

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 97-58
of the
SQUAXIN 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 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 and Bylaws 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, pursuant to Article 3 of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, reaffirms that "the right of taking fish, at all usual and accustomed grounds and stations, is further secured to said Indians in common with all citizens ...;" and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware of the new requirement by the Environmental Protection Agency that tribes must first be approved for "treatment in a manner similar to a state" (TAS) in order to receive EPA funding for certain Clean Water Act program activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that submission of an application for TAS requires that the Squaxin Island Tribe demonstrates that it has the ability to respond to and abate any discharges of pollutants to the waters of the U.S. over which the Tribe exercises its legitimate legal authority; and,

WHEREAS, such emergency response authority is essential to the protection of the water resources upon which the Squaxin Island Tribal Reservation residents depend for their health, security, and general welfare; and,

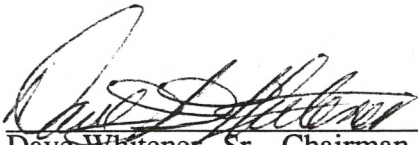
WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council observes that the State of Washington exercises responsibilities delegated by the U.S. EPA for certain waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, in order to secure the right of taking fish, at all usual and accustomed grounds and stations, by the descendants of parties to the Treaty of Medicine Creek in common with all citizens, participates with the State of Washington to manage water resources within certain waters of the U.S.

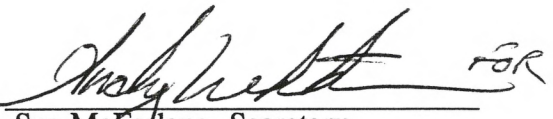
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council approves that the attached TAS Application for "Treatment in a Manner Similar to A State" be submitted to EPA in support of applications for grant funding through EPA's Section 106 Program for the Tribe's continuing participation in the Washington State Coordinated Water Quality Program.

CERTIFICATION

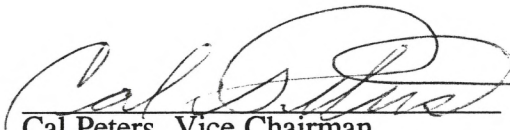
The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 13th day of Nov., 1997, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



Dave Whitener, Sr., Chairman

Attested by:  FOR

Sue McFarlane, Secretary



Cal Peters, Vice Chairman