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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

Defendant.

No. 70-9213

Subproceeding No. 17-3

**SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL  
COMMUNITY'S REPLY IN  
SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR  
PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT  
OR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

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1 **A. Introduction.**

2 The central relief sought by Swinomish's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment or  
3 Summary Judgment is dismissal of Stillaguamish's U&A claim to marine waters beyond Port  
4 Susan. In response, Stillaguamish concedes that it has no direct evidence of treaty-time fishing  
5 in Skagit Bay, Deception Pass, Saratoga Passage, Holmes Harbor or Penn Cove.

6 Stillaguamish relies primarily on a declaration in which its expert opines that  
7 Stillaguamish, an upriver tribe, customarily fished in a wide range of marine waters beyond  
8 Port Susan. But the purported facts on which he relies for that opinion are broad  
9 generalizations about Coast Salish culture and other information that cannot support a finding  
10 of U&A in those waters. To escape that problem, Stillaguamish also claims that its expert's  
11 declaration compares favorably with the expert opinions of Dr. Barbara Lane, the  
12 anthropologist on whom Judge Boldt relied in Final Decision 1. There are two problems with  
13 this claim: First, Barbara Lane, on the same core evidence, never opined that Stillaguamish  
14 fished in marine waters beyond Port Susan. Further, Barbara Lane's expert reports in which  
15 she identified treaty-time marine water fisheries for a given tribe were supported by tribal  
16 witnesses and other direct evidence of fishing in specific locations. The Stillaguamish expert  
17 declaration identifies no such evidentiary support.

18 Other evidence Stillaguamish relies on cannot support a reasonable inference of  
19 Stillaguamish U&A beyond Port Susan. For example, it cites eighteen documents that, it  
20 claims, establish that it (i) occupied villages near the shores of Skagit Bay and (ii) utilized  
21 marine resources of Skagit Bay. But a careful inspection of the cited evidence makes clear that  
22 it establishes no such thing.

23 Stillaguamish also does not dispute that there was no intertribal agreement in or about  
24 1925 as to tribal boundaries, including Stillaguamish's. Consequently it should not be allowed  
25 to base its marine fisheries U&A claims on that non-existent agreement.

26 Finally, Stillaguamish does not dispute that, in proceedings before the Indian Claims  
27 Commission in the 1950s and 1960s, it made a territorial claim to the Qwadsak area, the claim

1 was litigated, the claim was finally adjudicated against Stillaguamish, and the determination  
2 that Qwadsak was not occupied and possessed by Stillaguamish at treaty time was essential to  
3 the judgment by the ICC. In other words, Stillaguamish does not dispute any of the elements of  
4 collateral estoppel. Accordingly, Stillaguamish should be precluded from claiming that it  
5 occupied the Qwadsak area at treaty time and from asserting customary fishing in marine  
6 waters anywhere based on such occupation.

7 **B. Stillaguamish Does Not Dispute That There Was No Intertribal Agreement.**

8 Both Stillaguamish's Rule 30(b)(6) representative and its expert testified  
9 unambiguously in deposition that there was an intertribal agreement reached in the 1920s in  
10 preparation for the *Duwamish* proceedings that *inter alia* established Stillaguamish territorial  
11 boundaries. (*See* Declaration of N. Garberich [Dkt. 180] Ex. P at 73-14-18, 79:14-17; Ex. A at  
12 22:7-19, 44:18-45:13.) Stillaguamish claims—that is, hypothesizes—that the Stillaguamish  
13 territory allegedly agreed upon includes the Qwadsak area. Stillaguamish then bases its claim  
14 of treaty-time possession of the Qwadsak area, in part, on this purported agreement. But, as  
15 detailed in Swinomish's Motion (Dkt. 179), Stillaguamish has not produced the agreement,  
16 cannot say whether it was written or oral, cannot identify the parties to it or any of its material  
17 terms, and cannot explain how it was negotiated or ratified. (*See* Mtn at 7-8 and Garberich Exs.  
18 cited therein.)

19 Swinomish has moved for partial summary judgment dismissing Stillaguamish's claim  
20 that there was an intertribal agreement. (*See* Mtn. at 7-8 and 17-18.) And Stillaguamish should  
21 be precluded from relying on the purported agreement to support its claim to treaty-time  
22 possession and occupation of the Qwadsak area. (*Id.*) In response, Stillaguamish first backs  
23 away from the claim that there actually was an agreement, directly contradicting the testimony  
24 of its 30(b)(6) representative and its expert. Stillaguamish now states that it “does not claim  
25 that the intertribal agreement is a binding legal contract,” but only that there was an “informal”  
26 agreement. (*See* Response at 19:7-9, 19:16-18.) Exactly what Stillaguamish means by that is  
27 left unclear.

1 Second, Stillaguamish now misleadingly points to Smith Declaration Exhibit 22 as  
2 evidence of the purported 1920s *Duwamish* intertribal agreement. (*See* Response at 19:9,  
3 19:16-20.) But Smith Exhibit 22 cannot be the purported intertribal agreement: it is dated, on  
4 its face, December 13, 1950. It also makes no reference to a 1920s agreement. Further, Smith  
5 Exhibit 22 appears to describe a roughly west-to-east line that cannot reasonably be said to  
6 identify or encompass Stillaguamish territory, let alone to constitute or describe any alleged  
7 agreement that the Qwadsak area lies within Stillaguamish territory.

8 Finally, Stillaguamish points to a letter from its attorney dated July 17, 1926, that makes  
9 a passing reference to tribal agreements re boundaries. (*See* Mtn. at 7:26-8:8; Garberich Ex.  
10 R.) But that letter is not an agreement and does not identify any parties or terms of an  
11 agreement; further, it is ambiguous as to whether it refers to Stillaguamish's and other  
12 unspecified tribes' *internal* agreements as to their respective territorial boundary claims or to an  
13 intertribal agreement among tribes. And the 1926 letter in no way establishes that the  
14 agreement, if there was one, clearly included the Qwadsak area in Stillaguamish territory.

15 There is no evidence that there is or ever was a 1920s intertribal agreement to tribal  
16 territories, including an agreement that Stillaguamish territory includes the Qwadsak area.  
17 Swinomish's motion for partial summary judgment on this issue should be granted.

18 **C. Stillaguamish Does Not Dispute That the ICC Determined That Stillaguamish**  
19 **Treaty-Time Territory Did Not Include the Qwadsak Area.**

20 Swinomish moves for partial summary judgment dismissing Stillaguamish's claim that  
21 it possessed and occupied the Qwadsak area at treaty time. Collateral estoppel precludes that  
22 territorial claim, because it was fully litigated before, and finally determined by, the Indian  
23 Claims Commission. (*See* Mtn. at 8-11, 18-22.) And, as a result, Stillaguamish should not be  
24 allowed to base its claim to marine U&A on its territorial claim to the Qwadsak area. (*See id.*)

25 In response, Stillaguamish avoids the critical issue. Stillaguamish argues that collateral  
26 estoppel based on ICC determinations should not apply because the ICC did not determine  
27 Stillaguamish' fishing rights. (Response at 20-21.) But Swinomish's Motion does not argue

1 that the ICC determined Stillaguamish fishing rights. It argues, and provides ample evidence in  
2 support, that the ICC determined Stillaguamish treaty-time territory and that such treaty  
3 territory did not include the Qwadsak area, and that such determination was essential—indeed,  
4 was the foundation of—the amount of the settlement for Stillaguamish’s ICC claim. (*See Mtn.*  
5 *at 18-22.*) Crucially, in the Response, Stillaguamish does not dispute that Stillaguamish  
6 asserted a claim to the Qwadsak area in the ICC proceedings, that whether Stillaguamish  
7 possessed and occupied the Qwadsak area at treaty time was fully litigated before the ICC, that  
8 the ICC determined Stillaguamish treaty time territory, that it determined the Stillaguamish  
9 treaty-time territory did not include the Qwadsak area, or that such determination was essential  
10 to the judgment in that case. For that reason alone, Swinomish’s motion should be granted.  
11 Collateral estoppel is clearly established. *McCoy v. Foss Mar. Co.*, 442 F. Supp. 2d 1103, 1107  
12 (W.D. Wash. 2006). (*See Mtn at 18-22.*)

13 Stillaguamish relies on *United States v. Washington*, 641 F.2d 1368, 1374 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.  
14 1981). (*See Response at 21:3-8.*) That case concerned post-Final Decision 1 treaty fishing  
15 rights claims by certain Puget Sound-area Indian groups; the Ninth Circuit affirmed this  
16 Court’s denial of the claims. The Ninth Circuit *inter alia* rejected the appellant Indian groups’  
17 offensive collateral estoppel arguments – that this Court was bound to allow those groups’  
18 fishing claims to proceed because of ICC decisions that had allowed those same groups to  
19 pursue claims with the ICC. *See* 641 F.2d at 1374. The Ninth Circuit explained that the ICC  
20 claims involved “compensation for individuals, not fishing rights for tribal units,” and that  
21 “[t]he causes of action and *factual issues litigated* were different, and the doctrines of res  
22 *judicata* and collateral estoppel are therefore inapplicable.” *Id.* (emphasis added). But the  
23 present case is distinguishable from that Ninth Circuit case exactly on that point: Here the ICC  
24 *did* make a final adjudication on the very issue that Stillaguamish is re-asserting and attempting  
25 to re-litigate. The ICC determined Stillaguamish’s treaty-time territory and specifically and  
26 expressly determined that it did not include the contested Qwadsak area. (*See Garberich Ex. S*

1 [Indian Land Claims Commission Dkt. No. 207 (Stillaguamish) Findings of Fact, February 26,  
2 1965]; *see esp. id.* at Findings 2, 18.)

3 This distinction is made clear in another case cited by Stillaguamish, *United States v.*  
4 *Washington*, 459 F. Supp. 1020 (W.D. Wash. 1978). Stillaguamish cites that case for the  
5 proposition that “evidence derived from those proceeding [sic] and ICC opinions must be  
6 scrutinized carefully” (Response at 20:26-27) apparently in order to suggest that this Court  
7 should disregard, or at minimum regard very skeptically, the ICC’s adverse judgment as to  
8 Stillaguamish’s territorial claim to the Qwadsak area. But the import of this Court’s ruling in  
9 that case was quite to the contrary: it concluded that while ICC findings of fact need to be  
10 scrutinized carefully, they “shall be given consideration” when presented for the purpose of  
11 establishing the territory held by a tribe at treaty time in order to support an inference that the  
12 tribe customarily fished in nearby waters. *Id.* at 1059. There, the ICC’s favorable findings as  
13 to Tulalip’s predecessors’ treaty-time territories were admissible as support for Tulalip’s  
14 marine U&A claim; here, the ICC’s adverse findings as to Stillaguamish’s treaty-time  
15 territories are not only admissible to refute Stillaguamish’s marine U&A claim, but preclusive.

16 **D. Stillaguamish Does Not Dispute That It Has No Direct Evidence of Fishing Beyond**  
17 **Port Susan.**

18 Swinomish’s motion for partial summary judgment dismissing Stillaguamish marine  
19 U&A claims beyond Port Susan is based, in part, on the fact that Stillaguamish offers no direct  
20 evidence of Stillaguamish fishing anywhere in Skagit Bay, Deception Pass, Saratoga Passage,  
21 Holmes Harbor, or Penn Cove. As noted in the Motion, the Court’s relaxed standard of proof  
22 in *United States v. Washington* U&A determinations does not mean that there is no standard of  
23 proof. (*See Mtn.* at 13-14 and cases cited therein.)

24 In response, Stillaguamish does not dispute that it has no direct evidence of fishing in  
25 marine waters beyond Port Susan. (*See Response* at 14:6-20.) Its expert witness admitted in  
26 deposition that Stillaguamish has no direct evidence of fishing in Skagit Bay, Deception Pass,  
27 or Saratoga Passage. (*See Mtn.* at 2-6.)



1 **E. Stillaguamish Does Not Present Sufficient Evidence to Support a Reasonable**  
2 **Inference of Marine Fishing beyond Port Susan.**

3 Stillaguamish's only response to the Motion is that reasonable inferences could be  
4 drawn from available evidence that Stillaguamish regularly fished in marine waters beyond  
5 Port Susan. But the evidence on which Stillaguamish relies does not even come close to  
6 supporting a reasonable inference of Stillaguamish U&A in such places.

7 Stillaguamish misleadingly states that "Stillaguamish has produced evidence that at and  
8 before treaty times, its people occupied villages along the lower Stillaguamish River delta near  
9 the shores of Skagit Bay and utilized the marine resources of lower Skagit Bay," citing eighteen  
10 exhibits. (Response at 14:21-15:1.) But a review of those eighteen exhibits makes clear that  
11 not a single one of them could establish that Stillaguamish "utilized the marine resources of  
12 lower Skagit Bay." The only villages that a few of the cited exhibits address concern a location  
13 at Warm Beach—which is on Port Susan and far from Skagit Bay—and in the contested  
14 Qwadsak area which the ICC determined was not Stillaguamish territory at treaty time. And  
15 those cited exhibits include such material as maps that the authors themselves cautioned were  
16 unreliable. (*See* Swinomish Opposition to Stillaguamish Summary Judgment re Port Susan  
17 [Dkt. 198] at 4-5; Declaration of A. Siefert [Dkt. 199] at Exs. 8-9.)

18 Beyond that, Stillaguamish relies on evidence that cannot support the claim to  
19 Stillaguamish customary fishing locations beyond Port Susan. (Response at 15-17.) The  
20 undated and unattributed shell middens in the Stanwood area cannot support a finding of  
21 customary Stillaguamish fishing in Skagit Bay or anywhere else. (*See* Motion at 3-4, 15.) If  
22 intermarriage extends fishing rights at all, it only does so as to certain close family members,  
23 not to an entire tribe. In any event, Stillaguamish provides no evidence of a broad practice of  
24 intermarriage between Stillaguamish people and their marine-oriented neighbors at treaty time  
25 other than Dr. Friday's unsubstantiated assertion that such marriages may have occurred. And  
26 it is well-established that fishing incidental to travel cannot establish U&A. *See* Final Decision  
27 1, 384 F. Supp. at 353.

1 Stillaguamish also has submitted with its Response a declaration from its expert  
2 witness, Dr. Chris Friday. (Dkt. 197; the “Friday Declaration”.) In the declaration Dr. Friday  
3 avers that “[t]he historical and ethnographic evidence demonstrates that at and before treaty  
4 times, the Stillaguamish Tribe customarily fished the marine and estuarine shorelines of  
5 Camano and Whidbey Islands, and the open waters of Skagit Bay, Port Susan, Deception Pass  
6 and Saratoga Passage.” (See *id.* at ¶ 2.) The Friday Declaration then proceeds to re-hash  
7 evidence already considered by Stillaguamish expert Barbara Lane, and by Judge Boldt, in the  
8 original *United States v. Washington* trial. (Compare Siefert Ex. 19 [Lane Stillaguamish  
9 Report, discussing Dorsey, Bruseth, ICC proceedings (which included the testimony of experts  
10 Sally Snyder and Carroll Riley), and Indian Wars internment camp government journals] with  
11 Friday Declaration ¶¶ 15, 17-19, 23, 27, 33-35, 37-38, 43, 48 [discussing same].) It also  
12 advances broad and familiar generalizations about Coast Salish culture – that they occasionally  
13 traveled on marine waters about the Sound; that members of one tribe often intermarried with  
14 members of other tribes; that tribal members might travel seasonally to gather resources or visit  
15 friends. (See Friday Declaration ¶¶ 20-23, 44, 50-52.) From these broad generalizations, Dr.  
16 Friday offers conclusions based on speculative leaps. For example, he presumes that a report  
17 by one Stillaguamish person, that she traveled as a child with her family to Fort Victoria, means  
18 that “Stillaguamish people traveled through and beyond the marine and estuarine shorelines of  
19 Camano and Whidbey Islands and the open waters of Skagit Bay, Deception Pass, and Saratoga  
20 Passage.” (*Id.* at ¶ 49.) And he presumes that Stillaguamish individuals and families would  
21 have traveled widely on marine waters because they are Coast Salish, then further presumes  
22 that the Stillaguamish *Tribe* therefore “would have” fished in the marine areas beyond Port  
23 Susan. (See, e.g., *id.* at ¶ 44 [“There is no evidence to suggest Stillaguamish, as a group of  
24 people within these exact same waters, would not have engaged in similar marine resource  
25 harvesting practices.”], 52 [“Such travel would have involved multi-day travel and was likely  
26 to have included the utilization of marine resources along the way.”].)

1 Stillaguamish relies on *Bultheis v. Rexall Corp.*, 789 F.2d 1315, 1318 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985)  
 2 (per curiam), for the proposition that the Friday Declaration is sufficient to survive summary  
 3 judgment. (Response at 13:5-9.) *Bultheis* held that a declaration of expert opinion submitted in  
 4 that case, which entailed physician expert opinion as to cause of cancer based on observation of  
 5 changes in the plaintiff's tissue, was sufficient to create a disputed issue of material fact to  
 6 preclude summary judgment. *Id.* at 1317. But *Bultheis* cannot rescue Stillaguamish on this  
 7 issue, because the purported facts on which Dr. Friday relies—fishing while traveling,  
 8 intermarriage, shell middens, transient appearance at internment camps, and purported village  
 9 locations that are either far from Skagit Bay or have been adjudicated not to be within  
 10 Stillaguamish territory, as well as facts sourced from Bruseth, the ICC proceedings, and other  
 11 information considered by Barbara Lane and Judge Boldt for the original *United States v.*  
 12 *Washington* trial—are not facts that can support a reasonable inference of fishing in marine  
 13 waters beyond Port Susan. *Cf. id.* at 1317 (expert's statement, that changes actually observed  
 14 in plaintiff's tissue were “commonly seen in DES exposed offspring,” was statement of fact  
 15 that supported inference “that plaintiff's mother had taken DES during her pregnancy with  
 16 plaintiff”).

17 Stillaguamish also tries to buttress the Friday Declaration by likening it to the expert  
 18 opinions of Dr. Barbara Lane. (*See* Response at 13:18-14:4 & n.2.) But, first, Stillaguamish  
 19 overlooks a critical fact: As Stillaguamish knows, Barbara Lane issued an expert report on  
 20 Stillaguamish fisheries for Final Decision 1, in which she opined that Stillaguamish's  
 21 customary fisheries were limited to the Stillaguamish River. And after Final Decision 1, in  
 22 U&A proceedings for another tribe, she made an off-hand, unsupported, and unexplained  
 23 remark that Stillaguamish likely fished in Port Susan. And Barbara Lane knew, considered,  
 24 and relied on the same source material that Dr. Friday now relies on—Dorsey, Bruseth, the ICC  
 25 proceedings, and the Indian War internment records, as well as cultural practices of Coast  
 26 Salish people. (*See* Mtn. at 12:25-13:2; Siefert Ex. 19.) But for all the opportunity Barbara  
 27 Lane had, and for all her knowledge and expertise, including specifically about the

1 Stillaguamish Tribe, and on the same evidence that Stillaguamish’s expert now relies, *Barbara*  
2 *Lane never opined or suggested that Stillaguamish may have fished, let alone had customary*  
3 *fishing locations, beyond Port Susan.*

4 Second, the substantive gap between Dr. Lane’s factual basis for finding a tribe’s  
5 accustomed marine fisheries and that which Dr. Friday offers is vast:

6 ➤ Dr. Lane’s assertions of marine fisheries were supported by actual evidence that the  
7 tribe fished in that location. For example, her report on the Swinomish noted that her  
8 assertions were supported by “[d]etailed ethnographic data on specific harvest, taking  
9 techniques, fishing devices, and fishing sites specific to each of the constituent groups”  
10 of the present-day Swinomish community, provided in her appendices. (Dkt. 180-47 at  
11 24). Those appendices contain reports from Sally Snyder and Wayne Suttles, who  
12 documented the informants that supported their conclusions. In her report on the  
13 Swinomish, Dr. Lane listed specific fishing locations of Swinomish’s predecessor tribes  
14 and bands, noting, for example, that the aboriginal Swinomish “moved out into the San  
15 Juan Islands to troll for Chinook and Coho in the spring and early summer” (*id.* at 22),  
16 “used a unique fishing device in Swinomish Slough which Suttles has called a ‘weir  
17 net’” (*id.* at 23), and “trolled for Chinook and Coho in Skagit Bay and around  
18 Deception Pass” (*id.* at 25). Dr. Lane also relied upon evidence of specific fishing  
19 techniques and the importance of particular marine fish species to individual tribes:  
20 “Halibut, for example, probably were not fished by the upriver groups who, so far as  
21 present evidence goes, lacked the special equipment used in this fishery.” (*id.* at 29).  
22 Herring were important to all of the groups who trolled for salmon, and “important  
23 herring locations within territories used by [Swinomish’s ancestor tribes and bands]  
24 included the waters off the southeastern part of Eliza Island, Bellingham Channel, off  
25 Cypress and Guemes Islands, inside Deception Pass, off the north end of Camano  
26 Island, off Greenbank, at Holmes Harbor and in Skagit Bay between Holmes Harbor  
27 and the mainland.” (*Id.* at 27.)

1 ➤ Further, the appendices to the Lane Swinomish report, containing reports by Snyder and  
2 Suttles, contain specific information and refer to the informants who provided that  
3 information. Ms. Snyder described a type of salt-water fish trap that relies upon high  
4 and low tides, and noted that the remains of one such trap was still observable in  
5 Dugualla Bay in 1953. Ms. Snyder’s report includes several pages of different salt-  
6 water fish and the locations and techniques utilized by Swinomish. (Dkt. 180-47 at 50-  
7 57). For example, Ms. Snyder noted salmon fishing grounds with examples such as  
8 “All along the west coasts of Fidalgo and Whidby Islands, spring trolling” and  
9 “Dugualla Bay, speared from canoes in shallow waters.” (*Id.* at 50-51). Wayne Suttles  
10 noted fishing locations for different pre-treaty tribes and the informant that provided  
11 that information, such as “In giving place names Andrew Joe volunteered that Blower  
12 Bluff was a good place for catching herrings and Susan Peter that Greenbank and a  
13 beach near Camano City were good places for herrings and smelt. (*Id.* at 68).

14 Dr. Lane’s marine U&A opinions were built on the firm foundation of specific practices in  
15 specific marine waters. The Friday Declaration, in contrast, is just argument built on the  
16 shifting sands of broad generalizations.

17 **F. The Stillaguamish Expert Report Should Not Be Stricken.**

18 Stillaguamish’s first argument in response to the Motion is that its expert’s report  
19 (Garberich Ex. B; the “Friday Report”) should be stricken on grounds that it is inadmissible on  
20 summary judgment. (Response at 11-12.) That is incorrect.

21 Swinomish offers the Friday Report in support of its summary judgment motion against  
22 Stillaguamish. Thus the Friday Report is admissible as an admission of a party opponent.  
23 *Samaritan Health Ctr. v. Simplicity Health Care Plan*, 459 F. Supp. 2d 786 (E.D. Wis. March  
24 31, 2006), addressed the issue and supports inclusion of the Friday Report in the record for  
25 consideration on summary judgment:

26 Generally, expert reports would be hearsay, as they are prior statements  
27 offered in evidence to prove the truth of the matter asserted. Fed. R. Evid.

1 801(c). To get an expert's opinion into the record for summary judgment usually  
2 involves use of an affidavit or deposition testimony. However, because First  
3 Health proffers its opponent's expert report against that opponent, the report can  
4 be considered an admission by a party-opponent, which falls outside the hearsay  
5 definition. Fed. R. Evid. 801(d). The statement is offered against a party and, by  
6 virtue of the party's proffering of the expert's opinion as part of its case, is either  
7 "a statement of which the party has manifested an adoption or belief in its truth,"  
"a statement by a person authorized by the party to make a statement concerning  
the subject," or "a statement by the party's agent or servant concerning a matter  
within the scope of the agency or employment, made during the existence of the  
relationship." Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(B), (C), (D).

8 *See also Collins v. Wayne Corp.*, 621 F.2d 777, 782 (5th Cir. 1980) (finding an expert report  
9 admissible as a statement by a party opponent); *Marceau v. Int'l Broth. of Elec. Workers*, 618  
10 F. Supp. 2d 1127, 1142-43 (D. Ariz. 200) (same). By contrast, *Harris v. Extendicare Homes,*  
11 *Inc.*, 829 F.Supp.2d 1023, 1027 (W.D. Wash. 2011), relied on by Stillaguamish, determined  
12 that a party's expert reports submitted by that party in opposition to a summary judgment  
13 motion would be stricken from the record on a summary judgment motion. Swinomish  
14 respectfully submits that the fact that Stillaguamish's expert report, produced pursuant to Fed.  
15 R. Civ. P. Rule 26(a)(2), is unsigned should not be held against Swinomish as a basis for  
16 striking the Friday Report.

17 The Friday Report is also admissible under the residual hearsay exception, Fed. R. Evid.  
18 807. *Televisa, S.A. de C.V. v. Univision Comms., Inc.*, 635 F. Supp. 2d 1106, 1109-1110 (C.D.  
19 Cal. 2009) (admitting expert report; finding that "classic hearsay risks, such as faulty  
20 perception, faulty memory, and faulty narration" are ameliorated where opposing party had  
21 opportunity to depose expert and evidentiary item in question is "a report prepared by a  
22 designated expert witness, rather than a remark or statement"); *see also Holt v. Davis*, 2020  
23 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 94568, at \*17, 2020 WL 2792981 (E.D. Cal. May 29, 2020) (admitting  
24 expert reports as substantive evidence under residual hearsay exception).

1 **G. Stillaguamish Does Not Meet the Summary Judgment Standard Regarding**  
2 **Jurisdiction.**

3 One thing is certain: *If* Stillaguamish actually had new evidence that could establish  
4 Stillaguamish customary marine fishing beyond Port Susan at treaty-time, Stillaguamish would  
5 be pointing to it now, front and center, in its Response. Instead, Stillaguamish opposes  
6 Swinomish’s motion by seeking to strike its own expert’s report; by doubling down on an  
7 imaginary 1920s intertribal agreement; by seeking to relitigate the exact same territorial claim  
8 that it lost before the ICC, using the exact same evidence; by relying on the same evidence  
9 (Dorsey, Bruseth, the ICC proceedings, the internment camp journals) that Barbara Lane  
10 considered for her Stillaguamish fisheries report in the original trial and that Judge Boldt  
11 considered for Final Decision 1, Finding of Fact 146; and by relying on generalizations about  
12 Coast Salish culture, from which Stillaguamish extrapolates sweeping claims to entire bodies of  
13 marine water across the eastern Puget Sound.

14 The only “new” evidence that Stillaguamish offers is a Declaration by its expert opining  
15 that Stillaguamish customarily fished at treaty times in marine waters beyond Port Susan. But  
16 that Declaration, like the Friday Report, is nothing more than a repackaging of the evidence in  
17 the record for Final Decision 1 that reaches a conclusion contrary to the one that Judge Boldt  
18 reached on the same record.

19 Swinomish respectfully submits that the continuing jurisdiction of this Court is not  
20 properly invoked by the re-argument of the evidence presented to Judge Boldt, and that  
21 Stillaguamish has failed to satisfy the *United States v. Washington* and summary judgment  
22 evidentiary standards to show that Judge Boldt did not specifically determine that Stillaguamish  
23 U&A was limited to the Stillaguamish River and its tributaries. “The purpose of summary  
24 judgment is to avoid unnecessary trials when there is no dispute as to the facts before the  
25 court.” *Northwest Motorcycle Ass’n v. United States Dep’t of Agric.*, 18 F.3d 1468, 1471 (9<sup>th</sup>  
26 Cir. 1994) (granting cross-motion for summary judgment).

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on January 29, 2021 I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 at Seattle, Washington.



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