



## **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

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#### **RESOLUTION NO: 86-51**

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 Squaxin Island Tribe manages reservation and Tribally owned terrestrial and aquatic lands and the associated waters to maintain and protect superior environmental quality; and

Whereas; the purpose of the Tribal management is to achieve a balance of Tribal benefits, including renewable resource production, environmental protection, and revenue production; and

Whereas; aquaculture has demonstrated its economic viability as a beneficial renewable resource activity; and

Whereas; it is to the benefit of the Tribe that aquaculture around Squaxin Island develop in an environmentally sound manner; and

Whereas; it is in the best interest of the Tribe to methodically evaluate individual and cumulative impacts of aquaculture projects on other land and water uses and resources;

It is hereby resolved that: the Squaxin Island Tribe adopt a aquatic land use plan for aquaculture and related activities which consists of the following elements:

1. All aquaculture projects shall be compatible with existing salmonid enhancement activities, aquaculture activities, and with traditional Tribal uses of the natural resources.
2. All aquaculture projects shall be sponsored by the Tribe or one of its members.
3. Applicants for all proposed aquaculture projects and activities that have an effect on surrounding habitat, or existing salmonid enhancement or aquaculture uses shall provide the Tribe with on-site data and/or literature derived evidence for evaluation of the potential impact. This evidence should include:

A. Documentation of past sampling results and/or an ongoing sampling regime measuring a number of environmental quality factors including chemical analyses of water and sediment samples, characterization of communities of infauna and epifauna surrounding the aquaculture activity, and calculated figures indicating the production densities anticipated for the proposed activity and its estimated input of nutrients to the natural system.

B. Depth of water and current velocity and direction measured throughout several tidal cycles at the proposed site.

C. The dimensions of proposed structures and their orientation to land, aquatic bedlands, and currents.


D. Management strategies including maximum rearing or production densities, seasonal duration of occupancy and use, feed type and feeding strategies (if applicable), and anticipated use of medication or introduction of any foreign materials to the water.

4. All structures in or on the water associated with aquaculture activities shall comply with standards established by the Squaxin Island Tribe's Natural Resources Department. Such structures shall be limited in size to one acre surface area.

5. The Tribal Natural Resources Manager, with approval from the Tribal Council, may enter into agreements with comparable federal, state, Tribal or local agencies relating to aquaculture activities.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1986, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for, and 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
David W. Whitener, Chairman

Attested by:   
David E. Lopeman, Secretary

  
Evie Allen, Vice Chairperson