



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 02- 112

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 Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes the necessity to conduct environmental reviews and develop environmental assessments concerning the natural resources on Tribal land in order to manage, preserve and protect those resources and to prepare for land acquisition and development actions, **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council finds that it is authorized and empowered to authorize the Natural Resources Department Director to conduct environmental reviews and develop environmental assessments concerning the natural resources on Tribal land in order to manage, preserve, and protect those resources and to prepare for land acquisition and development actions, **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council realizes that the Natural Resources Department must require a written request to conduct an environmental review at least 90 days prior to any land acquisitions or land development actions, in order to provide enough time to conduct thorough environmental reviews and develop environmental assessments concerning the natural resources on Tribal lands, and to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that the Natural Resources Department requires the necessary funding to conduct environmental reviews and develop environmental assessments concerning the natural resources on Tribal land in conjunction with land acquisition and development actions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby requires the Tribe's Office of Planning, Office of Community Development, Island Enterprises, and the Little Creek Casino, to submit a written request to the Tribe's Natural Resources Department for environmental review assistance as soon as a parcel is actively considered for acquisition and or at least 90 days prior to any and all land development actions, **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribe's Natural Resources Department to act as Lead Agency Coordinator in the development of environmental documentation for the purposes outlined in this resolution, and to develop policy guidelines to support these actions, **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribe's Office of Planning, Office of Community Development, Island Enterprises, Little Creek Casino, and the Natural Resources Department to discuss the funding issues and develop funding sources that enable the Natural Resources Department to provide environmental review services for Tribal land acquisition and development.

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 3 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


Dave Lopeman, Chairman


Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman

Attested by: 

Pete Kruger, Sr., Secretary