



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-66

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 the tribal members, and with 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 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), under the Department of Commerce has provided multiple Notices of Funding Opportunity under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, including the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge, the NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant, and others; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe has for many years advocated for the removal of the 5th Avenue dam across the Deschutes waterway in Olympia, Washington as it partially blocks fish migration and impacts important estuarine habitat; **and**

WHEREAS, the State of Washington issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Capitol Lake – Deschutes Estuary Long-Term Management Project last year for which the Preferred Alternative is the removal of the dam and the restoration of the estuary; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe wants to assist in the planning, design, and financial support of the dam removal project and coastal climate resilience by working with multiple parties including the State of Washington and the local jurisdictions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council authorizes Tribal support for grant applications submitted by other parties that will affect the outcome of the removal of the 5th Avenue dam while protecting and restoring critical habitat for fish species that are the subject of reserved treaty rights; **and**


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes and directs the Natural Resources Department to execute documents on behalf of the tribe in support of these proposals while providing regular updates to the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on 26th of October, 2023, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstained.

Kristopher K Peters
Kristopher K Peters (Oct 30, 2023 06:02 PDT)

Kris Peters, Chair

Attested by: 
Patrick Braese (Oct 30, 2023 06:47 PDT)

Pat Braese, Secretary

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Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair












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