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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to place certain lands in Skagit and San Juan Counties, Washington, into trust for the Samish Indian Nation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2017

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. COOK, Mr. COLE, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. DENHAM, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. JONES, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, and Mr. POLIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Samish Indian Nation
5 Land Conveyance Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) PARCELS.—The term “parcels” means the 17
8 parcels of approximately 97 acres of land owned by the

1 Tribe, located in Skagit County and San Juan County,
2 Washington, and depicted on the Map.

3 (b) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map titled
4 “the Samish Indian Nation Land Conveyance Map” dated
5 July 25, 2013.

6 (c) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the
7 Secretary of the Interior.

8 (d) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the Samish In-
9 dian Nation, a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

10 **SEC. 3. LAND INTO TRUST.**

11 (a) ACTION BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTE-
12 RIOR.—The Secretary shall take the land described in the
13 Map into trust for the benefit of the Tribe in accordance
14 with the regulations of the Department of the Interior for
15 implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of
16 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) that are applicable to trust
17 land acquisitions for Indian tribes that are mandated by
18 Federal legislation.

19 (b) SURVEY.—

20 (1) RESPONSIBILITY FOR SURVEY.—Not later
21 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act, the Tribe shall conduct a survey of the bound-
23 aries of the parcels described in the Map and des-
24 ignated for the Tribe and submit the survey to the
25 Bureau of Indian Affairs.

1 (2) APPROVAL OF SURVEY.—

2 (A) Not later than 90 days after the date
3 on which the survey is submitted under this
4 subsection, the Director of the Bureau of In-
5 dian Affairs shall complete a review of the sur-
6 vey, and provide the Tribe with notice of con-
7 currence of the survey.

8 (B) Not later than 120 days after the date
9 on which concurrence is provided to the Tribe,
10 the Secretary shall submit a copy of the survey
11 to the appropriate committees of Congress, and
12 make the survey available to the public at the
13 appropriate office of the Secretary.

14 **SEC. 4. HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING, AND GATHERING.**

15 This Act shall not grant or diminish any hunting,
16 fishing, trapping or gathering treaty right of any Indian
17 tribe.

18 **SEC. 5. GAMING PROHIBITION.**

19 The Tribe may not conduct on any land taken into
20 trust pursuant to this Act any gaming activities—

21 (1) as a matter of claimed inherent authority;

22 or

23 (2) under any Federal law (including the Indian
24 Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.)
25 and any regulations promulgated by the Secretary or

1 the National Indian Gaming Commission pursuant
2 to that Act).

3 **SEC. 6. EFFECT OF ACT.**

4 Nothing in this Act shall limit—

5 (1) the existing rights or claims of the Tribe; or

6 (2) the eligibility of the Tribe to acquire addi-

7 tional land in trust under applicable Federal law and

8 regulations.

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