



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE
CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 26-73

Title: Adoption of Tlingit & Haida Cultural Tree Stewardship Plan

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 38,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 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, trees and forest ecosystems are central to the cultural identity, traditional lifeways, subsistence practices, arts, and spiritual traditions of the Tlingit and Haida peoples; and

WHEREAS, climate change, habitat degradation, and changing land use practices threaten culturally significant tree species and forest habitats throughout Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida developed the Tlingit & Haida Cultural Tree Stewardship Plan to support the protection, restoration, stewardship, and continued traditional use of culturally significant tree resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tlingit & Haida Cultural Tree Stewardship Plan promotes traditional ecological knowledge, intergenerational learning, environmental stewardship, and long-term sustainability for the benefit of present and future tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Tlingit & Haida Cultural Tree Stewardship Plan will provide guidance for future cultural, environmental, and land stewardship initiatives carried out by Tlingit & Haida;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby adopts the Tlingit & Haida Cultural Tree Stewardship Plan as an official guiding document of Tlingit & Haida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall use the Tlingit & Haida Cultural Tree Stewardship Plan to guide cultural preservation, environmental stewardship, and long-term planning efforts related to culturally significant tree resources and forest habitats; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Executive Council supports the continued preservation and transmission of traditional ecological knowledge related to culturally significant trees for the benefit of present and future generations of Tribal citizens.

ADOPTED this 15th day of June 2026, 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