

Reef Net Bay

San Juan County - Name Change

Township: 36

Range: 2 W

Section: 33, 34

USGS Quad: Shaw Island

Location Description: Bay; 0.25 miles wide, located on the SE side of Shaw Island in the San Juan Islands.

Proposal Summary: The proposal was submitted in response to a proposal to change the name of Squaw Bay. The proponent states that while the residents agree the name should be changed, the local support is for the name "Reef Net Bay", as opposed to "Sq'ememen Bay". The feature has been a site for historic reef net fishing, and is still used for that purpose today. The proponent believes that "Reef Net Bay" is a compromise that has a firm base in history of the island, and honors both past and present residents of the island.

Reef Net Bay: Bay; 0.25 miles wide, located on the SE side of Shaw Island in the San Juan Islands; Name replaces Squaw Bay, the site was used for historic reef net fishing and is still in use; San Juan County, WA; Secs 33,34, T36N, R2W, Willamette Meridian; 48°33'37.422"N, 122°56'48.54"W; USGS map - Shaw Island 1:24,000.

Proponent:

Alex Macleod

PO Box 157

Shaw Island, WA 98286

Proposal Received: 4/11/2016

Initial Consideration: 10/13/2016

Final Consideration: 5/16/2017

WA Committee Decision: Approved

WA Board Decision:

US Board Decision:

Opinions:

San Juan County Council - IN FAVOR

Shaw Island Library & Historical Society - NO RESPONSE
San Juan Historical Museum - NO RESPONSE
NOAA - NO OBJECTION
San Juan County Chamber of Commerce - NO RESPONSE
San Juan Island Yacht Club - NO RESPONSE
Orcas Island Yacht Club - NO RESPONSE
Puget Sound Yacht Club - NO RESPONSE
San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau - NO RESPONSE
Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society - NO RESPONSE
WA State Historical Society - NO RESPONSE
US Coast Guard - NO RESPONSE
Lummi Indian Nation - NO RESPONSE
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Nooksack Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Stillaguamish Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Swinomish Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Tulalip Tribes - NO RESPONSE
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE

WASHINGTON STATE
Geographic Name Application



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Proposed Name: REEF NET BAY

County: _____

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section(s): _____

Lat. 48.96038 N, Long. 122.94685 W (Begin)

Lat. _____ N, Long. _____ W (End)

- New Name
- Controversial Name
- Name Change
- Location Clarification
- Spelling Clarification

Description

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): MARINE BAY

Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): BAY IS LOCATED ON SOUTH SHORE OF SHAW ISLAND. IT HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AS SQUAW BAY, A NAME SOME FIND OFFENSIVE AND HAVE PROPOSED CHANGING.

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: _____

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: SQUAW BAY

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, IT HAS BEEN RECORDED OFFICIALLY ON MAPS AND CHARTS AS SQUAW BAY

History

Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods, fires, etc.); 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

Origin of name: NAMED IN HONOR OF NATIVE WIFE OF HOMESTEADER ALONG THE BAY

If a commemorative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed feature: LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THIS NATIVE WOMAN AND THERE IS NO OFFICIAL RECORD OF HER GIVEN NAME.

Usage of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? THE BAY IS ADJACENT TO REEF NET FISHING SITES ON SHAW AND CONTINUES TO BE USED FOR OFF-SEASON GEAR STORAGE. THERE ALSO IS A DNR LEASE FOR SHELLFISH BEDS IN THE BAY.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: IN DEFERENCE TO THOSE WHO NOW FIND THE HISTORIC NAME OFFENSIVE, IT WOULD BE REPLACED BY ONE WHICH REFLECTS ITS HISTORIC CONNECTION TO NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE REEF NET FISHERS.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? THE EASTERN POINT HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN AS REEF NET POINT AND IS SO SIGNED BY SAN JUAN COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT.

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background historical relating to proposed name) PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

What type of support is there for the proposed name?

List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER

Application submitted by:

Name: ALEX MACLEOD
Address: BOX 157 City: SHAW ISLAND State: WA Zip: 98286
Phone #: 360-468-3742 Email: wuzeditor@rockisland.co Date of Application: 4/11/2016

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: ALEX MACLEOD
Signature: Alex MacLeod Date: 4/11/2016

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:
WA State Board on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030

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ENGINEERING DIVISION
OLYMPIA 09504-7030

April 3, 2016

Washington State Committee on Geographic Names
Box 47030
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

Re: Proposed name change: Squaw Bay, Shaw Island

Dear Committee Members:

I am the chair of the Board of Trustees of The Shaw Island Library & Historical Society. In this role, I have organized meetings and online discussions of Richard Walker's proposal to change the name of Squaw Bay to Sq'ememenem Bay. We wrote to the committee expressing a consensus view last October, and Shaw Islanders have written directly to the committee expressing their personal viewpoints. All are a part of your record.

When we wrote in October, we expressed the following majority viewpoint:

- That we **support changing the name.**
- That we **do not support** the proposed change to Sq'ememenem Bay.
- That we work with the applicant to try to reach agreement on a replacement name that more closely reflects both the native and non-native history of that particular bay.

Subsequent to that correspondence, we reached out to Mr. Walker to see if he would discuss an alternative name. He expressed no interest in that.

Given that, **the Shaw community proposes the name of the bay be changed to Reef Net Bay.**

The bay in question is adjacent to the spot on Shaw that has been the site of reef net fishing for salmon, a unique fishing method devised by native people (mostly Lummi) using nets made of local reeds and stone anchors, and later adapted by white settlers and their descendants. The bay was used historically as the staging area for that fishery and its easternmost point is known as Reef Net Point. There still is a limited reef net fishery just outside the bay and the reef-net gear and fishing floats are kept in the bay.

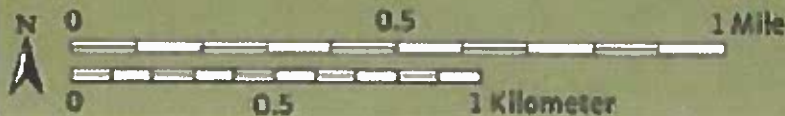
As attached as many islanders are to the name "Squaw Bay," we believe changing it to Reef Net (or Reefnet) Bay represents a compromise that has a firm base in the history of the island, both native and white settlement, has precedent in the name of the adjacent point and would fall quickly into common usage.

Sincerely,

Bob Nuland
Board Chair

SHAW ISLAND LIBRARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WWW.SHAWISLANDLIBRARY.ORG

Alex MacLeod
Board Chair
Shaw Island Library & Historical Society



MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From: MAKI, CALEB (DNR)
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 11:15 AM
To: wuzeditor@rockisland.com; richardmollywalker@gmail.com
Subject: Sq'emenen Bay and Reef Net Bay

Hello,

At yesterday's meeting, the Committee on Geographic Names voted to defer both of the proposed names to replace Squaw Bay. The Committee stated during their discussion that they would like to see community support for a unified proposal.

Both of these proposals will be on the agenda for our October meeting, and I would encourage both of the proponents to see if they could reach a compromise on a replacement name. The Committee was not comfortable choosing one name over the other, as there appears to be division among residents as to what the new name should be.

If any correspondence takes place between the proponents, please send me a copy. You can also view the meeting video and audio here at TVW:

<http://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2016051077>

Let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to receiving any additional materials.

Caleb A. Maki

Photogrammetrist 3 – Engineering Division
Executive Secretary – Washington State Committee on Geographic Names
Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
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MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From: Alex MacLeod <wuzeditor@rockisland.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2016 9:50 AM
To: MAKI, CALEB (DNR)
Cc: richardmollywalker@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Sq'emenem Bay and Reef Net Bay

Caleb:

Thank you for the update. Those of us on Shaw appreciate the committee tabling the proposed change to Sq'emenem until its October meeting.

Having listened to the committee's discussion, there is a misapprehension of the position of the Shaw Island residents. Our position, which we have tried to state clearly on more than one occasion, is as follows:

1. We **support** dropping the name Squaw Bay.
2. We **oppose** the proposed change to Sq'emenem Bay.
3. We **support** changing the name to Reef Net Bay. The bay in question has been the staging area for both Native and later non-native reef net fishing along the south shore of Shaw Island. A point on the bay already carries the name Reef Net Point and is further designated as such by trail markings of the San Juan County Parks Department.

Once the broad consensus of Shaw residents expressed its opposition to the proposed change to Sq'emenem Bay, made by individuals with no connection to the island, we wrote the the Sq'emenem Bay proponent to see he was open to working with the Shaw residents to find an acceptable compromise. He was not. If he has changed his position on compromise, we would be willing to consider one.

I would like to correct a factual misstatement made during the committee's discussion by member Allyson Brooks. In making the motion to approve the Sq'emenem Bay proposal, Ms. Brooks said the Shaw Island (Library &) Historical Society supported the change to Sq'emenem Bay. On the contrary, our organization, after having held community discussions in person and online, supported dropping the name Squaw Bay but opposed the change to Sq'emenem Bay. We have proposed an alternative with local historical roots, native and non-native: Reef Net Bay.

We understand that this communication is a public record and ask that it be made part of the committee's record of the Sq'emenem Bay/Reef Net Bay issue.

Alex MacLeod
President, Board of Trustees
Shaw Island Library & Historical Society
Shaw Island. WA 98286

cc: Richard Walker

On May 20, 2016, at 11:15 AM, MAKI, CALEB (DNR) <CALEB.MAKI@dnr.wa.gov> wrote:

Hello,

MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From: Richard Walker <richardmollywalker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 8:58 PM
To: Alex MacLeod
Cc: MAKI, CALEB (DNR)
Subject: Sq'emenen Bay

May 26, 2016

Alex MacLeod

President, Board of Trustees

Shaw Island Library & Historical Society

Shaw.Island. WA 98286

Dear Alex,

I appreciate your membership's support for changing the name of Squaw Bay.

I read your latest letter to the Committee on Geographic Names. Some correction and/or clarification is necessary.

First, to write that I have not been open to compromise is not accurate. I was not able to attend your first meeting on this issue. But I told Stephanie Buffum-Field, a Shaw Island resident and executive director of the Friends of the San Juans, that I had no problem with the name "Reef Net Bay" **but added that the Lummi Nation should be consulted on the matter, because Shaw Island is part of the Lummi Nation's historical territory.** My understanding is she was going to write a letter expressing our views on the matter.

Second, although I was not able to attend your society's meeting, I did write a letter to the community, dated Sept. 19, 2015, which you posted on your website, in which I wrote that if I could attend, *"I would share with Shaw residents that I am glad they are engaged in dialogue on this issue. That is a good thing. I believe we share an interest in seeing the history of Shaw and the San Juan Islands accurately presented, and that we all believe that names are important in the telling of that history."*

I also wrote:

"Sq'emenen is a historical place name. According to Lummi Nation hereditary chief Bill (Tsilixw) James, a respected teacher and culture-bearer, the Lummi name for Shaw Island is Sq'emenen. It is the name by which the First People of the San Juan Islands have always known the island, and it is the name by which they know it now."

"Sq'emenen helps tell the history of the place. I know the bay is a prominent reef-net site ... The Lummi people developed reefnet fishing. So, Sq'emenen represents the original name of Shaw Island, where people use a fishing method developed by the region's First Peoples."

"The Lummi people were not simply seasonal occupants of the island. Their point of origin is Henry Island. They share a common ancestor with the Saanteh, Samish, and Songhees, and for thousands of years, they all maintained and harvested resources on the islands year-round. All of the islands were their home. Shaw Island was as much a part of their home as any other island within their historical territory."

"I am not Coast Salish, my wife is, and I do not speak for the Coast Salish nations of the region. But I do know that the Lummi Nation and other Coast Salish nations have treaty rights and obligations within their historical territory, among them co-managing the state's fisheries for the benefit of all people, Native and non-Native. So, their relationship to Shaw and the other San Juan Islands continues today."

Third, it is incorrect to say "Sq'emenen" is proposed by "individuals with no connection to the island ..." The Lummi, Samish and other Coast Salish peoples originated in the San Juan Islands, including Shaw Island, which they to this day know as "Sq'emenen." They have certain rights on the island and in its waters, reserved by the Treaty of Point Elliott of 1855. As you know, Article VI of the U.S. Constitution states that treaties are "the supreme law of the land."

Of the 29 people who lent their names to the initial petition, a majority have cultural and ancestral ties to the islands. My wife, who is a citizen of the Samish Indian Nation, comes from an islands lineage that dates back thousands of years. Our home is located due south of proposed Sq'emenen Bay, near a Samish village site, at Cape San Juan.

Fourth, I believe the name "Sq'emenen Bay" would help build bridges of understanding. One of your society members wrote that there is no Native presence on the island; she obviously is not aware of activity going on now in the islands related to culture, history and treaty rights. Another Shaw Island resident, who happens to be a school board member on the island, wrote of retaining the current name. "Naming a place something offensive to someone somewhere is not the same as calling someone who might be offended by that name."

"Sq'emenen" is the Lummi name for Shaw Island and helps tell the story of the place. I am reminded of what Dr. Margaret Bruchac, Abenaki, author of the oft-quoted 1999 essay, "Reclaiming 'squaw' in the name of the ancestors," wrote of the importance of indigenous place names:

"We can claim the opportunity to recover original indigenous place names, reinforce respect for local indigenous histories, and support Native language reclamation efforts ... When I hear all the words of our old languages spoken by Native peoples, in their proper contexts, I hear the voices of the ancestors."

A final point: "Sq'emenen" has been consistently misspelled in your letters on this matter. It is spelled S Q ' E M E N E N. It is pronounced as it looks: ske men en, all short e's.

I understand that this communication is a public record and ask that it be made part of the committee's record.

Sincerely,

Richard Walker

360-813-2916

richardmollywalker@gmail.com

MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From: Alex MacLeod <wuzeditor@rockisland.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 1:31 PM
To: Richard Walker; MAKI, CALEB (DNR)
Subject: Reef Net Bay

Richard:

Thank you for your recent note. As Caleb has made clear, the issue the committee has placed before us is whether we can find common ground on the renaming of Squaw Bay.

We already have cleared the most important hurdle, with Shaw Island residents supporting your proposal to remove the word "squaw" from the name of the bay.

As we said last fall, while we supported that change, we did not support your proposed new name. As we wrote to the committee on Oct. 9, 2015, we instead proposed to work with you to "try to reach agreement on a replacement name that more closely reflects both the native and non-native history" of the bay. When we received no positive response from you, we subsequently made our own proposal to the committee that the bay be renamed "Reef Net Bay."

I was surprised, then, to see in your most recent note that you told Shaw resident Stephanie Buffum-Field in September that you "had no problem with the name "Reef Net Bay." This is the first I've heard of your openness to changing the name to anything other than Sq'emenen Bay. Given that you are the one who began this process, perhaps you would be willing to express your comfort with change to Reef Net Bay to the appropriate individuals in the Lummi Nation and see if they will join you in support of changing the bay's name as we have proposed. With that, I suspect we would be able to speak to the committee with one voice and make its October deliberation rather simple. And with that, the word "squaw" will be gone from the maps and charts of the islands.

Please let me know if you will take that initiative.

Thank you.

Alex

cc: Caleb Maki

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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

09:03 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:03 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Bill Watson and Rick Hughes, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

Recognition: Health & Community Services Director Mark Tompkins, Community Health Manager Ellen Wilcox and the Council recognized Public Nurse Tamara Joyner upon her retirement after 13 years of service to San Juan County.

Citizens Access: The following citizens offered comments: none

09:15 AM DISCUSSION: Briefing of Population Forecast for Comprehensive Plan Update – Colin Maycock, Senior Planner; Linda Kuller, Planning Manager

Mr. Maycock and Ms. Kuller presented the forecast and answered Council's questions.

10:00 AM DISCUSSION: Squaw Bay Geographic Name Change Suggestion for Squaw Bay (Shaw Island) to the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names – Council

After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson for approval to send to the Department of Natural Resources Washington State Committee on Geographic Names endorsement of the name Reef Net Bay as a replacement for Squaw Bay. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:41 AM ACTION: Set Public Hearing for First Budget Amendment for Tuesday, May 9 at 9:15 – Council

Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to set a public hearing for the first 2017 budget amendment for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

49 **10:42 AM ACTION:** To Approve a Resolution re: the Intention to Establish a County Road
50 and Declaration of Public Necessity for County Road No. 157, San Juan Island –
51 Colin Huntemer, County Engineer
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53 Mr. Huntemer presented the Resolution, and answered Council's questions. After discussion,
54 the Council took the following action:
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56 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve a Resolution re: the**
57 **Intention to Establish a County Road and Declaration of Public Necessity for County**
58 **Road No. 157, San Juan Island from CRP 010801 Pear Point Road to Turn Point Road.**
59 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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61 **10:55 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**
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63 **Mr. Watson:** Attended an Agricultural Resource Committee (ARC) retreat.
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65 **Mr. Stephens:** Requested that Mr. Hughes write a request to Representative Morris for a
66 budget proviso providing ferry service to commuters during the summer sailing season; held a
67 well-attended Town Hall meeting on Lopez on April 14; going to Olympia during the week.
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69 **Mr. Hughes:** Announced that Executive Director of the Opportunity Council Greg Winter
70 informed him that a Federal Housing Authority (FHA) multi-family affordable rental housing
71 complex will be soon available for sale; Lodging Tax Advisory Council (LTAC) met last week;
72 the Board of Health meets on Wednesday, April 19th. Mr. Hughes will attend meetings with the
73 Northwest Resource Council, Opportunity Council, Land Bank Commission, Economic
74 Development Council and Lopez Trail Group during the week.
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76 **Mr. Thomas (County Manager):** Attended an Agricultural Resource Committee (ARC)
77 retreat; announced that the Customs office space at the airport is completed; holding second
78 quarter management training; continues to work on unit clarification with the American
79 Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union (AFCME).
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81 **11:25 AM ADJOURN**
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83 Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.
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86 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
87 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**
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89 These Minutes were approved and signed on May 2, 2017. The original document is retained in the
90 Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.
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MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From: lynn <bahrych@rockisland.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 5:20 PM
To: DNR RE BOGN
Cc: Alex MacLeod
Subject: Comment on Renaming Squaw Bay at Shaw Island

I definitely support renaming the bay Reef Net Bay.

I am opposed to Sq'emenen because it is difficult to pronounce, hard to spell and write correctly, and has no association or historic significance to me as a resident of Shaw for over 30 years. If there were tribal residents on Shaw today, it might be a different matter. As it is, I don't think it would be especially meaningful for the current residents, at least not those I have spoken with about it.

Please consider renaming the bay "Reef Net Bay."

Thank you,

Lynn Bahrych
80 Old Macdonald Lane
Shaw Island WA 98286

MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From: lynn <bahrych@rockisland.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 5:20 PM
To: DNR RE BOGN
Cc: Alex MacLeod
Subject: Comment on Renaming Squaw Bay at Shaw Island

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Please consider renaming the bay "Reef Net Bay."

Thank you,

Lynn Bahrych
80 Old Macdonald Lane
Shaw Island WA 98286

MAKI, CALEB (DNR)

From: inga horton <ingahorton@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 5:18 PM
To: DNR RE BOGN
Subject: Squaw Bay

I think that it is somewhat perilous to change an accepted name, the history of the name will be lost forever. Squaw Bay just rolls of the tongue, Reefnet Bay does not! I am hoping that Squaw Bay will be retained forever. Inga Horton, Horton's Hook.

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Sept. 7, 2016

Washington Committee on Geographic Names
P.O. Box 47030
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

RE: RENAMING OF SQUAW BAY

Dear Committee Members:

I am the president of the Board of the Shaw Island Library & Historical Society. The attached documents reflect the overwhelming support of Shaw Island residents for renaming Squaw Bay as Reef Net Bay.

We circulated the attached petition on July 3 as islanders gathered for the Fourth of July celebration. Eighty (80) Shaw residents — out of a total population of about 200 — signed the petition. Only five (5) demurred, four of whom said they objected to removing the existing name.

The support reflected in this petition is consistent with earlier, mostly anecdotal measures from island meetings and online commentary on our organization's web page (shawislandlibrary.org). The San Juan County Council, by unanimous resolution, indicated at a June meeting that it will also endorse Reef Net Bay as the bay's new name.

I would point out that there already is a point along the eastern boundary of the bay identified by the San Juan County Parks Department as Reef Net Point. Historically, the bay has been used by native and non-native reef-net fishermen as a staging area for the fishery just west of the bay's mouth.

We appreciate the opportunity to be heard on this matter of considerable local interest.

Sincerely yours,



Alex MacLeod
Box 157
Shaw Island, WA 98286

RENAMING OF SQUAW BAY

The Washington State Committee on Geographic Names will decide at its fall meeting what name will replace Squaw Bay. The choice will be between Sq'emenem Bay and Reef Net Bay.

The committee wants to know the preference of local residents. When we considered this last fall, we told the committee three things:

- We support the proposal to remove the current name.
- We **do not** support the proposed change to Sq'emenem Bay.
- We are very willing to work with the proponent of the change to find a new name.

Since then, and despite our repeated requests, it has become clear that the proponent of the change to Sq'emenem Bay is unwilling to consider anything else. As a result, and to work within the committee's policies, in April we formally proposed a change to Reef Net Bay, a name that reflects the native and non-native history of the bay and the name most acceptable to those who expressed support for a change, as well as those who otherwise oppose any change from the existing name.


At its May meeting, the committee deferred action on the original proposal in order to consider it alongside the Shaw proposal. Based on the May meeting discussion, there is little question the committee will vote to remove the existing name; the only question is what will be the new name.

Among other things, the committee will solicit comment from the San Juan County Council on the competing names. I believe it is important for us to demonstrate to the Council, as well as the state committee, our support for Reef Net Bay. The Council is scheduled to meet on Shaw Tuesday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the Shaw Community Building.

Below is an opportunity for you to express your support for Reef Net Bay to both groups. Please do so legibly. You may also attend the Council meeting and express yourself there, especially if you oppose this proposed change.

REEF NET BAY PETITION

We support changing the name of Squaw Bay to Reef Net Bay:

NAME	SHAW ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
AMY VAN DONKEN	PO BOX 353	
ELEANOR WEINEL	512 Broken Point Rd. PO BOX 303	Eleanor J. Weinel
Elizabeth Stedman	P.O. Box 801	Elizabeth Stedman
Lola Deane	PO Box 827	Lola Deane
JANICE L EKSTROM	Box 837	Janice L. Ekstrom
BUNI TWITZELLYNCH	BOX 321	Bun Twitzel Lynch
Courne Stroy	PO Box 361	Courne Stroy
Philip Ekstrom	PO Box 837	Philip A. Ekstrom
Ray Grace	PO Box 105	Ray Grace
Gary Lange	P.O. Box 109	Gary Lange
Sue Anderson	2658 Neck Pt Rd	Sue Anderson
RAY STEDMAN	PO BOX 468	Ray Stedman
ALICE NELSEN	PO Box 394	Alice Nelsen
KEITH GERHARD	PO BOX 805	Keith Gerhard
Kathleen Williams	P.O. Box 157	Kathleen Williams
Jean Christensen	PO Box 829	Barbara Jean Christensen
Diane Clifton	PO Box 852	Diane Clifton
Carol Brantigan	PO Box 106	Carol Brantigan
Julius TROXEL	PO Box 397	Julius Troxel
Jan Chamberlain	PO Box 453	Jan Chamberlain
TED Husted	PO Box 333	Ted Husted
Barbara HUSTED	POB 333	Barbara Husted
Ronald Abbott	POB 801	Ronald Abbott
William H. Fraser	PO Box 312	William H. Fraser

REEF NET BAY PETITION

We support changing the name of Squaw Bay to Reef Net Bay:

NAME	SHAW ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
<u>Eric Garcia</u>	<u>Po Box 812</u>	<u>E. Garcia</u>
<u>Chris Garcia</u>	<u>PO Box 812, S.I.</u>	<u>Chris Garcia</u>
<u>Shirley S. Lange</u>	<u>PO Box 109 Shaw</u>	<u>Shirley S Lange</u>
<u>Pete Welsch</u>	<u>P.O. Box 394 Shaw</u>	<u>Pete Welsch</u>
<u>BRUD JOSLIN</u>	<u>POB 403</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>CAROLE DAVIS</u>	<u>POB 403</u>	<u>Carole Davis</u>
<u>Andrea Schmidt</u>	<u>PO BOX 831</u>	<u>Andrea Schmidt</u>
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<u>Mary Rook</u>	<u>po 834</u>	<u>Mary Rook</u>
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REEF NET BAY PETITION

We support changing the name of Squaw Bay to Reef Net Bay:

NAME	SHAW ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
<u>ANDY THOMAS</u>	<u>525 SHAW LANE</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
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<u>Diana Wisen</u>	<u>PO Box 366 SHAW</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
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<u>Cue Miller</u>	<u>741 Blind Bay Rd</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
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<u>Tom Mites</u>	<u>5815 Glen Cir</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
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From: Thomas R. Speer
To: [DNR RE BOGN](#)
Cc: [Tsilixw James](#); [Chief Andy de Los Angeles](#); [Shla`dai](#)
Subject: Change the name of "Squaw Bay" on Shaw Island to Sq'ememen, the Lummi name for Shaw Island
Date: Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:49:05 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you as a private citizen and a Washington State taxpayer. I am not speaking for Chief Seattle's Duwamish First Nation ("Indian tribe") or for the historic Sackman Family, direct descendants of Chief Seattle, Queen Ladaila, and their daughter Princess Angeline. Also, I do not speak for the Lummi First Nation (Lummi Tribe of Indians).

I am a Viet Nam War veteran, consulting business owner, and proud member of Chief Seattle's Duwamish First Nation ("Indian tribe") and the historic Sackman Family. I am also a *de facto* historian of the Duwamish and other Puget Sound First Nations.

I just learned that the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names intends to change the name of "Squaw Bay" on Shaw Island to Sq'ememen, the Lummi First Nation (Lummi Tribe of Indians) name for Shaw Island.

I was also told that 80 petition signatures from persons living on Shaw Island prefer the name "Reefnet". This is not acceptable.

If you sincerely want to honor and respect Washington State's First Nations ("Indian Tribes"), use the original name Sq'ememen for Shaw Island, the very same name used by the original inhabitants: The Lummi First Nation (Lummi Tribe of Indians) name for Shaw Island.

“Reefnet” is a word from a language brought by invaders from Europe. As you may be aware, English is not a language indigenous to the Americas. Using an English language name does no honor to the First People of Shaw Island and the American San Juan Islands: The Lummi Nation. This is the simple truth - and 80 petition signatures do not alter the historic truth. An English language name is not acceptable.

Eliminating the offensive and derogatory name “Squaw” (a vulgar term for women’s genitals) is only half of the job that needs to be done. To complete the job, replace the pejorative and degrading term with the most appropriate name: Sq'emenen. Half-measures will not suffice.

I hope that you will give this your serious consideration and make the only decision that truly honors and respects the First People of Shaw Island: The Lummi First Nation (Lummi Tribe of Indians).

I look forward to your reply.

lak^w’əlás ti ds’dá?

(Place-of-the-Fire I am named)

dx^w’dəw?ábš cəd tul’?al d^zid^zəlál’ic

(People-of-the-Inside, “Duwamish”, I-am, from Little-Place-Where-One-Crosses-Over, Chief Seattle City)

tom speer ti pastəducid ds’dá?

(Tom Speer in **pástəd**, “Boston”, language I-am-named)

Thomas R. Speer

11818 – 11th Avenue NW

Chief Seattle City, Washington State

(206) 375-2249

trspeer@yahoo.com

From: Tara Wallace - NOAA Federal
To: [MAKI, CALEB \(DNR\)](#)
Subject: Re: Geographic Name Opinion Request
Date: Monday, April 17, 2017 5:36:58 AM

Good morning Caleb -

NOAA's Marine Chart Division has no objection to either proposal.

Thanks,
Tara

Tara Wallace, Branch Chief
Nautical Data Branch, Marine Chart Division
Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service
(301) 713-2737 ext. 123



On Wed, Apr 12, 2017 at 4:55 PM, MAKI, CALEB (DNR) <CALEB.MAKI@dnr.wa.gov> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

This is our official request regarding two competing proposals the WA State Committee on Geographic Names received to make official a name change for a geographic feature located in Washington.

Because local opinion is very important to the committee, we would like your opinion regarding these proposals. We also ask that you share this request with the appropriate offices or members within your organization.

In summary, currently the feature is named Squaw Bay located on Shaw Island in San Juan County.

One proposal is to rename the feature to "Sq'emenen Bay". Sq'emenen is the Lummi Nation word for Shaw Island.

The other proposal is to rename the feature to "Reef Net Bay" because the feature was the site for historic and current reef net fishing.

The WA State Committee on Geographic Names will be hearing this proposal on **May 16, 2017**. You may respond to this email with your official opinion, or fill out and return the attached opinion form.

For more detailed information regarding this name issue, please visit the committee's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/board-natural-resources/committee-geographic-names>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If your office is not the



April 14, 2016

Alex Macleod
PO Box 157
Shaw Island, WA 98286

Dear Alex Macleod,

Your proposal to name **Reef Net Bay** is scheduled for its *initial* hearing with the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on **5/19/2016** in Olympia. At this time the Committee will decide whether or not to accept your proposed name for consideration. If accepted, the name will then come up for discussion and final decision at subsequent hearing(s) to follow. At the time of the hearing(s), you may wish to be present and speak for your proposal, but attendance is not a requirement.

Between the initial and final hearings, the merits of your proposal will be researched and comments on the proposal from the local historical societies, county governments, state and federal land management agencies, and interested groups and individuals who have some knowledge of the area will be solicited. If there are longtime local residents or adjacent property owners in the area whose addresses you could provide, I will be glad to request their comments as well.

If I can answer any further questions, please call me at (360) 902-1280, or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Caleb Maki".

Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary
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May 20, 2016

Alex Macleod
PO Box 157
Shaw Island, WA 98286

Dear Mr. Macleod,

Your proposal to name Reef Net Bay has been deferred for its *final* hearing before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on October 13, 2016 in Olympia.

The Committee voted to defer your proposal in light of opposition from a competing proposal for the same geographic feature. The Committee expressed their desire for the two proponents to see if they could work together to come up with a unified proposal to replace the name Squaw Bay in San Juan County.

I will be contacting the proponent of the competing proposal with the same message. If a compromise is reached, please send any correspondence to me so that I can present the new materials for the Committee at our October meeting.

You can view the meeting's video and audio at the TVW webpage at:
<http://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2016051077>

If you have any questions or additional information to convey, please call me at (360) 902-1280, or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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March 24, 2017

Alex Macleod
PO Box 157
Shaw Island, WA 98286

Dear Alex Macleod,

Your proposal to name **Reef Net Bay** is scheduled for its final hearing before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on 5/16/2017 in Olympia.

Proposed names may receive two or more hearings before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names. Meetings are usually held twice a year. At the first meeting, the Committee decides whether or not to consider the name, and at the second, the Committee makes a decision to approve, deny, or defer the proposed name.

In the intervening months, the Committee staff solicits opinions and comments from historical societies, county officials, federal agencies, mountaineering clubs, and any other group or person who can provide information or an informed opinion on the proposal. The Committee uses this information to make a decision according to guidelines previously established by the Committee.

If there is additional pertinent information (names and addresses of longtime residents, property owners adjacent to the feature, or historical information to help us in our research) beyond what is provided in the Geographic Name Application, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

You are welcome to attend the hearing on your proposal, and will be given an opportunity to make a statement or provide information or clarification at that time. An agenda for the next Committee on Geographic Names meeting will be mailed to you prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or additional information to convey, please call me at (360) 902-1280, or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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May 16, 2017

Alex Macleod
PO Box 157
Shaw Island, WA 98286

Dear Mr. Macleod,

At the **May 16, 2017** meeting of the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names, the Committee voted to send your application to name **Reef Net Bay** located in **San Juan County** to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.

All information on your proposal will be forwarded to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names for their consideration at a future meeting.

When the Board selects a date to hear your proposal, a letter will be sent to you informing you of the date and time your proposal will be heard.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 902-1280 or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in geographic names.

Sincerely,

Caleb Maki
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REEF NET BAY - SAN JUAN COUNTY



Bay: 0.25 miles wide, located on the SE side of Shaw Island in the San Juan Islands.

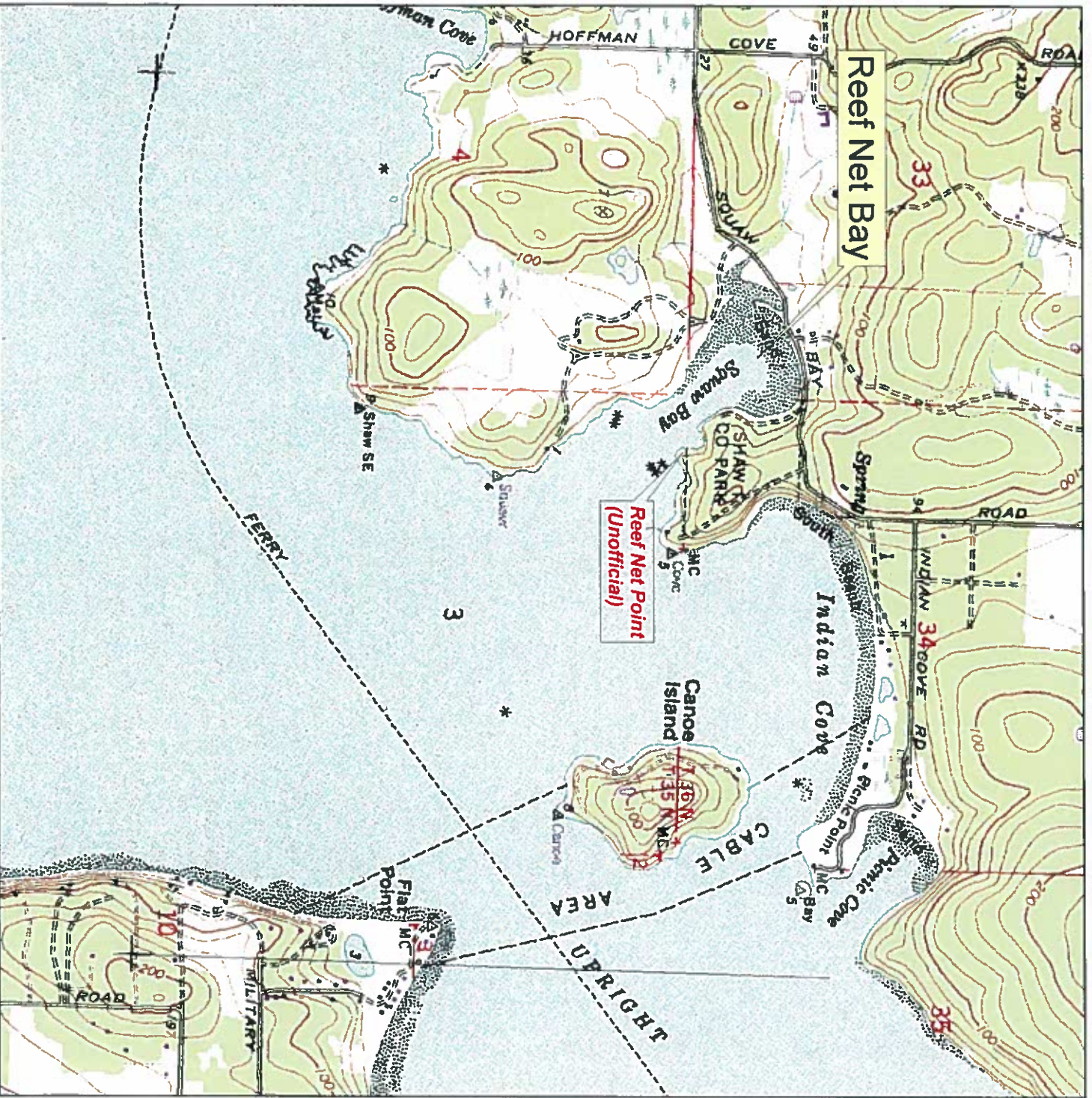
The proposal was submitted in response to a proposal to change the name of Squaw Bay.

The feature has been a site for historic reef net fishing, and is still used for that purpose today.

The proponent believes that "Reef Net Bay" is a compromise that has a firm base in history of the island, and honors both past and present residents of the island.



REEF NET BAY - SAN JUAN COUNTY



Bay, 0.25 miles wide, located on the SE side of Shaw Island in the San Juan Islands.

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Walaluuks Creek

Klickitat County - Name Change

Township: 4N, 5N, 6N

Range: 19E

Section:

USGS Quad: Goodnoe Hills & Bickleton NW

Location Description: Stream; 16.2 miles long; heads 22 miles NE of Goldendale at 45°57'5.428"N, 120°22'4.393"W, flows E then S to enter Rock Creek

Proposal Summary: Walaluuks Creek: stream; 16.2 miles long; heads 22 miles NE of Goldendale at 45°57'5.428"N, 120°22'4.393"W, flows E then S to enter Rock Creek; replaces Squaw Creek to honor Walaluuks, a Yakama Tribal member who lived in the valley; Klickitat County, Washington; T4,5,6N, R19E, Willamette Meridian; 45°47'42.190"N, 120°27'52.496"W USGS map – Goodnoe Hills & Bickleton NW 1:24,000.

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Proposal to rename Squaw Creek located in Klickitat County. According to the proponent, the Squaw Creek canyon served as an important wagon trail route for Yakama Tribal members between the Columbia River and other Yakama lands. Traditional foods and medicines were found throughout the valley.

Walaluuks was a Yakama woman who lived the majority of her life in Squaw Creek canyon, and it is assumed that she is the woman intended by the name Squaw Creek. Walaluuks took care of other Tribal members traveling through the canyon.

Proponent:

JoDe Goudy

Chairman, Yakama Nation Tribal Council

PO Box 151

Toppenish, WA 98948

Proposal Received: 8/2/2016

Initial Consideration: 10/13/2016

Final Consideration: 5/16/2017

WA Committee Decision: Approved

WA Board Decision:

US Board Decision:

Opinions:

Klickitat Board of County Commissioners - NO RESPONSE

Klickitat County Historical Society - NO RESPONSE

WA State Historical Society - NO RESPONSE

City of Goldendale - NO RESPONSE

Yakama Nation - IN FAVOR



Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakama Nation

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** SENT VIA EMAIL AND USPS Certified Mail **

RE: Geographic Name Change (from "Squaw Creek" to "Walaluuks Creek")

Dear Sir or Madam;

I am Chi' Qwax, Chairman of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation ("Yakama Nation"), a federally recognized Tribe pursuant to the Treaty with the Yakamas, 12 Stat. 951 (June 9, 1855) ("Treaty of 1855").

On behalf of the Yakama Nation, I submit the attached Geographic Name Change Application for a Creek lying outside the Yakama Reservation, and within the traditional Yakama lands ceded in the Treaty of 1855. The Yakama Nation requests your prompt consideration to change the name of the creek from the derogatory and offensive "Squaw Creek" to "Walaluuks Creek" as outlined in the attached application.

For further information, please contact: M. Patrice Kent, Lead Attorney, Yakama Nation Office of Legal Counsel via e-mail (Patrice@yakamanation-olc.org) or telephone (509) 865-7268.

Sincerely,

CHI' QWAX (JODE GOUBY)

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, CONFEDERATED TRIBES AND BANDS OF THE YAKAMA NATION

Encl:

Washington State Geographic Name Application

Addendum: Geographic Name Application

WASHINGTON STATE
Geographic Name Application



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Proposed Name: Walaluuks Creek

New Name

County: Klickitat

Controversial Name

Township: 4N Range: 19E Section(s): 4,7,8,9,18,19,29,30

Name Change

Lat. 454742N N, Long. 1202753W W (Begin)

Location Clarification

Lat. 459748N N, Long. 1203896W W (End)

Spelling Clarification

Description

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): stream

Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): Squaw Creek is located in eastern Klickitat County within the Rock Creek watershed and is a tributary of Rock Creek. It is 17.17 miles in length from the headwaters to the confluence with Rock Creek.

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: 8 months

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: Currently called "Squaw Creek"

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? No

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History ** numbers denote citations listed on attached ADDENDUM PAGE

Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods, fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

Origin of name: The "Squaw Creek" canyon served as an important wagon trail route for Yakama Tribal members between the Columbia River and other Yakama lands.¹ The headwaters of the creek abut the southern Yakama Reservation border and at the confluence is the Yakama "Black Wolf Cemetery".¹ Traditional foods and medicines were found abundantly throughout the canyon.¹ Coho salmon and steelhead spawn and rear in the creek and are important cultural and subsistence fish for the Yakamas.² (CONTINUED ON ADDENDUM PAGE)

If a commemorative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed feature: Walaluuks was a Yakama woman who lived the majority of her life in the "Squaw Creek" canyon, and it is assumed that she is the woman intended by the name "Squaw Creek".⁵ She took care of other Tribal members traveling through the canyon from the Columbia River to Yakama or vice-versa.¹ She had children and grandchildren and there are descendents of Walaluuks who live in the area.¹ Walaluuks was a member of the Kah Milt-Pah Band also known as Rock Creek Band. Kah Milt-Pah Band is one of the original 14 Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.¹

Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? The creek is located in remote Klickitat County; the word "squaw" is a degrading name to the aboriginal people of the area. It is a very disrespectful name describing the Yakama elder "Walaluks" who lived in the canyon and her descendents.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: The name of the creek should be changed to a Yakama name honoring the individual, and remove the offensive term. The creek is within the Yakama usual and accustomed areas and the Yakama people are the first inhabitants to the area.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? The proposed name is used by the Yakama Tribal members of the "Kah Milt-Pah" Rock Creek Band for an unknown number of years.

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) Interviews of the Yakama elders were conducted during 2014-2016. Bureau of Land Management - Oregon State Office Land Status and Cadastral Survey Records - Willamette Meridian 3/10/1869 GLO map.

What type of support is there for the proposed name?

List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

The "Kah Milt-Pah" Rock Creek Band of the Yakama Nation supports the name change. Chief Bronsco Jim Jr. PO Box 751 Goldendale, WA 98620

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
PO Box 151 Toppenish, WA 98948

Application submitted by:

Name: JoDe Goudy, Chairman, Yakama Nation Tribal Council
Address: PO Box 151 (401 Fort Road) City: Toppenish State: WA Zip: 98948
Phone #: (509) 865-5121 Email: jode@yakama.com Date of Application: 07.28.2016
****Alternate contact: M. Patrice Kent, YN Office of Legal Counsel**

Tel: (509) 865-7268; Email: patrice@yakamanation-olc.org

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: JoDe Goudy
Signature: 

Date: 8-2-16

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

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Additional Township, Ranges, and Sections that include Squaw Creek

Township: 4N Range: 18E Sections: 12,13,24

Township: 5N Range: 19E Sections: 2,3,10,14,15,22,23,26,27,33,34,35

History section continued

Lewis and Clark wrote in their journals of the large number of family tipi sites in Rock Creek and its tributary streams.³ There is a long history of Yakama Tribal inhabitation in Rock Creek and Squaw Creek that predates any non-Tribal settlement in the area.³ There are archeological records of Yakama inhabitation in both Rock Creek and Squaw Creek.⁴ Based on numerous interviews with Yakama Tribal elders from the Kah Milt-Pah Band, Squaw Creek was named by the early white settlers after a Yakama Tribal lady who lived in Squaw Creek.¹

Citations

1. Yakama Tribal elder interviews at Goldendale, WA 11/26/14 & 11/17/15
2. Harvey, E. 2014. Rock Creek Fish and Habitat Assessment for Prioritization of Restoration and Protection Actions: July 1, 2008 – May 31, 2013. Prepared for Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, OR. Project # 2007-156-00.
3. University of Nebraska Press / University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries-Electronic Text Center, *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, <http://lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu>.
4. McClure, R. 1978. An Archaeological Survey of Petroglyph and Pictograph Sites in the State of Washington
5. Yakama Tribal elder interview at Toppenish, WA 6/8/16

From: Jessica Lally
To: [MAKI, CALEB \(DNR\)](#)
Cc: [Johnson Meninick](#)
Subject: Re: Geographic Name Opinion Request
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:04:10 PM

Hello Caleb,

Our office is in support of the proposed name. It is a well known Yakama name for that area.

Thank you.

Jessica Lally
Yakama Nation Archaeologist
Cultural Resources Program
509-865-5121 x4766

From: MAKI, CALEB (DNR) <CALEB.MAKI@dnr.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 2:46:35 PM
To: Johnson Meninick; Kate Valdez; powd@yakamafish-nsn.gov; Cultural Resources 3; Elizabeth Sanchez; Jessica Lally; matj@yakamafish-nsn.gov; Environmental Management; Lee Carlson; Warp@Yakamafish-nsn.gov; Phil Rigdon; ykfphabitat@fairpoint.net
Subject: Geographic Name Opinion Request

The WA State Committee on Geographic Names received a request to change the name of Squaw Creek in Klickitat County to "Walaluks Creek".

We respectfully request that you review the information at the link provided, and share with us any support or concerns regarding these proposals prior to May 12, 2017. You may do so by responding to this email, or by filling out the attached form. It is also an option to contact Cowlitz Tribal Councilman Mike Iyall directly, who as a tribal representative, sits on the committee. Mike can be reached at (360) 456-8720, or at (360) 628-2677. If you are not the appropriate contact for this request, please forward to the appropriate parties within your Tribe.

For more detailed information regarding these requests, please visit the committee's website at:

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October 21, 2016

JoDe Goudy
Chairman, Yakama Nation Tribal Council
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Dear JoDe Goudy,

Your proposal to name **Walaluuks Creek** is scheduled for its *final* hearing before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on **May 2017** in Olympia.

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If there is additional pertinent information (names and addresses of longtime residents, property owners adjacent to the feature, or historical information to help us in our research) beyond what is provided in the Geographic Name Application, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

You are welcome to attend the hearing on your proposal, and will be given an opportunity to make a statement or provide information or clarification at that time. An agenda for the next Committee on Geographic Names meeting will be mailed to you prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or additional information to convey, please call me at (360) 902-1280, or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb Maki".

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September 20, 2016

JoDe Goudy
Chairman, Yakama Nation Tribal Council
PO Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98948

Dear JoDe Goudy,

Your proposal to name **Walaluuks Creek** is scheduled for its *initial* hearing with the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on **10/13/2016** in Olympia. At this time the Committee will decide whether or not to accept your proposed name for consideration. If accepted, the name will then come up for discussion and final decision at subsequent hearing(s) to follow. At the time of the hearing(s), you may wish to be present and speak for your proposal, but attendance is not a requirement.

Between the initial and final hearings, the merits of your proposal will be researched and comments on the proposal from the local historical societies, county governments, state and federal land management agencies, and interested groups and individuals who have some knowledge of the area will be solicited. If there are longtime local residents or adjacent property owners in the area whose addresses you could provide, I will be glad to request their comments as well.

If I can answer any further questions, please call me at (360) 902-1280, or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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March 24, 2017

JoDe Goudy
Chairman, Yakama Nation Tribal Council
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Toppenish, WA 98948

Dear JoDe Goudy,

Your proposal to name **Walaluks Creek** is scheduled for its final hearing before the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names on **5/16/2017** in Olympia.

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May 16, 2017

JoDe Goudy
Chairman, Yakama Nation Tribal Council
PO Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98948

Dear Mr. Goudy,

At the **May 16, 2017** meeting of the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names, the Committee voted to send your application to name **Walaluuks Creek** located in **Klickitat County** to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.

All information on your proposal will be forwarded to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names for their consideration at a future meeting.

When the Board selects a date to hear your proposal, a letter will be sent to you informing you of the date and time your proposal will be heard.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 902-1280 or email me at caleb.maki@dnr.wa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in geographic names.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Maki".

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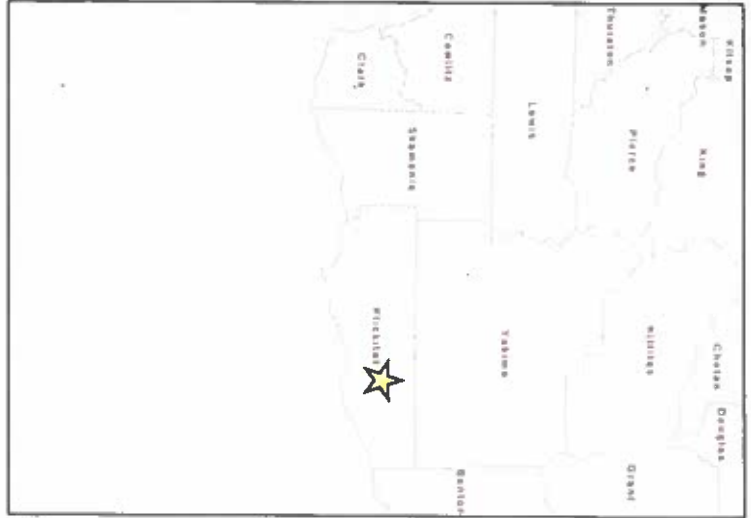


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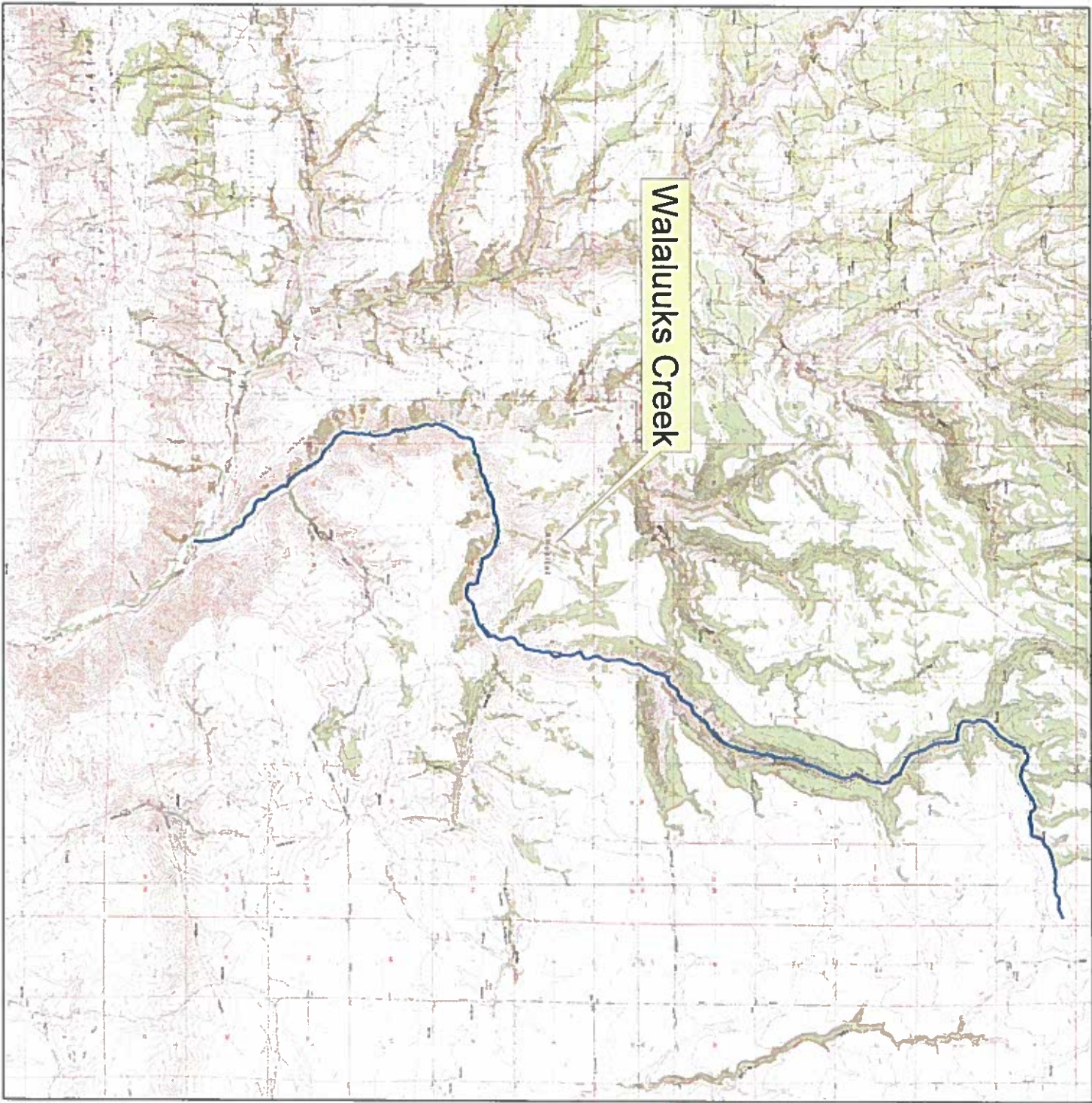
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Proposal to rename Squaw Creek located in Klickitat County. According to the proponent, the Squaw Creek canyon served as an important wagon trail route for Yakama Tribal members between the Columbia River and other Yakama lands.

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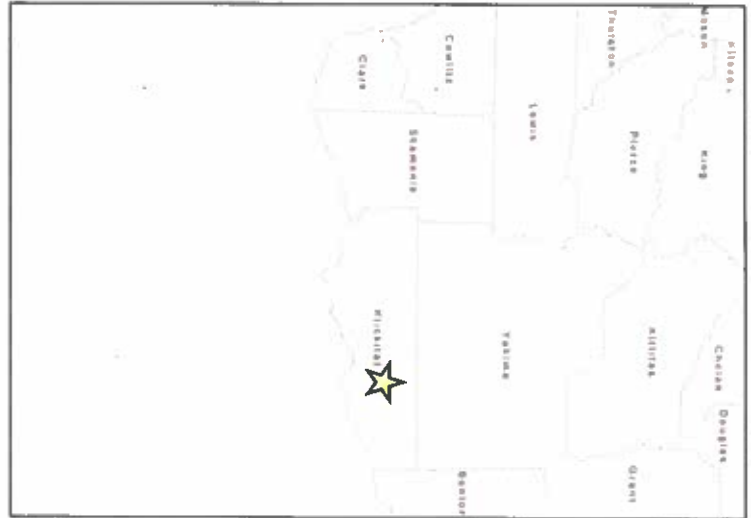
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Hunter Creek

Mason County - New Name

Township: 21N

Range: 4W

Section: 16, 17, 18

USGS Quad: Skokomish Valley

Location Description: Stream, 2.4 miles long. Heads 8.5 miles NW of the City of Shelton, flows E to enter the Skokomish River.

Proposal Summary: This officially unnamed creek is known to Mason County as Hunter Creek. The County would like to officially name this feature, and correct the location.

Hunter Creek: stream; 2.4 miles long; heads 8.5 miles NW of the City of Shelton at 47°18'34.84"N, 123°14'23.449"W, flows E to enter the Skokomish River; Mason County, Washington; Sec 16, 17, 18, T21N, R4W, Willamette Meridian; 47°18'54.428"N, 123°11'44.601"W USGS map – Skokomish Valley 1:24,000.

Proponent:

Meaghan Mounger
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Proposal Received: 9/13/2016

Initial Consideration: 10/13/2016

Final Consideration: 5/16/2017

WA Committee Decision: Approved

WA Board Decision:

US Board Decision:

Opinions:

Mason County Commissioners - NO RESPONSE

Mason County Historical Society - NO RESPONSE

WA State Historical Society - NO RESPONSE

Squaxin Island Tribe - NO RESPONSE

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe - NO RESPONSE

Lower Elwah Klallam Tribe - NO RESPONSE

Port Gamble Skallam Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Skokomish Tribal Nation - NO RESPONSE
Suquamish Tribe of Indians - NO RESPONSE
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Nisqually Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Puyallup Tribe of Indians - NO RESPONSE

Purdy Creek

Mason County - Location Clarification

Township: 21N

Range: 4W

Section: 26, 27, 22, 15

USGS Quad: Skokomish Valley

Location Description: Stream, 3.6 miles long. Heads 8.1 miles NW of the City of Shelton, flows N then E to enter the Skokomish River.

Proposal Summary: This application is to correct the location of Purdy Creek.

Purdy Creek: stream; 3.6 miles long; heads 8.1 miles NW of the City of Shelton at 47°16'44.544"N, 123°9'25.481"W, flows N then E to enter the Skokomish River; Mason County, Washington; Sec 15, 22, 26, 27, T21N, R4W, Willamette Meridian; 47°18'23.1"N, 123°9'14.769"W USGS map – Skokomish Valley 1:24,000.

Proponent:

Meaghan Mounger
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Proposal Received: 9/13/2016

Initial Consideration: 10/13/2016

Final Consideration: 5/16/2017

WA Committee Decision: Approved

WA Board Decision:

US Board Decision:

Opinions:

Squaxin Island Tribe - NO RESPONSE

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe - NO RESPONSE

Lower Elwah Klallam Tribe - NO RESPONSE

Port Gamble Skallam Tribe - NO RESPONSE

Skokomish Tribal Nation - NO RESPONSE

Suquamish Tribe of Indians - NO RESPONSE

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE

Nisqually Indian Tribe - NO RESPONSE
Puyallup Tribe of Indians - NO RESPONSE

Weaver Creek

Mason County - Location Clarification

Township: 21N

Range: 4W

Section: 15, 16, 17

USGS Quad: Skokomish Valley

Location Description: Stream, 2.5 miles long. Heads 8.3 miles NW of the City of Shelton, flows E to enter Purdy Creek.

Proposal Summary: This application is to correct the location of Weaver Creek.

Weaver Creek: stream; 2.5 miles long; heads 8.3 miles NW of the City of Shelton at 47°18'13.662"N, 123°12'52.772"W, flows E to enter Purdy Creek; Mason County, Washington; Sec 15, 16, 17, T21N, R4W, Willamette Meridian; 47°18'12.211"N, 123°10'20.071"W USGS map – Skokomish Valley 1:24,000.

Proponent:

Meaghan Mounger
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Proposal Received: 9/13/2016

Initial Consideration: 10/13/2016

Final Consideration: 5/16/2017

WA Committee Decision: Approved

WA Board Decision:

US Board Decision:

Opinions:

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WASHINGTON STATE Geographic Name Application



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Proposed Name: Hunter Creek

County: Mason County

Township: 21 N Range: 4 W Section(s): 16, 17, 18

Lat. 47.310056 N, Long. -123.240922 W (Begin)

Lat. 47.315294 N, Long. -123.239792 W (End)

New Name

Controversial Name

Name Change

Location Clarification

Spelling Clarification

Description

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): Stream

Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered): Hunter Creek is a tributary of the Skokomish River, the headwaters of which sustain Eells Springs Hatchery. This perennial stream runs 410.6 feet in length, feeding Weaver Creek Pond before joining the Skokomish.

If a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: Stream is perennial.

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: No other known names.

Has it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? The name Hunter Creek is publicized in both County and state documents.

History

Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods, fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

Origin of name: Hunter Creek sits on the southern side of the Skokomish Valley flood plain where it flows through various forested and agricultural areas. The stream feeds Weaver Creek Pond, which is known alternatively as Hunter Creek and designated by the WDFW as a Waterfowl Quality Hunt Site, before entering the Skokomish River.

Cited:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/wqhp/WeaverCreekPondMason.pdf>

https://www.co.mason.wa.us/forms/public_works/Skok-River-Hazards-September1997.pdf

If a commemorative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed

feature: NA

Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? Hunter Creek is used by Eells Spring Hatchery, hunters, and residents of the Skokomish Valley.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: Hunter Creek is considered a fairly major stream and the name is already recognized by local knowledge and County records. Additionally, it is used throughout WDFW documents.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? The name Hunter Creek has been used by Mason County since at least 1997.

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) As cited above:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/wqhp/WeaverCreekPondMason.pdf>

https://www.co.mason.wa.us/forms/public_works/Skok-River-Hazards-September1997.pdf

<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/resolutions/2010/12-10.pdf>

What type of support is there for the proposed name?

List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

Nicole Burgess with Mason County via emails dated to 2014:

Email: NicoleB@co.mason.wa.us

Phone: 360-427-9670 ext. 526

Application submitted by:

Name: Meaghan Mounger

Address: 300 Desmond Dr. SE

City: Lacey

State: WA

Zip: 98503

Phone #: 206-669-6647

Email: memo461@ecy.wa.gov

Date of Application: 9/13/2016

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: Meaghan Mounger

Signature: *Meaghan Mounger*

Date: 9/13/2016

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

WA State Board on Geographic Names

PO Box 47030

Olympia, WA 98504-7030

(Phone: 360-902-1280 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)

Mason County

Weaver Creek Pond

Also known as Hunter Creek, this site is just under 2 miles from Hwy 101 and has varying amounts of water throughout the season. Park at the gate at the SW corner of the old milking barn. Walk east along the barn and then north to the cattail pond or flooded fields. Leave all gates as you found them and hunt only in the area outlined in the aerial photo. Depending on the water level of the Skokomish River, this site can be very good for mallards, pintails, wigeon and green-winged teal. Provide your own blind and dig no pits. Like all Waterfowl Quality Hunt sites, the first vehicle parked at the sign reserves the entire site. **The opportunity to hunt is on a first come/first served basis.** Only 3 hunters allowed in the party and no more than 15 shells per hunter. Pick up all empty shells and dead birds.

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DISCUSSION OF SKOKOMISH RIVER VALLEY FLOOD AND AVULSION HAZARDS

Skillings~Connolly, Inc.
Simons and Associates
September 8, 1997
(Revised September 15, 1997)

Background

A discussion of the general features and trends of the Skokomish River Valley with respect to flood and avulsion hazards is presented based on a review of available mapping, cross-sections, and observations. This discussion proceeds in the downstream direction from the South Fork at the mouth of the canyon to the lower mainstem Skokomish as it flows into Annas Bay on the Hood Canal. The discussion is based on available survey data compiled by KCM and as mapped on Figure 6.1 of the Skokomish River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan, observations made in July, 1997, a comparison of cross-sections from 1992 to 1997, a discussion with Skokomish Valley residents at the meeting at the Mason County Fairgrounds on September 8, 1997, and previous experience on the Skokomish River and other river systems.

As the South Fork flows out of the relatively steep mountain watershed through the canyon it reaches the upper end of the alluvial valley over which the South Fork and Skokomish River flow. This alluvial valley is formed by the transport and deposition of sediment carried by the river. The general down-valley slope gradually transitions from the steeper slope at the canyon to the flat slope at the bay.

Location of River Within Floodplain

At the upstream end of the valley, the flood plain is relatively flat with the channel bed several feet lower than the flood plain (see cross-sections 68-66). As the South Fork continues downstream, the first of several tributaries from the southern side of the valley flow downstream and toward the South Fork. These tributaries tend to flow in a direction primarily down valley before joining with the South Fork. The first tributary, Kirkland Creek, follows this pattern in the area between cross-sections 66 to 64. In this area there are several low portions primarily on the southern flood plain that are not much higher than the bed of the South Fork. At cross-sections 64 and 63 the flood plain is again very low. The flood plain is a little higher with respect to the bed of the South Fork from cross-sections 62 to 58. Vance Creek parallels and then join with the South Fork from cross-sections 64 to 60.

The North Fork joins the South Fork near cross-sections 55 and 54 forming the Skokomish River. Swift Creek parallels the South Fork and the Skokomish River from cross-sections 60 to 53. In the vicinity of cross-sections 57 to 55, the flood plain is quite low on both sides of the river. Hunter Creek flows parallel to and then joins the

Skokomish River in the reach of river from cross-sections 55 to 37. At cross-sections 54 and 53, the valley floor slopes to the south and Hunter Creek (which is on the southern side of the valley floor) is lower than the Skokomish River. From cross-sections 52 to 46, the flood plain has numerous points which are almost as low, and some cases lower than the main channel on both sides of the river. In the reach from cross-section 45 to 37, the flood plain remains relatively low, with areas nearly as low as the river bed.

From cross-section 39 to 25, Weaver Creek flows parallel to the Skokomish on the southern flood plain. From cross-section 39 to 27 (just upstream of the Highway 101 bridge), the flood plain has numerous points which are nearly as low as the bed of the river. In some places, the bed of Weaver Creek is lower than the bed of the Skokomish River. The southern flood plain is generally a little lower than the northern flood plain. The embankments approaching the Highway 101 bridge block the flow on the low flood plains on both sides of the river. Most of the overbank flood flow then flows over the southern flood plain crossing through bridges for Weaver and Purdy Creeks (which have beds lower than the Skokomish), as well as overtopping the low sections in Highway 101. The lowest portion of the highway is in the vicinity of Purdy Creek.

Purdy Creek flows in the Skokomish Valley starting a short distance upstream of the Highway 101 bridge. Weaver Creek joins Purdy Creek just downstream of the Highway 101 bridge between cross-sections 26 and 25. Purdy Creek parallels the river and joins the Skokomish River in the vicinity of cross-section 19. From cross-section 26 (just downstream of Highway 101) to cross-section 20, the flood plain on both sides of the river is quite low. At a number of these cross-sections, the lowest portion of the flood plain is lower than the river bed. This portion of the flood plain on the USGS map is designated as a wet area. An old remnant channel of the Skokomish River is located on the north flood plain and Purdy Creek is located on the south flood plain. From cross-section 19 to 16 the Skokomish River swings to the south and flows adjacent to the Purdy Cutoff Road and the south valley wall. The north flood plain is still quite low but not as low as it had been further upstream and not as low or lower than the channel bed. Actually at cross-sections 18 to 16, the north flood plain is mostly higher than the river bank and drains toward the river. From cross-section 15 to 11 (the Highway 106 bridge), the river swings away from the road and the flood plain is mostly higher than the river except for a small, un-named channel which flows across the south flood plain from the valley wall to the river. The roadway embankments leading up to the Highway 106 bridge tend to block any flood plain flow and force water to flow through the bridge opening for most flow conditions.

From the Highway 106 bridge (cross-section 11) down to cross-section 6, the Skokomish River continues to flow in a single channel. Downstream of cross-section 6, the river splits into two branches. There is a channel which flows diagonally across the north flood plain and drains into the north branch of the Skokomish River after the split. From cross-section 10 to 6, the flood plain is generally higher than the channel but sometimes lower than the top of the river bank. The USGS map shows a wet area on the north flood plain from cross-section 9 to the split near cross-section 6.

Downstream of the split below cross-section 6, the river is influenced significantly by the tides. The flood plain is relatively flat farmland and tidal marsh land.

Avulsion Possibilities

The Skokomish River has flowed in its present channel for quite some time without major shifts or avulsions. As aggradation of sediment on the river bed has occurred at an accelerated rate over the past few decades, its capacity to convey floods has decreased. For example, from a comparison of South Fork cross-sections surveyed in 1992 and 1997, there was evidence of about 2 feet of aggradation and corresponding reduction in conveyance capacity. This situation, coupled with the availability of existing parallel tributary channels which are often lower in elevation than the bed of the main river system, has set up the strong possibility of a major avulsion. An avulsion can be defined as a significant and rapid change in channel alignment, typically resulting in the adoption of a new path for the river to follow. The most likely location for an avulsion to occur is in the vicinity of cross-sections 54 and 53, or 49 and 48. These are the areas with the strongest cross valley gradient to the south towards the Hunter Creek channel, which is lower than the Skokomish River bed. The reach of the river from cross-section 54 to 53 has experienced erosion of riparian vegetation and the river bank last winter, and the reach in the vicinity of cross-section 49 and 48 is near a sharp bend in the River and experienced erosion of the river bank dikes during last winter's storms. Although not as likely as the locations discussed above, there is a possibility of an avulsion in the reach near cross-sections 44 and 43 at or near the end of the existing dike and in the low area in the vicinity of cross-sections 39 to 35. If an avulsion occurs in the vicinity of cross-sections 54 and 53, 49 and 48, or 44 and 43, the water would likely flow toward and into Hunter Creek. The flow could re-enter the Skokomish as Hunter Creek currently does, however since the main stem Skokomish would also be at high flood levels, it could jump into the Weaver Creek channel. If an avulsion occurred in the low area near sections 39 to 35 the flow would likely go directly to the Weaver Creek channel. If the avulsion fully develops and follows the Hunter Creek and Weaver Creek channels, this would tend to cause increased flow across Highway 101 in the Weaver and Purdy Creek channels and over the road in these areas. This would cause increased flow and flooding on the southern flood plain downstream of Highway 101.

It is also possible that an avulsion could take place farther upstream on the South Fork in the vicinity of cross-section 64 or 59. These are locations where the South Fork is directed at the south river bank and where overflows occurred during last winter's floods. In the event of an avulsion in either of these locations, either all or more likely a part of the flow would leave the South Fork or Skokomish River and follow the path of least resistance and strongest gradient. This path is generally toward and down existing tributary channels such as Vance Creek, Swift Creek, or Hunter Creek. If an avulsion occurred from the South Fork to Vance or Swift Creeks, it is possible that the water could rejoin the South Fork or the Skokomish River as these creeks currently do. They could, however, be overwhelmed by the magnitude and momentum of flow, adopting a path into Hunter Creek.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-10

A RESOLUTION REMOVING BRIDGE LIMITS FROM TAHUYA RIVER BRIDGE,
HUNTER CREEK BRIDGE AND WEAVER CREEK BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Bridge Limit Resolution 100-09 was adopted November 17, 2009 restricting load limits for a period of one (1) year, unless the Board, by appropriate action, modifies or removes such restrictions.

WHEREAS, the temporary Tahuya River Bridge has been removed with the completion and opening of the new Tahuya River Bridge.

WHEREAS, an Engineering Consultant has inspected and determined that Hunter Creek Bridge and Weaver Creek Bridge would be safe for one lane legal highway loads,

WHEREAS, Hunter Creek Bridge has been reduced to a one (1) lane bridge and stop signs installed at each end of the bridge for traffic control and

WHEREAS, Weaver Creek Bridge has been reduced to a one (1) lane bridge and traffic lights installed to control traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the load limits be removed from all three (3) bridges.


DATED this 16th day of March 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



TIM SHELDON, Chair

ATTEST:



Shannon Goudy,
Clerk of the Board



LYNDA RING ERICKSON, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Monty Cobb, Chief Civil Deputy
Prosecuting Attorney

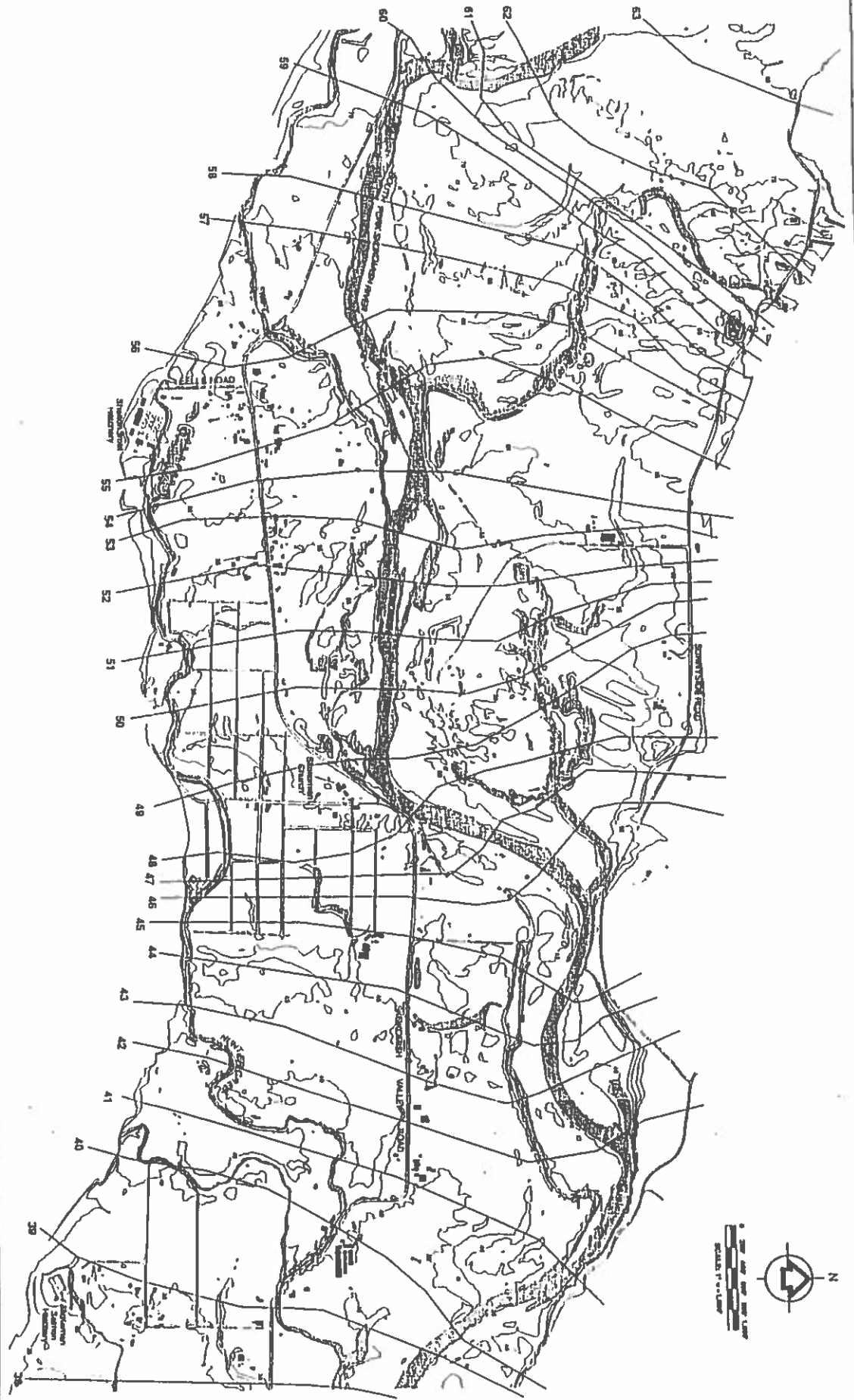


ROSS GALLAGHER, Commissioner

cc: Public Works
Sheriff
Prosecutor

Mason County
SKOKOMISH RIVER COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD
HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Figure 6-1c
TOPOGRAPHY AND HEC-2 CROSS SECTIONS OF THE
SKOKOMISH VALLEY—HUNTER CREEK VICINITY



From: [Mounger, Meaghan \(ECY\)](#)
To: [DNR RE BOGN](#)
Cc: [Stohr, Anita \(ECY\)](#); [Saul, Dan \(ECY\)](#)
Subject: Hunter Creek Proposal
Date: Monday, October 10, 2016 10:52:10 AM
Attachments: [MasonCoStreams.PNG](#)

Hi Caleb,

Sorry I missed your call last week, hopefully this email will answer your questions. We are hoping to add the name Hunter Creek, using the points that I included in the proposal. Weaver Creek is currently mislabeled and does not connect to Hunter Creek as previous maps indicate; we would like to update the source and mouth points for Weaver as follows:

Source: -123.214659, 47.303795
Mouth: -123.172242, 47.303392

We would also like to make a change to Purdy Creek. The mouth of the creek is correct, but the upper extent is currently in a hatchery pond. The upper extent of Purdy Creek should be marked as: -123.157078, 47.279040

Please see the attached map, which shows the correct locations for Purdy, Weaver, and Hunter Creeks, as described above.

Additional information which may be helpful:

- There are 3 State Hatcheries, one on each Creek.
- For each creek, the WDFW hatchery personnel, the Ecology water right documents, and Mason County all agree to the above names and locations.
- Hunter Creek is signed at both the headwaters at Eells Springs Hatchery and at the mouth (we have pictures and GPS points at these locations if you would like to see them).
- Weaver Creek has no signs
- Purdy Creek has a sign at the 101 crossing

Please let me know if there is any additional information that I can provide or if I need to submit separate applications for the changes regarding Weaver and Purdy Creeks.

Thank You,

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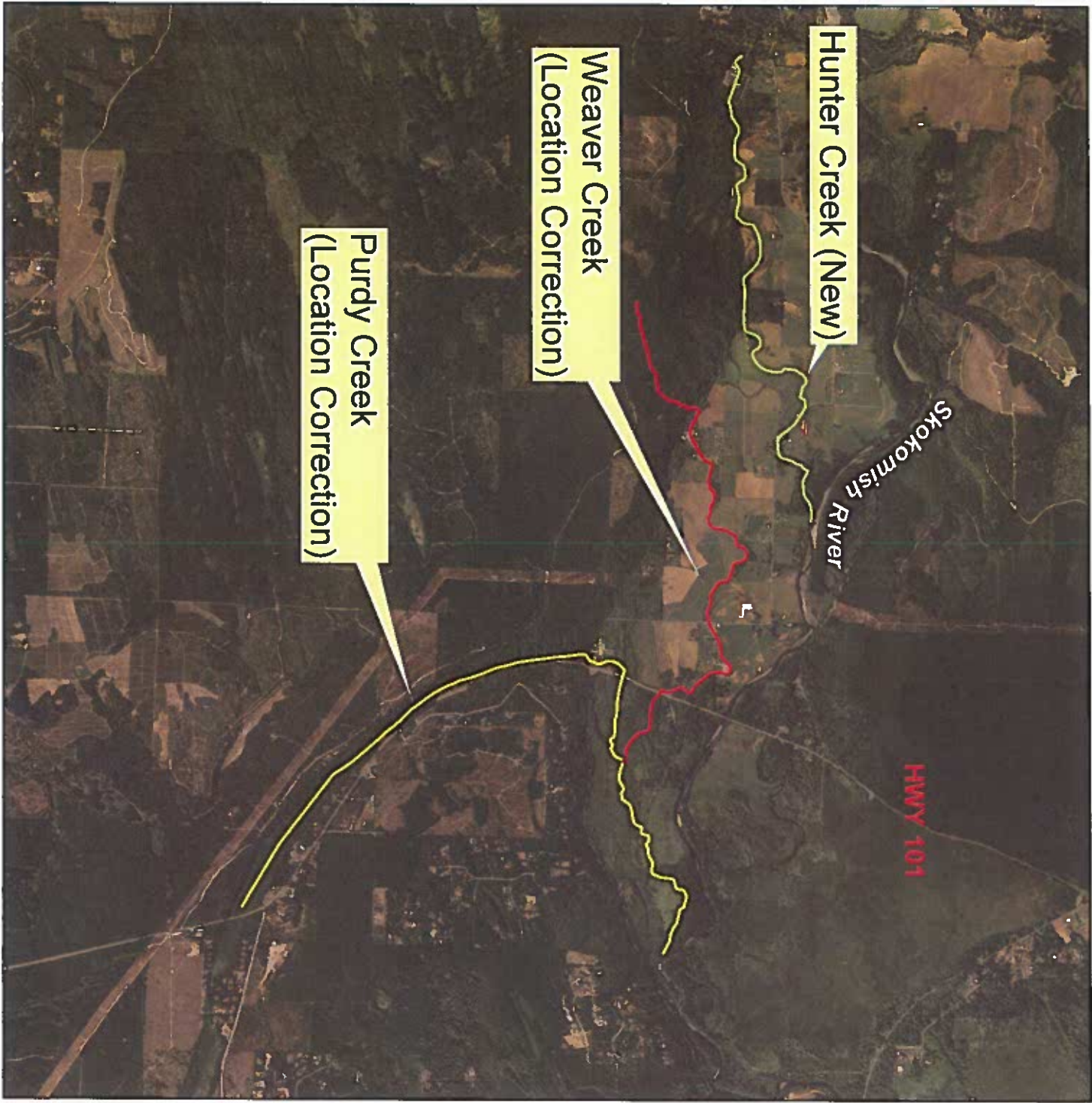
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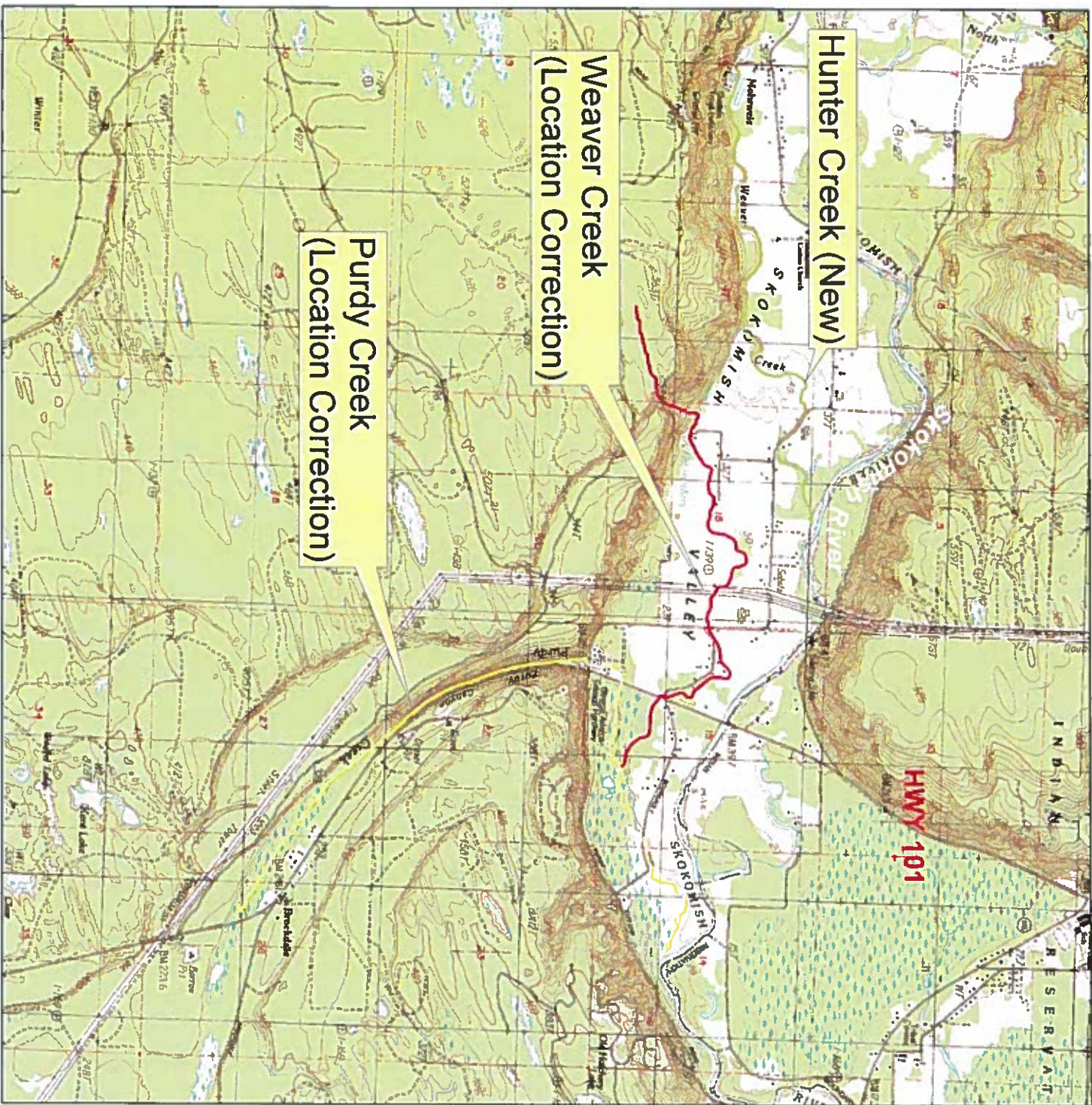
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