

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 02- 71
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 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 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 understands that the United States Department of Agriculture has announced the availability of funds under a national competition for Economic Impact Initiative Grants for small rural communities and tribes; and,

WHEREAS, the Harstine Oyster Company, a Division of Island Enterprise, a Squaxin Island Tribal Enterprise 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,

WHEREAS, the physical condition of the 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 the scow, in fact, sunk during 2002 requiring the costly process of re-floating the vessel.

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

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

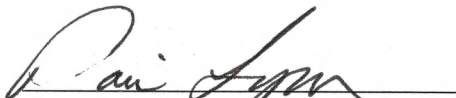
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby require and authorize the Director of Island Enterprises to seek, identify, pursue, and reserve funding for a new scow consistent with the prudent fiscal management of Harstine Oyster Company.

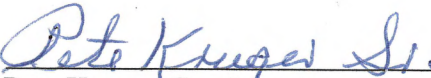
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Director of Island Enterprises to submit a grant proposal to the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program for an Economic Impact Initiative Grant to purchase and outfit a new Oyster Company scow.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman or the Director of Island Enterprises to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization during the purchase and outfitting of a new Oyster Company scow.

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 25th day of July, 2002 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: 
Pete Kruger, Sr., Secretary


Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman