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

Resolution EC 22-61

Title: Support for the Removal of the Blood Quantum Requirement in the Marine Mammal Protection Act Regulations funds

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida does not support the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service regulatory definition of Alaska Native as it applies to the Marine Mammal Protection Act and its requirement of “blood quantum” in the regulations; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida believes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should abide by definitions within the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, which states, “an Alaskan Native means a person defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) as a citizen of the United States who is of one-fourth degree or more Alaskan Indian (including Tsimshian Indians enrolled or not enrolled in the Metlakatla Indian Community), Eskimo, or Aleut blood or combination thereof; the term includes any native, as so defined, either or both of whose adoptive parents are not natives; it also includes in the absence of minimum blood quantum, any citizen of the United States who is regarded as an Alaskan Native by the native village or group, of which he claims to be a member, or whose father or mother is (or, if deceased, was) regarded as native by any native village or native group; and any such citizen enrolled by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Section 5 of ANCSA shall be conclusively presumed to be an Alaskan Native for purposes of this part”; and

WHEREAS, the term “native villages or town” means any community, association tribe, band, clan or group

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby requests the removal of “blood quantum” in the definition for hunting marine mammals and request this definition be changed to recognize descendency that could be proven by tribal enrollment cards, Bureau of Indian Affairs Certificates of Degree of Indian Blood or other proof of descendency.

ADOPTED this 27th day of October 2022, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata