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

Resolution EC 23-07

Title: Authorization to Apply for the U.S. Department of Commerce Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 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, our transboundary rivers are of tremendous and unique cultural, ecological, subsistence, economic, and recreational value; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples have stewarded the transboundary region since time immemorial, a region that is now home to nearly 80,000 people in dozens of communities; and

WHEREAS, these transboundary rivers have nourished our tribal communities since time immemorial and the salmon and other traditional foods are the foundation of our cultural existence and economic welfare; and

WHEREAS, the conservation of our traditional lands and waters is crucial to maintaining our way of life and is an expression of our sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida, in an effort to establish defensible baseline data, has been conducting water quality and sediment studies in our region's largest salmon-producing rivers since 2015; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has announced availability of up to \$30 million to "address a coast-wide need to restore and conserve Pacific Chinook salmon, coho salmon, chum salmon, sockeye salmon, pink salmon and steelhead, and their habitat"; and

WHEREAS, this funding would support the development and implementation of Tlingit & Haida community-led projects that address tribal treaty fishing, access rights, the restoration or conservation of wild salmon populations, and projects that will improve and maintain wild salmon habitat productivity for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$10 million in funds from NOAA, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate;

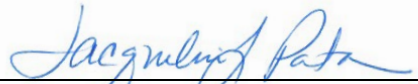
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required by the U.S. Department of Commerce for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.

ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata