Instructions for Completing the Petition for Change of Name

Who can file a Petition for Change of Name at the Nooksack Tribal Court?

- Any enrolled member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe, 18 years of age or older, who desires to change his or her own name can file the petition in the Nooksack Tribal Court.
- Any person whose minor child or ward is an enrolled member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe can file the petition in the Nooksack Tribal Court to change the name of that youth.

Note: The Tribal Court shall not grant a petition when the individual seeking a name change is:

- a) a registered sex offender;
- b) currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections;
- c) seeking a name change of, or to, a traditional Indian name.

Where and when can I file the petition?

File your petition with the civil clerk at the Nooksack Tribal Court, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays and other scheduled closures).

How do I file the petition?

- A \$150.00 non-refundable filing fee must be paid in advance of filing, at the Nooksack Tribal Accounting office. You will be given a receipt for your payment.
- Bring the receipt, the original completed/signed petition and two copies of the completed/signed petition to the court clerk.
- If you are petitioning to change the name of a minor, you must include a Consent to Name Change, signed by the child's other legal parent/guardian; or, alternatively, information or documentation showing the measures you have taken to notify the other parent/guardian of the requested change and the date and time of the hearing.
- In cases where a hearing is required, the court clerk will schedule a hearing date, which you are required to attend. Please bring a valid photo ID with you for your hearing.

The Tribal Court will file a copy of any order issued with the Tribal Enrollment Office, and provide you two certified copies of the order.

IN THE NOOKSACK TRIBAL COURT FOR THE NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE DEMING, WA

	In Re the Matter of:	Case No. Petition for Change of Name -		
	(Parent/Guardian Name)			
	(Parent/Guardian Name)	Youth		
	on behalf of Minor Child:			
	(Youth's Full Name)			
1.	I am petitioning the Court for an order which will change the name of my minor child or ward From (Current Full Name)			
	First	Middle	Last	
	To (Desired Full Name) First	Middle	Last	
2.	. The youth is years of age and was born on (month, date, year)			
3.	. The youth is an enrolled member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe, enrollment number			
4.	. The youth is an offender under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections. \square Yes \square No			
5.	The youth is required to register as a sex offender. \Box Yes \Box No			
6.	The petitioner(s) is/are the parent(s) of the youth. \Box Yes \Box No			
7.	If not the parent(s), the petitioner(s) is/are the youth's legal guardian with the legal authority to submit this petition \Box Yes \Box No			
8.	Both parents/guardians have signed this petition	n and agree to the name char	nge. 🗆 Yes 🗆 No	
9.	Both parents/guardians agree to the name change and the non-petitioning parent/guardian has completed and signed a Consent to Name Change, included with this petition. \Box Yes \Box No			
10.	If both parents/guardians have not agreed to the name change, the other parent/guardian:			
	a. Has not been located and has had no co	ontact with the youth for app	proximately years;	
	or			

b. Other reason, please expl	ain:
11. Petitioner(s) request(s) a change of	f name for the following reason(s):
12. A copy of the youth's tribal identified	fication is attached.
13. A certified copy of the youth's bir	th certificate is attached.
14. This application is not made for an	ny illegal or fraudulent purpose.
15. The change of name will not be de	etrimental to the interests of any other person(s).
I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PI PETITION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT	ERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS IN THIS CT.
Petitioner Signature	Petitioner Signature
Petitioner Printed Name	Petitioner Printed Name
Street Address/PO Box	Street Address/PO Box
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
Date	 Date

IN THE NOOKSACK TRIBAL COURT FOR THE NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE DEMING, WA

In re the Matter of Name Change of:				
(Name of Child)	Case No.			
(Name of Child),				
(Name of Petitioner),	Consent to Name Change			
and				
(Name of Respondent).				
	the \square mother \square father \square guardian of the			
above-named youth.				
I reside at:				
(Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)			
I have received a copy of the Petition for Name C petition, and I believe that the change of the youtlinterest. Therefore, I give my consent to the Nook the above-named child as requested in the petition	h's name as proposed will be in the youth's best ksack Tribal Court to grant a change of name to			
I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.				
	(Signature of Respondent)			
	(Print Name of Respondent)			
	(Date)			