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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Election Committee Votes to Stop Ballot Counting in 4 Year Term Referendum

NESPELEM, WA— The Chairman of the Colville Business Council’s Election Committee, Roger Finley, announced that the Election Committee voted unanimously to stop counting referendum ballots regarding Colville Business Council members serving 4 year terms.

“It became evident during the ballot count that there were not going to be enough ballots returned to meet the constitutional threshold to amend the constitution,” Finley said today. “In order to amend the Constitution of the Colville Confederated Tribes, a majority of the qualified voters must vote in favor of the proposed amendment.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,531 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wy?iṭp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntíyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snǰáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpǰ^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.