



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 00-12
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 authority of the Constitution and By-Laws 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, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; 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 with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; 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 is a major participant in shellfish and salmon management and restoration as a co-manager with federal and state counterparts; and

WHEREAS, to carry out its responsibilities as a co-manager of the fishery resources, the Squaxin Island Tribe needs access to legal and historical information on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission has assembled significant cultural, historical, legal and other factual information relevant to shellfish and salmon management and restoration, which is of great value to the Squaxin Island Tribe as a co-manager of the fishery resources; and

WHEREAS, the project proposed by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission will strengthen the ability of the Squaxin Island Tribe to carry out its responsibilities as a co-manager of the fishery resources, as well as to exercise its treaty and governance rights; and

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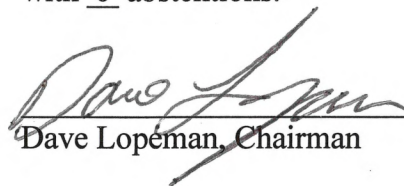
WHEREAS, the rural location of the Squaxin Island Tribe makes access to needed legal and historical information difficult and expensive without the type of computerized information provided by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe believes that access to the documents assembled and to be assembled by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission will promote cooperation among tribes and may reduce the need for court intervention;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby offers its full support to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission's grant application to continue with the computerization of the files in the treaty rights litigation in *United States v. Washington*.


CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 27th day of April, 2000, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

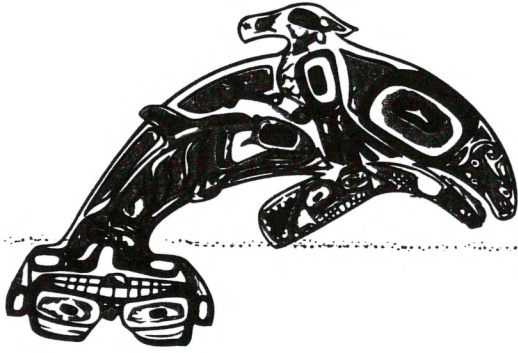


Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: Sue McFarlane
Sue McFarlane, Secretary



Cal Peters, Vice Chairman



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April 27, 2000

Funding Representative
Granting Agency

Re: NWIFC U.S. v. Washington Computerization Project

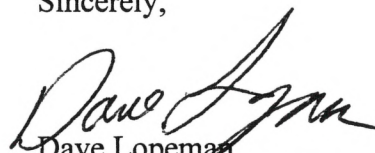
Dear Funding Agency:

The Squaxin Island Tribe wishes to offer its full support of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission's application for funding to advance its *U.S. v. Washington* database computerization project.

The Squaxin Island Tribe has an ongoing need for legal, historical, cultural and other information to carry out its responsibilities as a co-manager of the shellfish and salmon resources in Washington State. Information necessary to perform these responsibilities, and to protect the Squaxin Island Tribe's treaty rights and governance interests, is contained in the vast number of documents created in the more than twenty years of *U.S. v. Washington* litigation. This information is difficult and expensive to access because of its volume, and because of its physical storage distant from the Squaxin Island Tribe's rural location.

The Squaxin Island Tribe applauds and supports the efforts of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission to assemble this information in a usable format, and to make it accessible to Tribes. Not only will the availability of this information strengthen the ability of each tribe to carry out its co-management responsibilities, but its availability will promote cooperation among tribes, and may reduce the need for ongoing court intervention.

Sincerely,


Dave Lopeman
Tribal Council Chairman

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