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Muckleshoot Canoe Treaty Trek

Delegation of Muckleshoot Indians and their supporters will go by canoe some 45 miles to Olympia Monday, May 29, to call public attention to their grievances against the state of Washington.

The "Canoe Treaty Trek", as the Indians are calling their long-distance canoe trip, will be in support of the Point Elliot Treaty signed in January 22, 1855 between the U.S. Government and the ancestors of the present-day three bands of Muckleshoot Indians.

Spokesman for the tribe stated that the Canoe Trek is being held because the State has arrested Indians for fishing in the accustomed places referred to in the treaty and to call attention to continued harassment of Indians in the State. The Muckleshoot Tribe contends that Washington State Courts lack legal authority to hear Treaty Rights cases since the treaties were signed, ratified and confirmed by the Federal Government before statehood was granted to Washington. The Muckleshoot Indians will be on trial in the Washington State Supreme Court, May 31, on the fishing rights question.

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MUCKLESHOOT TREATY TREK

The Muckleshoot Indians and their supporters will walk 31 miles from their Community Hall to Seattle on Tuesday, July 12, to call public attention to their grievances against the State of Washington.

The "Treaty Trek", as the Indians are calling their walk will be in support of the Point Elliot Treaty signed in January 22, 1855 between the U.S. Government and the ancestors of the present-day Muckleshoot Indians and other tribal groups.

Spokesman for the tribe stated that the Trek is being held because the State has arrested Indians for fishing in the "accustomed places" referred to in the treaty and to call attention to continued harassment of Indians in the State. The Muckleshoot Tribe contends that Washington State courts lack legal authority to hear Treaty Rights cases since the treaties were signed, ratified and confirmed by the Federal Government before statehood was granted to Washington. Four Muckleshoot fishermen are going on trial Wednesday, July 13, at 1:30 p.m. for fishing in "usual and accustomed places."

The Trek will originate at the Muckleshoot Community Hall, Tuesday, July 12, 9:30 a.m. and end at the Seattle King County Court House Wednesday, July 13 at 12:00 noon.

(Note to Editors: The Muckleshoot Tribal Council members are willing to be quoted and interviewed. The telephone numbers are:

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