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

Resolution EC 23-105

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 37,000 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 as Indigenous peoples from several Nations have stewarded the transboundary region since time immemorial and this region is now home to nearly 80,000 people in dozens of communities; and

WHEREAS, salmon and other traditional foods are the foundation of our cultural existence and economic welfare, these transboundary rivers have nourished our tribal communities since time immemorial; 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, funded by Bureau of Indian Affairs in an effort to establish defensible baseline, has been conducting water quality and sediment studies in our region's largest salmon-producing rivers since 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has announced availability of up to \$160 million dollars 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 and community-led projects that address tribal 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, several studies indicate that a \$1 million investment in watershed restoration creates between 13 and 32 jobs and \$2.2 and \$3.4 million in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$10 million for 5 years in funds from NOAA in 2024, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate;

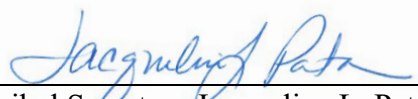
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required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

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, 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**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata