



COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE

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RESOLUTION CY21085

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY (Coquille River Salmon)

- WHEREAS,** the Coquille Indian Tribe ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe pursuant to the Coquille Indian Restoration Act of June 28, 1989, 25 U.S.C. § 715, et seq. ("the Act"); AND
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe is governed by the Coquille Tribal Council pursuant to the Tribal Constitution adopted by eligible voters of the Tribe on August 27, 1991, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on September 9, 1991; and the Tribal Council is empowered to establish Tribal policies, enact Tribal laws and act for the Tribe; AND
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's history, culture and identity is intertwined with the lands, waters, wildlife, resources and lifeways of our aboriginal territory; AND
- WHEREAS,** one of the key resources to the continuity of Coquille Tribal culture is the Salmon that run within the Tribe's namesake river from its mouth in Bandon, Oregon to deep within the mountains of Southwestern Oregon; AND
- WHEREAS,** since time immemorial, tribal members have transmitted traditional ecological knowledge about how to use, respect, nurture, live with, learn from and take care of our salmon; AND
- WHEREAS,** the sharing of this traditional ecological knowledge between generations of Coquille people depends on healthy and resilient salmon populations AND
- WHEREAS,** part of the Tribe's intergenerational teaching is that the salmon are the Tribe's relatives, and that Tribal members must protect their relatives from being termination or extirpation; AND
- WHEREAS,** because it is an important species, any impacts to salmon populations signal an imbalance in ecological interrelationships with all species, including humans; AND

WHEREAS, healthy Coquille River Fall Chinook populations support all five of the following objectives set forth in the Preamble to the Constitution of the Coquille Indian Tribe:

1. Preservation of Coquille Indian Culture and Tribal Identity.
 2. Promotion of social and economic welfare of Coquille Indians.
 3. Enhancement of our common resources.
 4. Maintenance of peace and order.
 5. Safeguard[ing] individual rights of tribal members.
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WHEREAS, in addition to the critical, direct and timeless relationship that Coquille people share with Coquille River salmon, this resource also provides substantial and recurring support for the ecological, economic, recreational, and social needs of the non-Tribal community; AND

WHEREAS, to protect the Tribe, its culture, our friendship with the salmon, the surrounding community, it is critical that the Tribe, its community partners and the State of Oregon act quickly to take whatever lawful steps are necessary to overcome this challenge; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the current populations of Coquille River Fall Chinook compel the Tribal Council to declare the current status quo to be an emergency; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes its Chairperson and Executive Director to take all lawful steps (including the recruitment of assistance) to defend and restore Coquille River Salmon populations into the future; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes and directs the Executive Director, in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officer, to develop a proposed CY2021 and CY2022 budget to respond to this emergency; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as an interim measure, the Tribal Council appropriates \$100,000 in the 2021 budget from American Rescue Plan Act funds received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide for the Tribe's short-term emergency response efforts; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, subject to funding restrictions, qualifications and applicable law, the Tribal Council authorizes the Executive Director to reassign staff as necessary to address this emergency; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, subject to approved, amended and restated budgets, the Tribal Council waives the requirements of CITC Chapter 160 for procurements related to this emergency, except where such waiver would violate any applicable agreement or the laws or regulations of any funding source; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe calls on its community partners to attend to this crisis before our salmon are lost forever; AND


THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council ratifies all prior actions of Tribal officials, employees and agents that have been taken to date in response to these circumstances; AND


THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairperson or in her absence or unavailability, the Tribal Vice Chairperson, shall have the authority to sign all documents needed to give this resolution full force and effect.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Tribal Council Meeting held on the Coquille Indian Tribe Reservation in North Bend, Oregon, on August 27, 2021, with the required quorum present by a vote of

4 For; 0 Against; 1 Absent; 0 Abstaining.


Brenda Meade,
Chairperson


Linda Mecum,
Secretary-Treasurer

Cc: Mark Johnston
Helena Linnell
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John Ogan