



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

Resolution EC 22-33

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 34,000 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, 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, the shared Taku, Stikine, Unuk, and Alsek Rivers are of tremendous and unique cultural, ecological, subsistence, economic, and recreational value as Indigenous people from several Nations have stewarded the Alaska-Canada transboundary region since time immemorial and this region is now home to nearly 80,000 people in dozens of communities; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is committed to building capacity to manage our traditional lands and waters, including through our ongoing water quality monitoring project, which establishes critical baseline data that will allow us to ensure our communities remain protected from upstream developments and to advocate for maintaining the cleanliness of our water and the productivity of our salmon streams; and

WHEREAS, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has announced the availability of \$85,000,000 in funding through the America the Beautiful Challenge for projects that seek to restore lands, waters, and wildlife, through anticipated cooperative agreements from the Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, and the 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 be used to develop and implement co-management of the Taku, Stikine, Unuk, and Alsek River watersheds through projects that promote traditional stewardship of our resources, ensure that our voices are considered in management decisions, and expand our water quality monitoring program; 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 the major salmon watersheds that feed the Tongass National Forest and our communities, including the Taku, Stikine, Unuk, and Alsek River watersheds; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$7,500,000 in funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the above focus areas for projects up to 4-years in length, with a focus on conserving the Taku River watershed and increasing tribal management capacity, 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.

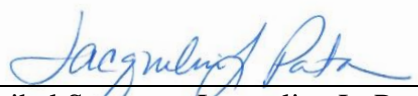
ADOPTED this 1st day of July 2022, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata