

## **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

## RESOLUTION NO. 95-05 of the SOUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe 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, under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, and general welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribal Reservation residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, on behalf of the community, places the highest priority on re-establishing a self-sufficient and self-contained lifestyle which is the traditional way of the People; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council manages Squaxin Island as a place where Tribal Members are able to exercise their treaty rights in the natural environment in a traditional manner; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes competing demand for Island commodity (e.g., fish, shellfish, timber, land) and non-commodity (wetlands, cultural, flora, fauna, etc.) resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that in order to balance the use of commodity and non-commodity resources in ways that meet the goals established by the Squaxin Island Tribe, comprehensive resource management planning needs to be undertaken; and,

WHEREAS, under the direction of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, the Natural Resources Department has attempted in the past to secure funding from various agencies for a comprehensive resource management planning effort;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council on behalf of the Squaxin Island Tribe does hereby approve submission of applications to appropriate state and federal agencies and private foundations, including but not limited to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Administration for Native Americans, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting that these agencies fund projects aimed at undertaking comprehensive resource management planning to include wetlands identification and functional assessment, archaeological overview, shellfish and anadramous fisheries habitat evaluation, endangered species and wildlife habitat overview, and environmental assessment for Squaxin Island; and,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman or the Tribal Executive Director to be the Tribe's representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization for these projects; and that these authorities shall be for the duration of all funded projects.

## **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 day of day and 1995, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 3 for and 0 against with 2 abstentions.

David E.Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:

Dave Whitener, Secretary

Cal Peters, Vice Chairman