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SKAGIT INDIANS ACCEPT GOVERNMENT AWARD

The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe voted to accept the U.S. government's offer of \$348,471.42 in settlement of the tribe's claim for additional compensation for 453,000 acres of land ceded under the Treaty of Point Elliott in 1859.

Decision was made at a meeting of tribal members in Hillcrest Park, Mount Vernon, Sept. 1, with Attorney Donald C. Gormley of Washington, D.C. a member of the law firm representing the tribe in its litigation, pending since 1951, and Indian Bureau officials from the Everett office.

The claim now will be filed with the Indian Commission for presentation to Congress.