



Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government

(Formerly known as the Native Village of Fort Yukon, IRA)

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RESOLUTION 13-20

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government is the governing body of Fort Yukon as recognized by the Tribal members and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native people depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Pamell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

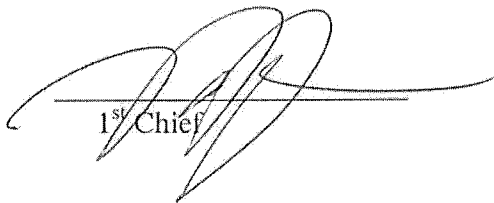
WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government on the 31 day of July, 2013 by a vote ___for, ___against, and ___abstaining.



1st Chief



Council Member

Angoon Community Association

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IRA COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Alan Zuboff, Vice-President
Floyd Jim, Secretary
George Nelson, Jr., Treasurer
Kevin Frank, Council Member
Albert Howard, Council Member
Travis See, Council Member

RESOLUTION OF THE ANGOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS NO. 13-07

WHEREAS: The Angoon Community Association (ACA) is the tribal governing body of the Community of Angoon as authorized by an Act of Congress of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat. 984), and May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250) approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 10, 1939 and ratified by the membership and Angoon Community Association by an election on November 15, 1939, ACA is a Federally Recognized Tribe as authorized by an Act of Congress of June 18, 1934, and

WHEREAS: ACA enjoys a government-to-government relationship with the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS: Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity, and

WHEREAS: the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's State permitting laws and rules changing how the State's commonly held resources will be managed, and

WHEREAS: sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations, and

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes, and

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 ignores Tribal Sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally Recognized Tribal Governments to acquire reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law, and

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 gives Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for single project, without opportunity for public review or voting, and

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 expands the DNR's authority to issue general permits for almost any project on State lands without any public input, and

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of Angoon Community Association does oppose H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize Tribal Sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council of Angoon Community Association does authorize Wally Frank or his designee to negotiate on behalf of the Tribe, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this authorizing resolution shall stay into effect until rescinded by action of the Angoon Community Association Council.

CERTIFICATION

SIGNED: Wally Frank Jr.
Wally Frank Jr., President

I, the undersigned, as the Secretary of the Angoon Community Association hereby certify that the Council of the Angoon Community Association is composed of seven (7) members, of whom 4 constitutes a quorum were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 17 day of October, 2013; and that the foregoing resolution No. 13-06 was adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 Yeas, Nays, 0 abstentions and absence(s)

ATTEST:

Floyd Jim
Floyd Jim, Secretary



CHALKYITSIK VILLAGE COUNCIL

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"Home of the Draanjik Gwich'in



Resolution 2013-23

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, Chalkyitsik Village Council is the governing body of Chalkyitsik, Alaska as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Chalkyitsik Village Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Chalkyitsik Village Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Chalkyitsik Village Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chalkyitsik Village Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Chalkyitsik Village Council hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members, of whom 4 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held July 24, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 4 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Steph Herbert
Stephanie Herbert, First Chief

7-26-2013
Date

Mary Nathaniel
Mary Nathaniel, Secretary

July 26, 2013
Date

CITY OF ALEKNAGIK**Resolution 13-19****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEKNAGIK OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77
AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

- WHEREAS:** the City Council of the City of Aleknagik herein called the Council, is the duly elected governing body of Aleknagik, Alaska; and
- WHEREAS:** the City Council, as the duly recognized governing body pursuant to the Constitution of _____, has the authority of establishing relationships and entering into contracts for the benefit and well being of the community; and
- WHEREAS:** the City Council is a duly recognized governing body in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS:** the City Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,
- WHEREAS:** Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Traditional identity; and
- WHEREAS:** the subsistence rights of Alaska's Indigenous People are protected under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of which the United States Government is a signatory, reads in part: No peoples may be deprived of their own means of subsistence; and
- WHEREAS:** the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,
- WHEREAS:** sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,
- WHEREAS:** H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,
- WHEREAS:** H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,
- WHEREAS:** H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,
- WHEREAS:** H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,


THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted by the City Council of the City of Aleknagik, Alaska on this 23rd day of September, 2013 at which a quorum of Council members were in attendance.

For <u>4</u>	Against <u>0</u>	Abstain <u>0</u>
Present <u>4</u>	Absent <u>3</u>	

SIGNED:


Carolyn Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeri Alakayak, City Clerk



Curyung Tribal Council
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Curyung Tribal Council
Resolution 2013-27

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING
STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

- WHEREAS:** Curyung Tribal Council is the federally recognized Alaska Native tribe serving its tribal members and the community of Dillingham; and
- WHEREAS:** Curyung Tribal Council, acting as the duly recognized governing body pursuant to the Constitution of Curyung, has the authority of establishing relationships and entering into contracts for the benefit and well being of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS:** the Curyung Tribal Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS:** the Curyung Tribal Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,
- WHEREAS:** Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and
- WHEREAS:** the subsistence rights of Alaska's Indigenous People are protected under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of which the United States Government is a signatory, reads in part: No peoples may be deprived of their own means of subsistence; and
- WHEREAS:** the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,
- WHEREAS:** sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,
- WHEREAS:** the Curyung Tribal Council has eleven pending in-stream flow applications on the Koktuli River for which we have invested significant time and resources to; and
- WHEREAS:** H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

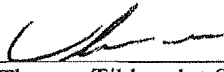
WHEREAS: H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Curyung Tribal Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

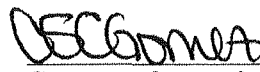
CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted by the Curyung Tribal Council in Dillingham, Alaska on August 13th, 2013 at which a quorum of Council members were in attendance.

For <u>7</u>	Against <u>0</u>	Abstain <u>0</u>
Present <u>7</u>	Absent <u>0</u>	


Thomas Tilden, 1st Chief

ATTEST:


Courtenay Gomez, 3rd Chief

[City of Elim]

[Resolution #13-10]

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES
AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, [City of Elim] is the governing body of [Elim] as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the [City of Elim] is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the [City of Elim] is a Federally-recognized Municipal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the [City of Elim] has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,


WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

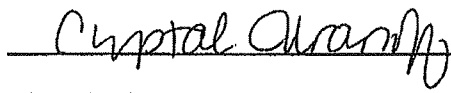
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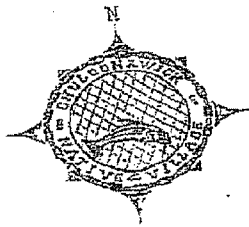
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the [City of Elim] opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the [City of Elim] hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members, of whom 0 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held August 20, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 7 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

 9/12/13
City of Elim - Mayor Date

 9/12/13
City of Elim Secretary— Date
Clerk



CHULOONAWICK NATIVE VILLAGE

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NOTES/COMMENTS

Good afternoon Hal,
Here is the resolution from the tribe
(1)
Have a good day

**Native Village of Chuloonawick
Resolution # 13-06**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUES
AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, Chuloonawick Native Village is the governing body of Emmonak as recognized by the Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, Chuloonawick Native Village is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of it's original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, Chuloonawick Native Village is Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, Chuloonawick Native Village has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers, marine environments for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and,

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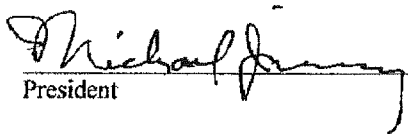
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WHEREAS, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chuloonawick Native Village opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, give DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

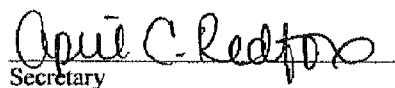
We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Chuloonawick Native Village hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 5 members, of whom 5 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held November 22, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 5 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



President

11-25-13

Date



Secretary

11/25/13

Date

Aleknagik Traditional Council
Resolution 2013-30

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND
ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

- WHEREAS:** Aleknagik Traditional Council is the federally recognized Alaska Native tribe serving its tribal members and the community of Aleknagik; and
- WHEREAS:** Aleknagik Traditional Council, acting as the duly recognized governing body pursuant to the Constitution of the Native Village of Aleknagik, has the authority of establishing relationships and entering into contracts for the benefit and well being of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS:** the Aleknagik Traditional Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS:** the Aleknagik Traditional Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,
- WHEREAS:** Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and
- WHEREAS:** the subsistence rights of Alaska's Indigenous People are protected under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of which the United States Government is a signatory, reads in part: No peoples may be deprived of their own means of subsistence; and
- WHEREAS:** the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,
- WHEREAS:** sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,
- WHEREAS:** the Aleknagik Traditional Council has 0 pending in-stream flow applications on the Koktuli River for which we have invested significant time and resources to; and **Only Include if you have applications filled.*
- WHEREAS:** H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,
- WHEREAS:** H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,
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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Aleknagik Traditional Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted by the Aleknagik Traditional Council in Aleknagik, Alaska on _____, 2013 at which a quorum of Council members were in attendance.

For <u>4</u>	Against <u>0</u>	Abstain _____
Present <u>4</u>	Absent _____	

SIGNED:

Gusty Chythlook, Sr.
Gusty Chythlook, Sr., President

ATTEST:

Raymond Conquest
Raymond Conquest, Treasurer

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RESOLUTION
2013-06

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING
STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, Chinik Eskimo Community is the governing body of Golovin as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Chinik Eskimo Community is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Chinik Eskimo Community is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Chinik Eskimo Community has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

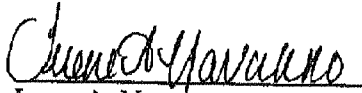
WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

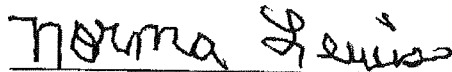
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Chinik Eskimo Community opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Chinik Eskimo Community hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members of whom 5 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held September 5, 2013, that Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 5 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Irene A. Navatro
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09/11/13
Date


Norma J. Lewis
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9/12/13
Date



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RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE BILL (HOUSE BILL 77 / SENATE
BILL 26), AS WRITTEN AND INTRODUCED BY GOVERNOR
SEAN PARNEILL ON JANUARY 27, 2013

RESOLUTION 130220-01

WHEREAS, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council is an Indigenous Government with full power and authority to act for the Chickaloon Native Village, Chickaloon Traditional Village, and/or Chickaloon Village (Nay'dini'aa Na'); and

WHEREAS, Chickaloon Village is part of the Athabaskan Nation and is a distinct, independent political community, and as such is qualified and exercises powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith; and

WHEREAS, Chickaloon Village is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska (Federal Register, Volume 67, Number 134, Friday, July 12, 2002, Notices, page 46332), with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council did not cede, terminate, extinguish, or relinquish their original, possessory and aboriginal rights; and

WHEREAS, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council is the governing body of Chickaloon Village as recognized by the Chickaloon Tribal citizens; and has a responsibility to provide a government for the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council has a long-term goal in their strategic plan to protect, enhance and restore our ancestral lands, water and air and ensure respectful, healthy development; and

WHEREAS Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, together with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners, has invested over \$1 million

to restore fish passage and salmon habitat in Moose Creek after habitat was damaged and fish passage blocked by past coal mining operations; and

WHEREAS the Moose Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project has been highly successful, with two species of salmon repopulating miles of historic spawning habitat upstream from the project; and

WHEREAS, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council and partners including the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have funded nine years of stream flow data collection on Moose Creek to support Chickaloon Village Traditional Council's application for an in-stream flow reservation for fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, to ensure adequate water for salmon to continue to thrive in Moose Creek, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council applied in 2009 for an instream flow reservation; and

WHEREAS, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council by its timely application has secured a priority right to water in Moose Creek superior to subsequent appropriators; and

WHEREAS House Bill 77 and Senate Bill 26 would repeal the rights of Tribes and Alaskan citizens to obtain in-stream flow reservations and would nullify Chickaloon Village Traditional Council's application, its priority of appropriation, and its substantial investment in restoring and protecting Moose Creek salmon and habitats; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan citizens currently have the right to apply for an "Instream Flow Reservation" a water right that benefits all Alaskans by protecting critical habitats for salmon and the economy salmon support; and

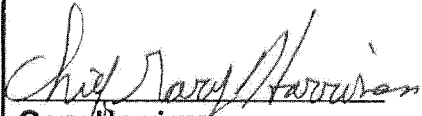
WHEREAS, House Bill 77 and Senate Bill 26 introduced by Governor Sean Parnell, January 27, 2013, is designed to strip Alaskan citizens of their rights to assure enough water is left in streams to support healthy salmon runs. If passed by the Alaska Legislature, the governor's bill will restrict the public's right to defend in-stream flows for salmon and reduce impacts by resource development projects; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chickaloon Village Traditional Council opposes bill (HB77/SB26), as written and introduced by Governor Sean Parnell on January 27, 2013; and

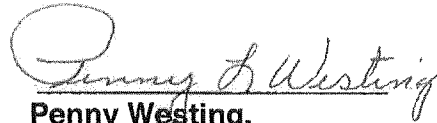
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chickaloon Village Traditional Council authorizes and delegates authority to the Traditional Chief and Chairman, and/or Vice-Chairman, and/or the Executive Director to act on behalf of the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council for this

program.

It is hereby certified that this resolution was duly considered and approved this 20th day of February, 2013 with a majority vote of 5 affirmative; 0 negative; 0 abstention, and/or 4 absent votes.



**Gary Harrison,
Traditional Chief and Chairman**



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Resolution No. 2013-03

A Tribal Resolution opposing bill (HB77/SB26), introduced by Governor Sean Parnell January 27, 2013, designed to strip Alaskan citizens of their rights to assure enough water is left in streams to support healthy salmon runs.

Whereas, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Tribal Government reorganized under the statutes of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended for Alaska in 1936, and in accordance with the preamble to the Tribal Constitution, "is responsible for the social welfare of its 1,345 Tribal Members and 3,250 Alaska Native residents of the central and upper southern Kenai Peninsula of south central Alaska"; and,

Whereas, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe has established long term goals which relate to the collective and individual, social, economic and governmental concerns of its people; and,

Whereas, Alaskan citizens currently have the right to apply for an "Instream Flow Reservation." This water right benefits all Alaskans by protecting salmon and the economy salmon support.

Whereas, bill (HB77/SB26), introduced by Governor Sean Parnell, January 27, 2013, is designed to strip Alaskan citizens of their rights to assure enough water is left in streams to support healthy salmon runs. If passed by the Legislature, the governor's bill will restrict the public's right to assure salmon habitat impacts are mitigated by resource development projects.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Kenaitze Indian Tribe opposes bill (HB77/SB26), as written and introduced by Governor Sean Parnell January 27, 2013.

Voting For: _____
Voting Against: _____
Abstaining: _____
Absent: _____

Certification

Rosalie Tepp
Rosalie Tepp, Tribal Chairperson, Kenaitze Indian Tribe

James Segura
James Segura, Tribal Secretary, Kenaitze Indian Tribe

02-15-2013
Date

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Resolution No. 14-02

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77, AN ACT DETRIMENTAL TO ALASKAS
PUBLIC REVIEW AND INPUT PROCESS**

WHEREAS: The Asa'carsarmiut Tribal Council (ATC) is the federally recognized governing body representing the best interests of the Asa'carsarmiut Tribe; and

WHEREAS: The Asa'carsarmiut Tribe, like all Alaskan Tribes, is inherently sovereign-having the right and responsibility to steward its traditional lands, waters and other natural resources so as to preserve a cultural-subsistence way of life for our future generations; and

WHEREAS: Governor Parnell's administration is promoting legislation, H.B. 77, which will amend Alaska's state permitting laws, changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and

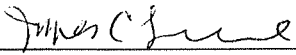
WHEREAS: H.B. 77 also expands the State Department of Natural Resources' authority to issue general permits for NR development on state lands without public input and makes it more difficult for all Alaskans to access the judicial process concerning these developments; and

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 also ignores Tribal Sovereignty by eliminating the ability of Alaska's Federally Recognized Tribes to acquire water reservations to protect salmon and other very important fish streams.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Asa'carsarmiut Tribe hereby opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate NOT to support the legislation as it: fails to recognize Tribal Sovereignty, gives the Department of Natural Resources broad, unprecedented permitting powers at the expense of all Alaskans, creates loopholes to remove public opinion and establishes significant barriers to the judicial appeal process.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved by a quorum of the Asa'carsarmiut Tribal Council this 24th day of January, 2014, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, 0 abstaining and 0 vacant.


James C. Landlord, 1st Chief

ATTEST:


Carol A. Redfox, Secretary/Treasurer

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Resolution 11-13

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND
ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, Egegik Village Tribal Council is the governing body of Egegik Village as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens and address any needs in its community and

WHEREAS, the Egegik Village Tribal Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Egegik Village Tribal Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government and

WHEREAS, the Egegik Village Tribal Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (HB 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed and

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations and

WHEREAS, HB77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes and

WHEREAS, HB77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law and

WHEREAS, HB 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting and

WHEREAS, HB 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input and

WHEREAS, HB 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Egegik Village Tribal Council opposes HB 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Egegik Village Tribal Council hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members, 4 of whom constitute a quorum, were present at the meeting held November 22, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 6 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Kevin E. Deigh, 1st Chief

November 22, 2013



Roberta Alto, Secretary

November 22, 2013

Igiugig Tribal Village Council

Resolution # 14-08

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, Igiugig Tribal Village Council is the governing body of Igiugig as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Igiugig Tribal Village Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Igiugig Tribal Village Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Igiugig Tribal Village Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

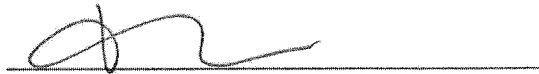
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Igiugig Tribal Village Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Igiugig Tribal Village Council hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 5 members, of whom 5 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held February 21, 2014, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 5 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Tribe President

2-21-14
Date


Tribe Secretary

2-21-14
Date

A RESOLUTION BY KATMAI SERVICE PROVIDERS:

Whereas, HB77 is a wide sweeping and dangerous bill that was originated under the guise of "Streamlining the permitting process"

And whereas HB77 would, among other things, give the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources the authority to grant General Permits without public notice and at his sole discretion, thereby taking away the public's right to ensure that enough water remains in streams to keep fisheries healthy.

And Whereas, HB77 as written, takes away the ability to voice concerns when it comes to water and fishery issues.

Therefore, it is resolved that the members of Katmai Service Providers are opposed to HB 77.

There were no dissenting votes.

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**New Stuyahok Tribal Council
Resolution # 13-10**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE
PERMITTING STATUES AND ELIMITATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHERE AS, New Stuyahok Tribal Council is the governing body of New Stuyahok as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the New Stuyahok Tribal Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith:

WHEREAS, the New Stuyahok Tribal Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the New Stuyahok Tribal Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and ,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77(H.B.77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Government to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,


WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources(DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and ,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE , BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the New Stuyahok Tribal Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at he expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the New Stuyahok Tribal Council hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members, of whom 4 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held November 18, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 6 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Tribe President

11/18/13
Date


Tribe Secretary

Nov. 18, 2013
Date

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Levelock Village Council
Resolution# 11-20-13 B

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND
ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, Levelock Village Council is the governing body of Levelock as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Levelock Village Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Levelock Village Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Levelock Village Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

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WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

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Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Levelock Village Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the [tribe] hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 5 members, of whom 3 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held November, 20th, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 5 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Alexander Zuluaga
Tribe President

November 20th 2013
Date

Chetadain Womings
Tribe Secretary

NOV 20, 2013
Date



**NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOYUK
IRA COUNCIL**

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Resolution #13-08-08-01

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND
ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Koyuk, a governing body of Koyuk as recognized by the Tribal members and citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Koyuk is qualified to exercise powers of self---government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Koyuk is a Federally---recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Koyuk tribe has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives and other peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in---stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in---stream flow rights and rescind all existing in---stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally---recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Native Village of Koyuk opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

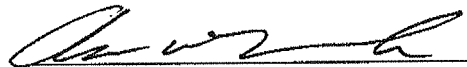
We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Native Village of Koyuk hereby certify that the Council which is made up of seven (7) members, of whom four (4) constitutes a quorum, seven (7) were present at the meeting held August 8, 2013 and that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of seven (7) members.



Tribe President

August 8, 2013

Date



Tribe Secretary **IGAP COORDINATOR**

August 8, 2013

Date



NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOYUK

IRA COUNCIL

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***A Resolution by Native Village of Koyuk Supporting
Alaskans' Rights to Protect Wild Salmon Habitat***

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Koyuk is a federally-recognized Alaska Native Tribe formed in 1934;

WHEREAS, Wild Alaska salmon are a vital resource to the Native Village of Koyuk, and its members rely on wild Alaskan salmon for important cultural and subsistence uses;


WHEREAS, bills pending in Juneau (HB 77 & SB 26) will strip away the rights of Alaska Native Tribes and others to secure instream flow reservations, which ensure salmon have enough clean water in their streams to survive;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska routinely processes out-of-stream diversions, and HB 77 & SB 26 expands rights for corporations and other businesses to take water from salmon streams without adequate public review; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native Tribes and other Alaskans have an obligation and a right to protect salmon habitat so our fisheries remain sustainable for current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOYUK DOES HEREBY CALL ON THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL ALASKANS TO APPLY FOR AND SECURE INSTREAM FLOW RIGHTS WITHIN THE STATE OF ALASKA TO PROTECT OUR WILD SALMON HABITAT AND SALMON LIFE CYCLE.


Signed


Date

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RESOLUTION 2013-25

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE
PERMITTING STATUES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS: the Kotlik Tribal Council (COUNCIL) is a federally recognized governing body for the Native Village of Kotlik; and,

WHEREAS: the Kotlik Tribal Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-governing by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith; and,

WHEREAS: the Kotlik Tribal Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS: Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and,

WHEREAS: the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS: sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Kotlik Tribal Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE KOTLIK TRIBAL COUNCIL ON THIS 5 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013 BY A VOTE OF 4 FOR, 0 ABSTAIN AND 0 AGAINST.

Theresa M. Prince
Theresa M. Prince, Vice President

ATTESTED BY Elaine Savetilik
Elaine Savetilik, Secretary

Manokotak Village Council
Resolution 13-12

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND
ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, Manokotak Village Council is the governing body of Manokotak as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Manokotak Village Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Manokotak Village Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Manokotak Village Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

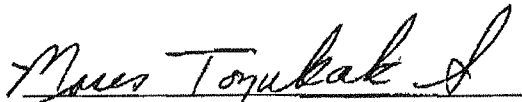
WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

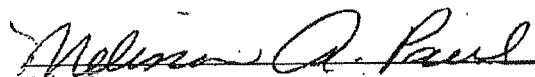
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Manokotak Village Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Manokotak Village Council hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members, of whom 4 constitutes a quorum, 7 were present at the meeting held on September 3, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 7 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Tribe President

