



MUCKLESHOOT PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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President Tarleton
Port of Seattle Commission
PO Box 1209
Seattle, WA 98111-1209
Via Certified Mail

April 4, 2012

Dear President Tarleton,

The Muckleshoot Tribe was surprised to receive your recent letter of March 26 announcing that the Port of Seattle has decided to develop a permanent storage agreement for the Duwamish site 1 and World Trade Center materials with the Burke Museum because the Port "had not received an expression of interest by the Tribes."

The Chair of the Muckleshoot Preservation Committee, Tribal Council member Mike Jerry, sent the attached letter to the Port (as directed, to George Blomberg, who was identified by the Port as the appropriate liaison for this project) on December 13, 2011. This letter, expressed the Tribe's interest in the Collection and in meeting with the Port and, if possible, the Suquamish Museum Director, to discuss the proposed transfer. No response from the Port was forthcoming, until the announcement of March 26th. Obviously, there was a failure to pursue and complete consultation with the Tribes on this matter.

Although you may hold a public hearing soon, please defer and delay any decision until you meet with the concerned Tribes, including the Muckleshoot Preservation Program, to reach a decision that takes our concerns into account. If necessary the Collection curation could be continued in place under a temporary arrangement.

We would be happy to meet with representatives from the Port and Suquamish, if they want to be involved, at your convenience. Regular Preservation Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Please call Donna Hogerhuis, Muckleshoot Tribe Collections Specialist to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

Mike Jerry, Sr.
Tribal Council Member and Preservation Program Chair

cc: Melissa Calvert, Assistant Tribal Operations Manager
Donna Hogerhuis, Collections Specialist
George Blomberg, Port of Seattle

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Port Commission	Regular
Meeting of	April 10, 2012





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December 13, 2011

George Blomberg
Port of Seattle
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Dear Mr. Blomberg,

Thank you for contacting the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe regarding the Duwamish Site No. 1 and the World Trade Center Archaeological Collections held at the Burke Museum. These collections are very important to the Tribe and we appreciate the continued care the Port has taken to preserve these collections.

The Preservation Program staff in collaboration with the Suquamish Museum Director, Janet Smoak, would like to meet with you about the current proposal to transfer ownership. The Tribe's Collection Specialist, Donna Hogerhuis, will be in contact with you to schedule time to discuss this issue. If you have any questions you can reach her at 253-876-3273 or by email donna.hogerhuis@muckleshoot.nsn.us.

We look forward to resolving this issue soon.

Sincerely,

Mike Jerry, Sr.
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