



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 24-20

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, by Tribal Council Resolution 22-80, the Tribal Council approved and adopted the bylaws of Natural Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, by recommendation of the Natural Resources Committee, the Tribal Council now wishes to amend the Committee Membership and Terms and the Meeting Schedule of the Natural Resources Committee bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the amendments to the bylaws of the Natural Resources Committee, in the same form as attached hereto;

FINALLY, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon Tribal Council's appointment of the one (1) alternate member, in accordance with its policies and procedures.

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 14th day of March, 2024, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

Kris Peters
Kris Peters (Mar 15, 2024 10:25 PDT)

Kristopher Peters, Chair

Attested by: *Marvin E. Campbell*
Marvin E. Campbell (Mar 15, 2024 10:35 PDT)

Marvin Campbell, Treasurer

Jaimie Cruz
Jaimie Cruz (Mar 15, 2024 12:05 PDT)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair

**Squaxin Island Tribal
Natural Resources Committee By-Laws
(Aquatics, Fish, Shellfish, Wildlife)**

Purpose of the Natural Resources Committee: The **Natural Resources** Committee is established by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council to provide advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of fish, aquatic sub-tidal shellfish, inter-tidal shellfish, and wildlife resources. The Committee may also be asked to provide comment and recommendations concerning other natural resources issues including and not limited to water resources, forest products, and gathering.

Authority of Committee: The Committee is authorized to provide advice and recommendations to the Tribal Council and the Natural Resources Department. The Committee is **not authorized to give direction to any staff members or independently establish policy**. The **Natural Resources** Committee will abide by the provisions of the Squaxin Island Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance.

Committee Membership and Terms: The **Natural Resources** Committee will consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by Council, including two (2) members selected for their expertise with respect to aquatic sub-tidal shellfish, two (2) members selected for their expertise with respect to fish, two (2) members selected for their expertise with respect to inter-tidal shellfish, two (2) members selected for their expertise with respect to wildlife, ~~and one (1) additional member with expertise in any of these areas, one (1) alternate, and one (1) non-voting Tribal Council representative.~~ Voting members and the alternate will serve staggered three (3) year terms.

Quorum. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

Removals and Resignations. All members shall be subject to removal by the Tribal Council for failure to fulfill their responsibilities and/or failure to use discretion in confidential matters outside committee meetings. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Committee member shall be removed if she or he has three consecutive absences without good cause from regularly scheduled meetings within a ~~one-year~~one-year timeframe. Vacancies on the **Natural Resources** Committee due to resignation or removal shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Officers: At its first regularly scheduled meeting after Council appoints or reappoints the committee membership, the committee will elect a Committee Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson, and a secretary for a ~~one-year~~one-year term.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings and shall receive and coordinate all matters to be reviewed by the Committee. The Chairperson shall report committee activities to the Tribal Council and/or the Natural Resources Director, and/or Natural Resources Staff designated by the Director, as the need arises or upon request.

The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in their absence.

The Secretary shall keep records of the meetings and record all recommendations to be made to the Tribal Council.

Decision Making Authority: Decisions on issues will be voted on by a voice vote. A vote shall be considered to be official if passed by a simple majority. Best efforts will be used to achieve a consensus view within the Committee as to its recommendations. Recommendations will be presented to Council. If there is not a consensus the Chairperson will present the minority and majority positions to the Council.

Meeting Schedule: ~~Generally~~Generally, the Committee will meet each ~~January~~ ~~February~~, ~~April~~June, and ~~June~~October to discuss natural resource issues or review and approve annual regulations. Additional meetings can and may be scheduled throughout the year as needed. Committee members will be notified of a scheduled meeting by written notice or by documented phone calls. The community will be notified of the meetings in the Daily Scoop. At least once a year, the committee will have a scheduled work session with Tribal Council to discuss how the previous year went, and have open dialogue on topics the committee is concerned or interested about.

Open Meetings. Meetings shall be open to the community. Emergency meetings may be held when necessary.

Staff Support: The Committee shall be supported by staff from the Natural Resources Department and, when requested by the Chairperson, the Legal Department.

Meeting Procedure: Meetings will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order. The chairperson will prepare and distribute an agenda. Committee members will wait 15 minutes past scheduled meeting time for a quorum to be present.

Minutes and Reporting Requirements: Minutes will be recorded at each meeting. The secretary shall record the minutes. Minutes shall be approved by the committee at the next scheduled meeting. All minutes shall reflect who attended the meeting.

Reports: An annual report for each fiscal year shall be submitted to the Tribal Council and to the Tribal Administrator on or before November 15th of each year.











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