



2017 Annual Convention Spokane, WA

RESOLUTION #17 - 52

“FULL FUNDING FOR FEDERALLY DECLARED TRIBAL FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTERS”

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, since time immemorial the fisheries of ATNI tribes have served as the foundation of their cultural identity and economy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Commerce has the authority, under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, to declare a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster; and

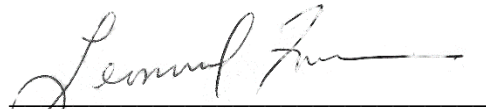
WHEREAS, the Secretary of Commerce has declared a commercial fishery failure for several tribal fisheries including the 2013 Fraser River Sockeye Salmon fishery, the 2014 Fraser River Sockeye Salmon fishery, the 2015 Washington Grays Harbor Coho Salmon fishery, the 2015 Washington South Puget Sound Chinook, Coho and Chum Salmon fishery, the 2015 Washington Dungeness Crab fishery, and the 2016 Californian Klamath River King Salmon Fishery; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the authority and duty to fully fund all federally declared fishery disasters; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby request that the United States Congress uphold its trust responsibility and fully fund these federal fishery disasters.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane, Washington on September 18-21, 2017, with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary