

CONFEDERATED TRIBES

Colville Reservation



COLVILLE INDIAN AGENCY
NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

April 12, 1961

EDITOR
YAKIMA MORNING HERALD
Yakima, Washington

Dear Sirs:

We are enclosing an item which in our opinion is a matter of great public interest and sincerely hope that you will give it favorable consideration for publication.

The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be voted upon in the Annual General Election by the voting general membership of the Colville Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation on May 6, 1961, at the following established polling places which will be open from 8:00 a.m. thru 8:00 p.m.:

Nespelem District, Agency Council Hall

Inchelium District, Inchelium Council Hall

Keller District, Keller Council Hall

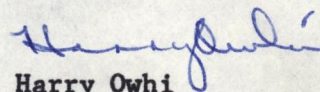
Omak District, Omak Sub-Agency Council Hall

Members of the Colville Tribes who reside away from the polling stations or are unable to cast their ballots in person are urged to request their absentee ballots from the Executive Secretary, Colville Indian Agency, Nespelem, Washington, over his or her own signature therein designating his or her established voting district.

Enclosed herewith also is a Tribal Election Notice for your review for possible print.

Thanking you in advance for your splendid co-operation, I am

Sincerely yours,



Harry Owhi
Executive Secretary
Colville Business Council

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COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

An election of Tribal Councilmen will be held on May 6, 1961. The following have been certified for the office of Tribal Councilmen in the following districts.

Inchelium District: (Elect Two)

Marcelle Bourgeau
Joseph P. Boyd
Bazil Nicholas
Nellie Rima
Roy Seyler
Melvin E. (Bud) Stensgar

Keller District: (Elect One)

Carrie Poore
Glen L. Whitelaw

Nespelem District: (Elect Two)

Alex Covington
George Friedlander
Frank George
Elmer McGinnis
Shirley Palmer
William D. Piatote
William Picard

Omak District: (Elect Two)

Vincent Adolph
John B. Cleveland
Ed Gorr
Aleck Louis
Josephine Marchand
Eula Jean Wicks

VOTING

Voters in the Nespelem, Inchelium and Omak Districts shall vote for two (2) candidates. Voters in the Keller District will vote for only one (1) candidate. Voters will vote for candidates in their respective districts only.

Unless eligible voters have resided in a district for at least one year prior to the ensuing election, the voters must vote in the district in which they formerly resided, either by absentee ballot or in person.

POLLING PLACES

The following polling places are established; and will be open from 8:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m.

Nespelem District, Agency Council Hall
Inchelium District, Inchelium Council Hall
Keller District, Keller Council Hall
Omak District, Omak Sub-Agency Council Hall*

SIGNED: Daniel J. Finley
Daniel J. Finley, Chairman of the
Board, Colville Business Council

*Monse Poll Discontinued

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES:

Article V of the Constitution has not been amended since the adoption of the original Constitution in April 19, 1938. That Article as it was originally adopted and as it is still in force reads as follows:

ARTICLE V - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Business Council shall have the following powers, subject to any limitations imposed by the Statutes or the Constitution of the United States, and subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in this Constitution and attached By-Laws:

(a) To confer with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his representatives and recommend regarding the uses and disposition of tribal property; to protect and preserve the Tribal property, wild life and natural resources of the Confederated Tribes, to cultivate Indian Arts, crafts, and culture; to administer charity, to protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Confederated Tribes.

(b) To exclude from the restricted lands of the Reservation persons not legally entitled to reside thereon, under ordinances which may also be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) To recommend and help to regulate the inheritance of real and personal property, other than allotted lands, within the Colville Reservation.

(d) To regulate the domestic relations of members of the Confederated Tribes.

(e) To promulgate and enforce ordinances, subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, which would provide for assessments of license fees upon non-members doing business within the Reservation, or obtaining special rights or privileges, and the same may be applied to members of the Tribes provided such ordinances have been approved by a referendum of the Confederated Tribes.

The amendment to Article V which will be voted upon by the members of the Tribe at the election to be held on May 6, 1961, has been made necessary in the opinion of the Council by opinions of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior which were announced during the calendar year 1960. The effect of those opinions was to cast grave doubt upon the authority of the Council to perform most of the acts which it has been performing under the provisions of the original Article V since the Constitution was originally adopted. For instance, the Council for a period of many years has been entering into contracts for the sale of millions of dollars of tribal timber. No question has been raised as to the authority of the Council subject to the approval of the Commissioner to enter into those contracts until last year.

The gist of the Solicitor's opinion was to the effect that in order for the Council to act on behalf of the Tribe without a waiver of the Code of Federal Regulations the proposed act must be expressly covered by a provision of the Constitution. There are other examples of the effect of the Solicitor's opinion but this one illustration will serve to illustrate the need and desirability of your adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment.

By your adoption of the proposed amendment you will not be giving or granting to the Council power or authority which it has not previously been exercising in your behalf. The proposed amendment is only a technical one and its only purpose is to clarify the already existing powers of the Council. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

ARTICLE V - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Business Council shall have the following general powers, subject to any limitations imposed by the Statutes or the Constitution of the United States and subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in this Constitution and attached by-laws:

(a) To protect and preserve the tribal property, wild life and natural resources of the Confederated Tribes, to cultivate Indian Arts, crafts, and culture; to administer charity, to protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Confederated Tribes.

(b) To negotiate and contract with Federal, State, and local governments, and to advise with representatives of the Interior Department on appropriations, projects and legislation that affect the Tribe;

(c) To employ legal counsel, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative;

(d) To manage all affairs of the Tribe, including the administering of tribal lands, funds, timber, and other resources under appropriate contracts, leases, permits, loans, purchase, or sale agreements;

(e) To exclude from the restricted lands of the Reservation any persons not legally entitled to reside thereon;

(f) To provide for assessments of license fees upon non-members doing business within the reservation or obtaining special rights or privileges, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the same may apply to members of the Tribe if approved by a referendum of the Colville Tribe;

(g) To appoint necessary committees;

(h) To promulgate and enforce ordinances necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Business Council.

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
NESPHEM, WASHINGTON

May 14, 1964

EDITOR

The Yakima Herald

Yakima, Washington

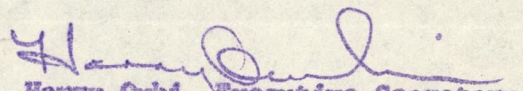
Dear Sir:

Attached herewith is the Official Election Returns of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation General Election held on May 9, 1964. The purpose of the election was to elect 7 councilmen to serve on the Colville Business Council. The Business Council is composed of 14 councilmen, representing the 4 districts on the reservation. Representation of the districts are four each from Nespelem, Omak and Inchelium and two from Keller. Each year 7 councilmen are elected and serve for a two-year term.

The General Election is conducted similar to County, State and National Elections. The Tribal members are afforded the opportunity to vote via absentee ballot. The majority of the Tribes elect their councilmen through General Council thus depriving their general membership from voting by absentee ballot.

We would sincerely appreciate your publishing the election returns in your next edition. Thanking you for your continued cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary
Colville Business Council

NESPELEM DISTRICT

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Poll</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Total</u>
Harvey Moses, incumbent	92	128	220*
William Picard, incumbent	44	73	117
Ida Desautel	54	25	79
Edgar Desautel	21	20	41
Frank D. Marchand	27	9	36
Juanita Gallaher	40	24	64
Lucy F. Covington	61	68	129*

INCHELUM DISTRICT

Pauline Schlueter, incumbent	25	26	51
Leona Sasstrom	34	9	43
Norris E. Fry	49	11	60
Nellie Rima	55	22	77
Roy B. Saylor	46	118	164*
Frederick (Pat) Nugent	58	113	171*

WILLER DISTRICT

Gail Kuehna	10	11	21
Thomas O. Nee	16	7	23
Oliver R. Pooler	37	56	93*

OMAK DISTRICT

T. B. Charley, incumbent	60	15	75
Steve Cleveland, incumbent	75	24	99
Mary Eileen Nicholson	123	92	215*
George P. Snider	118	88	206*
Abraham (Link) East	42	10	52
Ed Gerr	33	18	51
Caroline (Frieda) Waggoner	12	16	28

*indicates elected

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

April 9, 1965

Dear Editor:

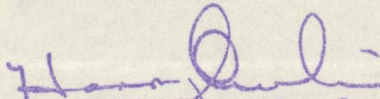
Embodied hereunder is a news release we feel is of vital importance to the entire membership of the Colville Confederated Tribes concerning pending legislation, S-1413, before the 89th Congress, 1st Session, relative to the recent hearings held by the Senate Subcommittee on Interior and Insular Affairs at Washington, D. C., on April 5-6, 1965. The bill provides for termination of federal supervision over the property of the Colville Tribes if sanctioned by referendum vote of the adult membership of the tribes. In view of the time element involved we would sincerely appreciate your publishing the article in the next issue of your newspaper.

NEWS RELEASE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Tribal Members have until APRIL 16, 1965, within which to register their testimony for or against S-1413, now pending before the 89th Congress, 1st Session. Hearings were conducted by the Senate Subcommittee, on Interior and Insular Affairs on April 5-6, 1965, Washington, D. C. The bill provides for the termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, provided that, it is the wishes of the majority adult members of the Tribe by referendum vote.

Thank you kindly for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary
Colville Business Council

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Statsman Examiner
Seattle Post Intelligencer
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YAKIMA HERALD

YAKIMA WASH

DEAR EDITOR WE WOULD SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR PUBLISHING
THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN YOUR NEXT ISSUE CONCERNING THE
RECENT HEARINGS OF TERMINATION CONDUCTED BY INDIAN
AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND
INSULAR AFFAIRS ON TERMINATION LEGISLATION HR5925,
51413 AT SPOKANE AND NESPELEM WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER
3-4-5 1965 QUOTE, MEMBERS OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

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OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION HAVE TILL NOVEMBER 19TH
1965 TO FILE THEIR SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO HR5925
(COMPANION BILL) TO S1413, AS AMENDED. THE FILINGS ARE
TO BE MAILED OR WIRED TO HON JAMES A HALEY CHAIRMAN
INDIAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR
AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, NEW HOUSE OFFICE BLDG WASH D.C.
THE STATEMENT WILL BE INCLUDED IN A TRANSCRIPT OF
HEARINGS IF THEY ARE RECEIVED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME.
IN VIEW OF THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF THIS NOTICE WE
URGENTLY AND RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR CONTINUED

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COOPERATION. SINCERELY YOURS²

HARRY OWHI EXC SEC COLVILLE BUSINESS COUNCIL.

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

March 17, 1966

Dear Sirs:

We would appreciate your placing the following item in your next edition: The following members of the Colville Tribes have been officially certified as candidates in the forthcoming May 7, 1966 General Election for Councilmen and Councilwomen:

OMAK DISTRICT

George Snider, Incumbent
Mary E. Nicholson, Incumbent
Steve Cleveland
Barbara (Dotsie) Marchand
George Timentwa
Leonard (Lezard) Charley

NESPELEM DISTRICT

Harvey Moses, Incumbent
Lucy F. Covington, Incumbent
William Picard
Kenneth (Pat) Bray
Mary E. Sumerlin
Elmer McGinnis

KELLER DISTRICT

Oliver R. Pooler, Incumbent

INCHELIUM DISTRICT

Frederick (Pat) Nugent,
Incumbent
Roy B. Seyler, Incumbent
Nellie Rima
Leona Seastrom

The Districts of Omak, Nespelem and Inchelium will each elect two candidates and in the Keller District, one will be elected. Candidates elected will serve for a two-year term commencing July 14, 1966.

The polling stations in each of the Districts will be open from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m., on May 7, 1966. Absentee ballots may be obtained by writing to the Executive Secretary, Colville Indian Sub-Agency, Nespelem, Washington, personally signing the request and specifying which DISTRICT they are requesting the absentee ballot.

Thank you kindly for your continued cooperation in publishing new items of interest to our tribal membership and general public.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED: Harry Owhi

Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary
Colville Business Council

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

October 21, 1966

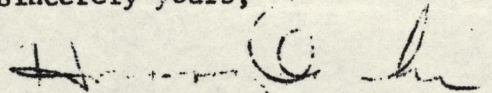
Yakima Herald
Yakima, Washington

Dear Sir:

The request made by the Colville Business Council for a \$200.00 dividend payment for each tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation was officially approved by the Portland Area Director yesterday. The eligibility date for the payment is midnight October 31, 1966, and it is anticipated that the payment will be made around the 15th of December, 1966, or shortly thereafter.

