



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 02-100

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 the 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 Harstine Oyster Company, a division of Island Enterprises which is the economic development branch of Squaxin Island Tribe apart from the Little Creek Casino, provides the highest quality cultured shellfish products, while effectively and efficiently utilizing tribal land and resources, continuously striving to set a precedent for premier standards within the shellfish industry by offering product superiority through improved husbandry practices, quality assurance and consistent supply; **and**

WHEREAS, the Harstine Oyster Company, owns and operates an oyster scow in the daily husbandry activities associated with the general management, culture, cultivation, maintenance, protection, and harvest of commercially viable quantities of oysters and other shellfish; **and**

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WHEREAS, the physical condition of the Harstine Oyster Company scow has deteriorated to the point that maintenance costs are excessive and unacceptable, time in dry-dock is restricting operations to the detriment of profitability, safety of the crew and company personnel is compromised, and in fact, the scow sunk during 2002 requiring the costly process of refloating the vessel; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is dedicated to enhancing the ability of rural communities to develop, grow, and improve their quality of life by targeting financial assistance and technical resources in areas of greatest need through activities of greatest potential; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that the USDA has announced the availability of funds under a national competition for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program for small rural communities and tribes to finance and facilitate development of small and emerging private business enterprises located in rural areas of the State.

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that a tribal match is required and that the Tribe commits \$28,600 as a 27.5% cash match to help fund the \$104,000 total project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby establishes as a priority the continuing safety and security of Harstine Oyster Company personnel engaged in oyster cultivation, management, harvesting, and processing operations for the Squaxin Island Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council identifies the Harstine Oyster Company scow as community equipment used at times by other Tribal Departments as a vital asset essential to the economic interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council authorizes submittal of a grant application to the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant program to purchase and outfit a new Harstine Oyster Company scow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director during an absence of the Executive Director, to be the Tribe's representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization for this project; and that these authorities shall be for the duration of the funded project.

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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 10th day of October, 2002, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

Pete Kruger, Sr. (acting chair)
Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Paula Henry, Jr.
Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman

Attested by:

~~Pete Kruger, Sr.~~
Pete Kruger, Sr., Secretary