



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 14- 32

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**, Judge Boldt recognized that the treaty fishing right includes the right of a treaty fisher to be assisted by his or her spouse, forebears, children, grandchildren and siblings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe has experienced abuse of the Treaty right through sham marriages, and therefore had amended the finfish code to require, among other things, a waiting period before the spousal right attached; and

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Code, Section 7.12.010, requires a one-year waiting period after marriage before a spouse may accompany a Tribal member as a family assistant during Treaty finfishing; and

**WHEREAS**, no other chapters in the Natural Resources Code require a spousal waiting after marriage; and

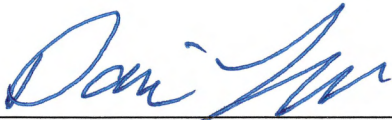
**WHEREAS**, since the Natural Resources Code requires that all spouses must permanently reside in the Tribal member's household, the Tribe can disqualify a spouse who fails to meet that criterion;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 7.12.010 of the Treaty Finfish chapter is hereby amended to read:

"Spouse" means the person to whom a member is married and who permanently resides in the member's household. ~~However, for purposes of family assistance pursuant to this chapter, one year must expire from the date of the marriage.~~

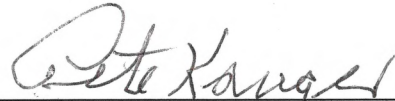
### CERTIFICATION

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 22 day of May, 2014, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.



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David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:



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Pete Kruger, Secretary

  
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Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman