



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 23- 31

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies 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, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty 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 of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe desires to convey title to real property, known as "Quarters Point" more specifically described as Mason County Parcel Nos. 31914-10-80830, 31914-24-90032, and 31914-40-80840, and further described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto (the "Property") to the United States of America in trust for the benefit of the Tribe pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 465 and 25 C.F.R. Part 151;

WHEREAS, the Property is centrally located between the Tribe's original Island reservation and present-day inland administration and housing centers and will provide critical access for aquaculture and the treaty harvest of shellfish in keeping with the culture and lifeways of the Squaxin people; and

WHEREAS, Title evidence issued by Mason County Title Company contains Special Exceptions that must be addressed before the Department of the Interior can accept the Property in trust; and

WHEREAS, Special Exception No. 3 as identified in Mason County Title Preliminary Title Insurance Commitment No. 126942 notes that the deed provides the State of Washington with a reservation of mineral and resource rights and such rights include a right of ingress and egress for removing products; and

WHEREAS, Special Exception No. 4 notes the potential application of the Bush and/or Callow Acts, which Acts generally and in part require the use of certain property as oysterlands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe affirms its awareness and acknowledgement of the reservation of mineral and other resource rights and affirms that such rights will not interfere with its proposed use of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe affirms its awareness and acknowledgement of the potential application of the Bush and/or Callow Acts and affirms that such rights will not interfere with its proposed use of the property.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in making the affirmations, acknowledgements, and agreements described in this Resolution, the Tribe does not agree any particular law, obligation, or item noted herein is valid or enforceable.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 15 day of June, 2023, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.



Kris Peters, Chairman

Attested by:



Patrick Braese, Secretary



Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chairman