

CENTRAL COUNCIL Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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

Resolution EC 23-59

Title: Formation of the Southeast Tribal Stewardship Commission

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, since time immemorial the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people have stewarded our traditional homelands and waters and sustained ourselves through traditional and customary practices, sometimes referred to as "subsistence"; and

WHEREAS, our ways of life nourish the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian peoples, supporting physical health, mental wellbeing, spiritual wellbeing, our cultures, and our languages; and

WHEREAS, preserving and protecting our ways of life is vital for our continued existence; and

WHEREAS, our ways of life uplift our spirit and strengthen our resilience, positively impacting the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people, our communities, and future generations; and

WHEREAS, a Southeast Tribal Stewardship Commission will allow Southeast tribes to unify and amplify their voice regarding our ways of life and facilitate the coordination of collaborative projects that sustain our ways of life across Southeast Alaska;

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NOW THERFORE 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 designees, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, to establish and support the Southeast Tribal Stewardship Commission.

ADOPTED this 20th day of July 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 2 absences.

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata