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Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Joint Senate Business, Financial Services & Trade Committee and House State Government & Tribal Relations Committee

Hearing on Proposed Compact Amendments

December 19, 2025

Commissioners



Chair Alicia Levy



Sarah Lawson



Michael Charles



Noah Skartvedt



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29th District



Senator
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6th District



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Shelley Kloba
1st District



Representative
Kevin Waters
17th District

1988: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

"Class III gaming activities shall be lawful on Indian lands only if such activities are located in a State that permits such gaming and are conducted in conformance with a tribal-state compact..."

Negotiation Topics

- Casino-style gaming activities
- Criminal and civil jurisdiction
- Fees for state regulation
- Remedies for breach of contract
- Standards of operation



1988: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

“The purpose of this chapter is…
to protect such gaming as a means of generating tribal revenue.”

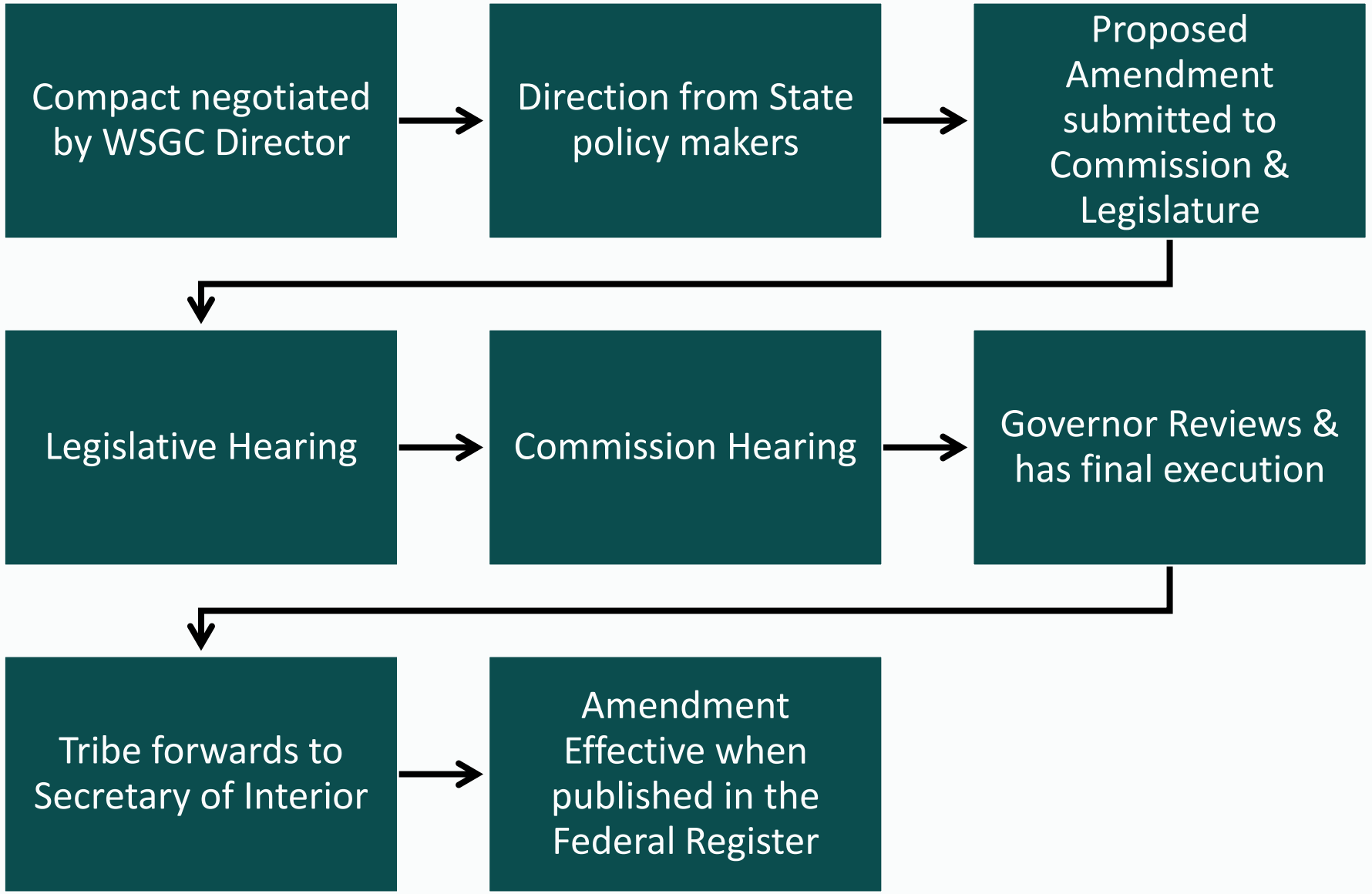
“The State must
negotiate in good faith
when a compact or amendment is requested by a tribe.”

Public Protection Interests

- No criminal involvement
- Gaming conducted fairly, honestly
- Gaming limited to authorized activities
- Minimize negative impacts on local law enforcement, emergency services



Gaming Compact Amendment Approval Process



Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe



Gaming Compact Amendment, 2025

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Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Council



Amber Caldera
Chairwoman



Chris Tom
Vice Chairman



Renee Veregge
Council Person I



Donovan Ashworth
Council Person II



Jonelle Grady
Council Person III

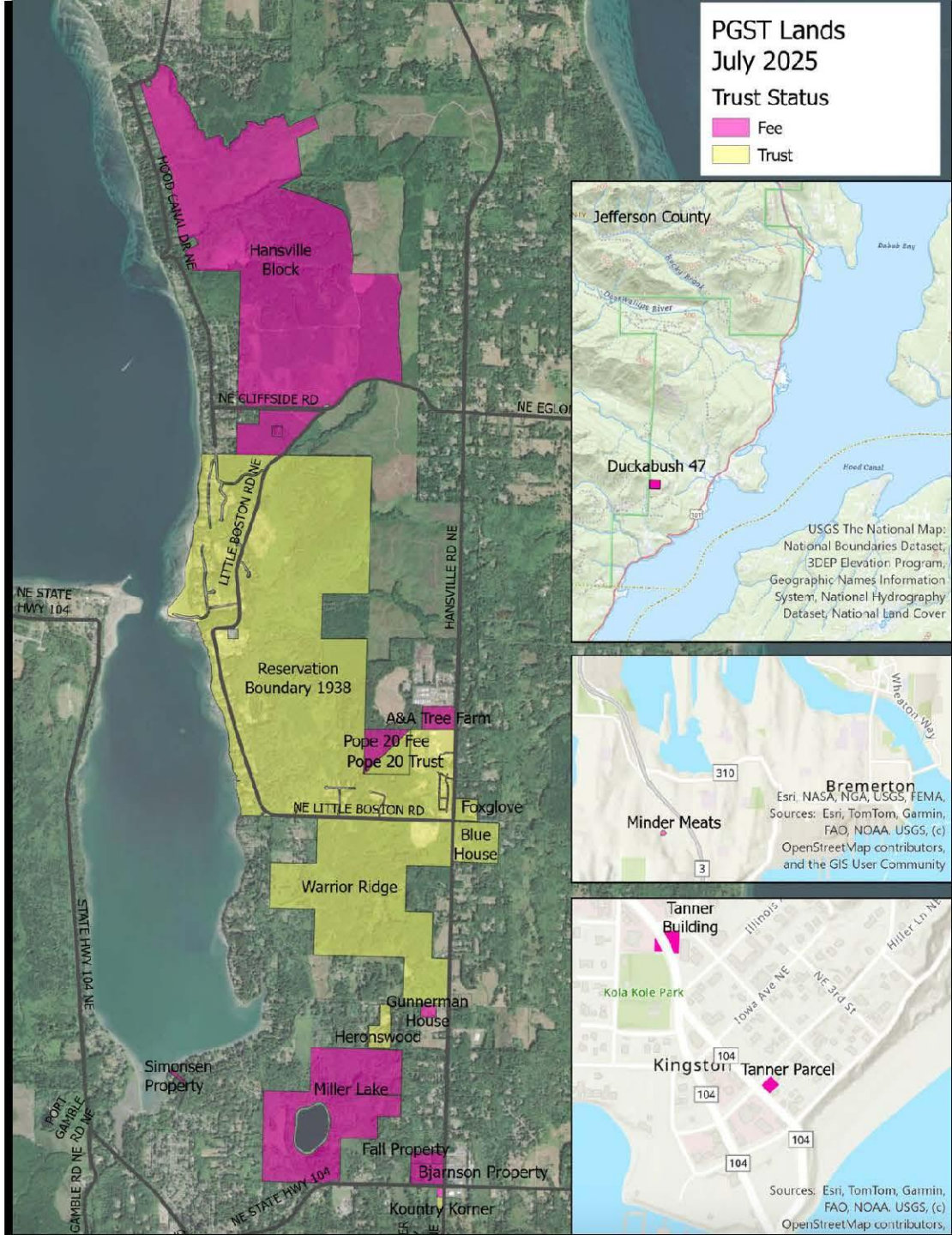


Kyle Carpenter
Council Person IV

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PGST Lands

Total Reservation	1,707.47 acres
Total Off Reservation Trust	61.36 acres
Total Off Reservation Fee	1,300.28 acres
Total Acreage Tribal Lands	3,069.11 acres

