



NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Native American Fish & Wildlife Society RESOLUTION

Title: Support for BIA Tribal Resilience Grant for the Pacific Northwest Region

Resolution No. 19-004

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 American organization to aid in the development and protection of Native American fish and wildlife resources"; and

WHEREAS, climate change is threatening plants, animals and their habitat. Research over the years reveals that temperature changes and other shifts in climate are impacting and affecting water quality, plant growth stages, affecting migration patterns and threatening species survival; and

WHEREAS, for indigenous peoples, the environmental impacts of climate change and some of the proposed solutions threaten ways of life, subsistence, lands rights, future growth, cultural survivability; and

WHEREAS, tribes have contributed little to the causes of climate change and yet face disproportionate risks. Tribes have unique rights, cultures and economies that are, or could be vulnerable to climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS provide sustainable solutions for communities to effectively manage and reduce the impacts of a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, explore how climate change impacts air pollution gases and particles, water quality and eco systems; and

WHEREAS, current funding for both Tribes and states only provides a mere fraction of what is needed for climate change; and

WHEREAS, despite a history of underfunding and exclusion from federal funding, Tribes have some of the most accomplished natural resource programs in the nation and protect hundreds upon hundreds of wildlife species and their habitat and water ways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society hereby supports climate change funding for the Pacific Northwest Region conferences; and

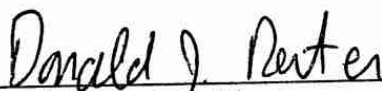
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society respectfully requests that climate change workshops coincide with regional meetings; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society authorizes the NAFWS Pacific Northwest Region to apply for such BIA funds.

Certification

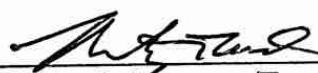
This resolution was enacted by the affirmative vote of the Society membership who attended the National Business Meeting held on May 23, 2019. The vote is 43 voting in favor, 0 voting against and 0 members abstaining.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2019.



Donald Reiter, President
Native American Fish & Wildlife Society

Attest:



Mitzi Reed, Secretary/Treasurer
Native American Fish and Wildlife Society