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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

7 PAUL GRONDAL, a Washington
Resident; and THE MILL BAY
8 MEMBERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a
Washington Non-Profit Corporation,

Case No. 09-CV-00018-JLQ

9 *Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants,*

10 vs.

DECLARATION OF
BRUCE E. DIDESCH

11 THE UNITED STATES OF
12 AMERICA, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
13 INTERIOR; BUREAU OF INDIAN
14 AFFAIRS; WAPATO HERITAGE,
15 LLC, CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF
THE COLVILLE RESERVATION,
FRANCIS ABRAHAM,
CATHERINE GARRISON, *et al.*,
allottees of Moses Allotment 8,

16 *Defendants/Cross-Defendants/Cross-
17 Claimants/Counter-Defendants.*

18 I, Bruce Didesch, being first duly sworn upon oath and state as follows:

19 1. This Declaration is based upon my personal knowledge; I am
20 competent to testify in the matter asserted in this Declaration.

1 2. I was hired as Corporate Attorney for the Colville Tribal Enterprises
2 Corporation (“CTEC”) in July 2003. At that time the litigation in Chelan County
3 Superior Court captioned as *Grondal v. Webb*, No. 02-2-00441-6, *Grondal v. Chief*
4 *Evans, Inc.*, No 02-2-01100-9, and *In re the Estate of William Evans, Jr.*, 03-4-00185-
5 8 were pending. CTEC was not a party to, and did not participate in, any of that
6 litigation.

7 3. I was present at the offices of Stokes and Lawrence where the
8 mediation was held in relation to this litigation in early August 2004. I do not
9 remember being present at the September meeting referred to in paragraph 17 of
10 Mr. Grondal’s 2009 declaration, ECF No. 89. I am uncertain as to the exact date I
11 was in Stokes Lawrence’s office.

12 4. I believe I was asked to be present because at that time CTEC
13 operated the Mill Bay Casino pursuant to a sublease with Chief Evans, Inc.

14 5. I waited in the lobby outside the mediation with Rit Bellis, attorney for
15 the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Gene Nicholson, BIA
16 Colville Agency, Superintendent. I do not recall ever entering the room where the
17 mediation occurred.

18 6. Neither I, nor anyone else on behalf of CTEC, participated in this
19 mediation beyond my presence at the offices where the mediation was held.

1 7. I did not consider CTEC a party to the mediation and I made no
2 agreement on behalf of CTEC related to any settlement reached.

3 8. I declare under the laws of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville
4 Reservation and the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to
5 the best of my knowledge.

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7 Dated this 18th day of July, 2018.

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10 BRUCE E. DIDESCH

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