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# H. R. 2961

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of the Samish Indian Nation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2019

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. COOK, Mr. COLE, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Ms. MOORE, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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for the benefit of the Samish Indian Nation, and for  
other purposes.

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 Reaffirmation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAFFIRMATION OF TRUST LAND STATUS AND AC-**  
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The decision dated November 9,  
4 2018, and the actions taken by the Bureau of Indian Af-  
5 fairs Northwest Regional Director to approve the applica-  
6 tion of the Samish Indian Nation to take approximately  
7 6.70 acres of land into trust as described in the decision  
8 for the benefit of the Samish Indian Nation are ratified  
9 and confirmed.

10 (b) **APPLICATION.**—This Act shall apply to all claims  
11 (including claims challenging the validity of title or the  
12 effectiveness of any action of the Secretary acquiring and  
13 taking land into trust) pending on the date of the enact-  
14 ment of this Act or filed on or after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act.

16 (c) **RETENTION OF FUTURE RIGHTS.**—Nothing in  
17 this Act alters or diminishes the right of the Samish In-  
18 dian Nation from seeking to have any additional land  
19 taken into trust by the United States for the benefit of  
20 the Samish Indian Nation.

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