



## **2010 Mid-Year Conference Grand Ronde, OR**

### **RESOLUTION #10 - 21**

#### **“SUPPORT BANNING OF OIL OR GAS EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, DRILLING AND PRODUCTION ON WEST COAST OF OREGON, WASHINGTON AND CALIFORNIA”**

### **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**, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives 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**, the Northwest coastal shores remains to be one of the most pristine shorelines and marine waters in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of ATNI rely upon the health of our marine waters and ecosystems for the sustainability of our natural resources, treaty rights, federal rights, human health, economies and cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, the marine waters and shorelines of the Pacific Ocean provide first tools for ATNI member tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of ATNI view the Louisiana oil spill and devastation of the shorelines and marine waters as a reality facing our west coast waters and is projected to lead to long term impacts upon the habitat for endangered sea turtles, six whale species, as well as the brown pelicans and more marine animals, as well as the livelihood of those in the south and east are in jeopardy; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States federal government has claimed publicly that there is no guarantee against an oil spill of the Louisiana magnitude happening in the Pacific Ocean waters, and that Senator Boxer of California has testified that this type of disaster is not unforeseeable in the future; and


**WHEREAS**, the members of ATNI support the Congressional Acts that permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of the States of California, Oregon, and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of ATNI support the language of Senate Bill 3358, Section 2, Prohibition of Oil and Gas Leasing in Certain Areas of the Outer Continental Shelf and coastlines notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any area of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of the States of California, Oregon, or Washington; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby support the permanent ban of the exploration, development, drilling and production of oil or natural gas in any area of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast and coastlines of the State of California, Oregon, or Washington.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2010 Mid-Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde, Oregon, May 17-20, 2010 with a quorum present.

  
Brian Cladoosby, President

  
Norma Jean Louie, Secretary