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# S. 5273

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of the Quinault Indian Nation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

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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 “Quinault Indian Na-  
5 tion Land Transfer Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF**  
7 **THE QUINAULT INDIAN NATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
9 the approximately 72 acres of land located in the State  
10 of Washington and generally depicted as “Allotment

1 1157” on the map entitled “Quinault Indian Nation Land  
2 Transfer Act” and dated February 2, 2024, shall be ad-  
3 ministratively transferred from the Forest Service to the  
4 Department of the Interior and taken into trust for the  
5 benefit of the Quinault Indian Nation.

6 (b) LAND PART OF RESERVATION; ADMINISTRA-  
7 TION.—The land taken into trust under subsection (a)  
8 shall be—

9 (1) part of the Quinault Indian Reservation;  
10 and

11 (2) administered by the Secretary of the Inte-  
12 rior in accordance with the laws and regulations  
13 generally applicable to property held in trust by the  
14 United States for an Indian Tribe.

15 (c) GAMING PROHIBITED.—The land taken into trust  
16 under subsection (a) shall not be eligible for gaming under  
17 the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et  
18 seq.).

19 (d) NO IMPACT ON TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing in  
20 this Act affects treaty rights under the Treaty between  
21 the United States and the Qui-nai-elt and Quil-leh-ute In-  
22 dians, done at the Qui-nai-elt River July 1, 1855, and  
23 Olympia January 25, 1856 (12 Stat. 971) (commonly  
24 known as the “Treaty of Olympia”).

1       (e) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.—For purposes of the  
2 taking of land into trust under subsection (a), the Sec-  
3 retary of the Interior—

4           (1) shall meet disclosure requirements for haz-  
5 ardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants  
6 under section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environ-  
7 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act  
8 of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)); and

9           (2) shall not otherwise be required to remediate  
10 or abate those hazardous substances, pollutants, or  
11 contaminants.

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