



## Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

### 2007 Winter Conference Portland, Oregon

#### RESOLUTION #07 - 02

#### "TRIBAL PARTICIPATION ON REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM"

### 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 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 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**, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a regional organization comprised of American Indians 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 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Makah Tribal Council (MTC) in its continued discussions regarding Oil Spill Prevention and Rapid Response with the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) Region 10, Emergency Response Program, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Mail Stop ECL-116, Seattle, WA 98101 and the U.S. Coast Guard, 13<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Planning Division, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174; and

**WHEREAS**, the MTC, has requested there be four regional Tribal representatives on the Regional Response Team / Northwest Area Committee (RRT/NWAC) – Coastal; Inner Puget Sound; Upper and Lower Columbia River; as provided by 40C.F.R.300.180 State and local Participation in response; and

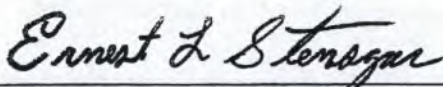
**WHEREAS**, ATNI Tribes wishing to participate with their own funding sources or other grants should assign one person or office to represent their tribal government on the appropriate Regional Response Team (RRT); and

**WHEREAS**, the RRT/NWAC understands, however, that each tribe is a sovereign nation and no one person or representative from a specific tribe can make decisions for or truly represent the interest of other tribes. Rather, the regional tribal representatives will be a vehicle to help the RRT/NWAC better understand tribal concerns and help communicate issues with specific tribes that may be impacted by particular policies; now

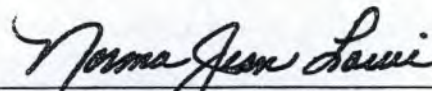
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that MTC requests the support of the ATNI to engage in and start the process to identify the regional tribal representatives to the RRT/NWC.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2007 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel in Portland, Oregon on February 15, 2007, with a quorum present.



Ernest L. Stensgar, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary