



**2019 Mid-Year Convention  
Airway Heights, Washington**

**RESOLUTION #19 - 32**

**“URGE GOVERNOR INSLEE OPPOSE THE PACWEST SILICON SMELTER IN PEND  
OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON”**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect air quality for nearby tribes and to combat global climate change, ATNI adopted Resolution #18-12, which opposes development of the PacWest Silicon Smelter in Pend Oreille County, WA and asks the State of Washington to rescind its support for the smelter proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Inslee has not yet opposed the PacWest Silicon Smelter; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Inslee recently withdrew his support for a proposed methanol plant in Kalama, WA and a proposed liquified natural gas project in Tacoma, WA due to concerns that the projects would not be beneficial to greenhouse-gas reduction efforts as initially anticipated; and

**WHEREAS**, public records show that PacWest obtained State support for the smelter by presenting it as a viable part of a clean, green economy; and

**WHEREAS**, PacWest’s portrayal of the project has subsequently been proven untrue by its own emissions data—which indicates the smelter would be one of the State’s largest sources of air pollution—and its failure to provide evidence that the smelter’s emissions will be offset by using its silicon in solar panels or green technology; and

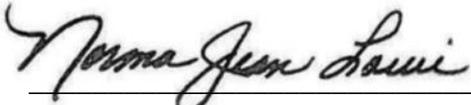
**WHEREAS**, the smelter accordingly does not comport with Governor Inslee’s efforts to combat climate change and achieve a zero emissions future; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges Governor Inslee to oppose the PacWest Silicon Smelter to ensure that his policy decisions on the east and west sides of the state are consistent, and to protect human health and the environment for the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, and all other tribes and people whose health and natural resource would be harmed by the smelter.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2019 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort and Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 20-23, 2019, with a quorum present.

  
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Leonard Forsman, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary