

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Pokanoket Tribe of the Wampanoag Nation; Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe**

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.8(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Pokanoket Tribe of the Wampanoag Nation, 400 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809, has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the

group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on October 5, 1994, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.8(d) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files.

Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 1362-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

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