



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 22-78

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe's wholly owned enterprise Salish Seafoods in partnership with the Tribe's Natural Resources Department made use of shellfish settlement funds, obtained in payment for the loss of the Tribe's treaty fishing rights with respect to shellfish within its usual and accustomed fishing areas, to undertake habitat and other enhancements to increase the geoduck population growing on trust lands on Squaxin Island, the original reservation of the Squaxin Island Tribe; and

WHEREAS, that effort has proven successful, and the sale, harvest, transport, and processing of geoduck from the enhanced Island beds has yielded profit to Salish Seafoods, an arm of the Squaxin Island Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to return to its membership a portion of the earnings from these treaty fishing activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council directs a one-time distribution of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) per enrolled member to be paid from the proceeds of the 2022 harvest and sale of geoducks from Squaxin Island by Salish Seafoods;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal Council has determined the payment shall be tax-exempt by reason of Internal Revenue Code§ 7873, and that no income tax shall be withheld nor shall any garnishment or other withholding be made, whether for Tribal or third party debt, with respect to the payments authorized by this Resolution;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said distribution shall not be paid directly to any incarcerated tribal member and shall instead be paid to an identified payee or held in trust in accordance with the existing policies and conventions of the Tribe regarding member distributions;

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on December 8, 2022, at which time a quorum was present and was passed unanimously.

Kristopher Peters

Kristopher Peters (Dec 8, 2022 17:09 PST)

Kristopher Peters, Chair

Attested by: 
Patrick Braese (Dec 8, 2022 17:10 PST)

Pat Braese, Secretary

Jaimie Cruz

Jaimie Cruz (Dec 8, 2022 18:45 PST)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair












Geoduck payment

Final Audit Report

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