IN THE Nooksack tribal court

FOR THE nooksack indian tribe

deming, wa

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|  Petitioner, vs. Respondent |  | Case No. SUMMONS (DISSOLUTION OR ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE) |

To:

 **To the Respondent:** Your spouse/domestic partner (the Petitioner) started a case asking the court *(check one):*

[ ] To end your marriage. [ ] To annul your marriage.

 **You must respond in writing for the court to consider your side.**

***Deadline!*** Your *Response* must be filed with the Court and served on Petitioner within **20 days** of the date you were served this *Summons.* If the case has been filed in court, you must also file your *Response* by the same deadline.

If you do not file and serve your *Response* or a *Notice of Appearance* by the deadline:

* No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and
* The court may approve the Petitioner’s requests without hearing your side. (This is called a *default judgment.*)

Lawyer not required. It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your *Response* without one.

**Follow these steps:**

1. Read the *Petition* and any other documents you receive with this *Summons*. These documents explain what Petitioner is asking for.
2. Prepare a *Response* to the Petition.

**3.** Have a copy of your *Response* served on at the petitioner’s address. You may not serve the Response yourself but must have it served by a person over the age of 18 who is competent to be a witness in this case, but who is not a party to this case.

**4.** **File** your original *Response* with the clerk of the court at the court’s address for filing.

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**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PETITION OR COMPLAINT UNLESS YOU TIMELY FILE A RESPONSE WITH THE COURT.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.