We would appreciate your publishing a short article on this payment approval. Thanking you in advance for your continued cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary
Colville Business Council

cc: Resolution 1966-300
Finance Chairman
chrono-blue (Finance)

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

October 31, 1966

Dear Sir:

The question of termination of federal supervision has been pending over the property and affairs of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for a period of at least ten years. In recent sessions of Congress the Colville Business Council has consistently requested the introduction of terminal legislation and supported legislation which was thought to conform with the wishes of the members of the Tribes.

However, in the closing days of the 89th Congress, it became apparent that no action would be taken on pending bills before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee partly due to a belief held by some members of Congress that it has not been definitely shown that a termination program is in fact desired by a majority of the membership of the Colville Tribes.

In order to properly inform all parties concerned of the attitude of the tribal membership on the issue of termination the Colville Business Council authorized an opinion poll to be conducted among the adult members of the Tribes by its Legislative Committee. It was considered that the key question to be answered by the membership should provide an accurate analysis of the degree to which the membership does or does not desire continuance of communal ownership of the tribal owned assets. Therefore, the general question contained in the poll read as follows:

"Do you favor termination and liquidation of the tribal owned reservation assets at fair value with the proceeds distributed equally to the members of the Tribes?"

The poll was mailed by the tribal office, as certified by the enrollment officer, to 2526 adult tribal members. Of these 122 were returned to the tribal office unclaimed.

A final tabulation of the results of the poll was made on October 31, 1966 by an independent auditor. A total of 1813 polls were returned or 75.46% of those which were received by the members.

Of the 1814 polls tabulated 51 were marked "No opinion".

Of the 1763 who expressed an opinion, 1272 (72.15%) were marked "Yes" in favor of the question on termination. 491 (27.85%) were marked "No" in opposition to the question on termination.

Results of the opinion poll appear to substantiate the position previously taken by the tribal business council that a sizeable majority of the membership favor a termination program of the type formerly supported in Congress by the governing body.

SIGNED: Narcisse Nicholson, Jr.
Chairman, Colville Business Council

Enclosures

CONFEDERATED TRIBES

Colville Reservation



February 22, 1967

THE YAKIMA HERALD

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON.


Dear Sir(s):

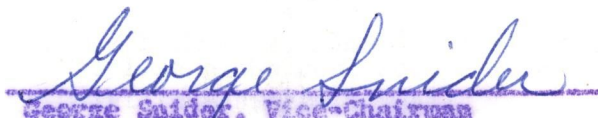
Enclosed herewith please find a statement regarding the Colville Business Council's opposition to SENATE BILL NO. 478, introduced to the State Senate on February 16, 1967, by Senator's McMillan, Donahue and Herman. We would appreciate your placing the enclosed statement in the next issue of your newspaper, and please use the following heading "Colville's Oppose Senate Bill No. 478".

Please feel free to Call our office at NESPELEM 634-4591, if additional information is necessary. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,


Marciese Nicholson, Jr., Chairman
Colville Business Council


Barney Rickard, Vice-Chairman
Colville Business Council


George Snider, Vice-Chairman
Legislative Committee
Colville Business Council

Please bill us accordingly..

NEWS RELEASE

The officers of the Colville Business Council issued a news release today in opposition to Senate Bill No. 478 relating to state jurisdiction over Indians.

The Legislative Committee of the Business Council has recommended that the council take a firm stand in opposition to the bill sponsored by Senators McMillan, Donohue and Herman.

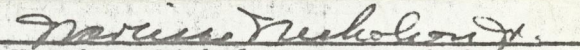
On January 14, 1965, the Colville Tribe requested Governor Evans to issue a proclamation establishing full civil and criminal jurisdiction over the Colville Confederated Tribes. The Governor issued the proclamation effective January 29, 1965.


The tribe has had a two-year period to evaluate the effectiveness of State jurisdiction on the Colville Reservation and are satisfied that this type of jurisdiction is much more efficient than the previous complexity of tribal, federal and partial state jurisdiction.

