

FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION

Bitterroot Salish – Séliš, Pend d'Oreille – Qlispé, Kootenai – Ktunaxa-Ksanka

Tribal Seal Description: “The official seal of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes shows one of the last chiefs, Chief Koostatah, standing on a rock outcropping that overlooks roaring white water. The current seal was inspired by a talented young tribal artist, Corky Clairmont, who had not yet reached high school at the time. This was the early '60s. Corky is now passing his artistry to a new generation at Salish Kootenai College. He said in an interview that his original intention was to show the people connecting to the land and water. He chose one of the last chiefs to help capture that sacred connection. The original work was revamped in the early 1980s, which made the raised hand more of a pointing gesture. More colors and textures were also added.”

Tribal Website: <http://www.cskt.org/index.htm>

Salish & Kootenai Timeline: <http://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/Indian%20Education/Social%20Studies/K-12%20Resources/Flathead%20Timeline.pdf>

