UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE CHEHALIS RESERVATION et al., Plaintiffs, v. STEVEN MNUCHIN, in his official capacity as Secretary of the Treasury, Defendant.	Case No. 1:20-cv-1002-APM

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's April 20, 2020 minute order, the Parties have met and conferred about a potential schedule for briefing Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 3).

This case concerns Title V of the CARES Act, Pub. L. 116-136, codified as Subchapter VI of the Social Security Act, at 42 U.S.C. § 801, which establishes a Coronavirus Relief Fund and appropriates $8 billion for "Tribal governments." 42 U.S.C. § 801(a)(2)(B). Specifically, Plaintiffs challenge Defendant's purported decision under the CARES Act to recognize Alaska native corporations ("ANCs") as "Tribal governments" eligible to share in payments from the Fund, *id.* § 801(c)(7).

However, the Department of the Treasury represents that it has not yet reached a final decision on that question. Mindful of the impending statutory deadline to make payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, Defendant is working with dispatch to arrive at a final decision, and will do so before any response is filed to Plaintiffs' Motion. Defendant represents that no payment has yet been made to Tribal governments from the Fund and that payments to Tribal governments will be made no sooner than this Friday, April 24, 2020.

Wherefore, the Parties jointly propose the following deadlines for briefing:

- Defendant's Opposition to Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction: **April 22, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.**;
- Plaintiffs' Reply brief, if any: **April 23, 2020 by 12:00 p.m.**; and
- Hearing on Motion: **afternoon of April 23, 2020**, at a time convenient for the Court.

Dated: April 20, 2020

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