. The determination whether to acquire this property “in trust” will be made in the exercise of discretionary authority, which is vested in the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, U.S. Department of the Interior. To assist us in the exercise of that discretion, we invite your comments on the proposed acquisition. In order for the Secretary to assess the impact of the removal of the subject property from the tax rolls, and if applicable to your organization, we also request that you provide the following information:

- (1) If known, the annual amount of property taxes currently levied on the subject property allocated to your organization;
- (2) Any special assessments, and amounts thereof, that are currently assessed against the property in support of your organization;
- (3) Any governmental services that are currently provided to the property by your organization; and
- (4) If subject to zoning, how the intended use is consistent, or inconsistent, with the zoning.

We provide the following information regarding this application:

Applicant:

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Legal Land Description/Site Location:

The “Shell Property (Similk Bay Fuel Depot)” is described below:

Tax Parcel Nos.: P19843, 340204-0-050-003

Parcel B of Blue Cow Car Wash Boundary Line Adjustment, recorded December 20, 2010 under Auditor's File No. 201012200179, records of Skagit County, Washington.

Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.

Containing 0.70 acres, more or less.

Project Description/Proposed Land Use:

This property is and will continue to be used for a commercial gas station and convenience store.

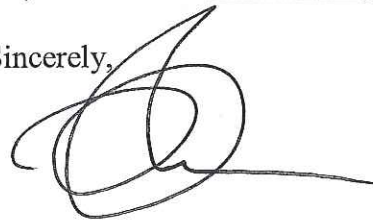
As indicated above, the purpose for seeking your comments regarding the proposed trust land acquisition is to obtain sufficient data that would enable an analysis of the potential impact on local/state government, which may result from the removal of the subject property from the tax rolls and local jurisdiction.

This notice does not constitute, or replace, a notice that might be issued for the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Your written comments should be addressed to the Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 Northeast 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169. Any comments received within thirty days of your receipt of this notice will be considered and made a part of our record. You may be granted one thirty-day extension of time to furnish comments, provided you submit a written justification requesting such an extension within thirty days of receipt of this letter. Additionally, copies of all comments will be provided to the applicant for a response. You will be notified of the decision to approve or deny the application. If any party receiving the enclosed notice is aware of additional governmental entities that may be affected by the subject acquisition, please forward a copy to said party.

A copy of the application, excluding any documentation exempted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), is available for review at the above address. A request to make an appointment to review the application, or questions regarding the application, may be directed to Letitia Jack, Realty Specialist, at telephone number (503) 736-4710 or Letitia.Jack@bia.gov.

Sincerely,



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Northwest Regional Director

cc: Swinomish Indian Tribal Community