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Together — Members of the Grand Ronde Canoe Family (top) pulled hard through the Puget Sound about five miles west of Seattle. At right, *Smoke Signals* Photojournalist and Tribal member Toby McClary (white shirt) gets a break from taking pictures and takes a turn paddling in the journey.



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Tribal Leaders — Canoe family members Travis Mercier (l to r), Richard "Bubba" Sohappay and Bobby Mercier drum and sing as they lead the 40 plus family members to their protocol in Suquamish.



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Tribal Support — A group of Grand Ronde Tribal Elders, including Val Grout (second from right) cheer as the canoes reach their final destination at Sand Point.



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Finish Line — More than 60 canoes landed at Sand Point on Lake Washington on Monday, July 31. From Sand Point, the canoe families then headed for the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation and celebrated for five days where each participating Tribe shared traditional songs, dances and spoke of the importance of their experiences.