

CHAPTER 6-6 RESEARCH REGULATION

6-6-1 Authority

This regulatory Chapter is established by the Colville Business Council under authority contained in the Constitution and By Laws of the Colville Tribe of the Colville Reservation including the Amendments thereto.

6-6-2 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate studies, surveys, research and service delivery projects on the Colville Reservation in order to preserve and protect the rights of the Colville Indian Tribes and their tribal members, their privacy and integrity, and their interests in the results and products of the such studies, surveys, research and service delivery projects.

6-6-3 Permit Required

Any individual, corporation, agency or institution, whether public or private wishing to undertake a study, survey, or research project for any purpose on the Colville Indian Reservation or any study, survey, or research project regarding the Colville Tribes, its history, or its culture, not specifically requested or contracted for by the Colville Confederated Tribes, must first obtain a permit approved by the Business Council, or its designate, authorizing the conduct of such study, survey, or research project on the Colville Indian Reservation pursuant to provisions of this Chapter.

This section does not apply to requests from media outlets. Media requests must be processed pursuant to the Tribes' approved Media Policy.

(Amended 8/04/2022, Resolution 2022-493, Certified 8/09/2022)

6-6-4 Written Agreement Required for Issuance of Permit

No permit will be issued for any study, survey or research project, not specifically requested or contracted for by the Colville Confederated Tribes, unless and until the individual, corporation, agency or institution wishing to conduct the project has executed a written agreement with the Colville Confederated Tribes regarding the manner in which the study, survey, or research project is to be conducted, creating a fiduciary relationship, and limiting the right of the individual, corporation, agency or institution conducting the study to publish the results or conclusions resulting therefrom without affording the Colville Confederated Tribes an opportunity to review and comment upon the intended publication, and including whatever comments are officially made by or on behalf of the Colville Tribes as part of the final published product.

6-6-5 Information Required for Issuance of Permit

No permit shall be issued for the conduct of any study, survey or research project until the following information has been provided to, and approved by the chairman of the Tribal Business Council or his designate:

- (a) Name and signature of individual applicant or authorized agent of any corporation, agency or institution desiring to conduct or participate in the conduct of the study, survey or research project;
- (b) Purpose of the study, survey or research, including whether it is being conducted for profit;
- (c) Source of funding and amount of funding for the study, survey or research project;
- (d) Methodology to be used in conducting the project;
- (e) Names of all persons authorized to be involved and/or participate in the conduct of the project, whether or not those persons will actually be present on the Colville Reservation during the term of the project;

- (f) Dates between which the study, survey or research will be conducted on the Reservation and indication of the location of sources of information to be investigated during the term of the project;
- (g) A description of the intended final product of the study, survey or research project, whether or not publication is intended;
- (h) How the individual, agency or institution conducting the study, survey or research project intends to use the results thereof;
- (i) An indication of steps to be taken to insure the protection of the rights of individual tribal members and their families and the rights of the Colville Confederated Tribes;
- (j) A performance bond in circumstances deemed appropriate by the Colville Confederated Tribes.

6-6-6 Proprietary Information

All information regarding the Tribes, its culture, and its history is proprietary information of the Tribes, and the Tribes reserves the right to comment and edit all documents prior to publication of any information about the Tribes, its culture, and/or its history.

(Amended 7/08/2020, Resolution 2020-338)

6-6-7 Cancellation of Permit

The permit issued pursuant to this Chapter is conditional and may be canceled at any time if it appears that the individual, corporation, agency or institution conducting the study, survey or research project is deviating or has deviated from the study design approved in the granting of the permit, or from provisions of the required underlying agreement upon which issuance of the permit is based.

6-6-8 Refusal to Issue Permit

The Colville Tribes retain the right to refuse to issue a permit if it is deemed that there is insufficient time for appropriate tribal review, evaluation, supervision or participation in the project.

6-6-9 Fee May Be Required

The Colville Confederated Tribes reserve the right to charge a fee for issuance of a permit in the event that the subject study, survey or research project is being conducted for profit or if the results of the study, survey or research project, or publication thereof, are intended to, or are likely to produce financial benefit to the individual, corporation, agency or institution conducting the study, survey or research project.

6-6-10 Permit Does Not Imply Endorsement

Issuance of a permit to conduct any study, survey or research project pursuant to provisions of this Chapter does not imply endorsement of the results or final product of the study or any publication derived from or based upon the results or final product of the study, survey or research project.

6-6-11 Reports to be Provided

At least one copy of all interim and/or progress reports, and of the final report resulting from the study, survey or research project, shall be furnished to the office of the Tribal Chairman without charge.

6-6-12 Penalties for Tribal Employees

Any employee of the Colville Confederated Tribes who provides information from tribal files and records of any kind whatsoever to any individual, corporation, agency or institution conducting research not authorized pursuant to provisions of this Chapter, shall be subject to censure or dismissal from employment.

6-6-13 Penalties Generally

Any person attempting to conduct research not specifically requested or contracted for by the Colville Confederated Tribes or permitted pursuant to provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to any and all civil or criminal remedies available pursuant to the Law and Order Code of the Confederated Tribes of

the Colville Indian Reservation and the laws of the State of Washington, including but not limited to exclusion from Tribal property, criminal trespass, and civil remedies provided for in Chapter 2-3 and Chapter 3-2 of the Law and Order Code of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation.

6-6-14 **Effective Date of Chapter**

This Chapter shall become effective upon the date of its adoption by the Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation.

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