

Dissolving Your Marriage (With Children)

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What forms will I need to dissolve my marriage?

You will need to fill out and file the following forms to dissolve your marriage:

- Summons;
- Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (with children);
- Proposed Parenting Plan; and
- Praecipe or Notice and Acknowledgment of Service
- Request for Hearing or Request for Default Hearing and Entry of Default

In addition to these forms, you may also need the forms listed below:

- Affidavit of Service;
- Affidavit of Publication;

The **Summons** tells your spouse that you have filed a Petition to dissolve your marriage. It also tells your spouse that he or she should file an answer within the time allowed if they do not agree with everything stated in your Petition.

The **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage** asks the Court to dissolve your marriage.

The **Proposed Parenting Plan** describes how you and your spouse will share parenting time and should reflect a plan that is in your child(ren)'s best interests.

The **Praecipe** asks the Tribal Police to serve your spouse with your dissolution papers.

The **Notice and Acknowledgment of Service** can be used in place of the Praecipe. If your spouse agrees to fill out and sign the Notice and Acknowledgment, you will not need to have the Tribal Police serve your spouse with your dissolution papers.

The **Request for Hearing** will be filed only if your spouse files a Response. It asks the Court to set a hearing on your Petition.

The **Request for Default Hearing and Entry of Default** will only be filed if your spouse does not file a Response within the time allowed. It asks the Court to enter judgment in your favor due to your spouse's failure to contest or respond to your Petition.

The **Affidavit of Service** will only be needed if you are unable to have your spouse personally served and you can complete service by registered or certified mail. The Affidavit is a sworn statement to the Court that you tried to locate your spouse for personal service, were unable to do so, and you then sent your forms to your spouse by registered or certified mail.

The **Affidavit of Publication** will only be needed if you are unable to have your spouse personally served and, after trying, cannot locate your spouse by registered or certified mail. The Affidavit is a sworn statement that must be filed with the Clerk of Tribal Court before you will be allowed to serve your spouse by publication.

What words do I need to know?

Petitioner- A Petitioner is someone who files an action in court. You are the Petitioner in this case.

Respondent- A Respondent is the person who is filed against in court. Your spouse is the Respondent in this case.

Dissolution- A Dissolution is the same thing as a divorce.

Praecipe- A Praecipe is a request to the Tribal Police that they serve your dissolution papers on your spouse.

What do I do with the forms?

1 Fill out the forms

- Fill out all the blanks on the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, Proposed Parenting Plan, and Praecipe. If your spouse is willing to fill out the Notice and Acknowledgment, you will not need the Praecipe.

Sign and date your Petition and Parenting Plan in front of a Notary Public. Be sure to have your form notarized after you sign it.

Fill out the top part of your Summons, but leave the signature line blank for the Clerk of Tribal Court to sign.

2 Make copies.

Make at least two copies of each of your forms once you have them filled out.

3 File forms at the Tribal Court.

Go to the Clerk of Tribal Court's office. File your original Summons, Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, and Proposed Parenting Plan with the Clerk.

If you cannot afford the filing fees, ask the Clerk for a fee waiver application.

Give your copies to the Clerk and ask her to stamp them as "Filed." Keep the copies in a safe place.

4 Have your spouse served.

If your spouse will not agree to fill out the Notice and Acknowledgment and you know your spouse's address, you will need to have the Tribal Police or Sheriff of the county where your spouse lives serve copies of your completed forms on your spouse.

Note: Using the Tribal Police or the Sheriff's office is probably the best way to serve your spouse. A private process server may also serve the papers on your spouse. However, the Tribal Police, Sheriffs, and private servers usually charge a fee for service. You may also choose to have a family member or friend over the age of 18 who is not involved in the dissolution serve your spouse for free.

If, after searching, you cannot locate your spouse for personal service and you have the spouse's current address, you may serve your spouse by registered or certified mail. You must ask the post office for a

return receipt so you will have proof that your spouse received the papers. You must also complete, sign, and file with the Court an Affidavit of Service.

- If, after searching, you still cannot locate your spouse for personal service or through registered or certified mail, the Court may let you serve your spouse by publication. You must first fill out, sign, and file an Affidavit with the Clerk of Court. The Clerk will then issue a Summons by Publication. The Summons must be published in two consecutive issues of the Tribal newspaper and in at least one other newspaper within the Flathead Reservation once a week for three weeks in a row. You must file a copy of each publication of service certified by the publisher with the Clerk of Tribal Court.
- File your return of service with the Clerk of Tribal Court.
- Give the Sheriff of the county where your spouse lives or the Tribal Police a self-addressed, stamped envelope so they can notify you when your spouse has been served.

5 Wait for your spouse to respond.

- Your spouse has 15 working days from the date of service to respond to your Petition. Your spouse should mail you a copy of the response, but you should also check with the Clerk of Tribal Court after 15 working days have passed to see if a response has been filed. (Saturdays, Sundays and Tribal holidays do not count as working days.)
- If your spouse files a response, you must fill out and file the Request for Hearing. If your spouse does not file a response, you should fill out and file the Request for Default Hearing and Entry of Default.
- The Court will send you an Order Setting Hearing after you have filed your Request for Hearing or Request for Entry of Default. Be sure to write down and remember the date and time for your hearing.

6 Go to your hearing.

- Bring your stamped copies of the papers you filed with the Court.

- Arrive at Court at least 15 minutes before your scheduled hearing and check in with the Clerk. Dress like you were going to an important job interview.
- Be prepared to answer any questions the judge might have about your Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Proposed Parenting Plan.
- If your spouse does not show up to the hearing and your spouse was properly served with the papers, ask the Court to enter a default judgment.

Where can I get more information?

The Laws of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes contain the law on dissolving your marriage. The laws related to dissolution can be found in Title III, Chapter I. CSKT Laws Codified can be found online at www.cskt.org/gov/court-triballawcode.htm

**IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION, PABLO, MONTANA**

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF)
) Cause No. _____
_____,)
Petitioner,)
)
and)
_____,) **SUMMONS**
Respondent.)
)
)

**THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES SEND GREETINGS TO
THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to respond to the Petition in this action which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Tribal Court, a copy of which is now served upon you, and to file your response in the office of the Clerk of Tribal Court and serve a copy thereof upon Petitioner or Petitioner’s attorney within 15 working days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, Saturdays, Sundays, and Tribal legal holidays. In case of your failure to answer or appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief sought in the petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CLERK OF THE TRIBAL COURT

By: _____
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

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OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION, PABLO, MONTANA**

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF _____)
) Cause No. _____)
)
) Petitioner,)
)
) and)
) **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**)
)
) _____)
) Respondent.)
)

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she personally served the above-entitled summons and petition upon the Respondent named above as follows:

Date/Time: _____
Location: _____

Signed: _____
Police Officer

Your Name

Your Mailing Address

City State Zip

Your Telephone Number

Petitioner Pro Se

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IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF)
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_____,)
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) Petitioner,)
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) and)
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_____,)
) Respondent.)
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Cause No. _____

**PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION
OF MARRIAGE (with children)**

I would like this Court to dissolve my marriage.

1. Parties

PETITIONER (*You are the Petitioner*):

1. Your Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Address: _____

4. Occupation: _____
5. Tribal Affiliation: _____
6. Enrollment Number: _____
7. Length of Residence on Flathead Indian Reservation: _____ years
_____ months.

RESPONDENT (*Your spouse is the Respondent*):

1. Spouse's Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Address: _____

4. Occupation: _____
5. Tribal Affiliation: _____
6. Enrollment Number: _____
7. Length of Residence
on Flathead Indian Reservation: _____ years _____ months.

2. Jurisdiction

This Court has jurisdiction over the marriage and the parties because (*Check all that apply*):

- Petitioner and Respondent are both enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe, and both parties reside on the Flathead Indian Reservation;
- Petitioner and Respondent lived on the Flathead Indian Reservation during their marriage, and Petitioner continues to reside here;
- Respondent is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe, and Respondent resides on the Flathead Indian Reservation;
- One or both of the parties are enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe and the parties own property, or have an interest therein, situated within the Flathead Indian Reservation;

- The parties have minor children and the Tribal Court has jurisdiction to determine custody of the children because the children are enrolled or eligible for enrollment in the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

3. Date and Place of Marriage (*Check only one*)

- The parties were married on (*Date: mm/dd/yyyy*) _____ in
(*City, State*) _____.

The marriage was registered in (*City, State*) _____.

- The parties were married at common law. The parties both consented to a marital relationship, lived together as husband and wife, and held themselves out to others as husband and wife.

4. Grounds

The marriage of the parties is irretrievably broken in that there is serious marital discord which adversely affects the attitude of one or both of the parties towards the marriage and there is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation.

5. Pregnancy (*Check only one*)

- The wife is not currently pregnant.
- The wife is currently pregnant with the husband's child.
- The wife is pregnant, but the husband is not the biological father.
- The wife is pregnant, but the husband does not know whether or not he is the father.

6. Children of the Marriage

The Petitioner and Respondent are both the parents of the following dependent children:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrolment Number: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrolment Number: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrolment Number: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrolment Number: _____

If needed, attach additional sheets as Exhibit _____.

7. Parenting Plan

It is in the best interest(s) of the minor child(ren) that the Court adopt the Petitioner's Proposed Parenting Plan, which is filed separately from this Petition.

8. Child Support

Child support should be paid by the mother/ father to the primary residential custodian as follows (*Check only one*):

\$ _____ per month per child, mailed to the Clerk of Court, starting on (*Date: mm/dd/yyyy*) _____ and continuing

until each child reaches the age of 18, is otherwise emancipated, or finishes high school, but in no event later than the child's 19th birthday.

- The Court should establish the monthly child support obligation. Said child support should be payable to the Petitioner and mailed to the Clerk of Court, starting on (*Date: mm/dd/yyyy*) _____, and continuing until each child reaches the age of 18, is otherwise emancipated, or finishes high school, but in no even later than the child's 19th birthday.

9. Medical Support

Medical support should be provided as follows (*Check all that apply*):

- Neither parent has medical insurance coverage available through an employer. Each parent should be responsible for 50% of all uncovered medical costs.
- If medical coverage becomes available through the employer of either or both parents, the parent having coverage available should enroll the child(ren) in a medical plan if such is available at a reasonable cost. Each parent should be responsible for 50% of the cost of the insurance premium. Each parent should be responsible for 50% of all uncovered medical costs.

10. Income Tax Reporting

The Petitioner/ Respondent shall be entitled to claim the child(ren) as dependants for purposes of filing federal and state income tax returns.

11. Real Property (*Check only one*)

- The parties do not own any real property.
- The parties own real property which is located at (*address*): _____

_____.

The property should be distributed as follows: _____

- _____.
- The parties own a home which is situated on a Tribal home site leased lot located at (*address*): _____.
- _____.
- The property should be distributed as follows: _____.
- _____.

12. Vehicles (Including trailers, boats, and snowmobiles) (*Check only one*)

- The parties do not own any vehicles.
- The parties own the following vehicles which should be distributed as follows (*list the year, make, and model for each vehicle*):

To Petitioner:

Vehicle: _____

Vehicle: _____

Vehicle: _____

To Respondent:

Vehicle: _____

Vehicle: _____

Vehicle: _____

13. Personal Property (*Check only one*)

- The parties have already divided their personal property and it is fair and equitable that each party retain the personal property currently in his or her possession.
- The parties have no divided their personal property. A fair and equitable division of all the property is set forth below:

To Petitioner:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 Other: _____

To Respondent:

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 Other: _____

14. Debts and Liabilities (*Check only one*)

- There are no debts of the marriage.
- The parties have accumulated debts during the course of the marriage and a fair and equitable division of those debts is for each party to retain responsibility for the debts currently in his or her name.
- The parties have accumulated debts during the course of the marriage. A fair and equitable division of all debts is set forth below:

To Petitioner:

Creditor's Name	Balance Due

To Respondent:

Creditor's Name	Balance Due

Each party should pay their debts incurred since separation and prior to the marriage.

The Respondent should be responsible for all debts unknown to the Petitioner.

Other: _____
 _____.

15. Spousal Maintenance (*Check only one*)

- Petitioner is not requesting spousal maintenance.
- Petitioner is requesting spousal maintenance as follows: _____
 _____.

16. Restore Maiden Name (*Check only one*)

- Petitioner is requesting that the maiden name of the wife be restored to:
_____.
- Petitioner is not requesting restoration of the wife's maiden name.
- Petitioner does not know whether the wife would like to be restored to her maiden name.

I respectfully request that the Court enter a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage and grant the following relief:

1. Dissolve the parties marriage;
2. Adopt the Petitioner's Proposed Parenting Plan, filed separately from this Petition;
3. Award child support to Petitioner/ Respondent as stated above;
4. Order medical support as stated above;
5. Divide the marital assets and property as stated above;
6. Divide the marital debts and liabilities as stated above;
7. Award spousal maintenance, if requested above;
8. Restore the wife to her maiden name, if requested above; and
9. For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____

Your Name

Your Mailing Address

City State Zip

Your Telephone Number

Petitioner/ **Respondent, Pro Se**

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IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF)

_____,)
Petitioner,)

and)

_____,)
Respondent.)

Cause No. _____

PETITIONER'S/ **RESPONDENT'S
PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN**

I would like the Court to adopt my Proposed Parenting Plan because it is in the best interests of our minor child(ren).

1. Petitioner's Information

Petitioner is the mother/ father of the minor child(ren).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Length of Residence on Reservation: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

2. Respondent's Information

Respondent is the mother/ father of the minor child(ren).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Length of Residence on Reservation: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

3. Child(ren)'s Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

If needed, attach additional sheets listing the other children of the marriage.

4. Objectives of Parenting Plan

This plan is intended to:

- a) Protect our child(ren)'s best interest;
- b) Provide for the physical care of our child(ren);
- c) Provide for our child(ren)'s changing needs as they grow and mature;
- d) Set forth our authority and responsibilities with respect to our children;
- e) Help us avoid expensive future Court battles over our children.

5. Other Legal Actions

The parties have not participated in any other litigation concerning the parenting of the child(ren) listed above. The parties have no information of any custody or parenting proceeding concerning the child(ren) pending in any other court or tribunal in Montana or any other state.

6. Children's Residential Schedule

Both parents have important roles to play in the development of their child(ren).

Petitioner asks the Court to award joint custody to the mother and father with the

mother/ father designated as the primary residential custodian, and the

mother/ father having time with the children as follows (*Check all that apply*):

Every weekend starting on (*day*) _____ at
(*time*) _____ a.m./ p.m. and ending on
(*day*) _____ at (*time*) _____ a.m./ p.m.

The first and third weekend of each month starting on
(*day*) _____ at (*time*) _____ a.m./ p.m.
and ending on (*day*) _____ at
(*time*) _____ a.m./ p.m.

The second and fourth weekend of each month starting on
(*day*) _____ at (*time*) _____ a.m./ p.m.
and ending on (*day*) _____ at
(*time*) _____ a.m./ p.m.

If one party cannot care for the child(ren) during the party's assigned times, the other party shall be given the first chance to be with the children before getting a babysitter, relative, or friend to watch the child(ren). There is no obligation for the parties to consult one another for babysitting arranged to allow either parent to engage in occasional social activities.

7. Transportation

The mother and father will travel an equal distance, or share equally in the transportation expenses, to accommodate transportation of the children to and from their homes.

8. Holiday Schedule

The residential schedule for the child(ren) on holidays is listed below. For each of the holidays listed below except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, if the holiday falls on a Monday, it shall include the Saturday and Sunday before it. If the holiday falls on a Friday, it shall include the Saturday and Sunday immediately following (*Write “even years,” “odd years,” or “every” next to the holiday*):

Holiday	With Mother	With Father
Thanksgiving		
Christmas Eve		
Christmas Day		
New Years Day		
Easter		
Memorial Day		
Labor Day		
President’s Day		
Veterans’ Day		
4 th of July		
Other:		
Other:		
Other:		

The child(ren) will spend Mother’s Day with their mother and Father’s Day with their father.

9. Communication

- a) Each parent shall promote a healthy, beneficial relationship between the other siblings and the other parent and will not demean or speak or act out negatively in any manner that would damage the natural flow of love and caring between either parent and other siblings. The parents shall not make and shall not allow others to make derogatory remarks about the other parent in the children's presence, and neither shall make inquires to the children about what is going on in the other parent's home.
- b) Each parent shall share important information about the children's health, education, discipline and all aspects of the children's upbringing with each other.
- c) Both parents shall update each other with written notice of changes to the following information:
 - i) Changes in residential and mailing addresses;
 - ii) Changes in telephone numbers at home and at work;
 - iii) Changes in day care providers.
- d) Both parents shall limit any contact and discussion between themselves to those issues which pertain to the children.
- e) Both parties shall have equal access to all information relating to the children, including but not limited to, school records, counseling records and medical records.

10. Residential Changes

If either parent's change of residence will significantly affect the children's contact with the other parent, the parties shall follow the following procedure:

- a) The moving parent will:

- i) Provide written notice to the other parent of their intention to change residences;
- ii) Prepare a proposed revised residential schedule;
- iii) Serve the non-moving parent personally or by certified mail not less than 30 days before the proposed change of residence with the written notice of intention to change residences and with the proposed revised residential schedule; and
- iv) File proof of service upon the non-moving parent with the Court named above.

b) If the non-moving parent fails to respond to the written notice of intention to change residences and the proposed revised residential schedule, then the non-moving parent will be deemed to have accepted the proposed revised residential schedule. If the non-moving parent objects to the proposed revised residential schedule, the non-moving parent shall:

- i) Prepare an alternative proposed revised residential schedule or state why the existing residential schedule should continue;
- ii) Serve the moving parent personally or by certified mail within 30 days of the notice and proposed revised residential schedule from the moving parent, the alternative proposed change of residential schedule; and
- iii) File proof of service upon the moving parent with the Court named above.

c) If the parties cannot agree upon a revised residential schedule for the children, they shall promptly make arrangements to mediate their differences as provided below.

d) If the parties cannot agree upon a revised residential schedule for the children after mediation, they may file appropriate petitions and motions with the Court.

11. Dispute Resolution

In the event that the parties are unable to resolve an important conflict involving the children, the parties agree to seek the assistance of a neutral third party acceptable to both parties and try to resolve the differences through confidential mediation.

12. Child Support

The mother/ father agrees to pay child support in the amount of \$ _____ per month for each child until the child reaches the age of 18, or graduates from high school, whichever occurs last, or until the child is otherwise emancipated but not beyond the child's 19th birthday.

The mother/ father shall make child support payments payable to _____, and shall mail the payment to the Clerk of Tribal Court, P. O. Box 278, Pablo, Montana 59855, on or before the 10th of every month.

13. Tax Exemption

The mother/ father shall be entitled to claim future dependency exemptions for the child(ren) on State and Federal income tax returns for all tax returns filed after the adoption of this parenting plan.

The mother/ father shall promptly sign and deliver to the mother/ father all documents required to be submitted to claim this dependency exemption.

14. Day Care Expenses

The mother/ father shall pay daycare expenses for the minor child(ren).

Your Name

Your Mailing Address

City State Zip

Your Telephone Number

Petitioner Pro Se

**IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES
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IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF)
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_____,)
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Petitioner,)
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and)
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_____,)
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Respondent.)
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Cause No. _____

PRAECIPE

To: Civil Process Division, Tribal Police Department, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Please serve the attached Summons, Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, and Proposed Parenting Plan on the following Respondent:

Respondent's Full Name: _____

Respondent's Home Address: _____

Times Respondent is at Home: _____

Respondent's Work Address: _____

Times Respondent is at Work: _____

Describe Respondent's Physical Appearance: _____

Please serve the papers on Respondent as soon as possible. Please return proof of service to me at the address listed above.

Date: _____

Petitioner Pro Se

Print Your Name

Your Name

Your Mailing Address

City State Zip

Your Telephone Number

Petitioner Pro Se

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IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF)

_____,)
Petitioner,)

and)

_____,)
Respondent.)

Cause No. _____

**NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF SERVICE**

NOTICE

To (*Respondent's Name*): _____

(*Respondent's Address*): _____

Enclosed are a copy of a Summons, Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, and Proposed Parenting Plan which have been filed in the Tribal Court of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes.

If you want to avoid having law enforcement serve you with the documents enclosed, you may complete the acknowledgment part of this form and return one copy of the completed form

to the Petitioner in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope, within 30 days after the date it was mailed or given to you as shown below.

If you decide to complete and return this form, you must fill in the address where you received it, then sign and date it and return it to the Petitioner.

If you complete and return this form, you must answer the Petition within fifteen (15) working days (exclusive of holidays and weekends) after the date of your signature if you wish to respond to any relief requested by Petitioner. If you fail to answer the Petition within fifteen (15) working days after the date of your signature, judgment by default will be entered for the relief requested in the Petition.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the original and one copy of this Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt of Summons and Petition, along with a stamped return envelope, were mailed on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

By: _____
Petitioner

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF SUMMONS AND PETITION

I declare under penalty of perjury that I received a copy of the Summons and Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the above-entitled action at (*Address*): _____
_____ on (*Date*): _____.

Respondent

Your Name

Your Mailing Address

City State Zip

Your Telephone Number

Petitioner Pro Se

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Petitioner,)

and)

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Respondent.)

Cause No. _____

**REQUEST FOR DEFAULT HEARING
AND ENTRY OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

I am asking the Court for an Order Granting Default Judgment against the Respondent in this action granting the relief requested in my Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. The Respondent has been properly served with the Summons, Petition, and Proposed Parenting Plan and has failed to respond within the time allowed by law. The Respondent was served on *(date)*:

_____ as shown by the Certificate of Service on the Summons filed with the Court.

I ask that the Court set a date for a default hearing, enter the Respondent's default, and grant judgment by default against the Respondent for the relief requested in the Petition.

Date: _____

Petitioner Pro Se