



Tribal Council Resolution 2022-03

Participation in the Southeast AK Tribal Fish and Game Advisory Board

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is coordinating the formation of a Southeast Alaska Tribal Fish & Game Advisory Board to strengthen the position of Southeast Alaska Tribes with both the State and Federal Governments as it pertains to subsistence management; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial the Tlingit & Haida peoples of Southeast Alaska have lived off the land and sustained themselves with subsistence resources; and

WHEREAS, subsistence resources nourish the Tlingit & Haida peoples, supporting their physical and spiritual health; and

WHEREAS, preserving and protecting historic and traditional subsistence practices provides opportunities for cultural understanding and helps current and future generations keep alive Tlingit & Haida traditions and way of life; and

WHEREAS, managing our subsistence resources not only improves and ensures continued access for Tlingit & Haida peoples to these resources, but also benefits the ecosystem as Tlingit & Haida people have been the most successful stewards of these resources for over 10,000 years; and

WHEREAS, managing our subsistence resources is an expression of sovereignty;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Southeast Alaska Tribal Fish & Game Advisory Board is to coordinate large-scale projects across Southeast Alaska, including, but not limited to: preserving our cultural way of life through teaching the use and care of subsistence resources; providing local technical support to communities and education on subsistence harvesting and gathering techniques; and providing a single point of contact for State and Federal Governments to discuss and negotiate with tribes on matters surrounding fish & game resource issues; and

WHEREAS, this Southeast Alaska Tribal Fish & Game Advisory Board has the potential to: assert tribal sovereignty through tribal management of subsistence resources; remove the ¼ blood quantum requirement for the harvesting and use of marine mammals (sea otter, Steller sea lion, and harbor seals); and remove barriers to governance, economic development, education, health care, public safety and law enforcement surrounding subsistence issues; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board will not have a lead entity, but as the federally recognized Southeast Alaska Regional Tribal Organization, Tlingit & Haida is well positioned to coordinate the creation of this Southeast Alaska Tribal Fish & Game Advisory Board in cooperation with other Southeast Alaska Tribes; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Skagway Traditional Council hereby joins the Southeast Alaska Tribal Fish & Game Advisory Board proposed by Tlingit & Haida.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called meeting of the Tribal Council of the STC

held on 2/8/2022 at which a quorum was present by a vote of

4 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT.


STC - Tribal President

Attest:


STC - Tribal Secretary