



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 11- 17

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 Tribe currently imposes a 4% landing tax on all fish and shellfish sold by Tribal harvesters and imposes the tax on the harvester pursuant to SIT §7.18.070; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Department incurs a cost from administering and collecting the fish and shellfish taxes, which are not a significant source of revenue to the Department; and

WHEREAS, the fish and shellfish taxes may help to discourage tribal members and their families from fishing and shellfishing, which are activities that are integral to the Tribe's culture and that the Tribe desires to encourage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby establishes the 4% fish and shellfish taxes (but not the sub-tidal aquatic resource (geoduck) stumpage tax) as zero as of March 10, 2011, the date that the Tribal Council approved this action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council directs the Natural Resources Department to revise its fishing and shellfishing regulations as needed to reflect the zero rate of the taxes; and

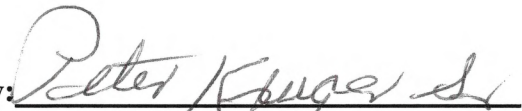
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that tribal harvesters must still pay any fish or shellfish taxes owed for transactions that occurred before March 10, 2011.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 24 day of March, 2011, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.



David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 

Peter Kruger, Secretary



Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman