



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

Resolution EC 26-05

Title: Continued Participation with the Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research Consortium

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, the Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research (SEATOR) Consortium is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed to serve Tribes in Southeast Alaska by supporting collaborative environmental research, data collection, and environmental response efforts; and

WHEREAS, many tribes in southeast Alaska have collaborated for over a decade on environmental and ocean-related data collection efforts including shellfish toxicity monitoring, shellfish biomass surveys, ocean chemistry baseline data collection, and related projects; and

WHEREAS, SEATOR formalizes and strengthens this long-standing collaboration in a manner that supports tribal environmental departments through shared resources, coordination, training, and funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, participation in SEATOR provides opportunities for Tribes to collectively identify regional environmental priorities, pursue funding, share data and expertise, and strengthen Tribal capacity to respond to environmental threats; and

WHEREAS, SEATOR affirms the importance of Tribal data sovereignty and the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska will retain authority over how data they are used, shared, and disseminated;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that if the SEATOR Consortium proposes to collect, analyze, or manage data on behalf of or in partnership with the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, additional Executive Council resolution(s) shall be sought to define data ownership, data sharing permissions, and conditions for use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all reports, summaries, and data products developed through SEATOR activities involving the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska shall be shared with the Tribe prior to any external distribution, publication, or public release; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect unless rescinded by action of the Executive Council, and that the Executive Council reserves the right to withdraw from the SEATOR Consortium at any time.

ADOPTED this 16th day of January 2026, 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