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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Eighth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 19-21, 2023
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 23-24

Title: Support for Tribally Designated Seats on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council

By: Ketchikan Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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, the tribal citizens of Tlingit & Haida have harvested, processed, stored, and consumed traditional foods such as salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*), and Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*), among other species, using traditional ecological knowledge for generations; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous people of southeast Alaska used traditional ecological knowledge to manage the harvest and populations of marine species and did so successfully for generations before western science was introduced; and

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council currently manages federal fisheries in the waters off the coast of Alaska that impact species that Tlingit & Haida tribal citizens utilize for their way of life; and

WHEREAS, the population abundance for many marine species that fall under the jurisdiction of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council have experienced significant declines and ultimately disproportionately negatively impact the traditional harvesters all over Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council currently and historically has had little to no voting representation from tribal governments and therefore is missing critical knowledge that would help protect marine fisheries for all people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Eighth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened April 19-21, 2023, hereby support changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Act to specifically designate seats for tribal governments so that they may be able to help protect and conserve traditional foods for the generations that come after us.


ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2023, by the Eighty-Eighth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata