

Public Law 118-48
118th Congress

An Act

Apr. 19, 2024
[S. 382]

To take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, and for other purposes.

Puyallup Tribe of
Indians Land
Into Trust
Confirmation Act
of 2023.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. LAND TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUYALLUP TRIBE OF THE PUYALLUP RESERVATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The approximately 17.264 acres of land owned in fee by the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation in Pierce County, Washington, and described in subsection (b) is hereby taken into trust by the United States for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation.

(b) **LAND DESCRIPTIONS.**—

(1) **PARCEL 1.**—Lots 1 to 4, inclusive, Block 85, Map of Tacoma Tideland, as surveyed and platted by the Board of Appraisers of Tide and Shore Lands for Pierce County, according to Plat filed for record on September 14, 1895, in the Office of the County Auditor, in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

(2) **PARCEL 2.**—Lots 5 to 9, inclusive, Block 85, Map of Tacoma Tideland, as surveyed and platted by the Board of Appraisers of Tide and Shore Lands for Pierce County, according to Plat filed for record on September 14, 1895, in the Office of the County Auditor, in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

(3) **PARCEL 3.**—Parcel A of City of Tacoma Boundary Line Adjustment MPD2011-40000166230, recorded October 12, 2011, under Pierce County Auditor Recording No. 201110125009, as corrected by Affidavit of Minor Correction of Map Recorded September 25, 2012, under Pierce County Auditor Recording No. 201209250440.

(c) **ADMINISTRATION.**—Land taken into trust under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) part of the Reservation of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation; and

(2) administered in accordance with the laws and regulations generally applicable to property held in trust by the United States for the benefit of an Indian Tribe.

(d) **ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the United States shall not be liable for any

environmental contamination that occurred on the land described in subsection (b) on or before the date on which that land is taken into trust under subsection (a).

(e) GAMING PROHIBITED.—Land taken into trust under subsection (a) shall not be used for any class II gaming or class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) (as those terms are defined in section 4 of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

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