9-4-13
Date


Tribe Secretary

9-4-13
Date

Native Village of Chuathbaluk

Chuathbaluk Traditional Council

#1 Teen Center Trail

Chuathbaluk, Alaska 99557-8999

Resolution # 2013-25

WHEREAS, The Chuathbaluk Traditional Council is an Alaska Native Village recognized as an Indian tribe pursuant to the previous Public Law 93-638; Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (88 Stat. 2203, 25 U.S.C. 450 et seq), also pursuant to Public Law 95-608, Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 CFR 23.26; and

WHEREAS, The Chuathbaluk Traditional Council is the duly authorized governing body for the Native Village of Chuathbaluk; and

WHEREAS, the Chuathbaluk Traditional Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Chuathbaluk Traditional Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, and has jurisdiction over its land and resources, be them transient or sedimentary; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Chuathbaluk has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, our Elders taught us to respect our environment and act conservatory regarding its resources, since we depend upon abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive

salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the [tribe] opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PASSED AND APPROVED BY A QUORUM OF THE CHUATHBALUK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL THIS 24th DAY OF October, 2013, with

5 members voting yes,

0 members voting no,

0 members voting abstain, and

1 members absent.

Jacey Simeon

Tribes President

10/24/13

Date

[Signature]

Tribes Secretary

10/24/13

Date

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**NATIVE VILLAGE OF
WHITE MOUNTAIN**

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To: Darcie Warden From: Dorothy Barr, Tribal Coordinator
Fax: (866) 862-2073 Pages: 3
Phone: Date: August 22, 2013
CC:

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Good morning:

Attached is the resolution passed at the Native Village of White Mountain's regular meeting last night.

Dorothy Barr
Tribal Coordinator
Native Village of White Mountain

**Native Village of White Mountain
Resolution No. 2013-11**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE
PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Native Village of White Mountain is the governing body of White Mountain by the Tribal citizens and has responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health, welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of White Mountain qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Native Village of White Mountain is a Federally recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of White Mountain has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B.77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native people to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs, and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and

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WHEREAS, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native people to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native people from having their day in court; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Native Village of White Mountain opposes H.B.77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislations it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Native Village of White Mountain hereby certify that the Board is made of up 8 members of which 4 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held on August 21, 2013 that this resolution was passed by the affirmative vote of 7, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Willa Ashenfelter
Willa Ashenfelter, President

ATTEST: Amos W. Brown Sr.
Amos Brown Sr., Secretary



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Resolution 13-009

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, Village of Lower Kalskag is the governing body of Lower Kalskag as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lower Kalskag is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Village of Lower Kalskag is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lower Kalskag has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Lower Kalskag opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was passed and approved by a *poll vote* of the Village of Lower Kalskag Tribal Council, in which the vote 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 absent, and 0 abstaining; this 22nd day of November, 2013.


Nastasia Levi – President


Nick Alexie – Vice President

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[Resolution # 11-25-13-1]

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND
ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, Nondalton Tribal Council is the governing body of Nondalton as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Nondalton Tribal Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Nondalton Tribal Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Nondalton Tribal Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Nondalton Tribal Council hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members, of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held November 25, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 7 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

William Erambo
Tribe President

11-25-13
Date

Krista Jensen
Tribe Secretary

11-25-13
Date



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Resolution 13-10

A RESOLUTION FROM THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF NAPAIMUTE OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, the Napaimute Traditional Council is the governing body of the Native Village of Napaimute as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Napaimute is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Napaimute has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Napaimute has been collecting water quality and in-stream flow data on the Holokuk River for over two years with the purpose of protecting salmon and other aquatic resources for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and in effect render our efforts on the Holokuk River meaningless; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Native Village of Napaimute opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

The foregoing resolution was passed at a duly convened meeting of the Napaimute Traditional Council on November 15, 2013 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Devron Hellings
Devron Hellings, President

11/21/2013
Date

Brook B. Kristovich
Brook B. Kristovich, Secretary

11/15/2013
Date

PEDRO BAY VILLAGE COUNCIL

P.O. Box 47020, Pedro Bay, AK 99647

Resolution 2013-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE PEDRO BAY VILLAGE COUNCIL OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS.

WHEREAS, Pedro Bay Village Council is the governing body of Pedro Bay as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Pedro Bay Village Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Pedro Bay Village Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Pedro Bay Village Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Pedro Bay Village Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.


CERTIFICATION:

The foregoing resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Pedro Bay Village Council this 8th day of October, 2013, a quorum being present for a legal vote, with 3 in favor, and 0 opposed.

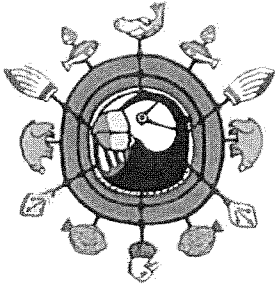


Keith D. Jensen, President

ATTEST:



Verna Jean Kolyaha, Secretary



SELDOVIA VILLAGE TRIBE

Tradition Integrated with Technology

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SELDOVIA VILLAGE TRIBE OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, Seldovia Tribal Council is the governing body of Seldovia Village Tribe as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Seldovia Village Tribe is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Seldovia Village Tribe is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Seldovia Village Tribe has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,



WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Seldovia Village Tribe opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

This Resolution was duly adopted at a regular Seldovia Tribal Council meeting held September 26, 2013 by the following vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

APPROVED:

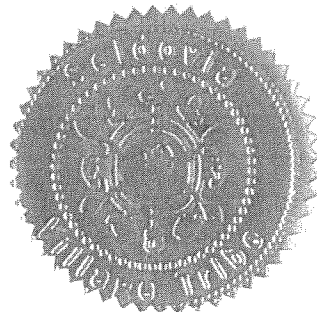


**Crystal Collier
President**

ATTEST:



**Trinket Gallien
Secretary**



Native Village of Eek · PO Box 89 · Eek, Alaska 99578-0089
Resolution No. 14-01

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

Whereas, the Native Village of Eek is a Federally recognized Tribal Government; and,

Whereas, the Native Village of Eek is inherently sovereign and has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

Whereas, the Native Village of Eek seeks to accurately represent the concerns of the Tribe; and,

Whereas, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, H.B. 77, that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 expands the State Department of Natural Resources authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

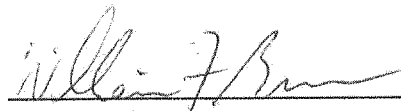
Whereas, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Native Village of Eek opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate not to support the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad, unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:


I, the undersigned Secretary, do hereby certify that members of the Tribe passed the foregoing resolution at a duly called and noticed meeting on the 12th day of Feb 2014, and that a quorum was present.



Tribe President

2/12/14

Date



Tribe Secretary

2/12/14

Date

**NATIVE VILLAGE of ELIM
ELIM IRA COUNCIL
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Elim, Alaska 99739
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A Resolution of the Native Village of Elim

Resolution #2013 - *04*

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING
STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Elim IRA Council (NVE) is the governing body of Elim as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the NVE is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the NVE is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the NVE has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

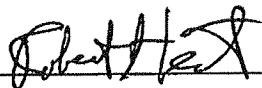
WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the [tribe] opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.


CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the [tribe] hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members, of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held _____, _____, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of _____ members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Tribe President

Date Sept 10 2013



Tribe Secretary

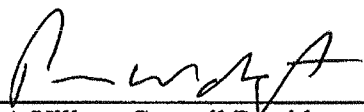
Date

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Native Village of St. Michael opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Native Village of St. Michael hereby certify that the IRA Village Council which is made up of seven members of whom four constitutes a quorum were present at the meeting held September 5, 2013 that this resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of four member and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



IRA Village Council President

9-5-13

Date



IRA Village Council Secretary

9-5-13

Date



Native Village of St. Michael

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Resolution #13-09-05 (b)

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATION WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, The Native Village of St. Michael, IRA Village Council is the governing body of St. Michael as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, The Native Village of St. Michael is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, The Native Village of St. Michael is a Federally recognized Tribal Government in Alaska with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, The Native Village of St. Michael has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in stream flow rights and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in stream flow rights and rescind all existing in stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and

Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council
Resolution #: 2013-2

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING
STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, The Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council (NBITWC) is a non-profit corporation that has been organized to operate, exclusively, as a public interest entity for public benefit purposes including but not limited to protecting water resources of the Norton Bay Watershed located on the Seward Peninsula, Alaska for the benefit of the Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council's (NBITWC's) members and the public.; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

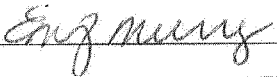
WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NBITWC opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

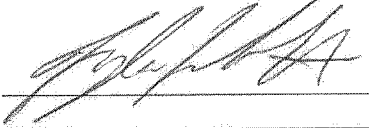
CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the NBITWC hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 5 members, of whom 3 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held August, 30, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 3 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Emily Murray, President

Date September 5, 2013



Tyler, Ivanoff, Treasurer

Date 5 Sept 13

CLARKS POINT VILLAGE COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION 2013-13

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND
ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

WHEREAS, Clarks Point Village Council is the governing body of Clarks Point as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the Clarks Point Village Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the Clarks Point Village Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Clarks Point Village Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,


THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clarks Point Village Council opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Clarks Point Village Council hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 5 members, of whom 3 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held Oct 14, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 5 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Tribe President

10/14/2013
Date


Tribe Secretary

10-14-13
Date



IRA Council
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Shaktoolik, Alaska 99771-0100

RESOLUTION #13-28

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Shaktoolik I.R.A. Council is the governing body of Shaktoolik as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

WHEREAS, the The Native Village of Shaktoolik I.R.A. Council is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

WHEREAS, the The Native Village of Shaktoolik I.R.A. Council is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the The Native Village of Shaktoolik I.R.A. Council has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

WHEREAS, the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

WHEREAS, sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS, H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,



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WHEREAS, H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

Whereas, H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the [tribe] opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION #13-28

We the undersigned officers and members of the council for the Native Village of Shaktoolik I.R.A. Council hereby certify that the Board which is made up of 7 members, of whom 4 constitutes a quorum, were present at the meeting held August 28, 2013, that this Resolution has passed by the affirmative vote of 5 members and that this Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Tribe President Axel Jackson

8-29-2013

Date

Tribe Secretary Matilda Hardy

8-29-2013

Date

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

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RESOLUTION 2013-15

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE WATER RIGHTS
AND PERMITTING STATUTES**

- WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of the Bristol Bay region; and
- WHEREAS: a bill has been introduced in the Alaska Legislature and heavily promoted by the Parnell Administration, House Bill 77, which would strip Tribes and individual citizens of their rights to claim in-stream flow water rights and which would create significant barriers for Alaskans to participate in resource development decisions; and
- WHEREAS: the proposed legislation gives the DNR commissioner broad authority to authorize activities through issuance of a general permit without a public process for determining activities that may be suitable for a standardized authorization, and it also greatly weakens the due process appeal rights of the general public; and
- WHEREAS: the proposed legislation gives the DNR commissioner unilateral authority to issue an unlimited number of new temporary water use authorizations for the same project, which means the use of a significant amount of water may be permitted for decades without the public ever having an opportunity to comment on the use or appeal the decision; and
- WHEREAS: the proposed legislation removes the ability of Tribes, non-municipal organizations, and individuals to apply for a reservation of water and thus undercuts one of the most basic principles of water law in Alaska; and
- WHEREAS: some 16 tribes in Alaska including Bristol Bay tribes have filed for in-stream water flow rights and invested millions of dollars in substantiating such applications, and House Bill 77 would strip such tribes of their property interests in such water; and

WHEREAS: BBNA itself has invested more than \$500,000 in hydrological data for fourteen of the pending water reservation applications filed with DNR which would be nullified by the proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS: taking away a Tribe's right to water, and vesting those rights solely in state and federal agencies or municipal governments, sets the stage years of litigation between the state and Tribes and the federal government (on behalf of Tribes) over particular watersheds; and

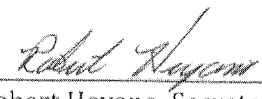
WHEREAS: these water reservation applications were filed to protect fish and wildlife habitat since Alaskan residents, particularly Alaska Natives living in our region, are highly dependent upon adequate stream flow and clean water to support the salmon returns vital to subsistence and commercial fishing harvests in our region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it opposes HB 77 as it extends overreaching discretionary authority to the DNR commissioner, limits public involvement opportunities in decisions affecting water rights and land use, and strips individuals, tribal governments and other entities from securing legally enforceable rights to maintain water levels critical for the life stages of salmon and other fish.


Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, do hereby certify that the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association passed the foregoing resolution at a duly called and noticed meeting on this 24th day of September, 2013, and that a quorum was present.


Robert Heyano, Secretary

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RESOLUTION 2013-014

**OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUES AND
ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS**

- WHEREAS:** EVC is the federally recognized Alaska Native tribe serving its tribal members and the community of Ekwok; and
- WHEREAS:** EVC, acting as the duly recognized governing body pursuant to the Constitution of EVC, has the authority of establishing relationships and entering into contracts for the benefit and well being of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS:** the EVC is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS:** the EVC has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,
- WHEREAS:** Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and
- WHEREAS:** the subsistence rights of Alaska's Indigenous People are protected under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of which the United States Government is a signatory, reads in part: No peoples may be deprived of their own means of subsistence; and
- WHEREAS:** the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,
- WHEREAS:** sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,
- WHEREAS:** H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

WHEREAS: H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the EVC opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Ekwok Village Council, do hereby certify that EVC officials passed the foregoing resolution at a duly called and noticed meeting on this 1st day of October, 2013, and that a quorum was present with 5 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain votes.


Secretary Vera Taylor


President: Luki Akelkok Sr.