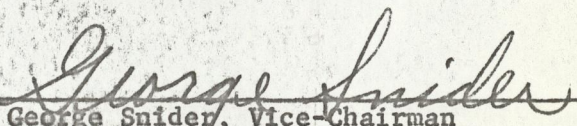
The majority of the Council members feel that the paramount importance of state civil and criminal jurisdiction is the greater efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement on the Colville Reservation. This fosters a better attitude of respect for law and order on the Reservation and is especially noticeable in a healthier attitude among the younger generation.

The effect of S.478 will be to repeal the jurisdiction bill under which the state was able to assume civil and criminal jurisdiction on the Colville Reservation. The Colvilles feel that this would throw the Tribe back to living under a condition of complex and confusing law and order jurisdiction. Therefore the Council majority is strongly opposed to passage of this bill.

Before his election Senator McMillan assured the tribe that he would not jeopardize state jurisdiction, but he did not consult with the Tribe before the introduction of S.478.


Narcisse Nicholson, Jr., Chairman
Colville Business Council


Barney Rickard, Vice-Chairman
Colville Business Council


George Snider, Vice-Chairman
Legislative Committee
Colville Business Council

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

March 9, 1967

YAKIMA MORNING HEARALD

114 N. 4TH STREET

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Sirs:

Due to paramount importance of the meeting scheduled for March 17th at Nespelem where the Commissioner of Indian Affairs will meet with Colville Tribal members to discuss the various aspects of pending terminal legislation, we would sincerely appreciate your publishing the following item in your next edition of your newspaper.

The Colville Business Council has been informed that Mr. Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, will be in the immediate area March 16-17, 1967, and has expressed a desire to meet with the general membership of the Tribes to discuss proposals affecting termination of federal supervision of the property and affairs of the Colville Indian Reservation. Arrangements have been made to hold a meeting at the Nespelem Grade School Gymnasium on March 17, 1967, with the meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m. until adjournment sometime in the afternoon.

The Business Council has not been informed of the nature of the proposals that will be discussed. Due to the extreme importance of the meeting and proposals that will be discussed it is strongly suggested and urged that all tribal members attend the meeting as this could very well affect termination legislation. A free Noon luncheon will be served the audience.

Thanking you kindly for your continued cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED: Harry Owhi

Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary
Colville Business Council

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

NESPELEM, WASHINGTON

March 9, 1967

YAKIMA MORNING HERALD

114 N. 4TH STREET

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Sirs:

We would sincerely appreciate your considering the placing of the following item of interest to our tribal members and other citizens in the next edition of your newspaper. Due to terminal legislation pending before both houses of Congress the election has paramount importance to the general membership of the Colville Tribes. The following members of the Tribe have been officially certified by the Election Board of the Business Council and are eligible candidates for Councilman or Councilwoman in their respective Districts in the forthcoming May 6, 1967 General Election:

OMAK DISTRICT

Naicisse Nicholson, Jr., Incumbent
Thalma Marchand, Incumbent
Louis N. Orr
Leonard Tonasket

NESPELEM DISTRICT

Frank George, Incumbent
Shirley Palmer, Incumbent
Allen E. "Oscar" Anderson

INCHELIUM DISTRICT

Dean Bourgeau, Incumbent
Alice Lawrence, Incumbent
William "Bill" Seymour
Nellie Rims

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Barney Rickard, Incumbent

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The polling stations in each of the Districts will be open from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m., May 6, 1967. Absentee ballots may be obtained by writing the Executive Secretary, Colville Indian Subagency, Nespelem, Washington, personally signing the request and specifying which DISTRICT they are requesting the absentee ballot.

Thank you kindly for your continued cooperation in publishing news items of interest to our tribal membership and general public.

Sincerely yours,



Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary
Colville Business Council

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
NESPHEM, WASHINGTON

April 7, 1967

Yakima Herald

114 N. 4th

Yakima, Washington

Gentlemen:

This will advise you that the \$200.00 dividend request made by the Colville Business Council for eligible members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation as of Midnight, March 31, 1967, has been officially approved. It is anticipated that the payment will be made approximately April 30, 1967 or shortly thereafter. The checks will be mailed directly to the payees from the Disbursing Office, San Francisco, California.

We would appreciate your publicizing this in your next edition for the matter of information of our tribal members and general public.

Thank you kindly for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Harry Owhi, Executive Secretary
Colville Business Council