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

Resolution EC 25-37

Title: Authorization to Apply for FY26 Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Conservation Project  
Concept Grant

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, 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, Tlingit & Haida is committed to protecting our ways of life and increase understanding of our traditional lands and waters, as well as Alaska's biodiversity, through public policy advocacy and Indigenous-led stewardship efforts; and

WHEREAS, the shared Taku (T'aaku), Stikine (Shtax'héen), Unuk (Joonáx), Aalseix' (Alsek), and Jilkaat (Chilkat) Rivers originate in the boreal forests of British Columbia (B.C.) before spilling out into Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, these lands and waters provide incredible opportunities for large-scale, collaborative projects that can connect and restore the lands, waters, and wildlife that are the foundation of our cultural existence and economic welfare; and

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, Tlingit & Haida is developing a regional comprehensive transboundary watershed program that involves planning, coordination, report development, and monitoring activities in transboundary watersheds that originate in the British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership (SEAKFHP) is a collaborative effort engaging federal, state and municipal agencies, sovereign tribes, non-governmental conservation groups, and other organizations that seek to implement comprehensive conservation strategies for freshwater and coastal aquatic ecosystems of Southeast Alaska that will conserve and sustain the region's fish, fish habitat, fisheries-based economy, and culture; and

WHEREAS, SEAKFHP has announced the availability of Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) funding opportunities for Southeast Alaska Aquatic Habitat Conservation Project Concept Proposals to support on-the-ground habitat projects and related project assessment, design, monitoring and outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$100,000 in funds from SEAKFHP for an up to two year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, these funds can be utilized to support ongoing regional coordination and collaboration, as well as monitoring initiatives that contribute to the baseline collection of physical and chemical data in the transboundary watersheds of Southeast Alaska;

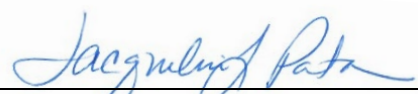
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required by the Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.

ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2025, 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**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata