



2020 Virtual Annual Convention

RESOLUTION #2020 – 37

NORTHERN PIKE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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 the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, ATNI classifies Northern Pike, *Esox lucius*, as an aquatic invasive, non-native, prohibited species when not in their historical range; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and expansion of Northern Pike outside of their historic range poses a serious threat to fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and expansion of Northern Pike outside of their historic range is exacerbated due to hydropower development and operations and illegal introductions; and

WHEREAS, it is important to actively implement measures to control Northern Pike, take action to reduce their spread, and prevent future invasions on Reservation waters and off-Reservation areas; and

WHEREAS, ATNI recognizes that consistent Northern Pike management and policies are necessary for the coordination and the success of measures implemented by Tribes and other governments; and

WHEREAS, ATNI acknowledges that adequate funding for Northern Pike is a high priority; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby advocate all appropriate agencies to fully fund prevention, control, and eradication efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby commit to developing strategies to further Tribal, regional, state, and federal policy as it relates to the prevention and suppression of Northern Pike.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2020 Virtual Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on October 5 – 8, 2020, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary