



## NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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### NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY SOUTHWEST REGION RESOLUTION

#### FUNDING FOR NON-BIRD WILDLIFE REPOSITORY OPERATED BY THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

#### RESOLUTION NO. SW-17-001

WHEREAS, the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (“NAFWS”) was established in recognition of the importance and respect accorded to fish and wildlife by Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS is composed of Indian Tribes, organizations and people as well as federal and state agency representatives forming “a national Native organization to aid in the development and protection of Indian fish and wildlife resources”; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS is dedicated “to the earth that began with our own beginning, and pledge to our fellow creatures that cannot be broken”; and

WHEREAS, the tribes in the Southwest Region are concerned about animals that are killed in a manner not consistent with the traditional or legal means, and

WHEREAS, there are many non-bird species that can and are used for traditional and ceremonial purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has received approval from their executive staff to pursue the development of a Repository, utilizing various department work units across Arizona to opportunistically collect wildlife remains for the purpose of providing valued wildlife items to federally recognized Native American tribes for cultural and ceremonial purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is requesting funding to purchase three (3) chest freezers that will be placed at the Region I Office in Pinetop, Arizona, Region II Office in Flagstaff, Arizona and at the Adobe Wildlife Center in Phoenix, Arizona, and

WHEREAS, a process to develop a database to allow for tracking and disposition of all Repository inventory will be completed, and

WHEREAS, Tribes and the Arizona Game and Fish Department will develop a framework to deploy products to Tribal members on Tribal lands; such will also address the required permitting and transfer of wildlife remains between Tribes and the State of Arizona.

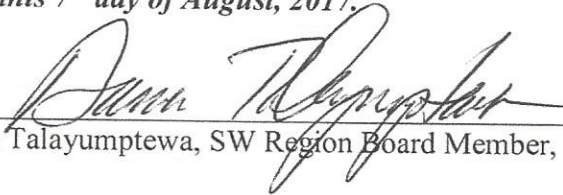
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwest Region of the NAFWS hereby supports the Repository effort by funding the purchase of three (3) chest freezers that will not exceed \$2,000.00 and that such funds will be paid out of the Southwest Region's Wells Fargo account, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution authorizes the initiation of the Non-Bird Wildlife Repository program and will be coordinated between tribes located in the Southwest and with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was enacted by the affirmative vote of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Southwest Region membership on August 7, 2017 at a Business Meeting that was held in conjunction with the SW Regional Conference. The motion passed by a vote of 22 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions.

*Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.*



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