



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*  
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly  
October 1, 2020

Resolution TA 20-19

Title: Support for the Protection of Vital International Rivers from Transboundary Mining

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 32,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia is permitting and supporting several large mines in the headwaters of the productive rivers Tlingit & Haida citizens rely on; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida does not oppose resource development in Southeast Alaska as mining contributes to our rural economies that tribal citizens rely on; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida recognizes that these transboundary mines in Canada offer no economic benefit to Alaskans but pose a significant risk to our tribal citizens and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has entered into a non-binding agreement with British Columbia for information sharing that does not preclude the involvement of the United States federal government or the invocation of the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the non-binding agreement between Alaska and British Columbia does not and cannot require financial assurances that the mining companies will compensate Tlingit & Haida citizens if harm from these developments should occur; and

WHEREAS, financial assurances and other safe mining practices could be enforced through an agreement between the United States federal government and Canada; and

WHEREAS, many of the communities in Southeast Alaska and all of Alaska's congressional delegation have requested federal involvement in the transboundary region; and

WHEREAS, the federal government can apply increased resources and expertise to complement the work Tlingit & Haida has done in the region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened on October 1, 2020,

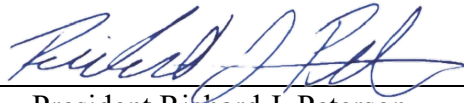
hereby supports our congressional delegation's request that the United States federal government become involved in the transboundary region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida requests that the federal government invoke the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida requests that the Governor of Alaska also support this request for federal involvement and for invocation of the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty.

ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

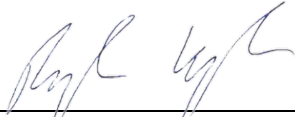
**CERTIFY**



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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**



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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe