Tribal History Resources for Educators | Treaties/Court Cases/Legislation

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Treaties:

- Treaty of Medicine Creek, 1854 5253
- Treaty of Neah Bay, 1855 2632
- Treaty of Olympia, 1856 9791
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Court Cases:

- Supreme Court in U.S. v. Winans hands down first Native American fishing rights case in 1905. 2595
- U.S. Supreme Court in Tulee v. Washington upholds some Native American treaty fishing rights on March 30, 1942. 2593
- Makah Tribe successfully challenges state regulation of treaty fishing rights in 1951. 2594
- State Supreme Court issues confusing ruling in Washington v. Satiacum on treaty fishing rights on July 1, 1957. 2650
- United States Department of Justice sues the state of Washington over treaty fishing rights on September 18, 1970. 2626
- Federal Judge George Boldt issues historic ruling affirming Native American treaty fishing rights on February 12, 1974. 5282
- Liquor sales begin at the Tulalip Smoke Shop on December 15, 1978, after a federal judge orders the return of 645 cases seized by the state Liquor Control Board. 9133
- The Tulalip Resort Casino opens on July 20, 1992. 8842
- Suquamish Indians harvest clams in first commercial dig on private, non-Indian land on February 15, 2000. 5204

Legislation:

- Seattle Board of Trustees passes ordinance, calling for removal of Indians from the town, on February 7, 1865. 10979
- Dawes Severalty Act divides Indian reservations among individual members on February 8, 1887. 2600
- Indian Citizenship Act makes all Native Americans U.S. citizens on June 2, 1924. 2601
- Wheeler-Howard Act (Indian Reorganization Act) shifts U.S. policy toward Native American right to self-determination on June 18, 1934. 2599
- S’Klallam tribe receives a reservation on Port Gamble Bay on June 16, 1938. 5509
- Economic Opportunity Act, which enables tribes to receive federal funds directly, becomes law on August 20, 1964. 7090
- Descendants of pioneers reverse the stand of their ancestors and support federal recognition of the Duwamish Tribe on June 18, 1988. 2956
- Congress passes Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act on November 16, 1990. 5603
- Makah whale hunt succeeds on May 17, 1999. 5310
- Forests and Fish Agreement results in Salmon Recovery Plan on June 7, 1999. 5324
- Federal government recognizes the Snoqualmie Tribe on October 6, 1999. 2458
- Duwamish Tribe wins federal recognition on January 19, 2001, but loses it again two days later. 2951

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