



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

Resolution EC 23-24

Title: Authorization to Apply for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation America the Beautiful Challenge

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 lands and waters are of tremendous and unique cultural, ecological, subsistence, economic, and recreational value; and

WHEREAS, the conservation and restoration 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's Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network (SIGN) is a collaboration of Southeast Alaska Native communities, Tribal governments, federal government agencies as well as environmental groups and this collaboration is based on the acknowledgement of the need for the incorporation of Traditional Knowledge by the scientific community; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the SIGN is to support Alaska Native communities in expressing their inherent sovereignty by applying their Traditional Knowledge and sustainable ways of living to monitor, protect, restore, and manage their homelands and waters; and

WHEREAS, through such support we enhance Tribal capacity in the co-management and the co-governance of Alaska Native homelands and waters; and

WHEREAS, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has announced the availability of \$116,000,000 in funding through the America the Beautiful Challenge for projects that seek to restore lands, waters, and wildlife, through anticipated cooperative agreements from the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Defense, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is eligible to apply for up to \$5,000,000 of this funding through a Tribal Implementation Grant, which could fund the Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network to develop and implement co- stewardship programs that build capacity throughout the region and our management decisions; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is also eligible to apply for up to \$1,000,000 of this funding through a Planning, Collaboration, and Engagement for Tribes Grant, which could be used to collaborate with federal agencies to amend existing land management policies on our traditional lands to better represent traditional and customary use areas and resource standards for water quality, fish consumption, and air quality; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is further eligible to apply for up to \$1,500,000 of this funding through a Grant to Buffer and Benefit Public Lands, which could be used to collaborate with the U.S. Forest Service to develop an on-the-ground conservation plan for Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$7,500,000 in funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support our Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network, 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 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and partners for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed America the Beautiful Challenge projects.

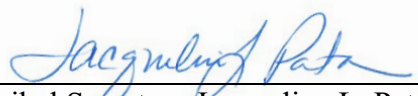
ADOPTED this 20th day of March 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata