



## Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

### 2007 Winter Conference Portland, Oregon

#### RESOLUTION #07 - 06

#### **“ENDORSEMENT OF FOUR TREATY TRIBES’ COMMERCIAL FISH PROCESSING CENTER, WHITE SALMON, WA. ”**

### **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 reserve 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, 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 Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission was formed by the Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama Tribes to provide a joint effort to protect, promote, and enhance the Indian treaty fishery on the Columbia River; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission has researched, evaluated, and coordinated activities to increase the economic benefits to tribal members and the communities; and

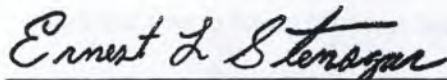
**WHEREAS**, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is assisting the four tribes to implement the operations of a commercial fish processing center through planning activities necessary for the start-up and continued operations of a commercial fish processing center; and

**WHEREAS**, the start-up and implementation of the commercial fish processing center, will require additional planning, market development, securing of equipment, capital, grants, and awards, from a variety of sources including the tribes and other sources; now

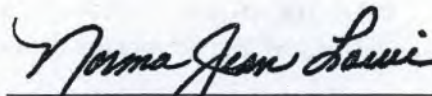
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI hereby supports the four tribes through Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in the development and implementation of a commercial fish processing center through the purchase of fresh salmon, value-added products, and supports the securing of funding to meet the start-up and operational needs of the enterprise.

#### 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