

Questions for the Record by Democratic Members

Questions from Rep. Gallego for the Honorable Carol Evans, Chairwoman, Spokane Tribe of Indians:

1. As apparent in your written testimony, the Spokane Tribe of Indians has been seeking equitable compensation for the use of its tribal lands in the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam since the 1940s. In your experience, what barriers has your community faced in pursuing this fair compensation?
2. Although members of the public living in the Pacific Northwest region have benefitted from the electrical power generated by the Grand Coulee Dam, its construction and operation came at a great cost to the Spokane Tribe. How has the environmental damage associated with the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam continued to affect your nation in the present?
 - o Has this extensive environmental damage also had an economic and/or cultural impact on the Spokane Tribe?

Questions for the Record by Republican Members

Questions from Rep. Rob Bishop for the Honorable Carol Evans, Chairwoman, Spokane Tribe of Indians:

1. On page 2 of your written statement, you state that the Spokane claims “remain unresolved.” On page 7, you declare that the Spokane Tribe “in 1967 settled its ICCA claims ...” Isn’t it correct to say the claims resolved by S. 216 are moral claims?
2. Why is Section 8 of S. 216 necessary? Is it the opinion of the Spokane Tribe that the Tribe has, or could file, viable claims against the United States in the U.S. Court of Claims or any other federal court?