

Qagan Tayagungin Tribe (QTT)  
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Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 14, 2002 @ 1:00 p.m.  
City Chambers

President Jack R Foster, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Attendees signed in to signify attendance at the meeting.

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| <u>Council members present:</u> | Jack R. Foster, Jr. | President           |
|                                 | Peggy N. Osterback  | Vice President      |
|                                 | Dorothy McCallum    | Secretary/Treasurer |
|                                 | Peter Devine, Jr.   | Member              |
|                                 | Edith Jacobsen      | Member              |

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| <u>Council members absent:</u> | David O. Osterback | Member |
|                                | Sharon Hakala      | Member |

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| <u>Others Present:</u> | Glen Gardner, Jr.  | Mayor, City of Sand Point & fisherman     |
|                        | Dick Jacobsen      | Mayor, Aleutians East Borough & fisherman |
|                        | Bruce Foster, Sr.  | Unga Tribe & fisherman                    |
|                        | George Gundersen   | Pauloff Harbor Tribe                      |
|                        | Arlene Gundersen   | Pauloff Harbor Tribe                      |
|                        | Norman Larsen      | Fisherman                                 |
|                        | Hubert Mccallum    | Fisherman                                 |
|                        | Arthur Holmberg    | Fisherman                                 |
|                        | Alvin D. Osterback | Fisherman                                 |
|                        | John Galvin        | Fisherman                                 |
|                        | Lori Kalmakoff     | Executive Director, QTT                   |

Jack introduced Mason Morrisett, Attorney from Washington State. He gave a summary of cases he has worked on in the past. The "Boldt Case" is one example for the Pacific Northwest. The case has been in the works for 30 years and an entitlement of 50% of the fish was won for that area. In 1979, he expanded into other species such as halibut and herring. And, in 1995, he won a case for "shellfish". That fishery has been productive. All species were included. He stated an allocation should be made to Tribes. Allocations of the whole biomass including off shore of the Washington and Oregon states were successful in recognizing Native Tribes.

He has worked for the Hoop Tribe of California (Klamath) and stated a Tribe's livelihood is important to protect. In this case, the Tribe won 95% of their area or homeland would have been destroyed. He has had the opportunity to talk to the Mayor of Sand Point, Hubert McCallum, Jack R. Foster, Jr., fisherman and other fishermen at the harbormaster's office. If a Tribe is cleaned out of its resources, the Tribe will go away fast.

Mason requested comments from the tribal fishermen present. He has received some information of traditional fish traps and political entities (Fish and Game, Board of Fish).

Art asked how long this case might take. Mason's response was it would take approximately 7-8 years. Art commented that there isn't enough time. Mason stated he has heard that before.

Alvin Osterback stated other species are shellfish, shrimp, big sea snails and herring. A "wicker fishery" was brought up that was used during pre-war time. It was commented that pollock, cod and mackerel should be on the list. Other species traditionally fished are rockfish, snapper, tanner crab, king crab, dungeness crab, octopus, sea urchins, clams and badarkis. It was suggested one species be concentrated on such as the halibut fishery. Peggy Osterback commented that halibut is important. Mason stated it is most important to prioritize a species. Art stated his concern for the future price of halibut affected by farming. Mason stated that there are economic trade problems everywhere. Peggy suggested allocations be made like Atka does.

Mayor Glen Gardner, Jr. stated "We have the resources here but can't touch them". Mason stated "Entitlement to the Tribe is needed".

Jack commented that this legal opportunity is being presented for the benefit of all tribal members.

Dick commented that we should be aware that congress is considering regionalizing tribes. The two-pie system was discussed which give the right for Peter Pan Seafoods to buy from locals that received the right to fish so many fish (IFQ). Jack stated it would be informative for Mason to get historical information on the board of fish. Peggy added that Aleuts have a historical right to fish.

Hubert McCallum, Bruce Foster, Sr. and Mayor Glen Gardner, Jr. voiced support for legal action to be initiated. It was commented that the Tribe should go for all of the fisheries instead of prioritizing one. Alvin stated a look should be taken at how IFQ's got started.

Peggy asked tribal members present to show hands in support of this litigation. The members unanimously gave support for a legal case. Mason stated there is a Bureau of Indian Affairs litigation-funding source, which could hire historians, etc. needed for this case. Hubert agreed that it is needed.

Meeting ended. (3:30 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by,



Lori Kalmakoff  
Executive Director

Approved on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002.