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FYI- I just heard from the Nooksack Tribal attorney that the 9th circuit has scheduled an oral argument in the RICO case against the Nooksack elected officials. The record as you know does not reflect that the DOI recognizes a Nooksack Gov't. Were the DOI certification not occur by then, there is great risk that a federal court could if it's a Tribal sovereign immunity defense and find duly elected Tribal officials liable for RICO claims for the first time.

I believe you need to urge the Refional Director to complete his recommendation as soon as possible. It's been three weeks since the site visit and it seems really hard to believe - given his original letter - that there is any basis for not certifying to the AASIA.

The stakes of continued delay continue to escalate the consequences for the Nooksack Tribe and, potentially, all other federally recognized sovereign tribal nations.

If you would like more background on the case please let me know.

Thanks Rob

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