



MAKAH TRIBE

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Ms. Dorothy M. Lowman
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Pacific Fishery Management Council
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March 8, 2014

Dear Chair Lowman

The Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC) is made up of the State of Washington as well as the four Coastal Treaty Tribes – Makah, Quileute, and Hoh Tribes, and the Quinault Indian Nation. It was established to provide a forum for effective communication among the state, federal, and tribal governments and to provide management advice to the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

The Makah Tribal Council (MTC) continues to maintain its commitment to the IPC process in order to work towards the development of habitat protection and improve our understanding of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and in support of proper management measures. We believe that the IPC process could become essential in resource management through the development of sound science.

With that said, the Makah tribe along with our Washington State and NOAA partners recently made a commitment to undertake a more rigorous look at habitats within our shared jurisdictions. As co-managers we will seek to delineate known habitats as well as their value to the ecosystem (e.g. ecological, cultural, economic, etc.). Such an undertaking will require the scientific expertise of the state, NOAA, and the Coastal Treaty Tribes. This could then serve as the scientific basis for management initiatives ranging from EFH designations and protections to ecosystem-based management and marine spatial planning activities.

We are glad to see that OCNMS and WDFW are withdrawing their EFH proposal pending more scientific deliberation on existing habitats and their contribution to our ecosystem. We all share the goals of ensuring healthy ecosystems as well as the resources and communities that depend on them for generations to come. The Makah Tribe thinks it is imperative to do so in a deliberate and scientifically sound way. It will take considerable work to better understand and document the various habitat types, and the Makah Tribe stands committed to doing this work that is necessary for protecting the health of our ocean as indicated in the attached, Makah Tribal Council-Subject Matter: Management Plan with Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary-Resolution No. 08-14 .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Greene".

Timothy J. Greene, Chairman
Makah Tribal Council



Resolution No: 03-14

Date Enacted: 02-03-2014

Subject Matter: Management Plan with Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

RESOLUTION NO: 03-14 OF THE MAKAH TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Makah Tribal Council is the governing body of the Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation, Washington by the authority of the Constitution of the Makah Indian Tribe approved on May 16, 1936; and

WHEREAS, the Makah Tribal Council has the managerial responsibilities of tribal affairs as defined in the Makah Constitution and Makah Policy and Procedures it is the duty and responsibility of the Makah Tribal Council to provide for the wellbeing of the Makah Tribal community, as well as attend to the wellbeing of our resources which sustain and provide crucial support to the Makah Indian Reservation and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Makah Tribal Council acknowledges the importance of protecting our 1855 treaty of Neah Bay as a sovereign nation the Makah Tribal Council has the right to conduct government to government consultation for the processes of protecting our treaty rights, in co-management and decision making within the sanctuary with Federal and State governments; and

WHEREAS, the Makah Tribal Council, in keeping with Ocean Policy initiatives will place science before advocacy in all aspects of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary management plan, activities, and priorities by engaging in a technical workgroup; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED a Makah Tribal Council adopts the following priorities with the Intergovernmental Policy Council; identified by the four coastal tribes in June 2013;

To develop and participate in technical workgroup to develop frameworks for habitat protection and develop the criteria to identify habitats of special importance with government to government consultation to improve our understanding of Essential Fish Habitat and management measures.

To develop and maintain critical habitat mapping and classification and data with state coastal and marine spatial planning and enlist the available data sources from governments and agencies that are engaged in the marine spatial planning process,

To develop and improve Ocean Literacy, marine resource management and community education and outreach by gaining opportunities and funding sources which are provided by the participation and coordination with state and federal agencies technical workgroups.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Makah Tribal Council will represent the Tribe in the process of government to government consultation to improve our knowledge and capacity in the understanding and development of essential fish habitat and protect Makah treaty rights in all interactions and policies of the National Marine Sanctuary Program and Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Makah Tribal Council will support developing a criteria for identifying important marine habitats and marine spatial mapping and continue seeking the development for research, understanding, and the regulatory management of the abundance of fish and marine mammals and their habitats and our marine environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Makah Tribal Council is committed to ecosystem based management and will improve our understanding of ecology in Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and Makah ocean waters and shall communicate our leadership with the Makah community regarding all issues and concerns related to protecting, and sustaining resilience for their wellbeing as tribal members

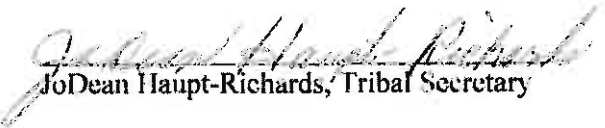
By the authority vested in the Makah Tribal Council, this resolution is made this 3rd day of February, 2014.

MAKAH TRIBAL COUNCIL


Timothy J. Greene, Sr., Chairman

CERTIFICATION

The forgoing resolution was adopted a regular meeting was held on (date), at which a quorum was present, and the resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 FOR and 0 AGAINST, the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman in his absence being authorized to sign the resolution.


JoDean Haupt-Richards, Tribal Secretary