



## City of Tacoma and Puyallup Tribe of Indians



28 November 2018

Members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission:

On October 2, 2018, the Tacoma City Council, with full support and cooperation with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, adopted Resolution No. 40122 (see attachment A) that, in part, directs City staff to initiate the process of naming the bridge which extends from Puyallup Avenue across the Puyallup River to Fife with a name recognizing the Puyallup Tribe's current and historical presence. The purpose of this letter is to request that the bridge be named Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge and the roadway across the bridge be renamed Fishing Wars Memorial Crossing.

The roadway on the bridge deck is currently known as "Eells Street." Eells Street runs from the Portland Avenue intersection across the Puyallup River to the city of Tacoma's corporate boundary with the city of Fife (see attachment B for exact street). The bridge is commonly referred to as the Puyallup River bridge, Puyallup Avenue bridge or the Eells Street bridge. A photo of the bridge is attachment C.

### **Applicable Criteria**

The Puyallup Tribe and City of Tacoma staff worked together, as guided by the below criteria outlined in Section 7 of the City's Policy on Place Names and Name Changes, to select Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge and Fishing Wars Memorial Crossing to replace Eells and the other common references to the bridge.

#### Criteria #2: Context and geographical location

*Sites and facilities should be given names that directly reflect or are contextually related to the history of the site.*

The Puyallup Avenue Bridge is located within the boundaries of the Puyallup Reservation, home of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, or the *spuyaləpabš*, meaning "generous and welcoming behavior to all people (friends and strangers) who enter our lands."

The Bridge is located near multiple historic Puyallup village sites.

The Bridge is located above the Ceremonial Grounds used by the Tribe for the annual First Fish Ceremony which welcomes the return of the salmon to the Puyallup River.

#### Criteria #4: Historical Significance

*A facility may be given a name based on historical significance if it meets one of the following criteria:*

- a. *The name is associated with an historically significant event or for events reflecting broad patterns of Tacoma's history.*

The Puyallup Avenue Bridge is the location of perhaps the most critical struggle to ever face the Puyallup Tribe. During the 1960's and 70's, the Tribe fought to secure their tribal fishing rights to fish the waters of their homeland, as guaranteed by the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854.

The Puyallup and other treaty tribe spent 150 years defending these rights on the waters of Western Washington and in courtrooms across the country, the Puyallup Avenue Bridge being the forefront of this battle. By the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, tribal fishing was so vigorously prohibited that fishing by tribal members had nearly stopped. Puyallup tribal fishermen that continued to fish in their usual and accustomed places to provide for their families and support their traditional livelihood, were routinely arrested, had their gear confiscated, were beaten, and dragged by their hair from the river. As the violence increased, clashes between tribal members and law enforcement escalated, resulting in riots. The bridge is the site of some of the most intense clashes between law enforcement, protestors, and the tribal members. (see attachment D, *Seattle Times*, September 9, 1970).

Recognizing this event and where it historically took place is a critical element to reconciliation between the Tribe and the City.

#### **Plans for Interpretive Measures**

The bridge and roadway will also bear the name yabuk'wali meaning "place of a fight" in Twulshootseed, the Puyallup Tribe official and aboriginal language. This name will be displayed and interpreted along with its historic significance on a plaque affixed in an accessible location on the bridge. This project will help to promote the revitalization of the Twulshootseed language. It will also commemorate a deeply meaningful tribal connection, both historical and cultural, to the City of Tacoma, a history that is often not taught in classrooms or acknowledged in the non-native community.

#### **Public Outreach**

The intent to name the bridge and roadway was first announced publicly with the Tacoma City Council adoption of Resolution No. 40122 on October 2. Public comments were heard on the resolution that night. In addition, property owners abutting Eells Street and the bridge were directly notified via letter in mid-November of the proposed name change. There are a total of fifteen abutting property owners. A list of those owners is in Attachment E. Six of the property owners are associated with the Puyallup Tribe or the City of Tacoma. Three of the abutting properties are addressed as "Eells Street".

Please direct questions or inquiries about this proposal to Alisa O'Hanlon, City of Tacoma Government Relations Office, (253) 591-5310 or [alisa.ohanlon@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:alisa.ohanlon@cityoftacoma.org) and Jennifer Keating, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, (253) 382-6073 or [Jennifer.m.keating@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](mailto:Jennifer.m.keating@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov).



Attachment A

## Legislation Passed October 2, 2018

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of October 2, 2018, adopted the following resolutions and/or ordinances. The summary of the contents of said resolutions and/or ordinances are shown below. To view the full text of the document, click on the bookmark at the left of the page.

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### **Resolution No. 40114**

A resolution appointing individuals to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries.  
[Mayor Woodards]

### **Resolution No. 40115**

A resolution awarding a contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$2,116,435.00, excluding applicable sales tax, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$2,443,900.25, budgeted from the Environmental Services Surface Water and Wastewater Funds, for the rehabilitation of approximately 6.5 miles of underground stormwater and wastewater pipes in various locations - Specification No. ES18-0121F.  
[Kari Prussen, Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

### **Resolution No. 40116**

A resolution awarding a contract to Iron Horse, LLC, in the amount of \$477,123.00, excluding applicable sales tax, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$524,835.30, budgeted from the Environmental Services Wastewater Fund, for the rehabilitation of side sewer connections in the vicinity of North 17th and Juniper Streets, and South 49th and Tyler Streets - Specification No. ES18-0004F.  
[Christa Lee, Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

### **Resolution No. 40117**

A resolution awarding a contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$679,679.00, excluding applicable sales tax, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of \$815,614.80, budgeted from the Environmental Services Wastewater Fund and Public Works Streets Initiative Fund, for the replacement of aging wastewater sewer pipes and concrete pavement in the area of Chandler and Center Streets - Specification No. ES18-0206F.  
[Jason Turner, Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]



**Resolution No. 40118**

A resolution awarding a contract to Pacific Civil & Infrastructure, Inc., in the amount of \$2,965,082.50, excluding applicable sales tax, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of \$3,558,099.00, budgeted from various departmental funds, including the Public Works Streets Initiative Fund, for the replacement of aging wastewater pipes, surface water pipes, and asphalt pavement in South Tacoma - Specification No. ES18-0001F.

[Steve Hoffman, Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**Resolution No. 40119**

A resolution awarding a contract to Zones, Inc., in the amount of \$289,729.57, sales tax not included, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for private cloud hyper converged infrastructure - GSA Schedule 70, GS-35F-0119Y.

[Kipling Morris, Infrastructure Services and Operations Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

**Resolution No. 40120**

A resolution awarding a contract to Transource Services Corporation, in the amount of \$335,650, sales tax not included, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for hybrid cloud integration data protection - NASPO ValuePoint MNWNC-130.

[Kipling Morris, Infrastructure Services and Operations Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

**Resolution No. 40121**

A resolution increasing the contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation, in the amount of \$27,835.04, plus applicable sales tax, for a total of \$337,831.04, budgeted from the Convention Center Operating Fund, for elevator repair and maintenance at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center - Sole Source.

[Jon Houg, Deputy Director; Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

**Resolution No. 40122**

A resolution declaring the second Monday in October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the City of Tacoma and reaffirming the City's commitment to promote the wellbeing and cultural vitality of Tacoma's American Indian and Indigenous community; providing for the presentation of the Puyallup Nation Flag by the Puyallup Nation's Color Guard at the City Council meeting of October 2, 2018, to be flown in the City Council Chambers in perpetuity; and initiating the process to name the bridge which extends from Puyallup Avenue across the Puyallup River to Fife, commonly known as the East Eells Street Bridge, with a name recognizing the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' current and historical presence.

[Mayor Woodards]



## RESOLUTION NO. 40122

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR IBSEN, AND  
2 COUNCIL MEMBERS BLOCKER AND USHKA

3 A RESOLUTION declaring the second Monday in October as "Indigenous  
4 Peoples' Day" in the City of Tacoma and reaffirming the City's commitment  
5 to promote the wellbeing and cultural vitality of Tacoma's American Indian  
6 and Indigenous community; providing for the presentation of the Puyallup  
7 Nation Flag by the Puyallup Nation's Color Guard at the City Council  
8 meeting of October 2, 2018, to be flown in the City Council Chambers in  
9 perpetuity thereafter; and initiating the process to name the bridge which  
10 extends from Puyallup Avenue across the Puyallup River to Fife, commonly  
11 known as the East Eells Street Bridge, with a name recognizing the  
12 Puyallup Tribe of Indians' current and historical presence.

13 WHEREAS the City recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands  
14 that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since  
15 time immemorial, and

16 WHEREAS the City recognizes and honors the fact that Tacoma is built  
17 upon the homelands and villages of Indigenous Peoples of this region, and, in  
18 particular, recognizes and honors the ownership rights and land restored to the  
19 Puyallup Tribe of Indians ("Puyallup Tribe") under the Puyallup Land Claims  
20 Settlement of 1990, and

21 WHEREAS the City recognizes that Native American tribes have made and  
22 continue to make invaluable contributions to the diversity, arts, knowledge, labor,  
23 technology, science, philosophy, and economy of the state of Washington, and  
24 their historical and cultural contributions, particularly those of the Puyallup Tribe,  
25 have substantially shaped the character of the City, and  
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1 WHEREAS the City has a responsibility to oppose institutional and  
2 systematic bigotry and racism towards Indigenous People in the United States,  
3 which has perpetuated high rates of poverty and income inequality; exacerbated  
4 adverse health, education, and social outcomes; and contributed to  
5 disproportionate incarceration, and  
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7 WHEREAS, in 2014, the City passed the Equity and Empowerment  
8 Initiative to support human rights and opportunities for every person in the City to  
9 achieve their full potential, which includes promoting policies and practices that  
10 reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensuring equitable access and  
11 opportunity for Indigenous Peoples, and honoring our nation's indigenous roots,  
12 history, and contributions, and  
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14 WHEREAS "Indigenous Peoples' Day" was first proposed in 1977 by a  
15 delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International  
16 Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas,  
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19 WHEREAS, on December 16, 2010, the United States announced support  
20 for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
21 ("Declaration"), which recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from  
22 historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of  
23 their lands, territories and resources," and  
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1 WHEREAS Article 15 of the Declaration recognizes the right of Indigenous  
2 Peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and  
3 aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public  
4 information" and obliges Nation states to "take effective measures, in consultation  
5 and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and  
6 eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good  
7 relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of society," and

9 WHEREAS more than 70 jurisdictions in the United States celebrate  
10 Indigenous Peoples' Day, including the cities of Spokane, adopted in 2016;  
11 Olympia, adopted in 2015; and Seattle, adopted in 2014, and

13 WHEREAS the Tacoma Human Rights Commission, established by the  
14 City in 1967, is empowered to study and investigate problems of prejudice,  
15 bigotry, racism, and discrimination, and to encourage and coordinate the  
16 implementation of programs consistent with the needs and rights of all residents  
17 of the City, and has recommended that the City Council designate the second  
18 Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in order to officially celebrate  
19 Indigenous Peoples and to promote tolerance, understanding, and friendship, and  
20 combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination, and

22 WHEREAS, over the last year, the City and Puyallup Tribe have worked in  
23 cooperation to build the relationship between the two governments through the  
24 sponsoring of Canoe Journey, sharing in cultural events, and coming together in  
25 conversation regularly on issues of importance to the two jurisdictions, and  
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1 WHEREAS these actions are a demonstration of the City's ongoing  
2 commitment to strengthening the relationship between the Puyallup Tribe and the  
3 City; Now, Therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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6 Section 1. That the City strongly supports the proposition that "Indigenous  
7 Peoples' Day" shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values  
8 of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.

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10 Section 2. That the City affirms that it will participate in annual celebrations  
11 and activities honoring Indigenous Peoples, and will encourage participation in  
12 such celebrations and activities on a Citywide basis.

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14 Section 3. That the City firmly commits to continuing its efforts to promote  
15 the wellbeing and cultural vitality of Tacoma's Indigenous community.

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17 Section 4. That the City Council hereby declares the second Monday in  
18 October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the City of Tacoma.

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20 Section 5. That the Puyallup Nation Flag shall be presented by the  
21 Puyallup Nation's Color Guard at the City Council meeting of October 2, 2018,  
22 and flown in the City Council Chambers in perpetuity thereafter.

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24 Section 6. That the City will initiate the process of naming the bridge which  
25 extends from Puyallup Avenue across the Puyallup River to Fife, commonly  
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2 Tribe of Indians' current and historical presence.

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9 City Clerk

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13 City Attorney

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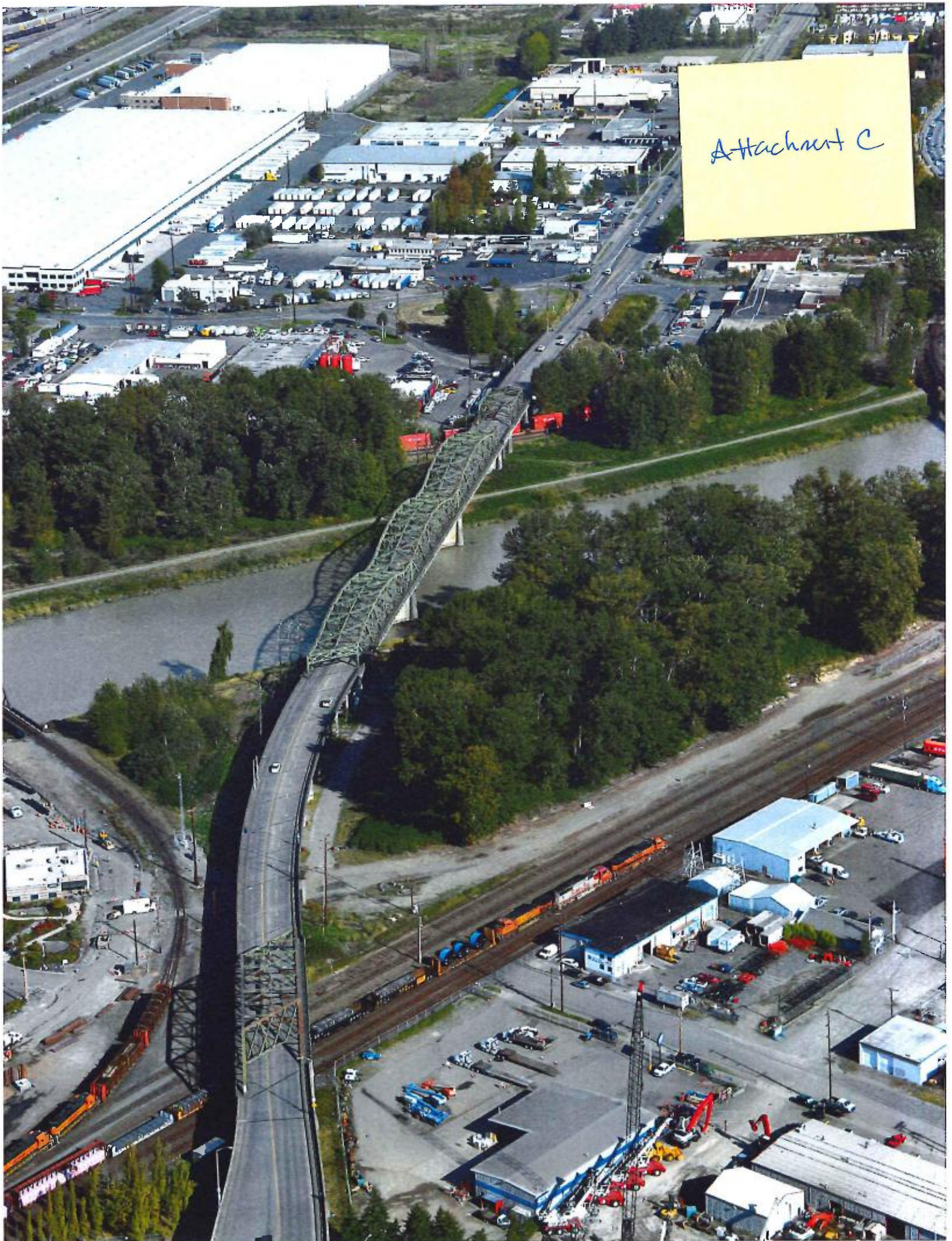
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Attachment C





Attachment D



A Tacoma police officer held an Indian woman arrested today when Indians, police and state officials clashed at the Puyallup River. — AP, wirephoto.

## Shots fired, 60 arrested in Indian-fishing showdown

TACOMA — (AP) — Four shots were fired today, as a party string fishing net was confiscated following an armed confrontation here between members of the Puyallup Tribe and Tacoma police and state officials on the Puyallup River. About 55 adults and 5 juveniles were arrested, police said.

Police used tear gas and State Game Department officials used clubs to break up a force of about 30 Indians armed with guns, knives and fire bombs on the west end of the Burlington Northern Railroad bridge, just north of the old Highway 99 bridge across the river.

Officials of the State Fisheries Department used a small boat to detach the net from the railroad bridge. The Indians fired four warning shots into the water near the boat before police and game officials converged on them.

Fisheries officials had said the Indians, who have been setting nets in the river since July 22, are fishing with illegal nets and equipment.

The Indians contend that they have the right to fish on the Puyallup under the Modoc-Creek Treaty, signed in 1854 with the federal government.

J. E. Lester, assistant director of fisheries, said the "enforcement action" began early today.

An Indian who called himself Many Dog Hides and who is head of the occupation security guards said about 25 state fisheries people drove within about 100 yards of the camp at 8:30 a. m. and stayed about 45 minutes.

They left and returned about 9:30 a. m. with Tacoma police, State Game Department people and Prosecuting Attorney Ronald Hendry.

Police stationed men on top of the old 10 bridge. Two police cars and several state game cars arrived on the east side of the river. About 50 state game people with Hendry and a few police officers lined up ready to cross the railroad bridge.

About 25 police officers moved in

One Indian threw a fire bomb on the railroad bridge to hold back the state policemen moving across the bridge with clubs. The bomb apparently set off a blaze which damaged the bridge.

Before the confrontation, police warned the Indians several times over a loudspeaker to lay down their arms and peacefully leave the area.

But the Indians countered

that they had a right to fish on "our" land.

"If anyone lays a hand on that net they are going to get shot," said Ramona Bonnett, a member of the Puyallup Tribal Council.

"It's a sad thing as have to bring guns out," said Many Dog Hides. "But we are a dying people and have to fight for survival as we have done for about 500 years."

## You'll find inside

**STRIKE DELAY** — Four rail unions have agreed to postpone a midnight strike deadline for five days. The delay was requested by the government. A 2

**PARK SYMBOLS** — Symbols will replace words on signs in America's national parks. © 7

**STRIKING TEACHERS** — Teachers were on strike in several states, and more such strikes loomed. A 5

**PROSECUTOR RACE** — When the hot race for prosecuting attorney in the Republican primary is decided, the winner will face one of two Democrats — Lam Howell or Edward Hoover. Their profiles are on A 10

**WELFARE** — Are public-assistance clients indolent loafers? The statistics refute this oft-made complaint. Herb Robinson writes in analyzing the data. A 11

Eells St Bridge - Property Owners  
22-Oct-18

Attachment E

	<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Property Owner Address</u>
1)	032003-403-1	PoT	PO BOX 1837,TACOMA WA,98401-1837
2)	032010-100-6	Gazecki-Gazecki, LLC	6 Country Club Drive SW, Lakewood, WA 98498
3)	032003-405-9	Valley Acres Markers II, LLC	6005 20th St. E., Fife, WA 98424
4)	032003-404-1	2326 Milwaukee Way, LLC	2320 Milwaukee Way, Tacoma, WA 98421
5)	032003-401-9	Teresa Mae Wright	6809 9th St. East, Fife, Wa 98424
6)	032003-400-5	PoT	PO BOX 1837,TACOMA WA,98401-1837
7)	032003-404-9	PTOI/BIA	2002 East 28th Street, Tacoma, Wa
8)	471502-364-0	PTOI	2003 East 28th Street, Tacoma, Wa
9)	471502-442-0	CoT - TPU	
10)	471502-363-0	UPRR	1700 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102-2022
11)	471501-021-0	CoT-GG	
12)	471501-022-0	CoT-GG	
13)	471501-016-3	UPRR	1700 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68102-2002
14)	471501-040-5	Four Sq. Develop.	12524 Wilson St., Leavenworth, WA 98826-9373
15)	471501-048-0	BNSF	PO BOX 961089, Fort Worth, Texas 98161-0089

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