

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 95 - 41

OF THE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation by 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, education and general welfare of tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe, a federally recognized Tribe located in Shelton, Washington, in Southern Puget Sound, desires to promote the protection and preservation of its fish and wildlife resources through proper management for the use of its members and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) has been in existence since 1983 and has an established national office to assist the tribes in :

1. Establishing new fish and wildlife programs;
2. Supporting funding for tribal fish and wildlife programs;
3. Educating and training Indian fish and wildlife biologists, managers, technicians and conservation officers.
4. Representing future tribal fish and wildlife needs through the Congressional process; and
5. Promoting tribal management capabilities on a national level through an exchange of information via newsletters, technical bulletins, other pertinent information as well as regional training/workshops.

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe fully supports the efforts and activities of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society as stated above and in the Society's Articles of Incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is a member of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society and participates in the services provided by the organization and its staff; and

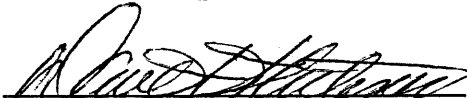
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe supports the efforts of the NAFWS to secure funding to maintain the organization and the services that will be provided directly to tribal fish and wildlife programs.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 18th day of May, 1995 at which a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 2 for, and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:


Dave Whitener, Secretary

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Cal Peters, Vice Chairman



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INVITATION

April 12, 1995

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Board of Directors of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (Society), during its February meeting, waived the required fees for Tribal Memberships. The Board's decision was based on the direction the new Congress is taking and the likelihood that federal funding will decrease in the future.

The Society's Board of Directors is sensitive to tribal concerns regarding natural resource management as well as all the other issues facing Indian people and the financial resources required to address those issues. As a result, the Society Directors would like to extend an invitation to all tribes to join us and participate in the various programs we have available to our members.

Society members have immediate access to technical assistance gleaned from an extensive in-house natural resource library, a computerized data base entitled "Tribal Watershed Forum" (containing information on the number and variety of water related programs that have been initiated nationally) and a Technical Resources Director who is dedicated to assisting tribal governments and individual members with their technical assistance questions.

FY94 marked the second year that the Society has initiated the most pro-active budget in the organization's 13 year history. Funding has been set aside for each region to identify and conduct trainings and workshops in various aspects of natural resource management. Each region identifies its training needs and the logistics of the workshop is coordinated and funded by the Society's national office. A few examples of the training opportunities offered last year are as follows: Conservation Law Enforcement, Integrated Resource Management and Natural Resource Program Development.

In addition, the Society is currently in the planning process for its 5th annual Native American Environmental Summer Youth Practicum which will be conducted in Colorado this summer. Due to limited space, the program is competitive and all expenses (travel, lodging and meals) are provided to selected students. The program offers an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to travel and meet their peers from other reservations across the country (including Alaska) and learn about natural resource management and potential career opportunities.

All that is required for tribal membership status is for the petitioning tribe to fill out and adopt the attached sample resolution. *Even if your tribe is a current member of the Society, we are still asking for the attached resolution to be resubmitted so that we can update our files.* When submitting the membership resolution, please identify a tribal contact in the correspondence so that we will know whom to send our quarterly newsletters, annual reports, training surveys, program announcements and other pertinent information.

During this time of shrinking federal budgets and the general lack of funding for tribal natural resource management efforts, collaboration and partnerships will be needed to adequately address the needs of our fish and wildlife resources (the resources we hold so dearly and depend upon as Native People). Relying on having strength in numbers, the more support and memberships we can muster, the stronger we will become; thereby, giving us a resounding collective voice that will be heard in Washington and which cannot be ignored.

Please contact the Society's corporate offices at (303) 466-1725 if you have any questions or need additional information. Completed resolutions can be sent to the attention of Sally Carufel-Williams at NAFWS, 750 Burbank Street, Broomfield, Colorado 80020.