

**REQUEST FOR THE REPATRIATION
OF HUMAN REMAINS (*TECHAMINSH OYTPAMANATITYT*)**

THE COLUMBIA BASIN TRIBAL CLAIM

submitted to:

**the United States Army Corps of Engineers,
North Pacific Division**

submitted by:

**The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation,
The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation,
The Wanapum Band,
The Nez Perce Tribe,
The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**

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I THE CLAIM

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation ("Umatilla"), the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation ("Yakama"), the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation ("Colville"), and the Nez Perce Tribe ("Nez Perce"), file this Claim jointly with the Wanapum Band ("Wanapum") (hereinafter "Columbia Basin Peoples") as descendants of the ancient ancestral human remains inadvertently discovered along the Columbia River, at Columbia Park, Kennewick, Benton County, Washington on July 28, 1996 (hereinafter "*Techaminsh Oytpamanatityt*").

The Columbia Basin Peoples agree to consolidate their efforts for the express and sole purpose of filing this Claim for the custody of *Techaminsh Oytpamanatityt* and for the transfer of these remains from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to the Columbia Basin Peoples as soon as possible. This Claim is premised upon traditional ways, past and present, and cultural affiliation that bid the Columbia Basin Peoples to our ancestor. It is understood that the Umatilla, Yakama, Colville and Nez Perce Tribes and the Wanapum Band have previously filed separate, individual claims with the USACE for *Techaminsh Oytpamanatityt*. This claim supercedes all prior separate, individual claims made by the Umatilla, Yakama, Colville and Nez Perce Tribes and the Wanapum Band. This Columbia Basin Tribal Claim for *Techaminsh*

Oyupamanatityt is filed as a cultural affiliation claim authorized under Section 3 of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. § 3002(a)(2)(B). The Peoples filing this Columbia Basin Tribal Claim will be filing, both individually and jointly, evidence to support their cultural affiliation to *Techaminsh Oyupamanatityt* under separate cover and shall be identified as exhibits to be attached to this Claim document.

The Columbia Basin Peoples hereby request that the USACE treat each of these prior separate individual claims as added support for and consistent with this Claim for *Techaminsh Oyupamanatityt*.

II. CONTACT

Each Tribe and Band of this Claim has identified points of contact for purposes of this Claim. The names, addresses and phone numbers of these contacts shall be attached to this Claim as Exhibit 1.

III. SAVINGS PROVISION

Nothing in this Claim shall be construed to be a waiver by any of the Columbia Basin Peoples to exercise or assert any right including, but not limited to, claims existing under treaty, statute, executive order or aboriginal right.

IV. SIGNATURES

This Claim executed on this 25th day of January, 1999, 2000

**THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES AND BANDS
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**THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE
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