



CENTRAL COUNCIL
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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 21-50

Title: Support for Yakutat Tlingit Tribe to Act in Protection of Historic Sites and Sacred Places

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, since time immemorial, Athabascan, Eyak, Ahtna, and Tlingit peoples migrated to and have been living in the area between Icy Bay and Dry Bay, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, these people are known today as the Yakutat Tlingit people; and

WHEREAS, preserving and protecting historic and traditional sacred places provides opportunities for cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, preservation and protection also helps current and future generations keep alive Tlingit traditions and way of life; and

WHEREAS, strengthening connection to our culture has been shown to support the mental health of our youth, and it uplifts our spirit and strengthens our resilience, positively impacting us all; and

WHEREAS, Yak Timber, a logging subsidiary of Yak-tat Kwaan, Yakutat's Village Corporation is actively clear-cut logging hundreds of acres in the Yakutat forelands; and

WHEREAS, operational details show a plan, currently in review, to log across Humpy Creek; and

WHEREAS, logging activities and equipment will destroy remaining evidence of sacred places and desecrate future inquiry and archaeology or anthropological research;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska herby stands in solidarity with the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe in their protection of historical and traditional sacred places from logging activity or other development that might destroy or desecrate such places.

ADOPTED this 28th day of September 2021, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe