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## The Isaac I. Stevens and Joel Palmer Treaties, 1855–2005

### FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED OREGON TRIBES

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Siletz
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
- Klamath Indian Tribe
- Coquille Indian Tribe

### TERMINATION AND RESTORATION

62 of the 109 tribes and bands terminated by the U.S. government in the Termination Act of 1954 were native to Oregon.

#### OREGON TRIBES RESTORED

- Confederated Tribes of the Siletz (1977)
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians (1982)
- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde (1983)
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (1984)
- Klamath Indian Tribe (1986)
- Coquille Indian Tribe (1989)

### COMPOSITION OF CONFEDERATED TRIBES

#### KLAMATH INDIAN TRIBE

Klamath, Modoc, Yahooskin

#### CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SUISLAW INDIANS

Coos, Lower Umpqua, Suislaw

#### CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS

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Warm Springs (Tygh, Tenino, Wyam and John Day), Wasco, Paiute  
5 Confederated under Treaty of 1855

Articles of agreement and convention  
made & concluded at Wasco, near the Falls  
of the Columbia River in Oregon Territory  
by Joel Palmer Superintendent of Indian  
Affairs on the part of the United States, and  
the following named chiefs and head men  
of the confederated Tribes and Bands of  
Indians residing in middle Oregon, they  
being duly authorized thereto by their respective  
bands, to wit: Spunk-tuck, Look-er-in-sa,  
Shook-a-ma and Hook-up, Chiefs of the  
Tribes, or Upper Te-ah-hah Band of Walla-  
Walla, Hook-let-ty and also, Chiefs of the  
Wya-ma or Lower Te-ah-hah Band of Walla-  
Walla, Ah-ah and Salk-ah, Chiefs of  
the Lemhi Band of Walla-walla, Tise,  
Chief of the Cook-spus or John Day River  
Band of Walla-walla, Mack, Wilkin, Chinook,  
and Wash-ah-la, Chiefs of the Galles Band  
of the Wasco, Tsh-singh, Chief of the  
Kee-ah-tual-la Band of Wasco, and Hah-lah-shah,  
Chief of the Day River Band of Wasco.

Article 1<sup>st</sup> The above named confederated bands  
of Indians cede to the United States, all  
their right title and claim to all and  
every part of the country claimed by them,  
included in the following boundaries  
to wit: Commencing in the middle of the  
Columbia River, at the Cascade Falls,

Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon, signed June 25, 1855, first page

National Archives, RG 11, Ratified Indian Treaty #293

**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA**

Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla

**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE SILETZ**

Confederation of 27 bands originally ranging from northern

California to southern Washington

5 Lost recognition as a result of the Termination Act of 1954

5 Regained recognition as result of the Siletz Restoration Act, signed by President Jimmy Carter, November 18, 1977

**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE**

Rogue River, Umpqua, Chasta, Kalapuya, Mollala, Salmon River, Tillamook, Nestucca

5 Lost recognition as a result of the Termination Act of 1954

5 Reorganized in 1974; incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1975

**STEVENS-PALMER TREATIES DATES, PARTIES, AND RATIFICATION****TREATY WITH THE NISQUALLY, ETC. (TREATY OF MEDICINE CREEK)**

*December 26, 1854; ratified March 3, 1855*

Attended by delegates from the Nisqually, Puyallup, Steilacoom, Squawksin, S'Homamish, Steh-chass, T'Peeksin, Squi-aitl, and Sa-heh-wamish tribes.

**TREATY WITH THE DWAMISH, SUQUAMISH, ETC. (TREATY OF POINT ELLIOTT)**

*January 22, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

Attended by delegates of the Dwámish, Suquámish, Sk-táhl-mish, Sam-áhmish, Smalh-kamish, Skope-áhmish, St-káh-mish, Snoquálmoo, Skai-wha-mish, N'Quentl-má-mish, Sk-táh-le-jum, Stoluck-whá-mish, Sno-ho-mish, Skágít, Kik-i-állus, Swin-á-mish, Squin-áh-mish, Sah-ku-méhu, Noo-whá-ha, Nook-wa-cháh-mish, Mee-sée-qua-guilch, and Cho-bah-áh-bish tribes.

**TREATY WITH THE S'KLALLAM (TREATY OF POINT NO POINT)**

*January 26, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

Attended by delegates from the S'Klallams, Kah-tai, Squah-quaihtl, Tch-queen, Stetehtlum, Tsohkw, Yennis, Elh-wa, Pishtst, Hunnint, Klat-la-wash, Oke-ho, Sko-ko-mish, To-an-hooch, and Chem-a-kum tribes.

**TREATY WITH THE MAKAH (TREATY OF NEAH BAY)**

*January 31, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

Attended by delegates from the confederated tribes of the Makah, viz: Neah Waatch, Tsoo-Yess, and Osett.

**TREATY WITH THE WALLAWALLA, CAYUSE, ETC.**

*June 9, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

Attended by delegates from the Walla-Wallas, Cayuses, and Umatilla tribes.

**TREATY WITH THE YAKIMA**

*June 9, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

Attended by delegates from the Yakama, Palouse, Pisquouse, Wenatshapam, Klikatat, Klinquit, Kow-was-say-ee, Li-ay-was, Skin-pah,

Wish-ham, Shyiks, Ochechotes, Kah-milt-pah, and Se-ap-cat tribes.

#### TREATY WITH THE NEZ PERCÉS

*June 11, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

Attended by delegates from the Nez Percé tribe.

#### TREATY WITH THE TRIBES OF MIDDLE OREGON

*June 25, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

*(Signed by Palmer)*

Attended by delegates of the Upper De Chutes band of the Walla-Wallas, the Lower De Chutes band of the Walla-Wallas, the Tenino band of the Walla-Wallas, the Dock-Spus or John Day's River band of Walla-Wallas, the Dalles band of the Wascoes, the Ki-gal-twal-la band of the Wascoes, and the Dog River band of the Wascoes.

#### TREATY WITH THE QUINAIELT, ETC.

*July 1, 1855, January 25, 1856; ratified March 8, 1859*

Attended by delegates from the Qui-nai-elt and Quil-leh-ute tribes.

#### TREATY WITH THE FLATHEADS, ETC. (TREATY OF HELL GATE)

*July 16, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

Attended by delegates of the confederated tribes of the Flathead, Kootenay, and Upper Pend d'Oreilles.

#### TREATY WITH THE BLACKFEET

*October 17, 1855; ratified April 15, 1856*

Attended by delegates of the Blackfoot Nation, Flathead Nation, and Nez Percé tribe.

5 Does not have same hunting/fishing rights as other treaties

#### TREATY WITH THE MOLALA

*December 21, 1855; ratified March 8, 1859*

*(Signed by Palmer)*

Attended by delegates from the Mo-lal-la-las or Molel tribe.

5 No hunting/fishing rights

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