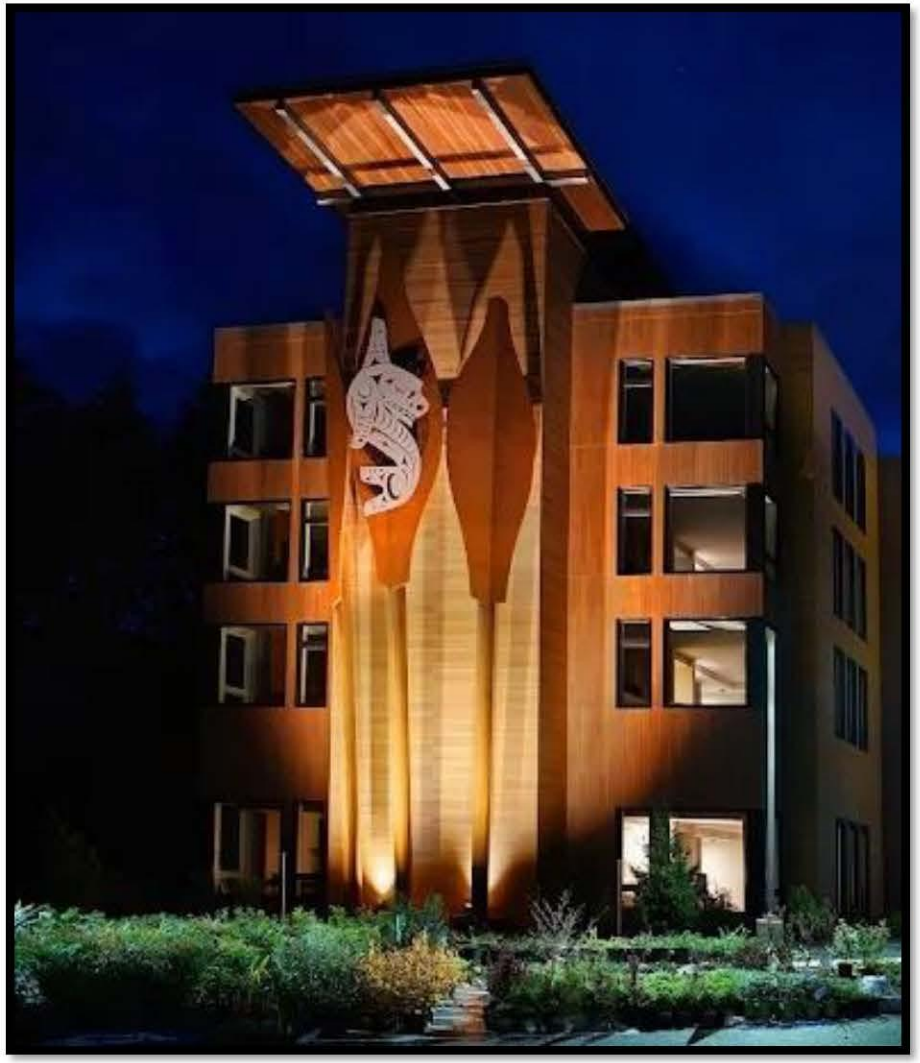


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For PGST, **gaming revenue is government revenue**

It funds essential services including:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Culture and Language
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Natural Resources
- Community Investment



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Community Health Center



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Housing

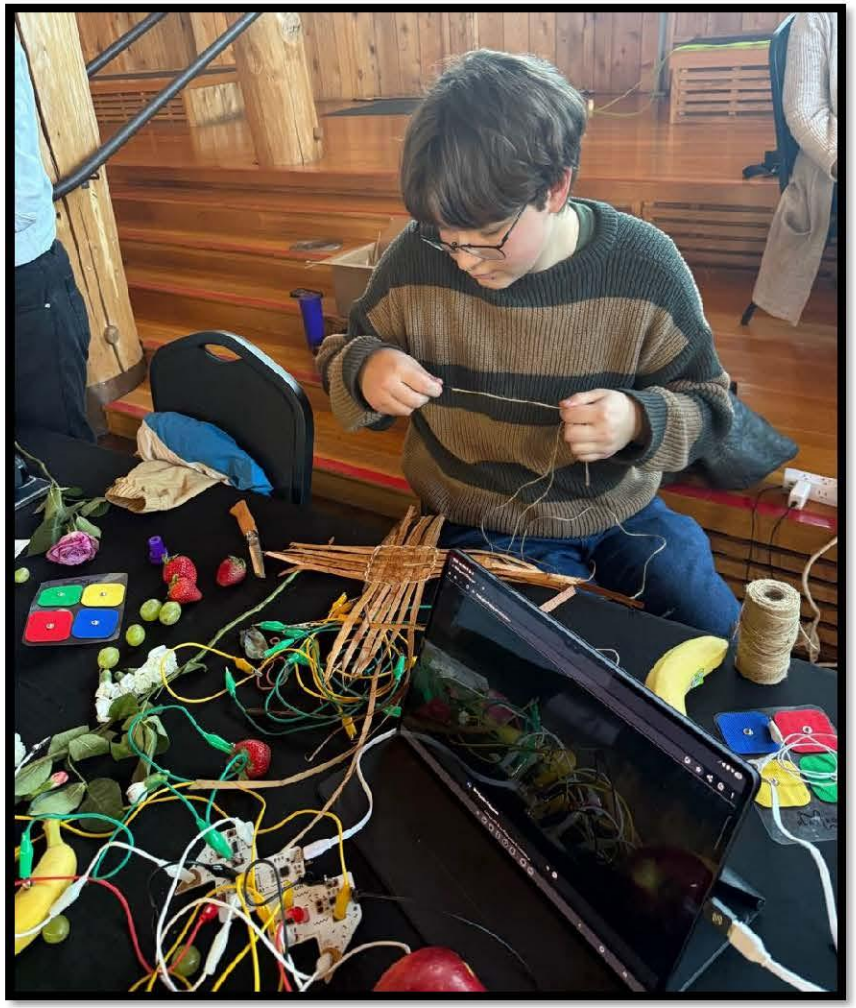




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Education, Culture & Language





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Natural Resources





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Community Investment Grant Program

Directly investing into our community









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Summary of Compact Changes
(Consistent with other Compacts)

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

- Higher wager limits: $1,000 table games and $5,000 table game wagers for prescreened customers in high limit rooms
- Can operate up to 125 gaming stations and 3,000 player terminals between their facilities
- More than 60 gaming stations will require allocations from another tribe
- $30 TLS wagers without 15% limitation
- Extension of credit
- Updated problem gambling/responsible gaming policies

Summary of Compact Changes
(Consistent with other Compacts)

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, cont.

- Compact Amendments on Limitations similar to Jamestown
  - Compact Section IIIE updated with second facility language
  - Add Appendix F to Compact
- Adoption of Appendix G-Electronic Table Games
  - Similar to Stillaguamish
  - Compact Section II & IIIA amended to carry Appendix G into effect
  - Add Appendix G to Compact

Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

1855 Enter the Treaty of Point Elliot

USIT Landless Until Late 70's

Approximately 1500 members

1995 Skagit Valley Casino Opens

Historic Background

- 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott
- 1924 Indians legally recognized as citizens/Right to Vote
- 1934 Indian Reorganization Act Assimilation
- 1950 Termination
- 1975 Indian Self Determination
- 1988 Enactment of IGRA

Upper Skagit's Compacts/Amendments

- Upper Skagit Entered into its Washington State Gaming Compact in 1992
  - 1998 Appendix X (Tribal Lottery System)
  - 2007 Appendix X2 expansion of the number of TLS
  - 2015 appendix X2 amendment additional number of TLS

Impact of Gaming

- Funds programmatic as well as direct assistance to Tribal members through the following programs:
  - Nutritional Support
  - Education Assistance
    - K-12
    - Higher Ed
  - Home Ownership
  - Down Payment Assistance

Impact of The Skagit Casino to the Local Community

- The Tribe's Casino provides over 300 jobs to the local economy, most of which are held by non-tribal members
- The Tribe contributes to numerous charities throughout the County
- The Tribe provides significant funding to local law enforcement

Local News Report

- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe makes large donation to Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund
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- It is the largest donation received by the Christmas Fund since 2007.
- The Upper Skagit has donated over $300,00 this year to various local charities.

Upper Skagit Indian Tribe makes large donation to Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund

Skagit Valley Herald - Ava Ronning 12/3/25

The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe has made a $60,000 donation to the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund. It is the largest donation received by the Christmas Fund since 2007. The Christmas Fund has provided toys, books and meals to children and families in need for 75 years.

Jennifer Washington, chairwoman of the Upper Skagit tribe, made the donation on behalf of her tribe.

The Upper Skagit tribe has been the fund's biggest contributor each year. Washington said the large donation is especially necessary this year as many families are struggling because of inflation, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) reductions and the government shutdown.

"(The Christmas Fund) has helped so many families, and then having the same individuals be part of that annually has just been amazing," Washington said.

The Upper Skagit tribe donates to other area programs as well, including major food banks. This year, the tribe contributed about $300,000 to charities, including the Christmas Fund.



The Need for the Requested Amendment

- To enable the Tribe to remain competitive with the other Tribes in our market
  - Currently, the Skagit is the only casino in our area that does not have electronic table games
  - 12 other Tribes have amended their compacts to permit electronic table games

Summary of Compact Changes
(Consistent with other Compacts)

Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

- Compact Sections II & III amended to carry Appendix G into effect
- X2, 14.5 Smoking Cessation Contribution removed
- Compact Section XIV amended to address air quality
- Adoption of Appendix G-Electronic Table Games, which is very similar to that previously implemented by Port Gamble, Stillaguamish, and other tribes

Next Steps

Today

- Hold required hearing
- Answer questions

Commission Meeting
January 8, 2026

- Vote to forward to Governor
- Vote to return for further negotiations

Public comments in-person or at
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