



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 80-25 of the SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians by the 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 Tribal Council is responsible for managing tribal real property, Const. Art. III §1 (b), and for the management of tribal fisheries resources under the decision of the court in United States v. Washington, 384 F. Supp. 312 (W. D. Wash. 1974); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has consistently opposed the proposals of the Northern Tier Pipeline Company, both for an around-the-sound pipeline and for a submerged pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council knows that any significant oil spill in the waters of Puget Sound, even in the Northern part of the Sound, will be spread by tides, winds and currents to South Puget Sound, including Squaxin Island and parts of Hartstine Island that are reservation lands; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also knows that such an oil spill would have a disastrous effect on the fish resources of South Puget Sound, and therefore on the economic well-being of the many tribal members who fish commercially and for personal and family subsistence; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also knows that pollution of the beaches and waters surrounding Squaxin Island and on the Hartstine Island Reservation will devastate the Hartstine Oyster Company, the largest single tribal enterprise, and result in a loss of oyster and clam production for at least seven years; and

WHEREAS, the Hartstine Oyster Company contributes significantly to the economic well-being of the Tribal and tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Treaty of Medicine Creek of 1854, at Art. 3, secured to tribal members the right to take shellfish at all usual and accustomed areas; and

WHEREAS, a great many individual tribal members exercise this right to take shellfish, and particularly clams and oysters, for subsistence and commercial purposes from reservation beaches; and

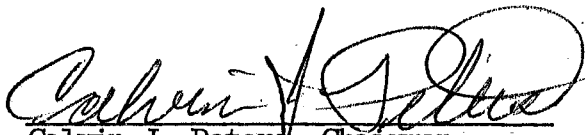
WHEREAS, the pollution of the beaches and waters surrounding Squaxin Island and on the Hartstine Island Reservation will also devastate the economic well-being of those tribal members who harvest shellfish for subsistence or commercial purposes; and


WHEREAS, the Lower Elwha, Port Gamble, Skokomish, Tulalip, Stillaguamish, Upper Skagit and Swinomish Tribes have filed suit in federal district court to stop the unlawful approval process of the Northern Tier Pipeline Company proposal for a submerged pipeline;

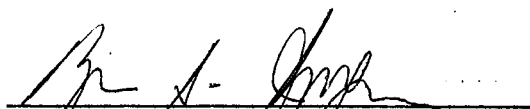
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby directs its Reservation Attorney to join with the aforementioned Tribes in their attempt to stop the Northern Tier Pipeline proposal, and to take all steps necessary to ensure the representation of the Squaxin Island Tribe by the Evergreen Legal Services, Native American Project in this matter.

- CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held on this 12th day of April, 1980, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 3 for, 0 against.


Calvin J. Peters, Chairman

ATTESTED BY: 
Mike Peters, Secretary


Bryan A. Johnson, Vice-Chairman