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## PETITIONS - ACTIVE STATUS - 7

(as of September 22, 2008)

### Department's Action Items: 2:

#### **Petitioner Awaiting Proposed Finding: 1**

Brothertown Indian Nation, WI (#67) (letter of intent 4/15/80; doc'n rec'd 2/7/96; no TA review ltr, see ltr of 2/18/98, ready 2/28/96; doc'n rec'd 12/21/05, 1/15/08, 3/10/08; active 6/23/08; doc'n rec'd 6/24/08, 8/26/08); proposed finding projected to 6/23/09)

#### **Final Determinations Pending: 1**

Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of MT (#31) (letter of intent 4/28/78; ready 3/23/95; active 2/12/97; proposed positive finding published 7/21/00; comment period closed 1/17/01; extended at request of petitioner to 7/16/01, to 1/12/02, to 7/16/02, to 1/16/03, to 7/14/03, to 1/10/04, to 5/9/04, to 9/7/04, to 2/1/05, and to 2/5/05; response period closed 4/6/05; final determination projected to 1/28/09)

### Petitioners' Action Items: 5:

#### **Commenting on Amended Proposed Finding: 3**

Biloxi, Chitimacha Confederation of Muskogees, Inc., LA (#56a) (Withdrew from the United Houma Nation, Inc. (UHN #56) letter of intent 9/6/95; responding to same proposed finding; comment period closed 5/12/97; active 2/4/05; proposed negative finding published 5/30/08; comment period closes 11/26/08)

Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe, LA (#56b) (Withdrew from the UHN #56 letter of intent 7/22/96; responding to same proposed finding; comment period closed 11/6/97; active 2/4/05; proposed negative finding published 5/30/08; comment period closes 11/26/08)

United Houma Nation, Inc., LA (#56) (letter of intent 7/10/79; ready 4/4/89; active 5/20/91; negative proposed finding published 12/22/94; comment period closed 11/13/96 resp. to 3rd-party comments rec'd 2/4/97; waiting to comment on amended proposed findings for #56a and #56b)

#### **Commenting on Proposed Finding: 2**

Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, CA (#84b) (withdrew from #84-a 12/17/94; letter of intent 3/8/96; doc'n rec'd 3/8/96; TA ltr 5/15/96; resp. rec'd 5/23/96; ready 5/23/96; doc'n rec'd 8/2/04; active 9/30/05) proposed finding issued 11/23/07; comment period closed 6/2/08; extended at request of petitioner to 9/2/08, to 12/2/08)

Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, CA (#84a) (letter of intent 8/17/82; doc'n rec'd 2/24/88; OD ltr 1/25/90; resp. rec'd 9/24/93, complete; removed from "ready" list 05/19/95; resp. rec'd 9/28/95; complete and ready 2/12/96; active 9/30/05); proposed finding issued 11/23/07; comment period closed 6/2/2008, extended at request of petitioner to 9/2/08, to 12/2/08)

**PETITIONS - READY STATUS - 9**

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Administrative Note: These petitioners have responded to technical assistance (TA) review letters and stated their petitions should be considered "ready" for active consideration. Priority among "ready" petitions is based on the date that the Department determines the petition to be "ready." Under the regulations at 83.10(d), "The order of consideration of documented petitions shall be determined by the date of the Department's notification to the petitioner that it considers that the documented petition is ready to be placed on active consideration." These petitions are "Ready, Waiting for Active Consideration."

| <u>Ready Date</u> | <u>Name of Petitioner</u>   |
|-------------------|---|
| 7/30/96           | Tolowa Nation, CA (#85); (letter of intent 1/31/83; doc'n rec'd 5/12/86; OD ltr 4/6/88; resp. rec'd 8/22/95 and 11/22/95; limited TA ltr 5/16/96; resp. rec'd 7/30/96)  |
| 5/29/97           | Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe (formerly Tiwa Indian Tribe), NM (#5) (letter of intent 1/14/71; doc'n rec'd 3/24/92; OD ltr 8/25/93; resp. rec'd 1/10/97)  |
| 10/6/97           | Meherrin Tribe, NC (#119b); (letter of intent 6/27/95; partial doc'n rec'd 9/11/95; TA ltr 3/15/96; resp. rec'd 8/22/97 and 10/1/98)  |
| 1/16/98           | Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (formerly American Indian Council of Mariposa County, aka Yosemite), CA (#82); (letter of intent 4/24/82; doc'n rec'd 4/19/84; OD ltr 5/1/85; resp. 12/12/86; 2nd OD ltr 4/11/88; resp. rec'd 1/26/95 and 1/16/98) |
| 1/29/03           | Muscogee Nation of Florida (formerly Florida Tribe of Eastern Creek Indians), FL (#32); (letter of intent 6/2/78; doc'n rec'd 9/28/95; TA ltr 4/11/96; resp. rec'd 3/19/02 and 6/5/02)  |
| 6/9/03            | Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokees, Inc. (aka Daltonega, Cane Break Band), GA (#41); (letter of intent 01/09/79; doc'n rec'd 2/5/80; OD ltr 8/22/80; resp. rec'd 8/10/98; TA ltr 1/19/99; resp. rec'd 2/14/02 and 2/14/03)                      |
| 9/9/03            | Shinnecock Tribe, NY (#4); (letter of intent 2/8/78; partial doc'n rec'd 9/25/98; TA ltr 12/22/98; partial resp. rec'd 6/10/03 and 9/9/03 2nd TA ltr 7/26/06; partial resp'n rec'd 1/24/07)   |
| 9/15/03           | Amah Mutsun Band of Ohlone/Coastanoan Indians, CA (#120); (letter of intent 9/18/90; doc'n rec'd 8/22/95; TA ltr 5/21/96; partial resp. rec'd 9/26/96, 6/10/98; TA ltr 2/16/99; partial resp. rec'd 5/20/02, 8/15/03, and 9/15/03)              |
| 3/29/07           | Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians (formerly Grand River Band Ottawa Council), MI (#146); (letter of intent 10/16/94; doc'n rec'd 12/8/00; TA ltr 1/26/05; resp. rec'd 6/9/06 and 3/28/07)   |

**PETITIONS - RESOLVED - 66**  
(as of September 22, 2008)

**By the Department of the Interior: 47**

**Status Determined through Acknowledgment Process: 44**

**Acknowledged through 25 CFR 83: 16**

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa, MI (#3) (eff. 5/27/80)

Jamestown Clallam Tribe, WA (#19) (eff. 2/10/81)

Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe, LA (#1) (eff. 9/25/81)

Death Valley Timbi-Sha Shoshone Band, CA (#51) (eff. 1/3/83)

Narragansett Indian Tribe, RI (#59) (eff. 4/11/83)

Poarch Band of Creeks, AL (#13) (eff. 8/10/84)

Wampanoag Tribal Council of Gay Head, MA (#76) (eff. 4/11/87)

San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, AZ (#71) (eff. 3/28/90)

Mohegan Indian Tribe, CT (#38) (eff. 5/14/94)

Jena Band of Choctaws, LA (#45) (eff. 8/29/95)

Huron Potawatomi Inc., MI (#9) (eff. 3/17/96)

Samish Indian Tribe, WA (#14) (eff. 4/26/96)

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of MI (#9a) (eff. 8/23/99)

Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, WA (#20) (eff. 10/6/99)

Cowlitz Tribe of Indians, WA (#16) (eff. 1/4/02)

Mashpee Wampanoag, MA (#15) (eff. 2/15/07)

**PETITIONS RESOLVED, (cont.)**

(as of September 22, 2003)

**Denied acknowledgment through 25 CFR 83: 28**

Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe-East of the MS. GA (#8) (eff. 12/21/81)  
 Creeks East of the Mississippi, FL (#10) (eff. 12/21/81)  
 Munsee-Thames River Delaware, CO (#26) (eff. 1/3/83)  
 Principal Creek Indian Nation, AL (#7) (eff. 6/10/85)  
 Kaweah Indian Nation, CA (#70a) (eff. 6/10/85)  
 United Lumbee Nation of NC and America, CA (#70) (eff. 7/2/85)  
 Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy (SECC), CA (#29) (eff. 11/25/85)  
 Northwest Cherokee Wolf Band, SECC, OR (#29a) (eff. 11/25/85)  
 Red Clay Inter-tribal Indian Band, SECC, TN (#29b) (eff. 11/25/85)  
 Tchinnouk Indians, OR (#52) (eff. 3/17/86)  
 MaChis Lower AL Creek Indian Tribe, AL (#87) (eff. 8/22/88)  
 Miami Nation of Indians of IN, Inc., IN (#66) (eff. 8/17/92)  
 Ramapough Mountain Indians, Inc., NJ (#58) (eff. 1/7/98)  
 MOWA Band of Choctaw, AL (#86) (eff. 11/26/99)  
 Yuchi Tribal Organization, OK (#121) (eff. 3/21/00)  
 Duwamish Indian Tribe, WA (#25) (eff. 5/8/02)  
 Chinook Indian Tribe/Chinook Nation, WA (#27) (eff. 7/5/02)  
 Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of San Francisco Bay, CA (#111) (eff. 12/16/02)  
 Snohomish Tribe of Indians, WA (#12) (eff. 3/9/04)  
 Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe, CT (#81) (eff. 3/18/05)  
 Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut, CT (#33) (eff. 10/14/05)  
 Paucatuck Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut, CT (#113) (eff. 10/14/05)  
 Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, CT (#79) (eff. 10/14/05)  
 Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Inc., MI (#101) (eff. 1/3/07)  
 St. Francis/Sokoki Band of Abenakis of Vermont, VT (#68) (eff. 10/1/07)  
 Nipmuc Nation (Hassanamisco Band), MA (#69a) (eff. 1/28/08)  
 Webster/Dudley Band of Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuck Indians, MA (#69b) (eff. 1/28/08)  
 Steilacoom Tribe, WA (#11) (eff. 6/17/08)

**PETITIONS RESOLVED, (cont.)**

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**Status Clarified by Legislation at Department's Request: 1**

Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, MI (#6) (legis. clarification 9/8/88)

**Status Clarified by Other Means: 2**

Texas Band of Traditional Kickapoos, TX (#54) (determined part of recognized tribe 9/14/81; petition withdrawn)

Ione Band of Miwok Indians, CA. (#2) (status confirmed by Assistant Secretary 3/22/94)

**By Congress: 9****Legislative Restoration : 2**

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, OR (#17) (legis. restoration 10/17/84)

Federated Coast Miwok, CA (2/8/95)(#154) (restored under the name Graton Rancheria) (legis. restoration 12/27/00)

**Legislative Recognition: 7**

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, OR (#72) (legis. recog'n 12/27/82)

Western (Mashantucket) Pequot Tribe, CT (#42) (legis. recog'n 10/ 8/83 in association with eastern land claims suit)

Aroostook Band of Micmacs, ME. (#103) (legis. recog'n 11/26/91)

Pokagon Potawatomi Indians of Indiana &amp; Michigan, IN (#78) (leg s. recog'n 9/21/94)

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odjawa Indians, MI (#115) (legis. recog'n 9/21/94)

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, MI (#125) (legis. recog'n 9/21/94)

Loyal Shawnee Tribe, OK (#203) (legis. recog'n 12/27/00)

**By Other Means: 10****Merged with another petitioner: 4**

Potawatomi Indians of IN &amp; MI, Inc., MI (#75) and Potawatomi Indian Nation, Inc., MI (Pokagon), (#78) merged; became Pokagon (#78)

Cane Break Band of Eastern Cherokees (#41a) (1/9/79; rejoined #41, 7/16/97)

Creek-Euchee Band of Indians of the Blountstown Indian Community of Florida (#218) (11/23/99; rejoined #32, 10/20/00)

Hatteras Tuscarora Indians, NC (#34) (6/24/78; merged with Petitioner #215, 3/22/04)

**Withdrew from process: 4<sup>1</sup>**

Esselen Tribe of Monterey County, CA (#131) (11/16/92; withdrawn 11/15/96)

Tuscola United Cherokee Tribe of Florida and Alabama, Inc., FL (#43) (1/19/79; withdrawn 11/24/97)

Costanoan Tribe of Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista Missions, CA (#210) (5/11/99; withdrawn 5/10/00)

Chukchansi Yokotch Tribe of Carsegold, CA (#99) (5/9/85; enrolled with Picayune Rancheria after 1988; withdrawn 9/06/00)

<sup>1</sup> One group was never included in official count: South Eastern Indian Nation, GA (#164) (incomplete letter of intent 1/5/96; withdrawn 11/10/97)

**PETITIONS RESOLVED, (cont.)**  
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**Dissolved formally: 1**

Tuscarora Indian Tribe, Drowning Creek Res., NC (#73) (2/25/81; group formally dissolved; withdrawn 02/19/97)

**Removed from process: 1**

Federation: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. [Ancient Mcabites or Moors], MD (#167) (By letter 5/15/97 the Department determined not to treat this group as a petitioner since it does not seek identification as an Indian tribe and does not fall within the scope of the 25 CFR Part 83 regulations)

**IN POST-FINAL DECISION APPEAL PROCESS - 0**

**DECISIONS IN LITIGATION - (3)**

(Department resolved)

Duwamish Indian Tribe, WA (#25) (denied eff. 5/8/02)

Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of San Francisco Bay, CA [formerly Ohlone/Coastanoan Muwckma Tribe] (#111)  
(denied eff. 12/16/02)

Snohomish Tribe of Indians, WA (#12) (denied eff. 3/9/04)

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