



## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

### RESOLUTION NO. 04-39

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 is aware that the Deschutes Estuary - an important natural resource area of the Squaxin Island Tribe located in Olympia and Tumwater, Washington - is covered by a freshwater impoundment formed by a dam built across the tide flats called Capitol Lake; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that decommissioning the lake and restoring the Deschutes Estuary to its former footprint would add 260 acres of tidally inundated habitat and about 6.5 miles of shoreline to southern Puget Sound; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware of Squaxin Department of Natural Resources participation in the Capitol Lake Adaptive Management Plan (CLAMP) Steering Committee, a regional group of tribal, state, city, and county representatives to help determine a long-range management decision for the Deschutes Estuary; **and**

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**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tribal Wildlife Grant funds are available to complete three environmental studies that will address environmental problems and support restoration of the Deschutes Estuary; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that \$9,545 in Tribal Self-Governance environmental funds are available to support the \$100,590 project per the BIA Annual Funding Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the submittal of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tribal Wildlife Grant project proposal requesting \$100,590 to complete three environmental studies that will help determine a long-range management decision for the Deschutes Estuary.

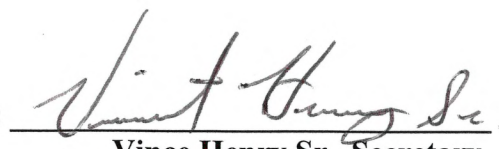
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby commit \$9,545 in Tribal Self-Governance environmental funds to support this project.


**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.

#### 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:   
Vince Henry Sr., Secretary

  
Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman