



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

Resolution EC 23-18

Title: Authorization for Acquisition of Alaska Seafood Company

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, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19, also referred to as the coronavirus, as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, in EC Res. 20-12 Declaration of a State of Emergency Related to COVID-19 Pandemic, Tlingit & Haida declared a State of Emergency for and on behalf of the Tribe and its communities, related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic continues as of the date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, which provided, among other things, federal fiscal recovery aid for governmental responses to food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury presumes Tribal citizens have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, prior to the pandemic, communities in Southeast Alaska experienced food insecurity due to delayed food deliveries, bad weather, difficulties with air cargo, cancelled ferry service and other circumstances beyond their control; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic exacerbated that existing insecurity as the entire supply chain was disrupted, air and ferry transport of food decreased and was cancelled due to COVID-19 effects, including outbreaks, and as these communities were negatively impacted with employment losses, childcare closures and foodbank closures; and

WHEREAS, addressing food insecurity for Tribal citizens is consistent with Southeast Traditional Tribal values, including the values of holding each other up, being stewards of the air, land and sea, having respect for ourselves, elders and others, and expressing our traditions through generosity; and

WHEREAS, providing and sharing food has been and remains an essential aspect of Tlingit & Haida's nutritional, spiritual, and cultural foundation since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has determined that a safe and effective way of addressing food insecurity is to administer and manage facilities that can provide nourishment; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity has arisen to purchase the Alaska Seafood Company, a facility located in Juneau, where the Tribe's primary governmental offices and other services are located; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition and operation of Alaska Seafood Company will provide a facility to address food insecurity needs for Tribal citizens; and

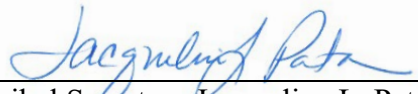
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required for purchase and the proposed acquisition of the Alaska Seafood Company.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 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